



**SOROPTIMIST®**  
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# SOROPTIGRAM

**Soroptimist International of Harrisburg PA - P O Box 61971 Harrisburg PA 17106**

Soroptimist International of Harrisburg, PA Inc  
*Soroptimist International of the Americas, Inc.*  
North Atlantic Region  
District IV

Chartered June 1, 1938  
Making a difference for Women since 1921  
The vision of SI is:  
To be a Global Voice for women through  
awareness, advocacy and action.

**SOROPTIMIST  
INTERNATIONAL  
Of  
HARRISBURG, PA, INC.**

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**MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT MARYBETH**

Hi All!! I hope you have enjoyed the ability to get outdoors while the virus was on the wane. Try your best to continue to do so, in the near future, as the number of incidents is increasing daily and we haven't moved indoors as we have a few more weeks of decent weather to look forward to. We will continue to meet at Faith Immanuel Presbyterian Church on Colonial Road. I don't see a change coming there as we are few and the facility is ours alone.

Your committees are moving forward to offer an interesting and eventful year. We will consider the needs of the community and make every effort to meet them as we always do. Your generosity in giving is impressive. If you are not able to bring your goody bags to a meeting, you could send a monetary donation and those of us who can purchase the chosen donations for the respective organizations. Also, many organizations would just as soon have the money to purchase as needed. As Soroptimist we will continue to serve and move forward to support the community and women.

Be safe, wear your mask, social distance and enjoy the weather while you can. Sit on the porch and read. Take a walk. Again, get outdoors as soon the weather will change and those opportunities will be limited.

Be well and Best wishes!

*MaryBeth*

**September Invocation  
Alice Lubrecht**

**SEPTEMBER  
PROGRAM: SI 100<sup>th</sup>  
Anniversary *Lighting  
the Way* with Alice  
Lubrecht**

**DATE: September 28, 2021  
TIME: 6:30 P.M.**

**PLACE: Faith Immanuel  
Presbyterian Church**

**Dinner Meeting – Cost \$20  
Planning an Italian Meal**

## September 28 MEETING

Our meeting on Tuesday, September 28 will be held at 6:30 PM at the Faith Immanuel Presbyterian Church, 1801 Colonial Road, Harrisburg. We are planning an Italian meal, but final arrangements have not been completed as yet; cost will be \$20.

You need to contact Carol Ann by the Thursday before the meal to inform her if you do or do not want a meal. Contact her at 717-540-1278 or at [CCAColyer@aol.com](mailto:CCAColyer@aol.com).

Location: If you are at the Colonial Park Mall, make turn on to Colonial Road (it is the road by the mall that is close to the interstate). There are several red where you go straight for approximately 2.5 miles. The church is on the right in a residential neighborhood. There is a “dip” in the road and church sign.

Drive around the church to the parking lot. The entrance we use is on the left (not the main entrance).

## SEPTEMBER COLLECTION

We plan to collect Diapers and Pull-ups for Healthy Steps Diaper Bank at the September meeting.

### Quick Facts:

- 1 out of 3 families struggle to buy diapers.
- 44% of mothers nationwide report having times when they have had to choose between buying diapers or

food/other necessities because they couldn't afford both.

- 43% of Pennsylvanian children under age 6 live in low-income families, with 22% of those children living in poverty.
- A child uses between 6-10 diapers/day depending on their age. And so disposable diapers cost \$70-\$80/month.
- Cloth diapers are not a viable option for many low-income families. Daycares require disposable diapers, **and laundromats don't allow the cleaning of cloth diapers at their facilities.**

### Did You Know:



- We provide on average **30,000** diapers a month to local families in need.
- We provided **467,670** diapers in 2020.
- Babies born into low-income families can spend all day or longer in one diaper. Some parents are forced to reuse diapers.
- **We accept open packages, diapers, Pull Ups and wipes. Our most needed sizes are 5, 6, Pull Ups.**
- We have remained fully operational during the pandemic. Our distribution has gone up 39%!

## SEPTEMBER PROGRAM



*Lighting the Way Forward: Soroptimist International 100 Years*

Alice Lubrecht will lead us in holding a Candle Service to light the way forward for the future of Soroptimist International. During the program she will be asking the Club to help write our wishes:

- One for our SI organization
- One for SIA
- One for NAR
- One for SI Harrisburg

Start thinking about what we should say on these topics...

