



**SOROPTIMIST®**  
Investing in Dreams

September 2023  
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

### **September Program**

Installation of  
Officers/ NAR  
Governor's Visit

### **INVOCATION**

September

President MaryBeth

**DATE: September 26**

**TIME: 6:30 P.M.**

**PLACE: Faith  
Immanuel**

**Presbyterian Church**

**DINNER COSTS:**

**\$20.00**

*The New Club Year is upon us. We begin with our September dinner meeting and officer installation. NAR Governor Patti will be her to conduct the ceremony. Thank you for your assistance, Governor Patti. I also want to thank each of you for accepting positions and look forward to a productive year.*

*We will also induct Maria Lagasca. Welcome Maria, your youth and knowledge will be a great addition and energize us as we move forward.*

*With the start of the New Year, we have our first opportunity at fundraising with Boscov's Community Day participation. Joan will have the coupons available at the meeting. Please be generous as fundraising supports our treasury and projects budget.*

*October will come fast, as we are co-hosting the Fall District meeting on October 7<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to all of you who are participating.*

*At our first business meeting we will be collecting Period Poverty items and making blankets.*

*As always, we had a good time at the Summer Social sharing with one another. Maria attended and we got a chance to get to know her better and share our combined knowledge of Soroptimism with her as well. Thanks again Billy for your generosity and support.*

*We are small but we are still mighty!!*

*Marybeth*

## September 26th MEETING

Our Dinner meeting on Tuesday, September 26th will be held at 6:30 PM at the Faith Immanuel Presbyterian Church, 1801 Colonial Road, Harrisburg. We will be celebrating our 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with a dinner of fried chicken and sides from Giant Foods. The cost of the meal will be \$20. You need to contact Billie Hawk by next Thursday to inform her if you do or do not want a meal (717-545-6991).

We will celebrate our Friendship Link by lighting our Friendship candle from SI Cannock and will work on fleece blankets for one of the women's shelters for October.

## September COLLECTION

We will collect Period Poverty items to donate to Dauphin County Library system. The library branches hand these out to women and girls in need of these items without charge.



**NAR Governor Patti** will install our 2023-2024 officers at our September business meeting.



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)

In addition, President MaryBeth will induct our newest member, Maria Lagasca.



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

- 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 at Our Saviour Lutheran Church 420 N Progress Avenue Harrisburg 17109.
- October 24<sup>th</sup> – SI Harrisburg Dinner meeting
- April 26-28, 2024 – NAR Spring Conference, Gettysburg, PA
- July 24-27, 2024 – SIA Convention, Bellevue, Washington

## BIRTHDAYS

- September 14 Patti Krow
- September 15 Meada McAllister



## DISTRICT IV FALL DISTRICT MEETING



On **Saturday, October 7**, we are co-hosting this fall's District IV Fall District Meeting at Our Saviour Lutheran Church, 420 N Progress Avenue in Susquehanna Township. The meeting will begin at 10 a.m. but the Board is asking members to arrive early (between 8:30 and 9 a.m.) to assist in setting up the basket raffle and breakfast items. The club's support of this joint venture is essential to its success. Updates from our region

chairs on various projects and a report from the SI convention this summer will be included. In addition, the planning group has chosen to work on items for a local organization (Caitlin's Smiles) so the 50/50 donations will be sent to them.

In addition, each club is asked to bring coloring books and 24-pack crayons for Caitlin's Smiles.



**Our treasurer will be registering club members unless they tell her they can't make it by next Tuesday (September 19).** Cost for non-delegates will be \$45.

## ***SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION***

At the SI Convention this summer, the international organization announced the establishment of the Soroptimist International Foundation to take the place of the biennial SI President's Appeal projects. By establishing this Charitable Trust, we have expanded our ability to fund projects and initiatives which align with our Mission. With a focus on education, poverty prevention and human rights, we strive to foster positive change and create a more inclusive world.

**EDUCATE**  
**EMPOWER**  
**ENABLE**



Your support, whether through donations or legacy gifts, has the power to change lives and build a better world for all.

With the establishment of the Soroptimist International Foundation, SI will no longer have an International President's Appeal. The SI President will lead the Foundation, raising awareness of projects and promoting fundraising through grants, member giving, and legacies. Being awarded charitable status confirms the integrity and intentions of Soroptimist International Foundation, increasing Soroptimist International's public profile and reinforces the organization's reputation as a force for good in the world.

SI Harrisburg will continue to have a voluntary donation taken at our December meeting to support these efforts.

## ***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.



## 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

A recent donation of \$30 was given to the Treasurer.

## FRIENDSHIP LINK



The theme for SI Cannock's International Evening on 17th October will be the USA, and they are asking if we would be able to send them something for the evening, maybe a video, photos or a message for the evening? The board thinks photos of our September meeting as well as the District IV FDM will be appropriate. Smile when you see the camera!

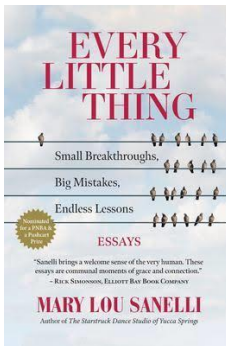
You can now connect with our English friendship link on Facebook:

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

Or via the web at: <http://sigbi.org/cannock-and-district/>



## NAR BOOK DISCUSSIONS



In her July newsletter, Governor Patti announced that our FIRST NAR Book Club will begin in September with Governor Elect Beth facilitating. The first book choice is *Every Little Thing* by Mary Lou Sanelli, followed by *I am Malala, the Girl who Stood up for Education and was Shot by the Taliban* in November. I hope you can join in the discussions! The editor has not heard any specific date for these discussions. I knew several of us already read *I Am Malala* so we are ready for November. *Every Little Thing* was the book mentioned at Spring Conference and is sitting on the editor's coffee table. Need to get reading...

**2023-2024 ROSTERS** will be available at the September meeting. A few extras have been printed and will be available for \$2.00 each.





## 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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