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# Soroptigram

## President's Message:

The New Club Year is upon us. We begin with our September dinner meeting and officer installation. NAR District 4 Director Carol Walsh will be here to conduct the ceremony. Thank you for your assistance, DD4 Carol. I also want to thank each of you for accepting positions and look forward to a productive year.

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.

At our first business meeting we will be collecting Period

*Poverty items and receiving Domestic Violence Prevention materials to distribute during the month of October.*

*And we will be voting on the Planning Committee's proposed plan of meeting topics and service projects for the year. Please review the document in your email.*

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

*Marybeth*



## September's Meeting

**Program**  
Installation of  
Officers/District 4  
Director's Visit

**Inspiration**  
Alice Lubrecht

**Monthly Collection**  
Period Poverty Items  
for Dauphin County  
Public Library

DATE: September 24

TIME: 6 P.M.

PLACE: Faith Immanuel  
Presbyterian Church

DINNER COSTS: \$20.00



## Calendar of Upcoming Events

September 24 –  
Dinner meeting, 6  
p.m. Faith Immanuel  
Presbyterian

September 28 – 20th  
Candlelight Vigil, NAR  
Peace Garden, 4 p.m.

October 5 – District 4  
Fall District meeting,  
Highlands Hall, Jones  
Mill, PA

October 8 – SI Harrisburg  
Board Meeting, Billie  
Hawk's Home  
October 22 – Dinner  
meeting, Faith Immanuel  
Presbyterian

May 2-4, 2025 – NAR  
Spring Conference, Glen  
Falls, NY



## Happy Birthday

September 14  
Patti Krow

September 15  
Meada McAllister

### Fundraising

**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.

**Boscov's Friends and Family Coupons:** Each member will receive five coupons at the September meeting. These can be sold to friends at \$5 each. Money will be due back at the October meeting.

### DISTRICT IV FALL DISTRICT MEETING



October 5  
Highland Hall  
Jones Mills PA

District IV Fall District Meeting  
The meeting will begin at 10 a.m. Updates from our region chairs on various projects and a report from the SIA convention this summer will be included.

Basket Raffles to Support the  
NAR Peace Begins at Home  
grants.

Registration deadline is two  
days after our club meeting. If  
planning to attend, please let  
the Treasurer know before the  
23rd.

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## Soroptimist UpliftHER

**Soroptimists UpliftHER** is an exciting new member engagement initiative from the program department. Once a quarter, we will focus on an obstacle that women and girls face on their path to formal education and economic empowerment. SIA headquarters will share information about the obstacle, as well as suggested projects related to that obstacle that count towards our Big Goal. Clubs can participate in the quarterly project focus by sharing SIA posts and posting their own projects with the hashtag #SoroptimistsUpliftHER.

### FOCUS AREAS AND PROJECTS

**October:** Intimate Partner Violence • Partner with a local shelter to provide professional dress clothing for women who have experienced violence and provide training on interview basics, resume writing, and career advancement. Be sure to report it as a Big Goal Accelerator Project.



**January:** Trafficking • Provide a scholarship for woman who have experienced trafficking and if appropriate, offer a career or college mentoring program. Be sure to report it as a Big Goal Accelerator Project (or Live Your Dream Award, if you give one to a survivor of trafficking).

**March:** Single Parenting • Financial assistance for childcare during school or training programs can make a huge difference to a single parent! If your club provides childcare grants to single mothers, be sure to report it to SIA.

**May:** Period Poverty • Host a drive and get hands-on while you create period kits to donate to local agencies serving foster girls, shelters, or low-income schools. Don't forget to report it to SIA!

### Ways to Get Involved!

This is a completely voluntary initiative, but we do hope members and clubs will be excited to participate!

- Share SIA's posts about each monthly focus on social media.
- Post about your club's own project using the hashtag #SoroptimistsUpliftHER.
- Participate in one of the suggested quarterly projects and report it to SIA as appropriate!

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