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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

March is so quickly upon us again. Spring is popping. The flowers are starting. I see snow drops, crocus, daffodils and other early spring flowers. It's such a joy to see this rebirth each year. Even with the mild winter we can still appreciate all the new color. But March is fickle, and we will have our ups and downs weather wise.

We have much to celebrate with good health and the relief from winter ailments, as the weather warms, and we can get outside again. We mustn't let our guard down though and continue to be careful wearing masks when in crowds and unfamiliar surroundings, as well as continuing to get boosted when needed. We have much to do still in keeping our Club vibrant, as again we have the year to finish and a new one to plan, our awards and our scholarships await. Please be gentle with each other and say 'yes' when you are asked to help by filling in where needed. I hope you enjoyed the change of venue and time for our dinner meeting in February. This gives another thought to consider.

As many of you have experienced firsthand, we have much to be concerned about and watchful of too. The situation with Ukraine and Russia is still nothing to ignore the earthquake in Turkey and Syria, as well as the many shootings on our campuses and in our towns and streets. We need to be prayerful and look for opportunities to assist our brothers and sisters everywhere. Let's take a moment to count our blessings and pray for those in harm's way.

INVOCATION
March – Susan Wolfe

MARCH Program

Live Your Dream Awards

DATE: March 28, 2023

TIME: 6:30 P.M.

PLACE: Faith Immanuel Presbyterian Church

DINNER COSTS: \$20.00

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President's Message cont.

I want to take time to again thank you for your generosity in the assistance we offer. I'm always amazed when I see our collections on the tables. We are few but we are mighty in our own way.

*Blessings to each of you!!
Marybeth*

MARCH MEETING

In March, we will celebrate our Live Your Dream winners and will return to Faith Immanuel Presbyterian Church.

Our service activity at the meeting will be making "Love Note Stickers" for the diaper packs as requested by Healthy Steps Diaper Bank.

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

Directions to the church are: If you are at the Colonial Park Mall, turn into Colonial Road. 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).

COLLECTIONS FOR MARCH

We plan to collect dental supplies for those in need. Toothbrushes, toothpaste, floss, and mouthwash will

be gathered and taken to one of the food banks.

In addition, we are collecting children's books for the NAR service project. See more information about this project on page 3.

Looking towards April collections, we will be gathering period poverty supplies for the Healthy Steps Diaper Bank.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

- March 14 – SI Harrisburg Board Meeting
- March 28 – SI Harrisburg Dinner Meeting (LYD awards)
- April 11 – SI Harrisburg Board Meeting
- April 21-23, 2023 – NAR Spring Conference, Scranton PA
- April 25 – SI Harrisburg Dinner Meeting (Ruby Award and Literacy Council)
- July 27–29, 2023 – SI Convention, Dublin, Ireland

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

1 – Carol Ann Colyer



LIVE YOUR DREAM



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

The first award of \$1,000 was 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 was 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.

CANDIDATES for SIA 2023-2024 PRESIDENT Elect



The resumes and videos for all the candidates are now

available for your club to review on the [SIA website](#).

SI Harrisburg's Board has reviewed the information and will have a board recommendation at the March meeting. Please come prepared to vote on the club's choice.

NAR SPRING CONFERENCE

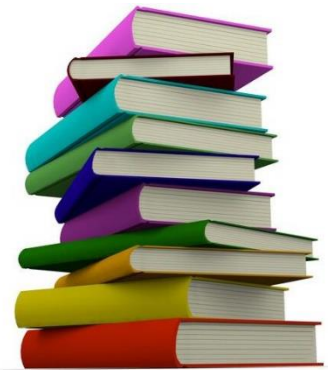


The NAR Spring Conference will take place at the Hilton Scranton and Conference Center from

April 21 through 23. Registration for the conference will be due on March 31 and we still need another delegate to represent our club.

This year Soroptimist International of the North Atlantic Region Annual Project

benefits **The Deep Roots Charter School Library,**



a public, charter school located in PHILADELPHIA, PA. It has 365 students in grades K-6 with a student-teacher ratio of 11 to 1. Our club will collect books or money at our March meeting. Money donated will be used to purchase additional books and our collection will be taken to spring conference by our delegates.





