



SOROPTIMIST®  
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Issue

# SOROPTIGRAM

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.

## MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT MARYBETH

### **June Program**

YWCA Women's  
Shelter

### **INVOCATION**

June

Patti Krow

**DATE: June 27,  
2023**  
**TIME: 6:30 P.M.**  
**PLACE: Faith  
Immanuel  
Presbyterian  
Church**  
**DINNER COSTS:  
\$20.00**

As we welcome summer on June 21, I would like to start this note by welcoming Maria Lagasca. Maria will be inducted into the Soroptimist community, at our June meeting on the 27<sup>th</sup>, it is so great to see new faces and open new opportunities, for us to meet and serve women and girls, throughout the community and the world. Welcome Maria!

Were you stuck on repeat? Repeat Day is noted for June 3rd. Although past as you read this message, it still reminds us to repeat the good things we do. Members will meet in August to establish our Programs of Service and donations for the year. Barring repeating myself, it is amazing to see our member's efforts and generosity month after month. Again, thank you for serving and your support of our efforts to serve the community in improving the lives of women and girls in the community and at large.

On Aug 5<sup>th</sup> we will repeat ourselves in celebrating our camaraderie and friendship at Billy Hawk's, as she has again offered to host our summer picnic. We look forward to seeing each of you and enjoying the wonders of your kitchens. Thank you, Billy!

June also recognizes our garden and friends with special days. As you plant your garden and await the glory of your handiwork in August and September, also remember friends. Although June 8<sup>th</sup>, a day set aside remembering friends, has past; it is never too late to visit, call or send a card to our friends. Summer offers good weather and the opportunity to travel, making visits easier. Let's remember those who have served the Club for years and those still serving and are new to service. All of us have a part in keeping us vibrant and moving forward.

Enjoy your summer and watch for notices as the work of those behind the scenes prepare for the coming year, such as, installation of officers and visit with the NAR Governor in September, our \*85<sup>th</sup> year and the Fall District meeting.

Marybeth

### ***June 27th MEETING***

Our Dinner meeting on Tuesday, June 27<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:hawk4017@verizon.net)).

### ***JUNE COLLECTION***

Our speaker will be from the YWCA Women's Shelter. Our collection for June will support the needs of the shelter:

Personal Hygiene items; feminine products; full size shampoo/conditioner;



African American haircare products; toothpaste and toothbrushes; deodorant; hair combs and brushes; hair ties. In addition, socks (any size); diapers; baby wipes; Giant gift cards and gas gift cards.



## ***CONGRATULATIONS to our 2023-24 OFFICERS***

President: MaryBeth Lehtimaki (2023-2024)  
Treasurer: Alice Lubrecht (2023-2024)  
Recording Secretary: M. Susan Wolfe (2023-2024)  
Corresponding Secretary: Patti Krow (2023-2025)

### Directors:

Billy Hawk (2023-2024)  
Peggy Schmidt (2023-2025)  
Jackie Speaks (to complete a term until 2024)

### Delegates:

Joan Gibson (2023- 2024)  
Sally Straining (2023-2025)

Installation of Officers will take place at our September meeting, but planning will take place during the summer months.

## ***2023-2024 DUES/Roster Forms***

**Dues checks will be due at the June meeting so the treasurer can pay our national and regional dues on time.** Invoices were provided at the May meeting. Let Alice know if you did not receive yours.



Roster forms will be due to Alice by mid-July as Marybeth and Alice work on committee assignments and the new roster book. Forms will be available at the June meeting.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS:



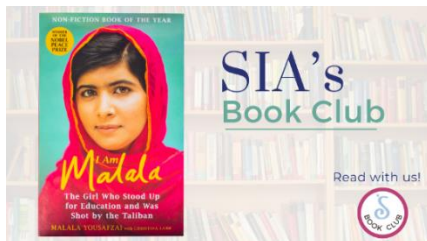
June 27<sup>th</sup> – SI Harrisburg Dinner meeting  
 July 27–29, 2023 – SI Convention, Dublin, Ireland  
 August 5<sup>th</sup>—SI Harrisburg Summer Social at Billie Hawk's.  
 August 12<sup>th</sup> – NAR Leadership Training  
 August 22<sup>nd</sup> – Joint Committee meeting, Alice Lubrecht's home  
 September 12<sup>th</sup> – SI Harrisburg Board meeting, Susan Wolfe's home  
 September 26<sup>th</sup> – SI Harrisburg Dinner meeting; Gov Patti visit  
 October 7<sup>th</sup> – District IV FDM Harrisburg and West Shore are co-hosting.

## 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](mailto: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.

## ***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/>





## 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](http://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

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