



SOROPTIMIST®
Investing in Dreams

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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

March Program

Live Your Dream
Awardees

INVOCATION

March
Joan Gibson

DATE: March 26
TIME: 6 P.M.

**PLACE: Faith
Immanuel
Presbyterian
Church**

Cost: \$20.00

March is upon us again with weather of all kinds. It came in as lamb... Will it continue and give us a pleasant Easter. Yes, Easter is quickly upon us. Enjoy your family and all that entails. Don't eat too many peeps or too much chocolate. Save some for the kiddies.

On the Club side we look forward to awarding our Live Your Dream recipients at our dinner meeting March 26th. Congratulations to Yasmine Moore and Jasmin Williams. We have our Ruby award and Weaver scholarship to look forward to if anyone knows of a group in need which fits our profile, let Patty Krow know. Students going into a stem program can find our application on our website or inform Alice or myself and we will get in touch with them. We are working with Meada McAlister, our Scholarship chair, as she is with her sister due to issues with her health.

It is also the time of year that we are reaching out to fill Club positions. Please, consider the Clubs needs and be willing to say "Yes" when contacted by the nomination committee lead by Sally Straining. Speaking of the time of the year if you have ideas or wishes for our budget let Alice know we will soon be working on next year's budget.

President's Message cont.

On that note we will be planning our community service projects as well. Put on your thinking caps and keep your eyes open for needs in our community. Let's continue to be a force in the lives of women and girls in our community.

*Blessings and Happy Easter,
Marybeth*

March 26th MEETING

Our dinner meeting on Tuesday, **March 26th will be held at 6:00 PM** in Shaffer Hall at Faith Immanuel Presbyterian Church on Colonial Road.

Our service activity at the meeting will be making “Love Note Stickers” for the diaper packs as requested by Healthy Steps Diaper Bank. We will also sign Easter cards for our shut-ins.

You need to contact Billie Hawk by Friday, February 23rd to inform her if you will be attending.

MARCH COLLECTION

We will be collecting diapers for the Healthy Steps Diaper Bank.

**LIVE YOUR DREAM AWARDS**

At the March Meeting we will hear from our Live Your Dream awardees.

Our first-place winner is Jennina Moore. She is presently living at Bethesda Women's Shelter. She is enrolled in the Pre-Health/Nursing program at HACC. She hopes to graduate in 2027. She has been a caretaker since her teens as she

cared for her grandmother who needed 24 hr. assistance. She has also had to care for her father who was an amputee. Caring comes naturally for Jennina, she attributes her passion for caring as a gift from God. We wish her all the best as she works to reach her goals.

Our second-place winner is Jasmine Williams. She is pursuing a career in Criminal Justice. She will graduate in June of 2025. She is most interested in youth. She hopes to open a center for problematic youth. She feels her taking up criminal justice as a field of study will help her achieve this goal, as it is providing her with the knowledge, support and understanding of today's family's needs. She feels this knowledge will support her in helping today's youth. Congratulations Jasmine and best wishes in moving towards reaching your goals.

We will be giving each woman her award at our March meeting.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:



March 26th SI Harrisburg Dinner Meeting, 6 p.m. Faith Immanuel Presbyterian Church

April 9th SI Harrisburg Board, 6 p.m. at Billie Hawk's residence

April 24th SI Harrisburg dinner meeting 6 p.m. Nevada Room, Faith Immanuel Presbyterian Church

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

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

CALL TO SPRING CONFERENCE

We have received the call to NAR Spring Conference which will be held from April 26 to the 28th at the Wyndham

Gettysburg in Gettysburg PA. The theme of the 96th annual conference is the "Ghosts of Gettysburg", starting with a Women of Gettysburg Tour on Friday afternoon, through a costume party on Friday evening and the Saturday banquet entertainment called "Aunt Hattie's House".

The club will need to send in registrations before the end of March so let the treasurer know if you would like to attend the conference by our March meeting.



NAR REGION SERVICE PROJECT ...



will be the YWCA Hanover Domestic Violence Pantry Needs. They are asking clubs to bring any of the following items to Conference with the club members:

- Rice • Pasta • Pasta Sauce • Fruit (Canned or Dried) • Hormel Compleats - or microwaveable shelf stable meals • Ramen • Tuna • Canned Chicken • Multicultural Hair Products • Baking Soda • Spice - especially Salt • Reusable Shopping Bags • Individually wrapped snacks - granola bars, crackers, cookies, Chips etc. • Cleaning Supplies • Diapers (especially large size) • Pullups • Baby Wipes • Gift Cards - Walmart, Target, Amazon

This will be our April collection.

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.



CANDIDATES for SIA 2024-2025 PRESIDENT Elect

The resumes and videos for all the candidates are now available for your review on the [SIA website](#). We will need to review the candidates and determine how to vote by our April meeting.



SIA's 3RD ANNUAL TEA PARTY FOR INTERNATIONAL



WOMEN'S DAY was held on March 7th via Zoom. The theme this year was "Inspire Inclusion". Clubs are to think about how we can motivate ourselves and others to make it a reality.



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/>



Sweet St. Patrick's Day Sayings



- Happy St. Patrick's Day!
- You're my lucky charm.

- Luck o' the Irish.
- The luck is in believing you're lucky.
- May every petal on the shamrock bring you joy and good luck.
- Wishing you a pot of gold this St. Patrick's Day.
- It's the luck of the Irish!

Easter Bunny Sayings. . .



- Bunny kisses and **Easter** wishes.
- Somebunny loves you.
- Happy **Easter** to all my peeps!
- **Have** a happy **Easter**, for peeps sake!
- Hope you **have** an egg-stra special **Easter** ...



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.**

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