



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

May Program

2024-2025 Budget
Approval
Elections

INVOCATION

May
Patti Krow

DATE: May 28
TIME: 6 P.M.

**PLACE: Faith
Immanuel
Presbyterian
Church**

Cost: \$20.00

May is an especially busy month starting with May Day where we remember friendships old and new, then Mother's day as we recognize our mothers and many of us are given thanks, as well, for our part, in growing the character of our children, on the end of things there's graduations and proms, finally is our nominations for board positions to continue our work in bettering the lives of women and girls in our community and abroad. To that end, I would like to thank Sally Straining for all her effort in presenting a ballot to the board and to each of you, dedicated hearts, who said yes when she called. So to you. . .

Dedicated Hearts

Which aren't so easily to be found

It takes a special person to be

So generous and kind.

To care so much for our fellow women

Is a quality all too rare

Yet we give our time and talents,

For all in need to share.

So thank you for volunteering,

We are privileged to work together

Not just today but the whole year through

In our efforts to

*Improve the lives of women and girls throughout the world
especially in our community*

*Blessings,
Marubeth*

May 27th MEETING

Our dinner meeting on Tuesday May 28th will be held at 6:00 PM in

Shaffer Hall at Faith Immanuel Presbyterian Church on Colonial Road. President Marybeth is planning chicken chili, chips and salsa, salad and dessert for our dinner.

In May, we will start thinking about our future year of service with a discussion and approval of our draft budget and dues schedule for 2024-2025.

You need to contact Marybeth and Billie by Friday, May 24th to inform them if you will be attending.

**MAY COLLECTION**

We will be gathering items for The Downtown Daily Bread's supply of toiletries for the homeless whom they serve. Travel size soaps, shampoos, toothbrushes and toothpaste as well as towels and washcloths are always needed. In addition, AA batteries, Off bug spray, Cutter bug spray and small umbrellas would be appreciated.

SIA 2024-2025 PRESIDENT Elect

Was announced on May 3. Congratulations to Sue Riney.

**WEAVER SCHOLARSHIP**

We have now received seven applications for the Weaver scholarship. The scholarship committee will be reviewing the applications and making their decision by the end of the month.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS:**

- May 28th SI Harrisburg dinner meeting, 6 p.m. Faith Immanuel Presbyterian Church
- June 11th SI Harrisburg Board, 6 p.m. at Billie Hawk's residence
- June 25th SI Harrisburg dinner meeting, 6 p.m. Faith Immanuel Presbyterian Church
- July 24-27, 2024 – SIA Convention, Bellevue, Washington
- August 18th SI Harrisburg Summer Social, Hawk Residence
- October 5 – District IV Fall District Meeting, Jones Mill, PA

May 2 to 4, 2025 – NAR Spring
Conference, Glens
Falls NY



2024 NAR SPRING CONFERENCE

From our District IV Director:
Well, another successful NAR Spring Conference is in the books, and I want to thank all who attended. What a great time we had at the Women of Gettysburg Tour and the Ghosts of Gettysburg Friday night mixer and dance.

Congratulations to incoming District IV Director, Carol Walsh, incoming NAR Board Secretary, Marian Fritzsche, incoming NAR Board Treasurer, Sheri McLaughlin and District IV Secretary, Rose Weir. Your NAR District IV is well represented on the 2024-2026 NAR board and as your incoming Governor-elect we are committed to serving you and the rest of the region well. Please let us hear from you! We want your thoughts, ideas, and topics for future events as well as ongoing monthly networking and training calls. What do you want to learn more about? Let us know and we will

do our very best to present interesting and engaging content for you.

I want to thank you all for your support and dedication to me as District IV Director over the last 2 years and for giving me the encouragement to go forward in our organization. The clubs in District IV are some of the most active and are deeply invested in the Soroptimist mission and vision. You should all be very proud of your accomplishments.

It has been my pleasure to serve you and I look forward to seeing everything you accomplish moving forward.

Sincerely,
Lisa Malago

2024-25 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 rise of dues and our continuing decision to cover the dues for our Life members. Bring a copy to the meeting for discussion and vote.



PROPOSED 2024-25 OFFICERS

President – Marybeth Lehtimaki
 Treasurer – Alice Lubrecht
 Secretary – Susan Wolfe
 Corresponding Secretary – Patty Krow
 Director – Joan Gibson to serve out
 Peggy Schmidt's term
 Billy Hawk
 Jackie Speaks
 Delegate – Joan Gibson

Sally Straining continues as Delegate

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

A TASTE of SOLT -- Founders Pennies

Each year, Soroptimist clubs make



Founders Pennies donations to celebrate the founding of our organization and support its global Dream Programs. Founders Pennies are a classic, time-

honored tradition for clubs, and a creative way to help fund life changing programs. Founders Pennies help create a local and global relationship between Soroptimist clubs and members, and the women and girls who need our support.

How are Founders Pennies used?

Founders Pennies are used to fund the Live Your Dream Awards, Dream It, Be It, and other SIA programs that improve the lives of women and girls in local communities and throughout the world. Founders Pennies represent approximately 10 percent of the total \$1.7 million contributed to fund federation programs.

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/>

DID YOU KNOW? FACTS ABOUT MEMORIAL DAY

- **American flags** are flown at half-staff until noon on Memorial Day and then raised to full-staff for the rest of the day as a symbol of the nation's resilience and determination.



- **The National Moment of Remembrance** was

established by Congress in 2000 as a way to encourage Americans to pause for one minute at 3 p.m. on Memorial Day to remember and honor the sacrifices of those who died in service to the country.

- **The red poppy** has become a symbol of Memorial Day. This tradition dates back to World War I when a poem called "In Flanders Fields" described red poppies growing on the graves of fallen soldiers.
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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

**SOROPTIMIST
 INTERNATIONAL
 Of
 HARRISBURG, PA, INC.**

**2023-2024 OFFICERS &
 BOARD**

President: MaryBeth Lehtimaki

Vice President:

PLEASE CONSIDER

Recording Secretary:

M. Susan Wolfe

Corresponding Secretary:

Patti Krow

Treasurer: Alice Lubrecht

Directors:

Billie Hawk 2023-24

Jackie Speakes 2023-24

Vacant 2023-25

Delegates:

Joan Gibson 2022-24

Sally Straining 2023-25