



SOROPTIMIST®
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November – December
2022

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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

Well, the holidays have started, and the weather has been unbelievable, we are still experiencing warm weather, as has the fall color. Our pocketbooks are also enjoying this extended warmth. We were all wondering and expecting little in the way of color and yet as I'm typing this, I'm looking out at such wonderful yellow trees. As you know Dave and I were traveling for the month of October. It was amazing the color we saw. As we left PA the western part of the state was aglow. As we traveled through the mid-west, Canada, California, Nevada, Colorado and back across the mid-west, we were seeing reds, yellows, golds and an array of sienna and brown. When we arrived back in PA, we were again greeted with color in western PA and here in the Harrisburg area it was amazing. What a Joy!

All Hallows Eve has passed but there is always time to remember and give support to those who have lost loved ones. Our troops and Veterans need prayers of support and thanks, as well as the people and troops of Ukraine. It would be great if we could live as one in world peace. Those who we recognized on Veteran's

INVOCATIONS
November – Billie Hawk
December – Renee Jones

Continued

PROGRAMS

November – Healthy
Diaper Bank

December – SI President's
Appeal & Mystery Bags

DATE: November 22 and December 13, 2022
TIME: 6:30 P.M.
PLACE: Faith Immanuel Presbyterian Church
DINNER COSTS: \$20

President's Message Continued

Day fought for that dream. That dream can continue with our voting for both local and federal positions. I hope the wonderful weather enabled each of you to go to the polls.

Enjoy your turkey and all the trimmings but save room for all the goodies we all look forward to in December. We again have an opportunity to be of service to our communities young and old, as we look forward to getting names for senior baskets and gifts and work to fulfill our plans to put a smile on the little ones faces. We will recognize our own with poinsettias. Thanks to the delivery elves. Plan to top off the year with our annual Christmas dinner and some merry singing.

Another good year is on the way! My gratitude and thanks to each of you for your hard work and your service which allows us to continue to serve the welfare of the community and women and girls around the world. Happy Thanksgiving and a Blessed Christmas Season!

Mary Beth

NOVEMBER MEETING

Our Dinner meeting on Tuesday, November 22, 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 costing \$20. At our board meeting it



was decided to order subs, chips, and applesauce

from Giovanni. You should 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.

DECEMBER MEETING

Our Dinner meeting on Tuesday, **December 13** will be held at 6:30 PM at the Faith Immanuel Presbyterian Church, 1801 Colonial Road, Harrisburg. We are planning on a catered meal costing



\$20. At Board meeting it was decided to order a turkey dinner from Simply Turkey.

Location: If you are at the Colonial Park Mall, turn on to Colonial Road (it is the road 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).



NOVEMBER COLLECTION

Our speaker will be Carla Miller, Board President, from Healthy Steps Diaper Bank. We will be collecting to give to them Diapers size 5 and 6 which are in critical need.



Will be asking for a volunteer to get Christmas items for a **Salvation Army Senior Women**.

DECEMBER COLLECTION

As in past years, we will be taking a **cash collection** to the SI President's Appeal.

"Opening Doors to a Bright Future" underlines the Soroptimist commitment to Education throughout the life-course, and its immense power and fundamental role as a driver for sustainable



development, peace, and equality. Investing in girls' education brings high rewards, breaking cycles of poverty and aiding economic growth. Education empowers women, girls, and their communities, delivering skills and knowledge, whilst increasing confidence; enabling women and girls to make informed decisions affecting future wellbeing, health, participation, and quality of life.

"Opening Doors to a Bright Future", is the Soroptimist International President's Appeal, 2021-2023, officially

launched October 2021, by SI President Maureen Maguire, 2022-23.

We will again participate in the **HOLIDAY MYSTERY BAGS** fundraiser as in the past. Members can assemble items in a gift bag and the club will sell them for half the value.



For example: If the value of the items in the bag are worth \$10 then you close the bag and add a tag to price it as \$5). You may do any value you want.

AND, we will address holiday cards for shut-ins at several nursing homes and VA hospitals in our area. **Bring any extra holiday cards you have to contribute to this activity.**

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

BOSCOV'S FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS

Renee announced that we raised \$305 with this fundraiser. Hurray!!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:



- November 22 – Dinner Meeting at Faith Immanuel Presbyterian Church
- December 12 – Dinner Meeting at Faith Immanuel Presbyterian Church
- April 21-23, 2023 – NAR Spring Conference, Scranton
- July 27-29, 2023 – SI Convention, Dublin, Ireland

ETHEL F. LORD FELLOWSHIP

Ethel Lord was born in Reading, PA. She served during WW2 in the American Red Cross in both the European and Pacific theaters and was the first woman to be appointed Field Director of Camp Services in the Pacific. As a Soroptimist, she served as President of the Asbury Park Club, Secretary and Governor of NAR, President of SIA and President of Soroptimist International.



When she died contributions in her memory came from all over the world. These monies were contributed to support the NAR Fellowship with an annual award by NAR renamed for her. Since 1956 Fellowships have been given to women graduates in the field of medicine, government foreign service and gerontology. The fellowship was changed to help a Women Veteran attain her career goals.

We distributed the application to the Veterans Affairs Offices of 11 different local colleges and universities. If you know of anyone who would be interested in applying, please provide contact information to either Carol Colyer or Alice Lubrecht and we will forward.

REMEMBERING HOW WE STARTED

An educational fund was established in our second decade for the purpose of providing well-motivated young women between 16 and 24 with financial assistance for higher education.



We sponsored an organizational dinner for the Hazelton Club on May 26, 1952, and the West Shore-Harrisburg Club was sponsored in 1955.

In June 1952 our Venture club was sponsored. This was for young, employed professional and businesswomen who were between the ages of 18 and 35. The Venture Club was disbanded in June 1975 with much regret.

July 5, 1953 was the first meeting of the Second Horizons Club, a Federation-sponsored project. It provided a place for senior citizens to meet and enjoy a special time with meetings at St. John's United Church of Christ. This project continued until September 1974.

NOVEMBER-DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

November 2 –
Billie Hawk
November 11
– Jean Johns
November 24 –
Renee Jones
December 21 –
Marybeth Lehtimaki
December 23 – Sally Straining



FRIENDSHIP LINK

You can now connect with our English friendship link on Facebook:
<https://www.facebook.com/SICanno>

During this season TWO LIFE MEMBERS need to know they are not

forgotten. Please mail Christmas cards to:



Jean Johns, Homeland Nursing Center, 1905 North 5th Street, Harrisburg, PA 17102

Miriam Rothermel, 26 Eisenhower Blvd., Duncannon, PA 17020

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.

Overthinking will destroy your happiness and your mood. It will make everything worse than it is. Take a deep breath, exhale, and have faith. What is meant to be will be.

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

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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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