



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

November Program
Salvation Army

December Program
Christmas Party

INVOCATION

November
Billie Hawk

December
Alice Lubrecht

DATE: November 28
TIME: 6 P.M.

DATE: December 12
TIME: 6:15 P.M.
PLACE: Faith Immanuel Presbyterian Church
DINNER COSTS: \$20.00

Well as usual the holidays have started with a bang, but a bang of a different sort. Yes, the children and families celebrated Halloween with their usual vigor and candy seeking. But the world brings us back to memories of our days, for many, of the Vietnam era and more. We give thanks each year and offer prayers to and for our Veterans on Veteran's Day. We need to remember to do so daily, adding prayers for those active troops throughout the world who fight for justice and peace. As we gather for our November hands on project, we will offer thanks and bring joy to our Veteran's with signing cards. With each card we sign let's send a prayer giving thanks and praying for world peace and respect for all. Enabling us to uphold our ideals of Soroptimism, to create a better world not only for women and girls but for all.

In addition. At our November meeting, we will gather toys for the Salvation Army to offer to those who are unable to purchase more than basic needs. I am ever thankful for all your efforts in support of those in need. We may be few and only able to drop a pebble in the pond but take a moment in your mind's eye to watch the rings created by that pebble and see all those we have touched with these small blessings.

Let's leave the bleak and give thanks for all we have and look forward to the joy of the coming season.



*May your Turkey be plump.
May your potatoes and gravy never have lumps.
May your yams be delicious, and your pie take a prize.
May your Thanksgiving dinner bring blessings to each of you and yours.*

Thank you for all you do and have a wonderful holiday season.

Marybeth

NOVEMBER 28TH MEETING

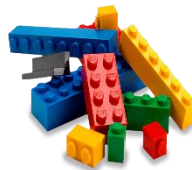
Our Dinner meeting on Tuesday, **November 28th will be held at 6:00 PM** at the Faith Immanuel Presbyterian Church, 1801 Colonial Road, Harrisburg. The meal will be provided by Treasurer Alice Lubrecht. The menu will be soup, salad, rolls, fruit and a dessert. The cost of the meal will be \$20. You need to contact Billie Hawk by next Friday to inform her if you do or do not want a meal (717-545-6991).

We will hear from the Salvation Army and work on holiday cards for veterans at the Lebanon VA Hospital.

NOVEMBER COLLECTION

Salvation Army Christmas Gift Collection is asking for new UNWRAPPED Toys, Clothing and Games.

- Board and card games
- Art and craft sets
- Fleece throw blankets,
- Hats, gloves and scarf sets
- Legos



We also need holiday cards to send to the veterans! Non-sectarian and no need for envelopes.

DECEMBER 12TH MEETING

Our Christmas Party on Tuesday, **December 12th will be held at 6:15 PM** at the Faith Immanuel Presbyterian Church, 1801 Colonial Road, Harrisburg. The meal will be from Simply Turkey. The cost of the meal will be \$20. You need to contact Billie Hawk by Thursday, December 7 to inform her if you do or do not want a meal (717-545-6991).

Susan will entertain us with a reading of a favorite Christmas book. Alice will lead us in singing Christmas carols. And, we will again participate in the **HOLIDAY MYSTERY BAGS** fundraiser as in the past. Members can assemble items in a gift bag and the club will sell them for half the value. For example: If the value of the items in the bag are worth \$10 then you close the bag and add a tag to price it as \$5). A value of \$20 is the maximum amount.



We are starting our meeting a little later so you can take part in the Cookie Walk the Colonial Crest Association is hosting to raise money for The Downtown Daily Bread. Come early and support a good cause.



DECEMBER COLLECTION

Our traditional collection for December is the monetary collection for Soroptimist International Foundation. This fund focuses on education, poverty prevention and human rights – all topics being challenged around the world. Let's support the needs of women and girls around the world this year.





LIVE YOUR DREAM AWARDS

By the November 15th deadline, we had received 9 completed applications! The committee is reviewing the applicants and will make the selection of 1st and 2nd winners in January. Thanks to the efforts of the committee for promoting this worthy SIA program.

SIA BOARD ELECTIONS

We have received notice for SIA Region 12 Board elections. Two candidates are running to represent our region on the SIA Board. The SI Harrisburg board will have a board recommendation at the November meeting and the candidates' information will be shared with the meeting agenda next week.

SIA CONVENTION

The SIA Board has heard from many clubs about the mandatory fee of \$800. As a result of their further deliberations, they have approved using Disaster Funds to support the clubs unable to handle the increased fee. Applications to receive a \$200 reduction will be processed in the order they are received in early January. SI Harrisburg's Board has approved a motion to have the Club Treasurer apply for these funds as soon as the application is available.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

November 28th – SI Harrisburg Dinner meeting. NOTE
START TIME AT 6 p.m.

December 12th - SI Harrisburg Christmas Party –
Starting at 6:15 p.m.

January 9th – SI Board meeting, 6 p.m. ZOOM

January 23rd – SI Harrisburg Dinner meeting Noon. Restaurant TBD

April 26-28, 2024 – NAR Spring Conference, Gettysburg, PA

July 24-27, 2024 – SIA Convention, Bellevue, Washington



BIRTHDAYS



November 2 – Billie Hawk
 November 11 – Jean Johns
 December 21 – Marybeth Lehtimaki
 December 23 – Sally Straining



**During this season
 TWO LIFE
 MEMBERS need to
 know they are not
 forgotten. Please
 mail Christmas
 cards to:**

*Jean Johns, Homeland
 Nursing Center, 1905
 North 5th Street,
 Harrisburg, PA 17102*

*Miriam Rothermel, 26
 Eisenhower Blvd.,
 Duncannon, PA 17020*

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

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*

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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Peggy Schmidt 2023-25

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