

Soroptigram



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Investing in Dreams

President's Message:

We are off to a good start. Our 2024-25 calendar has been approved and we have some exciting things coming. Thanks to all hands on deck. Our partnership with the library, is especially exciting, thanks to Maria's guidance and determination to increase membership. We are also partnering with Mt. Calvary Episcopal Church to assist with their refurbishing and furnishing of properties held by Brethren housing. Keep up the good work ladies we will have a good year with all of us working together. We are small but we are mighty.

One thing I do need to ask of the members, is to put your thinking caps on and come up with some suggestions as to how we might be able to increase our income, so we can continue with all that we do. Whether it is for the community or in support of those who attend the conventions and keep us informed as to what is going on with Soroptimism.

The ball is already rolling as you can see. I look forward to seeing all of you, at the meetings, especially those who were unable to come to the summer social. Let's keep in mind and our prayers those who are not physically able to join us. Thanks again Billy for another lovely summer social. We will gather again for socializing and business on October 22nd. Enjoy the fall and don't let the Goblins get you.

Blessings,

Marybeth

OCTOBER'S MEETING

PROGRAM

Brethren Housing

INSPIRATION

Maria Lagasca

MONTHLY COLLECTION

Cleaning Supplies

DATE: October 22

TIME: 6 PM

**PLACE: Faith Immanuel
Presbyterian Church**

DINNER COST: \$20



Calendar of Upcoming Events

October 22 — Boscov's
Friends and Family Event

— Dinner meeting, 6
PM, Faith Immanuel Pres-
byterian Church

November 12 — Board
meeting at Billie Hawk's
residence

November 26 — Dinner
meeting, 6 PM Faith Im-
manuel Presbyterian
Church

December 10 — Dinner
meeting/Holiday Party, 6
PM, Faith Immanuel Pres-
byterian Church

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

October is Domestic Violence Prevention Month

Soroptimists Uplift HER



October Focus Area

October is Domestic Violence Prevention Month so it is only fitting that Soroptimists around the world are focusing on the prevention of Intimate Partner Violence.

At our September meeting, SI Harrisburg members received cards to place in public

bathrooms around Harrisburg. If you would like more, Alice can send you the file which you can print yourself. Don't forget to place yours in places where women and girls can safely pick one up.

In addition, we will hear from Brethren Housing who works with others in the area to provide transitional housing and counseling to women in the Harrisburg area.

Our October collection is cleaning supplies for Brethren Housing to distribute to residents of transitional housing.

SEPTEMBER MEETING HIGHLIGHTS



Club Members with District Director Carol Walsh on September 24

- District IV Director Carol Walsh joined up on September 24 to give us an update on NAR and District activities and to install our new officers for the 2024-2025 Club Year.
- Members received information to share about keeping safe as we support Domestic Violence Prevention month in October.
- Club members approved the Program Planning Committee Report for the 2024-2025 year.
- Members heard about SIA's SoroptimistsUpliftHER.
- Members received coupons for the Boscov's Friends and Family event on October 22. Please remember to give Joan your money for this fundraiser. Let Joan know if you can help her with the sale of coupons at the store on the 22nd.
- We partnered with Dauphin County Public Library System to promote Period Positivity by collecting period supplies to be distributed through the library's branches.



OCTOBER IS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PREVENTION MONTH
Did you know...



The infographic features a dark purple background. At the top, the word "WOMEN" is written in large, white, bold, sans-serif capital letters. Below this, there is a horizontal row of ten purple female silhouettes. Underneath the silhouettes, the text "AGES 18-34" is written in large, dark purple, bold, sans-serif capital letters. To the right of this, the text "ARE AT GREATEST RISK OF BECOMING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIMS" is written in a smaller, dark purple, sans-serif font. On the left side, there is a circular logo with a red-to-orange gradient. Inside the circle, a white silhouette of a woman's head is shown in profile, facing right. The text "LIVE YOUR DREAM" is written in white, with "LIVE" and "DREAM" in a smaller font than "YOUR". Below the main text, there is a dark purple horizontal bar containing the text "SOURCE: Safe Horizon, Domestic Violence: Statistics & Facts" in a small, white, sans-serif font.

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LIVE YOUR DREAM

Deadline for Live Your Dream applications is November 15. Do you know a woman who would qualify? The application link is:

<https://www.soroptimist.org/our-work/live-your-dream-awards/apply-for-the-live-your-dream-awards.html>

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YOUR
dream

education & training awards for women®

FALL DISTRICT MEETING



Over 35 District IV members made the trek to Jones Mills PA to attend the FDM. There were lively discussions about ways to support the efforts of women and girls to improve their lives as well as ways clubs can improve their impact in the community

through partnerships with other organizations.

And we got a glimpse of a quilt which will be raffled at the NAR Spring Conference to support the SI SUN scholarship in memory of Karen Gehers (shown to the left). Raffle tickets will be sent to each club for purchase before spring conference.



FUNDRAISING

GIANT GROCERY

CARDS: Treat a senior citizen, family member or give a gift to a family or individual in need to assistance. Giant grocery cards can be purchased in amounts of \$25, \$50 and \$100 by contacting Jacalyn Speaks at

jcspeak@aol.com.

The club receives 5% of the value of cards sold to use towards our projects.

BOSCOV'S FRIENDS AND FAMILY COUPONS:

Don't forget to return your money to Joan Gibson at the October meeting.





Soroptimist International of Harrisburg's Mission

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.

Soroptimist International of Harrisburg

We are on the web at:
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