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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

There's much to celebrate in May just look outside your window and see the wonderful spring green and many flowers our warm weather and April showers brought. We start with May the 4th be with you, remembering Star Wars. Did you know we now have a National Sock Day. In fact, socks are now the new tie. Just take a look when you are shopping or vacationing. You find socks everywhere in specialty stores, malls, and even in garden centers:

We should give a shout out to:

- our Asian American Pacific rim clubs and neighbors as May is dedicated to their heritage and contributions.*
- to those of us who worked in the field of Education as May has teacher appreciation day. Not only should we say thanks to our retirees but also—as we do with the military—say thank you to those in education as you pass them in your travels.*
- our nurses are also recognized this month*

cont.

INVOCATION
May

Joan Gibson

May Program

Salvation Army

DATE: May 23, 2023

TIME: 6:30 P.M.

PLACE: Faith Immanuel Presbyterian Church

DINNER COSTS: \$20.00

President's Message cont.

- and need a big thank you.

The challenges of both teaching and health care are in the news on a constant basis.

There is much to be thankful for and appreciated.

Finally, and most of all I want to give a shout out to all of you as mothers. May gives a special day to thank our mothers and give them recognition for all they do for us and did for us daily.

Enjoy the rest of the month and Happy Memorial Day

MaryBeth

P.S. Remember to do your reading for our book discussion in June.



Questions will be available at the May dinner meeting.

MAY 23rd MEETING

Our Dinner meeting on Tuesday, May 23 will be held at 6:30 PM at the Faith Immanuel Presbyterian Church, 1801 Colonial Road, Harrisburg. MaryBeth will be cooking again this month and the cost of the meal will be \$20. You need to contact Billie Hawk by the Thursday before to inform her if you do or do not want a meal (717-545-6991 or hawk4017@verizon.net).

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

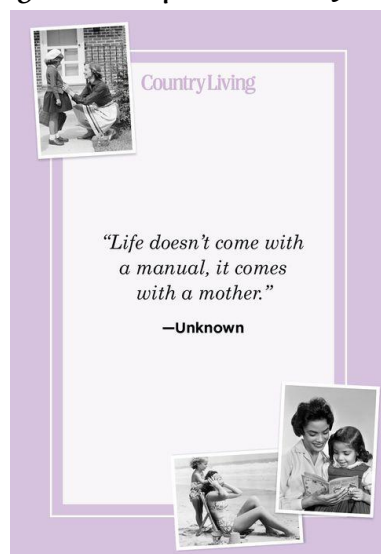
MAY COLLECTION

Our speaker will be from the Salvation Army discussing their summer camp plans for the various age groups. Our collection for May will help with those plans.

Below is a list of things supplies we could use for summer:

For pre-K (14 students) 4 and 5 years old

Smocks
Brushes
Washable paint
Painting paper
Interconnecting puzzles
Peg puzzles

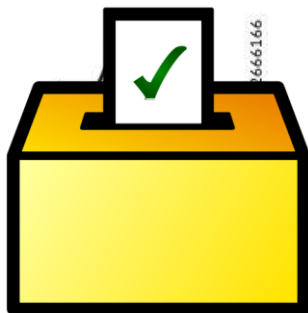


Board games
 Matching and memory games
 Legos and
 Duplos
 Lacing
 activities
 Magna-Tiles
 Stringing beads
 Bubbles



For PreK - 8
 Water bottles (qty. 110)
 A sponsored "special" lunch for all
 students and staff (\$350 value) to
 feed approx. 130 people.

Self-regulation items:
 Assorted fidget toys
 Stress balls
 Feelings picture books



**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

2023-24 BUDGET/DUES

*A revised
 budget* for
 you to
 review
 along with
 the
 proposed
 dues is



attached to this Soroptigram. It has
 changes reflected based on SIA raise of
 dues and our decision to cover the dues
 for our Life members. Bring a copy to
 the meeting for discussion and vote.

**CALENDAR
 OF
 EVENTS:**



May 23rd – SI Harrisburg
 Dinner meeting
 (elections and
 budget meeting)
 June 14th – SI Harrisburg
 Board meeting

- June 27th – SI Harrisburg
Dinner meeting
- July 27–29, 2023 – SI
Convention, Dublin,
Ireland
- August 5th—SI Harrisburg
Summer Social at
Billie Hawk's.
- October 7th – District IV FDM
Harrisburg and
West Shore are co-
hosting.

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.

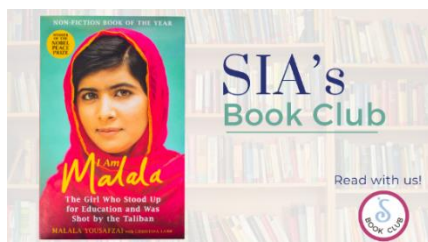
This book discussion is for your own enjoyment. It is not mandatory – only encouraged. We hope you enjoy this end of the club year activity.

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!

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

SUMMER SOCIAL

Our Summer Social will be held August 5, 4 PM to ?? at Billie Hawk's home. We are asking members to bring a side dish. Money provided by Helen Drothler will be used to purchase the main entrée and drinks (including wine) and all paper products. If you have questions, please contact Billie



at 717-545-6991. There will be a sign-up sheet at the June meeting. Bring a significant other along.

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/>

A TASTE of SOLT

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Did you know that our "Friendship Link" was established in 1967 with Cannock

and District Club, England, Soroptimist International of Great Britain and Ireland. This program promotes friendship, cooperation, mutual understanding and goodwill

between participants among the 2500 Soroptimist Clubs in over 84 countries of the world comprising Soroptimist

International Association.



INSPIRING QUOTES about MOTHERS

"The Golden Girls"

"It's not easy being a mother. If it were, fathers would do it."

Michelle Obama

"My mother's love has always been a sustaining force for our family, and one of my greatest joys is seeing her integrity, her compassion, her intelligence reflected in my daughters."

Unknown

"Moms are like buttons. They hold it all together."

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