



SOROPTIMIST®

Investing in Dreams

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# SOROPTIGRAM

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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.

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INTERNATIONAL  
Of  
HARRISBURG, PA, INC.

## 2021-22 OFFICERS & BOARD

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## MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT MARYBETH

*Well, a year has passed and it's March again. Spring is popping, we had our first 70-degree day and what a pleasure. But March is fickle, and we will have our ups and downs weather wise. We have much to celebrate with health and the prospect of relief from Covid, as the weather warms, and we can get outside. We mustn't let our guard down though and continue to be careful wearing masks when in crowds and unfamiliar surroundings as well as getting boosted when needed. We have much to do as well as this is the busy part of our year with committees seeking persons to fill slots in SJ Harrisburg, our awards, and our scholarships. Please be gentle with each other and say 'yes' when you are asked to help by filling one of the so needed positions.*

*As many have experienced firsthand, we have much to be concerned about and watchful of. The situation with Ukraine and Russia is nothing to ignore. We need to be prayerful and look for opportunities to assist our brothers and sister across the sea. I'm sure in the next few weeks we will hear more about this from SJA and what can be done as Soropti-sisters.*

*Let's take a moment to count our blessings and pray for those in harm's way.*

*Blessings to each of you!!*

*MaryBeth*

## INVOCATIONS

March – Carol Ann Colyer

## PROGRAMS

March – Dream House

DATE: March 22, 2022

TIME: 6:30 P.M.

PLACE: Faith Immanuel  
Presbyterian Church

Dinner Meeting – Cost \$20

## MARCH 22 MEETING

Our meeting on Tuesday, March 22, will be held at 6:30 PM at the Faith Immanuel Presbyterian Church, 1801 Colonial Road, Harrisburg. We are planning on a lasagna meal from Olive Garden 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 [CCAColyer@aol.com](mailto:CCAColyer@aol.com).

## MARCH COLLECTION and PROGRAM



Founded in 2018, The **DREAM HOUSE** is a supportive home for young women, ages 18-30, located in

Harrisburg.

The mission of the Dream House is to provide a supportive home for young women to heal from life's challenges, discover their God-given purpose, and learn the skills needed to pursue their dreams.

- Positive environment to call home: Free independent living with daily support and encouragement

- Accountability to pursue their dreams: Guidance in setting goals and pursuing daily action plans
- Discovery of their identity in Christ: A deep look at their personalities and life experiences to gain a clear picture of who God created them to be and the specific call on their life.
- Healing from the past: Opportunities for encounters with Jesus that will offer healing and freedom
- Skills needed for a successful future: Life and relational skill training based on their needs and desires

**We will be collecting credit cards from restaurants and grocery stores to use as a donation. Contact Jackie Speaks if you want to purchase a Giant card.**

We will also be collecting funds for the NAR conference project – see the article later in this newsletter. Plan on collecting funds at our March meeting.



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS:



March 22: Dinner/Business Meeting at Church

April 12: SI Harrisburg Board

April 22-24: NAR Spring Conference, Scranton Hilton

April 26: SI Harrisburg Awards Evening

July 20-23: 47<sup>th</sup> SIA Biennial Convention, Seoul, South Korea (online)

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



## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

1 – Carol Ann Colyer

## 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.

## 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

In February 2022 \$45 was donated to the club by Susan.

## 100 ACTS OF KINDNESS

We are trying to collect 100 Acts of Kindness 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. 45 Acts of Kindness

were collected at the February meeting.



## WEAVER SCHOLARSHIP



The application for the 2022 Weaver Scholarship has been shared with the Dauphin County high schools and is located on our

website ([www.si-harrisburg.org](http://www.si-harrisburg.org)) 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.

## GARAGE SALE

As a fundraiser the club is plans to participate in the Heatherfield Yard Sale on June 11 (Renee's neighborhood). We need many items but do not plan on selling clothing.



## NAR SPRING CONFERENCE ITEMS

- The board discussed the proposed final by-laws and plan to submit a vote to approve them.
- Billie Hawk will prepare a submission for the Basket Raffle.
- For Toot Your Own Horn we are submitting pictures from the blankets we made at the November meeting.
- For the Remembrance celebration we will be submitting information/pictures of Doris Stringer and Margaretta Morrow.
- The Regional Conference Service Project will be a collection of menstrual items for the Catherine McAuley Center youth who will be attending school. Plan on collecting funds at our March meeting.

There will be several raffles at Spring Conference to support NAR projects as well. This year there is a Quilt Raffle as well as the Ocean City MD Beach Raffle. Alice Lubrecht will have tickets for the Beach Raffle at the March meeting (\$5.00 a ticket) and will collect names and money for the Quilt raffle.

Want to attend?  
Let Alice know  
at the March  
meeting.



## AWARDS PROGRAM – April 22



### *Live Your Dream –*

Winners were highlighted in the February Soroptigram.

Billie Hawk will be inviting them to attend.

**Ruby Award** – Patti Krow's committee is working on who will receive this \$500 award.

**Community Service – Central Pennsylvania Literacy Council** – Susan Wolfe will be inviting them to participate in our meeting and receive \$500.

## SIA 2022-2023 PRESIDENT-ELECT CANDIDATES

The Board reviewed the resumes for Bobbi Enderlin from

SI/Benicia, California and Sonia Maria Da Silva Loyola, SII/Curitiba Batel, Brazil and will submit a Board recommendation at the March Meeting. Read about the candidates on the [SIA website](#)

# VOTE

## Soroptimist International of Europe's Statement on women's situation in Ukraine

War is not gender-neutral.

In case of armed conflict, women suffer disproportionately. Women rarely seek war but are the most affected by war. In peace talks, they are usually absent, if not excluded.

The conflict in Ukraine cannot leave us silent. We fear for the health and well-being of millions of women and girls who may suffer injury, loss of their homes and their jobs, displacement, loss of schooling, rape, and death. Women are much more vulnerable to war crimes than men.

The full statement can be found at [SIE's Website](#)

## United Nations 66th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women will be held



virtually from March 14-25 and is open to all to attend. More information is [available](#).

## 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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