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District IV

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Making a difference for Women since 1921
The vision of SI is:
To be a Global Voice for women through
awareness, advocacy and action.

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MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT MARYBETH

Thank You for your time and effort at last month's meeting in spending committee time planning for our 2017-18 year. We were able to complete our Program and Outreach Schedule, move forward some of the required revisions to our Bylaws and focus on increasing membership. We had three membership inquiries and communication with those interested parties. Plans were set forth to produce a Club cookbook. Each member is asked to bring two designated recipes, one of her own and one from a friend to each month's meeting. Perhaps this will inspire interest in SI Harrisburg and new membership. If not, we will have nice book to commemorate our 80th Anniversary. Two birds with one stone!

Welcome to Sherry Hope as she was inducted as a new member. I hope she will be greeted by every member eager to share your Soroptimist experience. As committees meet, and plan, every member's involvement in Club activities enhances our effort. Volunteering and committee time as well as engaging in fundraising all enable us to sponsor projects that improve the lives of women and girls. Members, new and "old", working together make the difference.

Have a good month!

MaryBeth

October Invocation

Renee Jones

**OCTOBER
PROGRAM:
Collect Cleaning
Supplies**

**DATE: October 24, 2017
TIME: 6:30 P.M.
PLACE: Best Western
Premier Hotel,
Harrisburg, PA**

**Members who plan to attend the
dinner meeting MUST notify
Carol Ann Colyer (540-1278 or
ccacolyer@aol.com) by 6 PM
the Wednesday before meeting
Meal Cost \$19**

80TH ANNIVERSARY AND COMMUNITY COOKBOOK

At the September meeting a motion was approved to have a multi-functional event. It starts with collecting recipes from **all** members and their friends for the next five months; at least two recipes monthly from each member. They will be made into a cookbook similar to our roster and will be used as part of our celebrating our 80th Anniversary in June. In May we will hold a taste testing event as a fund raiser. Contributors will be encouraged to provide a sample of their favorite dish. We will also sell copies of the cook-book. Not all recipes will be made for the event just a collection of them. Members can purchase the cookbook and we will sell copies as a fundraising tool.

Please make sure your name is on the recipe submitted and if a friend, their name. In **October** submit your favorite recipe for an appetizer, finger food, snack or beverage.

OCTOBER PROGRAM



For October we will collect items needed by the YWCA Domestic Violence Shelter. In particular, we will collect cleaning products, baby diapers, baby wipes, full-size shampoo and conditioner, deodorant, toothbrushes and toothpaste. Many

of the women who arrive at the shelter, arrive with only the clothes on their backs and with small children. Let's help them get back on their feet.

DISTRICT 4 FALL Meeting

SI Harrisburg has registered six members to attend the Districts 3/4 Fall Meeting is being

coordinated by SI Montour, Danville on November 3-4. If you want to attend and haven't let Alice know, please contact her immediately. Registration is \$20 and Lunch \$30.



MEET OUR NEW MEMBER

Sherry Hope was sponsored by Helen

Drothler to become a member at our September.

Sherry Hope
 East Harrisburg Cemetery
 2260 Herr Street
 Harrisburg PA 17103
 Cell 717-557-7096
 Office 717-233-6789
shope@eastharrisburgcemetery.com

GIANT, KARNS & WEIS CARDS



Treat a senior citizen, a family member and or give a gift to a family or individual

in need of assistance. Grocery cards can be purchased in the amount of \$10, \$20, \$25, \$50 and \$100.

Karns or Weis Gift Cards contact Gretta Morrow at grettam@netzero.net.

Giant Gift Cards contact Jacalyn Speaks at jcspeaks@patreasury.gov or jcspeaks@aol.com to submit your orders.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS:



- October 24, 2017 SI HBG Dinner Meeting
- November 3-4, 2017 District IV Meeting at SI Montour
- November 14, 2017 SI HBG Board Meeting at Billie Hawk's home
- November 20, 2017 InterService Club Thanksgiving Lunch, noon, Harrisburg Hilton

- November 28, 2017 SI HBG Dinner meeting
- April 27-29, 2018 NAR at Cape May, New Jersey
- July 30-Aug 2, 2018 SIA 45th Biennial Convention, Japan
- July 18-20, 2019 SI 21st International Convention Kuala Lumpur



October
None

BOSCOV'S FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS

Tuesday, October 17, 2016 Boscov's Department Store is the 21th Anniversary of the popular fun filled shopping day. Don't forget to use your cards.

