





#### 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

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INVOCATIONS February – Joan Gibson

### MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT MARYBETH

It's February again. Time goes so quickly. I hope each of you is well and enjoying this mild winter week. We are looking to spring and warm weather so we can get together. At the board meeting last evening we discussed having a yard sale. If any of you know of a neighborhood sale we could piggyback with, let the Board know. In the meantime, search for all those treasures that are clogging up your storage areas and get ready to offer goods for us to sell. Many of us are looking to the future and cleaning out. What's one person junk maybe another's treasure.

February offers several opportunities to celebrate -- we can celebrate heart health and have fun sharing with and giving to friends and loved ones on Valentine's Day. Wear your red and be proud of your accomplishment. This mild weather is already a grateful blessing.

February also brings us to our nomination period. Please consider saying yes when you are called by the nomination committee. We are few but we can be mighty as we work together to improve the lives of women and girls in our community.



<u>PROGRAMS</u> FEBRUARY – Beacon Clinic on Period Poverty DATE: FEBRUARY 22, 2022 TIME: 6:30 P.M. PLACE: Faith Immanuel Presbyterian Church

**Dinner Meeting – Cost \$20** 

### **FEBRUARY 22 MEETING**

Our meeting on Tuesday, February 22 will be held at 6:30 PM at the Faith Immanuel Presbyterian Church, 1801 Colonial Road, Harrisburg. We are planning a meal from Cracker Barrel and the 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 <u>CCAColyer@aol.com</u>.

Location: If you are at the Colonial Park Mall, turn on to Colonial Road (it is the road by the mall that is close to the interstate). There are several red lights 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).

### FEBRUARY COLLECTION and



Lori Robinson from Beacon Clinic will be speaking to us

**PROGRAM** 

on period poverty.

We will be collecting sanitary products from maxi to mini pads to use as a donation for the clinic to provide to girls and women.

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS:



February 22– Dinner/ Business Meeting at Church March 8 – Board Meeting via Zoom March 22 – Dinner/Business Meeting at Church April 22-24, 2022 – NAR Spring Conference, Scranton July 20-23, 2022 – 47<sup>th</sup> SIA Biennial Convention, Seoul, South Korea (online) July 27-29, 2022 – Soroptimist International Convention, Dublin, Ireland



### FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

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## 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 dinner meetings. All funds are donated to our club.

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

# **100 ACTS OF KINDNESS**

We are trying to collect <u>100</u> <u>Acts of</u> <u>Kindness</u> by club members before our June



Meeting. There will be index cards at the meetings for you to write your small, selfless acts you do individually to help others. Alice will collect them and



compile for the Club records.

# LIVE YOUR DREAM AWARDS

SI Harrisburg's First Place winner of \$1,000 is Brittany McKinney of Columbia.

PA. Brittany is a single mother with one child and is



pursuing a bachelor's degree in Nursing at the Harrisburg Area Community College. She has always had a dream to become a nurse. Specifically, she wants to be in the emergency department (trauma) or forensics (domestic or sexual assault). She always has enjoyed taking care of the sick. Being given the chance to go back to school seems unreal to her but she is ready to hit the ground running. In order to reach her goals, she needs to go to school for about 2-3 years. She will be taking English, Math, Anatomy, Biology, Clinical Psych and Forensics courses in 2022.

Second Place winner of \$800 is Corina Gonzalez of York, PA. She is a single mother with one child and is pursuing a bachelor's degree in Business Administration with the University of Phoenix. She hopes to complete her studies in 2022. Before she had her son, she was **ET** studying business. After receiving her associate's degree, SIA she started working in school awa settings because it was the same long schedule as her son. While the **Apj** pay was less than other positions, **Adi** it provided the best option for **Yue** childcare. She also realized she **(pa)** 

it provided the best option for childcare. She also realized she wanted to change her studies into the education field as either a school counselor or a speech pathologist. She wants to do something she enjoys doing. Corina is far into getting her bachelor's degree, so she plans to finish it and then continue the next chapter.

# INTERESTING QUOTE FROM FACEBOOK:

# 1 Opened a Book

"I opened a book and in I strode. Now nobody can find me. I've left my chair, my house, my road, My town and my world behind me. I'm wearing the cloak, I've slipped on the ring, I've swallowed the magic potion. I've fought with a dragon, dined with a king And dived in a bottomless ocean. I opened a book and made some friends. I shared their tears and laughter And followed their road with its bumps and bends To the happily ever after. I finished my book and out I came. The cloak can no longer hide me. My chair and my house are just the same, But I have a book inside me."

– Julia Donaldson

### ETHEL F. LORD AWARD

SIA-NAR voted last year to begin awarding this on a yearly basis so long as funds justify it.

### Applications are due to Co-Administrative Officer, Patti Yuengling

(pattiyuengling@gmail.com) by February 16th. A good place to look for applicants is through your local VFW's, American Legions, universities, colleges, and technical schools. We look forward to being able to present this award once again to a deserving female veteran.

# WEAVER SCHOLARSHIP

The application for the 2022 Weaver Scholarship has been shared with the Dauphin County high schools and is located on our website (<u>www.si-</u> <u>harrisburg.org</u>) Do you know a senior girl who is planning to major in a science, math, engineering and technology subject in college? Encourage her to apply for the scholarship before

April 30.





Join SIA for a special tea party celebrating women's empowerment on International Women's Day! We encourage you to sip a cup of tea and wear your fanciest hat, pearls and gloves while enjoying a festive and inspirational program featuring a variety of Soroptimist leaders and members. Program will be interpreted in all SIA languages.

- DATE: International Women's Day Tuesday, March 8, 2022
- TIME: 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time
- COST: Free

Name:

• LOCATION: Zoom (*Note: Zoom space is limited, however tea party* will also stream live on SIA Facebook page during event)

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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 corporate business owners and 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 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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