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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.

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MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT MARYBETH

April Showers bring May flowers. I often wonder where this come from as the community is loaded with flowers. The bulbs this year have been amazing. As we have each month this Club year, we can shower the community with good will and awards.

We will have two awards for April: The Ruby Award and the award for the Central PA Literacy Council. For the Ruby Award, Patty and her committee have chosen Corrie Lingenfelter. In addition, we will again shower the Diaper bank with our collection of feminine products to accompany the diapers they distribute. Through our awards and service projects, we follow and uphold our goal to improve the lives of women and girls.

April is also the time for us to serve, SI Harrisburg. I want to thank all of you who have accepted positions and are willing to serve in order to keep our club viable. (Cont.)

INVOCATION

April – Billie Hawk

MARCH Program

**Ruby Award
Literacy Council Award**

DATE: April 25, 2023

TIME: 6:30 P.M.

PLACE: Faith Immanuel Presbyterian Church

DINNER COSTS: \$20.00

President's Message cont.

Let April showers bring your May flowers to bloom and may we continue to shower our community with goodwill.

MaryBeth

APRIL MEETING

In April, we will celebrate our Ruby Award winner. This award is to celebrate a local woman who is helping women and girls in the Harrisburg area. This year's winner is Corrie Lingenfelter. Corrie was recently appointed as director of The Downtown Daily Bread. According to Corrie, she has always had a passion for food – but she didn't necessarily expect it to lead her from haute cuisine to become one of the region's most prominent advocations for those who are homeless.

In addition, we will celebrate the efforts of the Central PA Literacy



Council by providing support for their ongoing program teaching adults to become literate.



Our service activity at the meeting will be making foam

bookmark kits for Caitlin's Smiles.

DINNER PLANS:

The meeting will be held in the Schaffer Room of the Faith Immanuel Presbyterian Church. A light supper of soup, salad and dessert is planned. Let Billie Hawk know if you wish to make a change to your reservation for dinner (717-545-6991).

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).

COLLECTION FOR APRIL

We plan to collect period poverty products which will be given to the Healthy Steps Diaper Bank. They will distribute them to the women who are using the Diaper Bank.

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:



- 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)
- May 9th – SI Harrisburg Board meeting
- May 23rd – SI Harrisburg Dinner meeting (elections and budget meeting)
- July 27–29, 2023 – SI Convention, Dublin, Ireland
- October 7th – District IV FDM tentatively scheduled for Harrisburg.

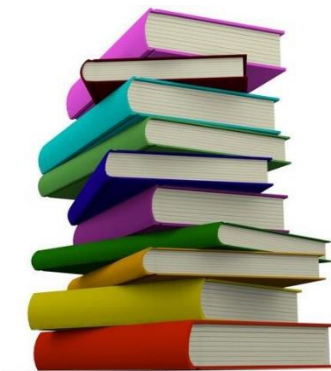
NAR SPRING CONFERENCE



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

April 21 through 23. Our delegates attending are Alice Lubrecht and Joan Gibson. Reports from the meeting will be provided next month.

We collected 16 books and \$50 at our meeting in March for the North Atlantic Region Annual Project benefitting **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.

The \$50 will be spent to purchase additional books. Still want to donate? Please bring your donations to Alice’s house BEFORE April 21st.

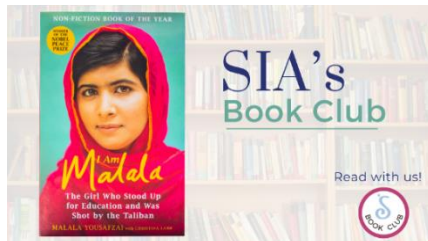
GIANT GROCERY CARDS



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.



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:

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



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PROPOSED 2023-25 OFFICERS

Corresponding Secretary:
Patti Krow (2023-2025)

Directors:
Peggy Schmidt (2023-2025)
Jackie Speaks (to complete a term until 2024)

Delegates:
Sally Straining (2023-25)

Remaining members whose terms end in 2024:

President: MaryBeth Lehtimaki
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Billie Hawk, Director
Joan Gibson, Delegate

WEAVER SCHOLARSHIP

The application for the 2023 Weaver Scholarship has been shared with the Dauphin County high schools and is located on our website (www.si-harrisburg.org) Do you

know a senior girl who is planning to major in a science, math, engineering, or technology subject in college? Encourage her to apply for the scholarship before **May 6**.



A TASTE of SOLT --



Soroptimist was formed in 1921 in Oakland, California, at a time when women were not permitted to

join service organizations. Our name, loosely translated from the Latin, means ***best for women***.

Today, SI has about 30,000 members and supporters in countries across North America, Latin America and the Pacific Rim. SIA is one of five federations that make up [Soroptimist International](#), which has clubs in more than 120 countries throughout the world.

And do you remember that the Harrisburg club will celebrate its 85th anniversary on June 1st. What special things do we want to plan in the coming year to recognize that longevity?

INSPIRING QUOTES BY WOMEN

Women have been [fighting for their rights](#), and the rights of others, for centuries.

In fact, there are countless women throughout history who have stood up for women and girls, inspiring us to reach for our dreams, fight for our

rights, and create a better more equal world. Check out these two inspiring quotes. Save them and share them with others:

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It's important to teach our female youth that it's OK to say, 'Yes, I am good at this,' and you don't hold back.

SIMONE BILES

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If they don't give you a seat at the table, bring a folding chair.

SHIRLEY CHISHOLM

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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.**

Editor: Alice Lubrecht