DISHCLOTHS FOR SALE



Handmade crocheted dishcloths will be for sale at our September meeting. All funds will be donated to our club.

Prices: 1 dishcloth \$4.00
2 dishcloths \$7.00

INTER-SERVICE LUNCHEON

The Rotary Club will hold Annual Luncheon at the Harrisburg Hilton Hotel on November 20 at 12 Noon. Treasurer Alice will be taking reservations at the October dinner meeting. **Cost has not yet been provided.** You will pay our club and we will pay the total bill afterwards.



SI of CANNOCK and DISTRICT

Soroptimists from all over the UK are working

to establish the public's knowledge of Human Trafficking and Modern-Day Slavery. From 1st to 7th October 2017 Soroptimists from SI Cannock & District, as part of their mission to inspire action and transform the lives of women and girls world-wide, are encouraging members of the public to complete the UK wide survey undertaken by the Soroptimist United Kingdom Programme Action Committee. Working with UK Modern Slavery Training Delivery Group, which is part of the Government's strategy to combat trafficking/slavery, the intention is to find out the extent of public knowledge of Human Trafficking and Modern Slavery. The results will help to inform and direct their work.

The on-line version of the survey is accessed from www.sigbi.org/ukpac/survey/ and it is hoped that a wide range of individuals will give a few minutes of

their time to log in and complete the survey during the first week of October. Soroptimist Trish Mellor says: All club members are encouraging friends, family and colleagues to spare five minutes to complete the on-line survey. The people of Cannock support us in so much of the work we do, we really hope many of them – men and women, younger and older – will take part in this most important survey and thank them in advance.

LUGGAGE TAGS

Alice gave an orange Soroptimist Luggage tag to members last year for their birthday. Since you often travel with more than one bag, we are offering them for sale at \$2.



Girls on the Run needs your help on Sunday, November 19 at Hershey Park Stadium. They have put together an online volunteer sign up that will list all the options and give arrival times to help make sure volunteers know for their schedule.

[Volunteer Website](#)

Local Event of Interest!



- 1 in 4 girls in the U.S. drops out of high school. For Hispanic girls, it's almost 1 in 3.
- 35% of adolescent girls say health issues (such as mental health and body image) are a barrier to their education.
- 62% of girls wish they had more adult support and mentorship.

Young women need extra support to build confidence and stay resilient through hard times. **So what can we do to help?**

Dream It, Be It: Career Support for Girls helps girls grow up to be strong, successful, happy adults. It provides girls with access to professional role models, career education and the resources to live their dreams.

87% of girls who participated last year reported feeling more prepared to pursue their career goals!

You can help by sending a message to encourage girls participating in Dream It, Be It!

News from SIA --

Ahh, the new school year.

The smell of freshly sharpened pencils evokes fond feelings of returning to school. **But for many teenage girls, back to school is a time of increased anxiety.** Back to school means back into the pressure cooker. It means familiar challenges like bullying, sexual violence, peer pressure and feeling lost. These things can have a devastating impact on a young woman's safety and self-esteem.



Domestic Violence Awareness Event
Sunday, November 5th, 2017
Bridgeton City Park
Soroptimist Peace and Tranquility Garden
3:00 PM
Raindate: November 12th, 2017

Please join us for a solemn event to remember those who have suffered in the shadows of Domestic Violence and to honor those who are the survivors.

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**SOROPTIGRAM DEADLINE:
Deadline for the November Issue is Nov 10.**

SOROPTIMIST PLEDGE

**I pledge allegiance to Soroptimism and to
the ideals for which it stands.
The Sincerity of Friendship
The Joy of Achievement
The Dignity of Service
The Integrity of Profession
The Love of Country
I will put forth my greatest effort to
promote, uphold and defend these ideals,
For the larger fellowship in home, in
society, in business, for Country and God.**

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WHO ARE SOROPTIMISTS

Soroptimists are women of all ages, cultures, and ethnic groups. They are working moms and single women, small business owners and corporate executives, attorneys, teachers and physicians. Soroptimists are leaders across all professional disciplines that also serve as role models for younger women at the beginning of their careers. The common thread that connects all Soroptimists is the desire to make a difference for others through volunteer service.

Soroptimist International of the Americas (SIA) is part of Soroptimist International, the world's largest classified service organization for executive and professional women.

The Harrisburg Club's mission is to use our time, talents and resources to advance the status of women and children. To accomplish this mission, we establish and support specific projects to address the needs locally, regionally and internationally.