



**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  
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Of  
HARRISBURG, PA, INC.**

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## MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT MARYBETH

The Holiday season has begun. We think of December as the holidays but looking at the calendar we have been celebrating holidays for a month beginning with Columbus Day and Halloween. Moving into November and December we have many opportunities to celebrate.

Beginning November 1<sup>st</sup> with All Saints Day we remember those who went before us and shaped us into who we are. With the DNA movement this is on our minds constantly. Then November 11 we have Veterans Day when we honor and thank those who served to make our country what it is and serve still to keep those ideals, which cost so much, alive. Let's hope that we have success in those efforts. Thanksgiving gives us the opportunity to thank all those who serve the community, the Club, and us in our individual lives. We are always thankful but isn't it great that we take a day to really remember those who do so much.

Check your calendars for opportunities as a Club, community and individual to serve, give and celebrate as we move though this 2021 season. Do so as you feel comfortable with the constraints of Covid. Be safe, wear a mask and social distance when you can. Best wishes for a Healthy and Happy season.

*MaryBeth*

### INVOCATIONS

*November - Jackie Speaks  
December - Renee Jones*

**PROGRAMS**  
**NOVEMBER – Warm  
Hearts**  
**DECEMBER –  
Christmas Party**

**DATE:**  
**November 23, 2021 and  
December 14, 2021**  
**TIME: 6:30 P.M.**  
**PLACE: Faith Immanuel  
Presbyterian Church**

**Dinner Meeting – Cost \$20**

**NOVEMBER 23 MEETING**

Our meeting on Tuesday, November 23 will be held at 6:30 PM at the Faith



Immanuel Presbyterian Church, 1801 Colonial Road, Harrisburg. We are planning a Chicken Pie meal from Cracker Barrel; cost will be \$20.

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

**NOVEMBER COLLECTION and PROGRAM**

President MaryBeth will be conducting a memorial program for Doris Stringer. We were glad over half of our membership were able to attend her funeral services.



We will be collecting scarves, hats, and mittens/gloves for elementary-aged school students at the November meeting.

Our speakers from the Central PA Operation of Warm Hearts will be Melinda and Emily Gochenaur. In Dauphin County this organization works with Silence of Mary House and Helping Hands Ministries of Harrisburg. Their program "Close Knit Community" creates hats,

scarves, etc., fleece blankets and plastic sleeping mats. These are donated to agencies who serve those in our communities who need a helping hand. Throughout the year they collect new socks.

**DECEMBER 14 MEETING**

Our meeting on Tuesday, December 14 will be at 6:30 PM at the Faith Immanuel Presbyterian Church. We are planning a Turkey Dinner from Simply Turkey meal; cost will be \$20.



You need to contact Carol Ann by the Thursday before to inform her if you do or do not want a meal.

**DECEMBER COLLECTION and PROGRAM****\$\$\$\$**

We will be making our annual CASH Collection for the President's Appeal. SI President-elect Maureen's appeal is "Opening Doors to a Bright Future," which will cement Soroptimist's commitment to education and its immense power and fundamental role as a driver for sustainable development, peace, and equality for women and girls around the globe.



We will also share in the **HOLIDAY MYSTERY BAGS** fundraiser



as we did in the past. Members can assemble

items in a gift bag and the club will sell them for half the value. For example: If the value of the items in the bag are worth \$10 then you close the bag and add a tag to price it as \$5). You may do any value you want.

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



Thank you for participating in this fundraising event. Member contributions from sell of coupons totaled \$250; donation from Transition Housing of \$10; table sales during the day of sale totaled \$220; a cash donation from a member was \$20. Total received was \$500.



**CALENDAR OF EVENTS:**

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



November 23, 2021 – Dinner meeting, Faith Immanuel Presbyterian Church

December 14, 2021 – Christmas party, Faith Immanuel Presbyterian Church

January 11, 2022 – Board Meeting at Susan Wolfe's House

January 25, 2022 - Dinner Meeting at Faith Immanuel Presbyterian Church

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

July 20-23, 2022 – 47<sup>th</sup> SIA Biennial Convention, Seoul, South Korea

July 27-29, 2023 – Soroptimist International Convention, Dublin, Ireland

***Seniors at Christmas through SALVATION ARMY***

November 10 (day of Board meeting) we received a notice from Salvation Army asking if we would again participate in their holiday gift program. Since Jackie Speaks has been working with it in the past, we

are going to ask her to get two names of senior women in need for Christmas gifts. If all works out, we may need volunteers to buy and deliver the gifts.

### **NOVEMBER–DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

November 2  
– Billie Hawk  
November 11  
– Jean Johns  
November 24  
– Renee  
Jones  
December 21 – Marybeth Lehtimaki  
December 23 – Sally Straining



***Please mail Jean Johns a  
birthday card at  
Homeland Nursing Center, 1901  
North 5<sup>th</sup> Street,***

*Also remember to send a Christmas  
Card to Miriam Rothermel, 26  
Eisenhower Blvd., Duncannon, PA  
17020*

### **SIA DRAFT BY–LAWS OF NORTH ATLANTIC REGION**

At Board meeting we reviewed the proposed by-laws. No action was needed; we were just asked to review. The Board did not see any potential problems.

### **NEW SIA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/CEO**

Michelle Burnette has been selected by the SIA Board of Directors as our next Executive Director/CEO. She has served as Soroptimist Chief Operating & Financial Office since 2019. In that role, she provided direction and management to ensure Soroptimist has the appropriate resources and systems in place to effectively support the organization's growing impact while ensuring its financial strength.

### **DISHCLOTHS FOR SALE**



Handmade crocheted dishcloths will be for sale at dinner meetings. All funds are donated to our club.

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



**THINKING AHEAD TO 2022****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.

**ACTIVITIES at NOVEMBER Meeting**

At November's meeting, we will have two different activities for members to assist in creating:

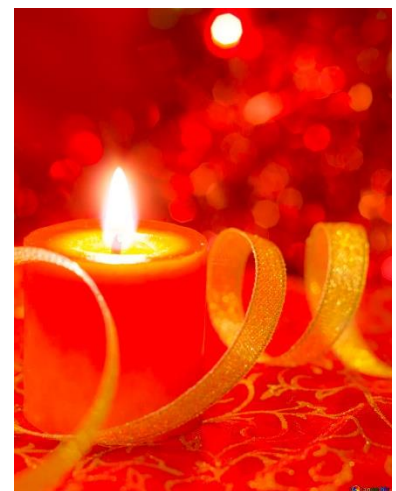
- 1) Tie knots on one of two fleece blankets which will then be donated to Operation Warm Hearts.
- 2) Help create snowmen with some of our glove donations and chocolate bars.



We will be starting a new program called 100 Acts of Kindness by collecting the small, selfless acts you do individually to help others. Look forward for the details.



**Do you have suggestions about club acts of kindness which should be considered this year? Let the board know!**



## 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](http://www.harrisburgsoroptimist.org)*

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

## SOROPTIMIST PLEDGE

**I pledge allegiance to Soroptimist 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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