## MEMBERSHIP

In recent months we have lost Helen Drothler and Margaretta Morrow. In addition, Karen Rabena did not renew her membership due to on-going health issues. Cathy Orwan's work and family situations have changed so she did not renew.



## ROSTERS

Rosters were distributed at the Summer Social and some were mailed. The remainder will be distributed at the September meeting. If you need a second copy, see Alice. Cost is \$2.

**One correction is the web address on the inside cover. It should be [www.si-harrisburg.org](http://www.si-harrisburg.org).**

## SUMMER SOCIAL

Our Summer Social was held August 14, 4-7 PM to at Billie Hawk's home. The weather was perfect, and Billie kept the overhead fans running. The wonderful food was enjoyed by everyone....including the Calico Beans furnished by Renee even though she could not come (a funeral out of state); there were no beans left!! Peggy Schmidt brought a dish of fresh fruit with topping on the side. The topping was made of extra creamy cool white with Strawberry and Peach Yogurt mixed in it (delicious).



## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

1 – Alice Lubrecht  
8 – Susan Wolfe

## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

14 – Patricia Krow

15 – Meada McAllister

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS:



- September 14  
– Board Meeting
- September 25  
and 26 – SIA 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Celebration
- September 28 – Business  
Meeting at Faith Immanuel  
Presbyterian Church
- October 1-3, 2021 - SI 100<sup>th</sup>  
Anniversary Celebration –  
Online
- November 13 – NAR District 3  
&4 Fall District Meeting,  
Susquehanna University,  
Selinsgrove, PA

### GIANT GROCERY CARDS



Treat a senior citizen, a family member and or give a gift to a family or individual in need of assistance. Giant grocery cards can be purchased in the amount of \$10, \$20, \$25, \$50, and \$100 by contacting Jacalyn Speaks at [jcspeaks@aol.com](mailto:jcspeaks@aol.com). The club receives 5% of the value of cards sold.

### ***SIA Board Appoints Interim Executive Director & Chief Executive Officer Effective September 1, 2021***

The Board of Directors is pleased to announce that Michelle J. Burnett, SIA Chief Operating and Financial Officer, has been appointed as Interim SIA



Executive Director & Chief Executive Officer until the process of hiring Liz's successor is finalized. Following our succession plan, Michelle will assume the roles and responsibilities of SIA Executive Director & Chief Executive Officer beginning September 1, 2021. She will also continue to carry out her current roles and responsibilities as SIA Chief Operating and Financial Officer.

Join us in congratulating Michelle Burnett in her new role as Interim SIA Executive Director & Chief Executive Officer. The Executive Director & Chief Executive Officer search process continues, with the expectation of conducting first interviews in the last week of August and finalist interviews in mid-September. All interviews will be conducted virtually.





The award assists women in obtaining skills and education needed to improve their employment status. To be eligible, applicants must be a female head of household attending an under-graduate degree program or a vocational/skills training program and need financial aid. Our club is offering two awards: The first-place winner receives \$1,000 and the Second-place winner receives \$800. In addition, the winner advances to the Regional and Federation levels to complete for additional awards.

A link to the electronic forms are available at our club website [www.si-harrisburg.org](http://www.si-harrisburg.org) and/or submit directly to <https://www.soroptimist.org/our-work/live-your-dream-awards/apply-for-the-live-your-dream-awards.html>. Completed applications with the two references must be received by November 15<sup>th</sup>. Please continue to share this information with possible candidates.

## **BOSCOV'S FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS**

**On Wednesday, October 20,**

**2021,**  
BoscoV's  
Department  
Store will  
host their  
popular fun  
filled

shopping  
event. This  
is the 25<sup>th</sup>  
year of the  
BoscoV's  
event to

support and  
benefit local non-profit  
organizations.



We will again sell the \$5 discount shopping passes which provides the shopper with 25% off. Plan now and take advantage of this opportunity to shop for holiday gifts, special occasion items or just satisfy a whim! Encourage your friends and family to shop and support our Club. **So, let's get started. This is an easy fundraiser. We all love to shop.**



## 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.

*We are on the web at:*  
[www.si-harrisburg.org](http://www.si-harrisburg.org)

**SOROPTIGRAM DEADLINE:**  
**Deadline the first Wednesday of month.**

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## 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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