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SOROPTIGRAM

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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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HARRISBURG, PA, INC.

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MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT MARYBETH

The weather is finally getting warmer. The showers have not disappeared but it's a time in the year when the rain is needed to start the crops for this year's harvest. We need all that our farmers can produce with all the Agricultural issues that keep arising. So we won't face the challenges of many parts of the country and worldwide; floods, tornados and wars. We are lucky to live in a breadbasket of our own. We share what we have and support our ag industry but with so much so close our prices will be lower than most. Our awards ceremony was refreshing. We met some great members of our community and heard from each, as well as, having the opportunity to educate them about our mission and purpose. Let's hope the awards we presented afford the recipients the opportunity to bloom in their communities. Our work in encouraging and rewarding women in our community continues as the Scholarship Committee reviews applications to determine this year's recipients.

While we are offering support to the community let us remember to support one another as we come out of this pandemic. Be thankful for the vaccine and booster which I'm sure by now we all have gotten. If not, line up and do so. Wear your mask and still social distance.

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INVOCATIONS
May – Sally Straining

PROGRAMS
2022-23 Budget and
Elections

DATE: May 24, 2022
TIME: 6:30 P.M.
PLACE: Faith Immanuel
Presbyterian Church

Dinner Meeting – Cost \$20

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE **Continued**

Hope your Mother's Day was spent well.
I leave with this poem and offer blessing
to each of you and prayers for in
Ukraine.



Marybeth

MAY 24 MEETING

Our Dinner meeting on Tuesday, May 24 will be held at 6:30 PM at the Faith Immanuel Presbyterian Church, 1801 Colonial Road, Harrisburg. We are planning on getting a meal from Giant with the cost of \$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).

MAY COLLECTION

We will be collecting for Shalom House at the May meeting.

They would like:

- Paper towels
- Toilet paper
- Paper plates
- Large Zip Lock bags
- Quart size Zip Lock bags
- Reusable/disposable food storage containers
- Household cleaning products
- Laundry supplies
- Giant gift cards



GIANT GROCERY CARDS

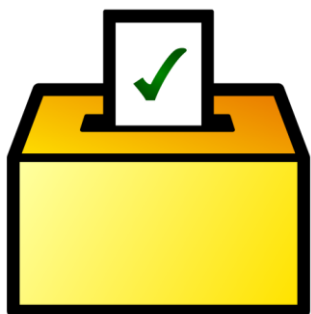


Treat a senior citizen, a family member and or give a gift to a family or individual in need of assistance. Giant grocery cards can be purchased in the amount of \$10, \$20, \$25, \$50, and \$100 by contacting Jacalyn Speaks at jcspeaks@aol.com. The club receives 5% of the value of cards sold.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:



- May 24 – Dinner/Business Meeting at Church
- June 14 Board meeting
- June 28 Dinner/Business Meeting
- August 20, 2022 – NAR Leadership Information Event for Presidents and Treasurers, Wilkes-Barrie
- October 22, 2022 – District 4 Fall District Meeting, Uniontown
- April 21-23, 2023 – NAR Spring Conference, Scranton
- July 27-29, 2023 – SI Convention, Dublin, Ireland



ELECTIONS PROPOSED 2022-23 OFFICERS

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- Joan Gibson 2021-23
- Vacant 2022-24

2022-23 BUDGET/DUES

The proposed budget was attached to the April Soroptigram for you to review



along with the proposed dues. Bring a copy to the meeting for discussion and vote.

GARAGE SALE

As a fundraiser the club is plans to participate in the Heatherfield Yard Sale on



June 11 (Renee’s home/neighborhood). Set up will be Friday afternoon June 10. We need many items but **do not plan on selling clothing**. We plan to discuss more details and work schedules 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.*

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



NAR 94th Spring Conference

At the spring conference, delegates approved the revised bylaws which finalized the merger of



Northeastern Region with the North Atlantic Region, approved the new biennium budget, and elected the new slate of officers. The new NAR Board is:

- Region Governor – Patti Hall-Yuengling
- Region Governor Elect – Elizabeth Peterson
- Region Treasurer – Karen Gehers
- Region Secretary – Joan Merritt
- District I Director – Cindy Rivera
- District I Secretary – Donna Gigone
- District II Director – Joyce Schech
- District II Secretary – Mary Borger
- District III Director – Christine Herman
- District III Secretary – Joanne Jones
- District IV Director – Lisa Malago
- District IV Secretary – Catherine Foreman
- District V Director – Heidi McNamar
- District V Secretary – Tracy Scala

Congratulations to all of them.



Alice presenting at the NAR Awards Luncheon



Jim assisting with the Board Raffle.



Jim and Alice celebrating Alice's term of Region Secretary coming to an end.

Gretta and Doris were included in the Remembrance Service on Sunday. The entire slide show for the Remembrance can be found on the NAR website (<https://soroptimistnar.org/>) as well as all of the presentations.

NAR Dates of Importance:



North Atlantic Region Summer Leadership

August 2022, The Woodlands Resort,
WilkesBarre, PA

SIA-NAR Fall Meetings 2022 Set by District

- District I – October 15, Trinity Lutheran Church, Amsterdam, NY
- District II – October 8, Herbertsville Fire Company, Brick, NJ
- District III – October 1, Keystone Fire Company, Boyertown, PA
- District IV – October 22, Hilton Garden Inn, Uniontown, PA
- District V – September 24, Lebanon Senior Center, Lebanon, CT

North Atlantic Spring Conference

April 20-23, 2023
HiltonHotel & Conference Center, Scranton, PA



Isn't it great to have all these dates so that all clubs/members can mark their calendars to attend?

It's going to be an exciting year!



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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