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SOROPTIGRAM

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Soroptimist International of Harrisburg, PA Inc
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.

SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL Of

HARRISBURG, PA, INC.

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MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT MARYBETH

Ladies, I hope you enjoyed the Holiday season and are looking forward to the start of a new year. We met many challenges in 2022. Let us hope for a brighter 2023.

We are approaching the busiest part of the club year. Remember our mission "Improving the Lives of Women and Girls in Local Communities and throughout the World".

Say Yes when asked to fill a position. The nominations will be coming. We fulfill a portion of our mission with Awards which we will give in March and April whether it be in person or virtually. To do this each of us needs to do our part. Let us resolve to make SI Harrisburg the best it can be with giving to the community through programming and filling our membership roles.

Best wishes to all for a Happy and Healthy 2023.

MaryBeth

INVOCATIONS

January – Joan Gibson

JANUARY PROGRAM

The Food Pantry at
Calvary United Methodist
Church

DATE: January 24, 2023

TIME: 6:30 P.M.

PLACE: Faith Immanuel Presbyterian Church

DINNER COSTS: \$20

JANUARY MEETING

Our Dinner meeting on Tuesday, January 24, 2023, will be held at 6:30 PM at the Faith Immanuel Presbyterian Church, 1801 Colonial Road, Harrisburg. The meal continues to cost \$20. We are having your choice of Vegetable Beef or Chicken Corn soup (prepared by the church), salad, rolls, and dessert.

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.

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).

JANUARY COLLECTION

Gary Bupp from the Cupboard at Calvary Food Pantry will be speaking to us about how their clients are increasing and struggling.

We will be collecting dried beans, cereal, condiments (ketchup, mustard, etc.), pasta, dish detergent, and toothpaste.



DECEMBER COLLECTION

At the December meeting we took a cash collection for the SI President’s Appeal, Opening Doors to a Bright Future. A total of \$135.00 was received.



FEBRUARY MEETING



At the November meeting we decided to try an afternoon meeting time

in February due to winter weather and night-time driving. The Board has selected **Gilligan’s on Eisenhower Blvd.** It will be the same date as the regularly scheduled meeting on **February 28 but will be at 1 PM** in the afternoon. You will order what you want to eat and pay the bill there.

BIRTHDAYS



- 3 – Miriam Rothermel
- 6 – Jackie Speaks
- 25 – Peggy Schmidt

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



January 10 – Board Meeting via Zoom

January 24 – Dinner Meeting at Immanuel Presbyterian Church

February 3 – WEAR RED Day for Heart Health

February 8 – SIA Big Goal Accelerator Webinar via ZOOM

February 14 – Board Meeting via Zoom

February 28 – Dinner Meeting at **Gilligan's Restaurant on Eisenhower Blvd., 1 PM**

March 25 – SI West Shore sponsoring Oyster Mill Playhouse matinee, contact West Shore for details.

April 21-23, 2023 – NAR Spring Conference, Scranton

July 27-29, 2023 – SI Convention, Dublin, Ireland

SOLT -- REMEMBERING HOW WE STARTED (THE 1950s)

In 1954 we received the Woman's Home Companion award for service rendered to our local community.

Among other gifts donated by our club in this decade, a portable organ was given to Camp Reilly; three portable record players to the Association for the Blind to be used by pre-school blind children. We provided refreshment for soldiers at the Catholic Youth Center; presented a mirror for the polio ward at Polyclinic Hospital and equipment for the In County Children's Association. A check was sent to the flood relief of Soroptimists in the Netherlands. We served supper for the USO at the YWCA. Collected 1,800 magazines for the Dauphin County unit for retarded children with a check for \$100.

The beginning of the hospital equipment project was probably 1952 and discontinued in the early 1980s. The equipment was loaned for use in homes. A new Friendship club was assigned – the Geneva Club of Switzerland.

After many years of trying to raise funds with bake sales, and many individual and team efforts, it was decided in 1955 to have a big money-making affair each year. The idea of the Varieties was tried and was a major fund raiser until 1985.

**BE INSPIRED!!
YOUR GOALS SHOULD REFLECT
MORE THAN "WANTS" BUT
LETTING YOURSELF DREAM CAN
LED TO FUTURE HAPPINESS.**

May 1956 a 3-story apartment building was purchased at 1821 North 2nd Street and sold in 1977. These funds were used to establish a service endowment.

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

FRIENDSHIP LINK



You can now connect with our English friendship link on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/SICanno>

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.

WEAVER SCHOLARSHIP



The Weaver Scholarship application will be posted to our website in March. Please remind High

School Senior girls in Dauphin County who are interested in STEM subjects to apply for this scholarship money.

**BE STRONG ENOUGH TO
STAND ALONE,
SMART ENOUGH TO KNOW
WHEN YOU NEED HELP,
AND BRAVE ENOUGH TO ASK
FOR IT.**

BE THE BEAT



NATIONAL WEAR RED DAY[®]

IS FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2023

Wear red and be one step ahead.

Show support for the women in your life. On Friday, February 3, get your steps in and proudly **WEAR RED**.

[WearRedDay.org](https://www.WearRedDay.org)
[#WearRedDay](https://twitter.com/WearRedDay)



Leslie Jordan, Margarita Pinero, & Shamell Weems
heart disease & stroke survivors

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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