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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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MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT MARYBETH

Hi all!

*Thanks to all of you who have worked so diligently over the summer to get our committees in order. Thanks to the audit team for reviewing our books so that our taxes and other required document can be filled in a timely manner. A big thanks to Alice for pulling it all together and publishing the roster. As always thank you Carol Ann for keeping me up to date and in line. It's not November but all the thanks are heart felt. Without all of you pulling together we would not be the club that we are proud of. **We may be small, but we are still mighty.** Keep up the good work ladies we will have a good year with all of us working together.*

One thing I do need to ask of the members is to put your thinking caps on as we are still looking for suggestions as to how we might be able to increase our income, so we can continue all that we do.

We haven't even met as a group, but the ball is already rolling, and a new year of programs is being planned. I look forward to seeing all of you especially those who were unable to come to the summer social. Thanks again Billy for another lovely evening. We will gather again for socializing and business on September 27th at the church. Relax and enjoy these last few weeks of the summer season.

See You at Our September Meeting,

MaryBeth

PROGRAMS

**Installation of
Officers
District Director Visit**

**DATE: September 27, 2022
TIME: 6:30 P.M.
PLACE: Faith Immanuel
Presbyterian Church**

Dinner Meeting – Cost \$20

SEPTEMBER MEETING

Our Dinner meeting on Tuesday, September 27 will be held at 6:30 PM at the Faith Immanuel Presbyterian Church, 1801 Colonial Road, Harrisburg. We are planning on getting the catered meal which will cost \$20. A discussion on the selection will be made at Board meeting. 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 closest 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).

SEPTEMBER COLLECTION



The planning committee recommendation is to collect adult women diapers for Hanna Pantry (via Susquehanna Township School District). In addition, we

will be making no sew blankets for the Downtown Daily Bread.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:



September 13 – SI HBG Board Meeting at Susan’s home
 September 27 – SI HBG Dinner Meeting at Faith Immanuel Presbyterian Church
 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

LIVE YOUR DREAM



PLEASE SHARE THE FOLLOWING

A letter was sent announcing we will accept applications for the **Live Your Dream** service award until November 15th. The award assists women in obtaining skills and education needed to improve their employment status.

An eligible applicant is a woman with primary financial responsibility for herself and her dependents, are attending an undergraduate degree program or a vocational skills training program and have financial need.

Our club offers two awards: The first-place winner receives \$1,000 and the second-place winner receives \$800. In addition, the winner advances to the Regional and Federation levels to compete for additional awards. Each year approximately \$1 Million is disbursed through this project of Soroptimist International of the Americas.

A link to the electronic forms is available at our club website <http://www.si-harrisburg.org/live-your-dream/> or the applicant can apply for a Live Your Dream Award directly at <https://www.soroptimist.org/our-work/live-your-dream-awards/apply-for-the-live-your-dream-awards.html>. Completed applications with two references must be received by November 15th.

If you have questions, you can contact the club Live Your Dream Co-Chair Miriam Hawk at hawk4017@verizon.net.

From the Comic Strip... "For Better or Worse"

**Good Friends are the
Perennials of Life**

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.



SUMMER SOCIAL

While not all members were able to attend the Summer Social on August 13, a wonderful time was had by all attending. In fact, we did not get to complete the games because the conversation was free flowing and enjoyable. We had hamburg and pork bar-be-que with many side dishes plus wine.



And here is the famous **Calico Beans** recipe by Renee Jones.

- $\frac{1}{2}$ pound bacon
- 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ tbsp. vinegar
- $\frac{1}{2}$ pound hamburger
- 1 can great northern beans, drained
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup ketchup
- $\frac{3}{4}$ cup brown sugar
- 1 can kidney beans, drained
- $\frac{3}{4}$ cup brown sugar

1 can butter beans, drained
 1 tsp. mustard
 1 can pork & beans with juice

Brown hamburger (sometimes she dices in $\frac{1}{2}$ onion); drain off grease. Brown and crumble bacon. Mix all ingredients together.

Bake at 350 degrees for 1 hour. You can use a slower cooker but leave the lid off the last hour, so the mixture thickens.

SOLT: CLUB HISTORY TIDBIT

In June we discussed who/when our club started. Shortly after our club formed, we were faced with the war years. The club furnished a sunroom and a large radio to the veterans at Valley Forge. A Victrola and many records were presented to the camp at Indiantown Gap. Many boxes of food and other items were sent to soldiers and clothing to needy oversea families. Our club entertained at the Harrisburg USO headquarters and served supper to 500 servicemen at the USO. Bundles of clothing were collected and sent to Madam Noel, a noted plastic surgeon and Soroptimist in Paris. Twelve boxes of needed items were sent to our sister club in Walsall, England. (Even today

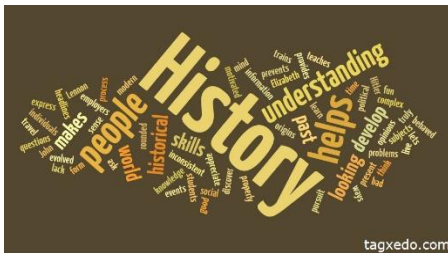
we share a sister club with Cannock, England.)

IN ENDING.....

*MAY YOUR HEALTH IMPROVE,
 MAY YOUR FAMILY BE BLESSED,
 MAY YOUR FRIENDS BY LOVED,
 MAY YOUR FINANCES MULTIPLY,
 MAY YOUR PAINS BE LESS,
 MAY YOUR WORRIES DISAPPEAR,
 AND MAY GOD BLESS YOU*

LEADERSHIP TRAINING – “Together in Unity!”

A group of approximately 40 women of the North Atlantic Region met in Wilkes Barre on Saturday August 20 to provide orientations to new Presidents, Treasurers and Secretaries as well as members interested in learning more about leadership in SIA. Our own member, Alice, presented the session on club and district secretary duties.



2022-2023 PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

Enclosed is the draft report which will be discussed at the September Board meeting and

then officially come before the club members at the September business meeting. Please review and be ready to discuss.

2022-2023 Planning Committee Report

Month/ Soroptimist Leading the Program	Program	Collections	Hands On Service
September Alice/Billie	Installation of Officers/District Director Lisa	Adult woman diapers for Hanna Pantry	No Sew Blankets for Downtown Daily Bread
October MaryBeth	Shalom House	Shalom Needs	Christmas Ornaments for Shelter Children
November Renee	Healthy Steps Diaper Bank	Diapers (size 5/6 and pull-ups are a critical need	Who will be doing Salvation Army Senior Women?
December	Holiday Party Entertainment?	SI President's Appeal	Cards for Shut-ins and Women in VA hospitals
January Billie	Cupboard at Calvary (Gary)	Food bank needs	
February Renee	Beacon Clinic	Period Poverty collection for the clinic	
March Billie/Carol	LYD winners	Dental Clinic collections (Patti)	Bunny Bags for shelter/Cards for shut ins
April Patti	Ruby Award winner and Literacy Council	Books/Magazines for Literacy Council	Caiflin's Smiles Kits
May	Elections/Budget Salvation Army Speakers	Summer Program Supplies Collection	
June Billie	Bethesda Women's Shelter	Shelter's needs	

Please note: We are recommending splitting up the awards this year and not waiting until April for some of the awards. Also, we are still looking for suggestions for Hands-on activities.

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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