Raffle Tickets for the Atlantic City Casino Trip for two people will be available at our March meeting. Tickets are \$5 a piece

and the winner must use the reservation by December 31, 2023.

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.

DISHCLOTHS FOR SALE



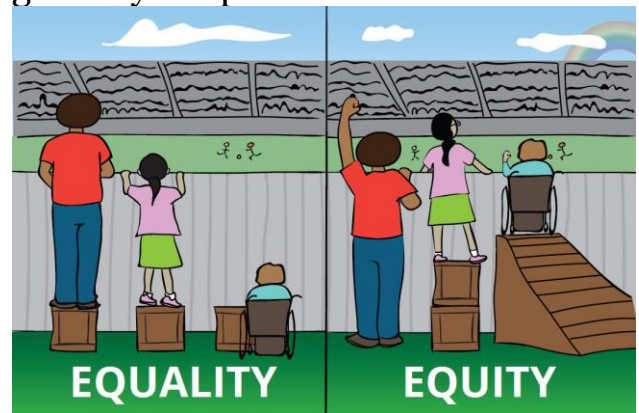
Handmade crocheted dishcloths will be for sale at dinner meetings. Funds are donated to our club. Prices:
 1 dishcloth \$4.00
 2 dishcloths \$7.00

SIA INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY TEA PARTY

The theme of this year's SIA Tea Party was Equity versus Equality.



One of the best illustrations to help us understand the difference was given by the presentation.

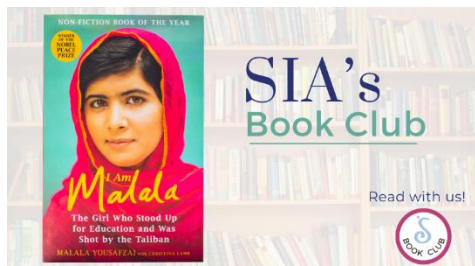


The illustration on the left shows what happens when everyone receives the same thing – the man on the left has an excellent view over the fence; the girl in the middle still needs to struggle to see and the person in the wheelchair received no help at all. The illustration on the right shows what happens when everyone receives what they need to see over the fence.

The program ended with the question, “where do I start, how do I identify these fences?”

Interested in seeing the whole presentation? Ask Alice to forward the document to you.

SIA BOOK CLUB



You're invited to join SIA's first book club

featuring *I Am Malala* by SIA's 2022 biennial convention keynote speaker Malala Yousafzai!

The Board has proposed that we hold a book discussion at the end of our June business meeting to discuss this book. We have checked and a number of copies are available at the various branches of the Dauphin County Library System as well as at Barnes & Noble in Camp Hill.

This book discussion is for your own enjoyment. It is not mandatory – only encouraged. We hope you enjoy this end of the club year activity.



FRIENDSHIP LINK

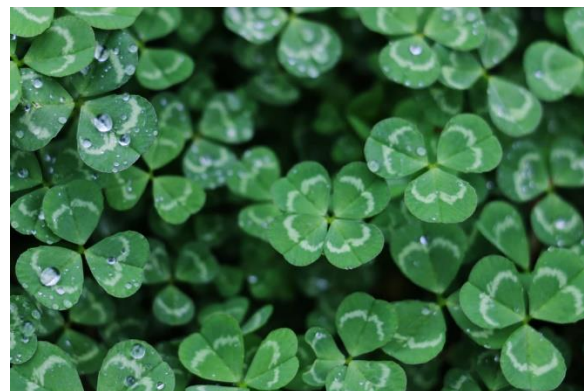
You can now connect with our English friendship link on Facebook:



<http://sigbi.org/cannock-and-district/>

Or via the web at:

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Sweet St. Patrick's Day Sayings

- Happy St. Patrick's Day!
- You're my lucky charm.
- Luck o' the Irish.
- The luck is in believing you're lucky.
- May every petal on the shamrock bring you joy and good luck.
- Wishing you a pot of gold this St. Patrick's Day.
- It's the luck of the Irish!
- May your day be touched by some Irish luck.

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: si-harrisburg.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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