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SOROPTIGRAM

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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

*Bright, red, happy, healthy hearts; **Yes Hearts!** February is the month for hearts. Valentines and wearing red. In 1963, February was designated as American Heart Month by the American Heart Association. Let's send heart felt messages to friends and loved ones this month especially on February 14th Valentine's Day. It is also a good time to send prayers or visit those friends and family members who suffer with heart conditions.*

We strengthen our hearts as we volunteer in the community through outreach programs and our monthly service projects. I see the heartfelt grace offered to our community monthly as we contribute to our service projects. It is heartwarming to be able to tell the representatives from these projects of your generosity. Thank You all so much.

Nominations will soon be in the making. Make those responsible for filling position glad by saying yes. If you're not called, you could step up and volunteer for a position. If you can't fill a position, come forward with suggestions for moving the club forward. Those in leadership positions can't think of it all. Together we will continue to do great things for women and girls in our community and around the world.

MaryBeth

INVOCATIONS February – Billie Hawk

FEBRUARY PROGRAM

Cash Collection for
Beacon Clinic's Period
Poverty Project

DATE: February 28, 2023

TIME: 1 P.M.

PLACE: **Gilligan's on Eisenhower Blvd.**

DINNER COSTS: You order, pay and tip at restaurant



FEBRUARY MEETING

We decided to try a lunchtime meeting 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.

Carol Ann will be traveling but if you need to change your reservation, please inform MaryBeth who is coordinating the reservation.

In March we plan to return to the Immanuel Presbyterian Church. Directions there are: If you are at the Colonial Park Mall, turn into 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).



FEBRUARY'S Collection and Project

Because we will be eating at a restaurant this month, the Board thought it would be easier to take a **cash collection to be given to Beacon Clinic for their Period Poverty Project.**

If there is space at the restaurant, we will work on Diaper Bundle labels to be given to Healthy Steps Diaper Bank. Labels and markers will be provided.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:



- February 28 – Dinner Meeting at Gilligan's on Eisenhower Blvd. 1 p.m.
- March 8 – International Women's Day, SI Tea Party via Zoom at 7 p.m.
- March 12 – Time Change
- March 14 – Board Meeting returns to Susan Wolfe's home.
- March 28 – Dinner Meeting at Faith Immanuel Presbyterian Church, Live Your Dream Awards will be presented.
- April 21-23, 2023 – NAR Spring Conference, Scranton
- July 27-29, 2023 – SI Convention, Dublin, Ireland



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

4 – Joan Gibson





**FORMER SI
HARRISBURG
MEMBER DIES --
SARA
PRIOLEAU, DMD**

Former club

member and Past President 1987-1989 Sara Prioleau died peacefully on December 14, 2020, in St. Louis, Missouri. Memorial Services will be held on Saturday, February 18, 2023, at St. John Baptist Church in Hopkins, SC. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Wilhelmina Prioleau Boy's Club of the church.

This obituary was in the February 16, 2023, Patriot Newspaper.

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.

**TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN
SOMEONE'S LIFE YOU DO NOT
HAVE TO BE BRILLIANT, RICH,
BEAUTIFUL OR PERFECT.
YOU JUST HAVE TO CARE.**

- Mandy Hale



**LIVE YOUR
DREAM**

We have granted two Live Your Dream awards again this year. Billie Hawk will

be contacting them to see if they can come to our March dinner meeting.

The first award of \$1,000 will be given to Danielle Heisey. Danielle is pursuing a Bachelor's degree in nursing at the Pennsylvania College of Health Sciences. She hopes to complete her studies in May 2024. In addition to her studies, she works part time as she cares for her mother.

The \$800 award will be given to Barbara Young. Barbara is pursuing an Associate's degree at the West Virginia Northern Community College where she is studying counseling and therapy. Barbara's husband is unable to work.

DISHCLOTHS FOR SALE



Handmade crocheted dishcloths will be for sale at dinner meetings. 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>

SIA VIRTUAL TEA PARTY

SIA is once again hosting a virtual tea party to celebrate



International Women's Day! [Please join us](#) for a global celebration, March 8, 7 p.m. EST. This virtual event will be presented with simultaneous interpretation in all our languages.

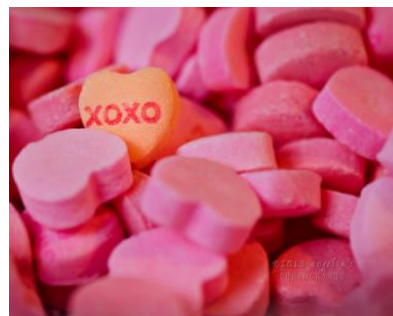
NAR SPRING CONFERENCE



Follow the “Yellow Brick Road” To the 95th Annual NAR Spring Conference
 When: April 21, 22 and 23, 2023
 Where: Hilton Scranton and Conference Center
 100 Adams Avenue
 Scranton, PA 18503

Registration information needs to be given to the treasurer by the March meeting.

We also need to decide what “Flavor of the Region” we will bring to share in the Hospitality Suite.



REMEMBERING HOW WE STARTED

In the beginning of the 3rd decade, in connection with the Harrisburg



Centennial, a Time Capsule was buried in River Park. The history of all service clubs was buried in this capsule. A copy of our contribution is in the Historian's Book.

In Mary 1961 the Club sponsored a Hobby Show for senior citizens at Grace Methodist Church; club members addressed 12,500 envelopes for the Tri-County Crippled Children's Association and hundreds of envelopes for the Tri-County Easter Seals; a tape recorded speech therapy for children and adults at a cost of \$154 was purchased; a check for \$231 paid for new hospital equipment; donated \$200 to the city of Harrisburg to be used for maintaining benches on Market Square (20 benches were installed and painted with the Soroptimist seal affixed on the back; 7 living language albums of our plays were given to the Harrisburg Public Library; 2 buses were chartered to take 76 guests at the State Hospital on a 2 hour tour of the city in May 1964; a Hammond organ valued at \$2,499 were given to the Dauphin County Home and

Hospital on May 30,1965; a 3 week camp experience to be known as the Lucy Suloff Memorial Campership was provided in the amount of \$165 to be awarded to a visually handicapped child.

Seven students were being helped during the club year 1966-67. The outstanding loans totaled \$2,575; a check for \$1,000 presented May 1967 to the Fort Hunter Development Corporation for furnishing a sitting room at the Museum in the Empire style; a total of \$170 was expended for Harrisburg Window Box project of 1967; \$136 donated to the Pennsylvania Association for the Blind for camperships for 2 blind persons; \$200 sent to the YWCA for draperies in the Resident's Lounge.



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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