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SOROPTIGRAM

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Soroptimist International of Harrisburg, PA Inc
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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

October is here with falling leaves and color all around. The leaves are beginning to change and set the stage for the coming season. October is the beginning of the holidays with Halloween and All Hallows Eve. We begin to think of spices and what better way than to recognize National Pumpkin Spice Day and National Cinnamon Roll Day, both past according to the calendar, but still yummy to think about. Speaking of yummy, October is also Eat Better and Eat Together Month. Watch those Cinnamon Rolls to fall in line with eat better.

Having had a bit of fun, let's remember those in Florida, Georgia, the Carolinas and maybe even Virginia as Ian has played games with their homes, town, and businesses. Let's also remember it is Breast Cancer awareness Month and each take care to be sure our screenings are up to date. Thinking of our physical needs let's also be aware of those who live with and/or have experienced Domestic Violence. Remember to wear orange to the dinner meeting and show our support of the mission of Shalom House as they continue to serve the community.

Have a good month and enjoy the fall season.

MaryBeth

INVOCATIONS
October – Renee Jones

PROGRAMS
Shalom House

DATE: October 25, 2022
TIME: 6:30 P.M.
PLACE: Faith Immanuel
Presbyterian Church

Dinner Meeting – Cost \$20

OCTOBER MEETING

Our Dinner meeting on Tuesday, October 25 will be held at 6:30 PM at the Faith Immanuel Presbyterian Church, 1801 Colonial Road, Harrisburg. We are planning on getting a catered meal costing \$20. At Board meeting it was decided to order Chicken Pies from Cracker Barrel with an Apple Crumb Pie for dessert. 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).

OCTOBER COLLECTION

Kyla D. Harvey, MSW, Executive Director, SHALOM Transformational Services – SHALOM House. will be our speaker at the meeting providing information on their services and clients.

We will be collecting the following for Shalom House: Pillows and pillowcases, Twin Sheets, Bath towels and wash rags, laundry detergent, dish soap, paper plates & cups, trash bags, laundry baskets, paper towels and toilet paper.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:



October 22 – District 4 Fall District Meeting, Uniontown
 October 25 – Dinner Meeting at Immanuel Presbyterian Church
 November 9 – Board Meeting at Susan's home
 November 22 – Dinner Meeting at Immanuel Presbyterian Church
 April 21-23, 2023 – NAR Spring Conference, Scranton
 July 27-29, 2023 – SI Convention, Dublin, Ireland

**AUTUMN - THE SEASON
 THAT TEACHES
 US THAT
 CHANGE CAN BE
 BEAUTIFUL!**



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.

LIVE YOUR DREAM

**PLEASE
SHARE THE
FOLLOWING**



A letter was sent to various shelters and colleges announcing we will accept applications for the **Live Your Dream** service award until November 15th. The award assists any woman who has primary financial responsibility for herself and her dependents, is attending an undergraduate degree program or a vocational skills training program and has financial need to obtain the skills and education needed to improve her employment status.

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 you 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 the 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.

REMEMBERING HOW WE STARTED

In November 1940 SI Harrisburg sponsored the Lewistown Club. In March 1946 we sponsored the Carlisle Club and held a joint installation at the June meeting.



The Girls' Club was organized in 1947 and sponsored exclusively by the Harrisburg Soroptimists. Realizing that the scope and importance of the project required broader support, other service clubs were invited to participate. In 1948 we were joined by Pilot Club, Quota Club and Business & Professional Women's Club to initiate corporation proceedings. The charter was granted November 1, 1948, and the Girls Club of Harrisburg, Inc., continued to influence the lives of numerous girls for over 50 years.



OFFICER INSTALLATION AND DISTRICT IV DIRECTOR'S VISIT

On September 27, we were joined by District Director Lisa who provided the update for District IV as well as did our officer installation. Congratulations to our board. Looking forward to the coming year.



District Director Lisa also reminded all of us about the upcoming Fall District Meeting on October 22 and brought NAR sales items for purchase by club members. Thank you, Lisa, for your visit!

We finished the evening with additional no sew blankets for the homeless. In total, between June and September meetings we were able to complete five blankets for the Downtown Daily Bread's supply.

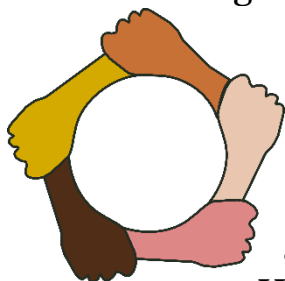
SIA BYLAWS



We received notification that a vote on amendments to the SIA bylaws will be conducted until December 3. Attached to this Soroptigram is the draft of the bylaws changes. The SI Harrisburg Board reviewed the document and will be suggesting that the club approve the changes at our October meeting. The Club vote will be cast online based on your vote.

OUR FRIENDSHIP LINK

SI CANNOCK showed that they were “all in this together...”



The first event of the club year saw four members – Jackie Prince, Val Jones, Adrienne Hewitt and Olivia

Lyons-Hughes – supporting Rotary and the Cannock & Stafford League of Friends “Sleep out to Kit out” held at Cannock College; other members were involved in providing and serving a meal before the 4 of them settled down for the night in their cardboard box beds.

At the first business meeting of the new year President Trish Smith presented Jackie and Val with their certificates and letters of thanks from

Rotary and the League of Friends. The four who had slept out had raised hundreds of pounds in sponsorship but had all found the event rather disconcerting. Jackie said “For me, this wasn’t a pleasant night. I kept thinking of all those who have no choice but to sleep out every single night, waking up each morning knowing they have to do it again and again, whilst we could all get up, go home and get into comfortable beds. It also made me think of the awful situation Ukrainian refugees are in, having no home, not knowing what the day will bring”.

It certainly was an event that made everyone aware of the conditions some people have to endure; it also raised over £6,000 which will be placed in a fund which any organisation or charity can apply to for a grant to help the homeless or someone move from hostel style accommodation into a home of their own. A committee made up of the Cannock & Stafford Rotary clubs and trustees of the league of Friends will administer applications.



Take time to enjoy the autumn weather in our beautiful countryside.

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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