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SOROPTIGRAM

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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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October Invocation
Billie Hawk

**OCTOBER
PROGRAM: Tiffany
Burroughs from
Brethren Housing**

**DATE: October 26, 2021
TIME: 6:30 P.M.**

**PLACE: Faith Immanuel
Presbyterian Church**

**Dinner Meeting – Cost \$20
Planning a Pulled Pork
Meal**

MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT MARYBETH

Thanks to those who attended the Service/ Program committee meeting and Alice for hosting this meeting. The list of programs and service projects should enrich our meetings, as well as provide for the needs of the community allowing us to fulfill our commitment as Soroptimists. I'm especially looking forward to making the blankets.

Renee has again taken charge of the Boscov's fund raiser. Many of us received our cards at the September meeting and those of you who were not there have received them in the mail. Everyone please consider giving Renee the \$25 for the cards as this is our major fund raiser of the year. The Boscov's Community Days Coupon cards can be generous thank you gifts or easily sold to friends and family for holiday gift buying. We will also staff a table at the Colonial Park Boscov's on Oct. 20th.

We want to celebrate SIA's 100th Anniversary in as many ways as we can. Any ideas as to how? Performing acts of kindness is one way; send ideas to Alice. Won't it be grand to see 100 items showing acts performed by club members by the end of the year.

Let us all be kind and understanding of one another! Enjoy the fall color as it is beginning and will be short lived.

MaryBeth

OCTOBER 28 MEETING

Our meeting on Tuesday, October 26 28 will be held at 6:30 PM at the Faith Immanuel Presbyterian Church, 1801 Colonial Road, Harrisburg. We are planning a pulled pork meal from Simply Turkey; 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.

OCTOBER COLLECTION

Our speaker will be Tiffany Burroughs from Brethren Housing (the Director may also come with Tiffany). She will be discussing the needs of families they will be supporting by providing boxed grocery items for

Thanksgiving. Club Members are asked to bring donations

that include all types of items needed to prepare a family meal:

- Instant mashed potatoes (1 large box)
- Stuffing mix (1 large box)
- Cranberry sauce (2 cans)
- Turkey gravy mix (2 packets or jars)
- Green beans (2, 14 oz. cans)



Feeding the Community

- Mixed vegetables or corn (2, 14 oz. cans)
- Applesauce (1 large can or jar)
- Family size boxed dessert mix
- Rice or Noodles (1 lb. dry bag)

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. The club receives 5% of the value of cards sold.

DISHCLOTHS FOR SALE



Handmade crocheted dishcloths will be for sale at our dinner meeting. All funds will be donated to our club.
Prices: 1 dishcloth \$4.00
2 dishcloths \$7.00





CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

October 26 – Business

Meeting
at Faith Immanuel Presbyterian
Church

November 9, 2021- Board Meeting at
Susan Wolfe's House

November 13, 2021 – District 3 & 4
Fall District Meeting, Selinsgrove

November 23, 2021 – Business
Meeting

April 22-24, 2022 – NAR Spring
Conference, Scranton

July 20-23, 2022 – 47th SIA Biennial
Convention, Seoul, South Korea

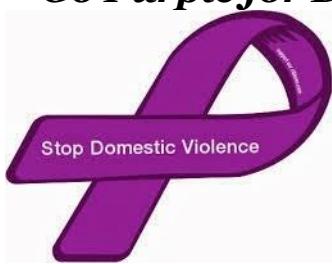
July 27-29, 2022 – Soroptimist
International Convention, Dublin,
Ireland

LOOK AT WHAT WE DID IN SEPTEMBER!!!

Rebecca Cason, Outreach Specialist, from the Healthy Steps Diaper Bank, extended many thanks for our generous donation! These will keep so many local children clean, dry, and healthy this fall. **There was a Grand total of 1,347 diapers and**



Go Purple for Domestic Violence Awareness Month!



Purple Thursday is a National Day of Action during Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Join Soroptimists on October 21, as we wear purple to show our commitment to helping survivors of domestic violence through our Dream Programs.

500 wipes!

Thanks go to Renee for delivering our collection to the Diaper Bank!



NAR Peace Garden

Have you “liked” the NAR Peace Garden page on



Facebook? If not, go do it! It's the best way to stay informed of what's going on there, and to see the latest pictures from the garden. Here is the name of the Facebook page for the NAR peace garden: "[NAR Soroptimist Peace Garden in Memory of Victims of Domestic Violence](#)"

SIA's 100 ANNIVERSARY

October 3 marked 100 years since the founding of the very first Soroptimist club in Oakland, California, in 1921. It was a day when women leaders, led by President Violet Richardson, united in their purpose to create an organization committed to improving the lives of women and girls.

President Violet said she “never would have considered the Soroptimist movement had she not envisioned it as worldwide and dedicated to all matters of justice and quality of life.”

It seemed that, at long last, women would finally have a club of their own that fought for the equality they all

deserved. Today, her vision has come to life in countries around the world. Some of our historical successes include:

We have grown from a single group in Oakland, CA, USA, into a global network of Soroptimist federations with more than 75,000 members across 6 continents!

Beginning in the 1940's and continuing on to this day, SIA has transformed the lives of innumerable women by providing education grants through college partnerships, the Founders Fund fellowships, and the *Live Your Dream Awards*.

We have provided consultation to the United Nations since the 1950's on matters such as gender equality, sustainable development, trafficking, and education. Soroptimist continues to be a powerful voice of advocacy for women and girls worldwide.



While our 100th anniversary celebration gives us a chance to honor the work and achievements of our members, it is also a time to commit to what is most critical today: helping even more women and girls achieve economic empowerment through access to education.

LIVE YOUR DREAM



We received one application so far for this award. 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 undergraduate 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 compete for additional awards.

There is a link on the club website 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 15th.



Make a Plan for Voting! Our women ancestors fought for our right to vote so we need to exert that right!

THINKING AHEAD

As part of our November meeting, we will be collecting scarves, hats and gloves for elementary school students in conjunction with Operation Warm Hearts.



Check out the sales or start those knitting needles now to be ready for November 23rd.

At the December meeting we will be having the Holiday Mystery Bag exchange. You bring a bag containing mystery items; sealed shut. The only thing you write on the bag is the price someone will pay for it; the price should be one-half of the value of the contents.



We will also play some Christmas games as part of our entertainment. Bring a second small gift which we will use in a game. Check out the sales now to be ready for this special night of fun!



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.harrisburgsoroptimist.org*

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

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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