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North Atlantic Region
District IV

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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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MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT MARYBETH

April is here windy and wet! At least we can look forward to May flowers. We have had a few tastes of spring; the spring flowers and trees are blooming giving us hope of renewal. The aspersions of a calmer future hoped for last year have only turned into more turmoil in the world as we watch and listen to all that is happening in Ukraine.

We have all experienced trying times and isolation with the pandemic; now we must pray that a world war doesn't begin. We hoped for security of wellness with the safeguards provided by vaccines and have been able to meet in person. It has been great and will improve our productiveness as we can share ideas and interact with our guest speakers.

With these new ideas we can all spring forward with our Awards thanks to all the hands of dedicated committee members. Thanks, you one and all. Share your awardee names and contact information with Alice so they can participate in our awards program and be listed in the program handout. Invite friends to join you for this wonderful sharing of opportunity for women and girls in our area.

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INVOCATIONS
April – Susan Wolfe

PROGRAMS
**April Awards
Program.**

DATE: April 26, 2022
TIME: 6:30 P.M.
**PLACE: Faith Immanuel
Presbyterian Church**

Dinner Meeting – Cost \$20

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE **Continued**

The Tuesdays roll by quickly as does the year. We are coming closer to the end of our business year, but we are still working hard in our efforts to serve women and girls. If you know of someone who should be recognized, please let the committees know as this will help with next year's decisions for awards. Many hands light work makes. Through our efforts this past year we have found new doors and opportunities to serve. More will open.

Speaking of opening doors, Renee has opened her door so we can hold a yard sale this year. We will participate with the Heathfield Community Yard Sale on June 11, 2022. More details will be coming as time marches on. Please look around and through your stuff or make something so we have lots on the table, as there is much need in the community, and we want to be there to help. With a waning treasury we would be limited.

Take care! Get boosted! Wear a mask and social distance when appropriate and necessary! Most of all enjoy the spring and accept the rejuvenation of nature and pray for a brighter year to come.



Marybeth

April 26 MEETING

Our Award/Dinner meeting on Tuesday, April 26, will be held at 6:30 PM at the Faith Immanuel Presbyterian Church, 1801 Colonial Road, Harrisburg. We are planning on a ziti and 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.

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).

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:



April 22-24, 2022 – NAR
Spring Conference, Scranton
April 26 – Award/Dinner Meeting
May 10 – Board Meeting at Susan Wolfe's home
May 24 – Dinner/Business Meeting at Church
July 20-23, 2022 – 47th SIA Biennial Convention, Seoul, South Korea (online)
July 27-29, 2023 – Soroptimist International Convention, Dublin, Ireland

AWARDS PROGRAM – April 26

Live Your Dream – Winners were highlights in the February Soroptigram. Billie Hawk has invited them to attend.



Ruby Award – The Soroptimist Ruby Award is presented annually to a woman who has identified and focused on a need of women in their community; has had a significant impact on the lives of women and girls; and is inspiring and encouraging to other women.

What better way to serve someone than to not only open your heart to them, but also a home? Shannon Shelly goes beyond this call of service. She truly exemplifies the mission of Soroptimist to improve the lives of women and girls in local communities.

With her husband, Anthony, Shannon started a residential ministry for single mothers or people in recovery. They had worked in inner city ministry at the Bethesda Mission Youth Center and Center for Champions and saw first-hand how important it was for those who were lost and burdened to be surrounded in a positive environment. Shannon found herself drawn to the older girls who most likely would not be adopted and would “age out” of the foster system.

What better person to be named the recipient of the 2022 Soroptimist Ruby

Award for Women Helping Women but Shannon Shelly. This award honors women who use their personal or professional influence to improve the lives of other women. Shannon has been selected for her efforts to give young women who have aged out of the foster care system, or are dealing with homelessness, a safe environment to live. Shannon continues to transform lives by not only giving these young women a place to live but guiding them to a relationship with Jesus and the ability to create independence.

Shannon will receive \$500 for the non-profit of her choice.

Community Service – Central Pennsylvania Literacy Council – Carol Sawchuck and a Board Member will attend and receive \$500.



Community Service – Women’s Shelter

We are giving two \$1,000 awards this year: Brethren Housing Association and Catholic Charities Interfaith Shelter.

APRIL SERVICE ACTIVITY

After the award celebration, we will be making doorknob hanger kits for Caitlin’s Smiles.



A TASTE of SOLT --



Soroptimist was formed in 1921 in Oakland, California, at a time when women were not permitted to join

service organizations. Our name, loosely translated from the Latin, means best for women. Today, we have about 30,000 members and supporters in countries across North America, Latin America and the Pacific Rim. We are one of five federations that make up Soroptimist International, which has clubs in more than 120 countries throughout the world.

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.

GARAGE SALE



As a fundraiser the club is plans to participate in the Heatherfield Yard Sale on June 11 (Renee’s home/neighborhood). We need many items but *do not plan on selling clothing*. We will plan to discuss more details at the May meeting.

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. 59 Acts of Kindness have been collected so far. *Please think about what you have done for others no matter how small.*



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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) Do you know a senior girl who is planning to major in a science, math, engineering, or technology subject in college? Encourage her to apply for the scholarship before **April 30**.



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

News from Our Friendship Link:



So this is what 3,888 children's books looks like!

Cannock Soroptimists

launched a campaign asking children in Rugeley, Hednesford, Burntwood, Cannock and Penkridge to donate pre-loved books for Books4Home, a Rotary project run by Beverley Ricketts to

provide books to children who may not otherwise ever own a book; a project Soroptimists have supported for some time.

President Jackie Prince set an ambitious target of 2,000 books, – if you aim for the moon, you'll certainly catch a star! Well – it seems they've entered a galaxy far, far away as the number of books donated by the most generous families is almost double that number! And many who have donated along with the venues who accepted the donations have said that they would love to continue!

The books have now been delivered to Beverley and she and her volunteers have begun to sort them ready for delivery to schools and groups in the coming weeks. This is a win-win project, bringing joy to those who are able to donate and help other children and to those who receive: they can have the pleasure and joy of being taken into other worlds with the magic of fiction or of discovering so much about our lives and our planet through the factual books; and the life span of every book is lengthened, thus becoming environmentally friendly!

As Beverley pointed out, these books would have cost over £20,000 to buy – no school library could ever afford that, but there is no price to be put on giving a child a book of their own to cherish.

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 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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