

SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF HARRISBURG PA

September 2024

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. 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.

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).

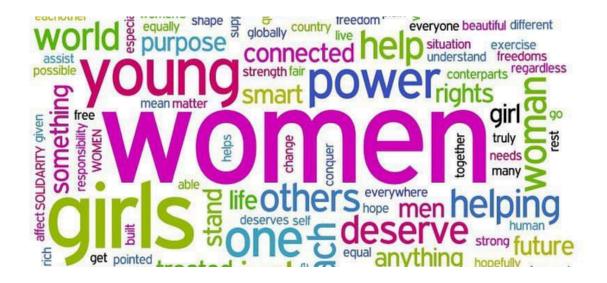
March: Single Parenting • Financial assistance for childcare during school or training programs can make a huge difference to a single parent! If your club provides childcare grants to single mothers, be sure to report it to SIA.

May: Period Poverty • Host a drive and get hands-on while you create period kits to donate to local agencies serving foste 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!



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.

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