

Soroptigram

President's Message:

March winds? I'm not sure what the weather is doing. It seemed to be windy all of 2024 and it is still windy. Mother Nature sure seems to be confused. We had somewhat of a normal winter and now spring is following suit. The wind has blown in April Showers and is still blowing but we don't have to wait till May for the showers to bring May flowers. Just look outside or take a drive. There are blooms everywhere bringing us joy and hope of better days to come.

We are springing forward and bringing joy to our community with our awards. At our dinner this month, we will present our Ruby award. I could tell you who it is but read further. I'm sure you will find out. We continue to fulfill our mission to better the lives of women and girls in our community. Bring a friend to dinner perhaps we will get a new member.

I would like to take this opportunity to shower those who worked so hard to put these awards together. Thank you one and all. Many thanks goes to Joan Gibson for putting together our ballot for 2025-26.

A huge shower of thanks goes to those who responded positively and are stepping forward to guide our club in the coming year.

A shower of blessings to all!!

Marybeth



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APRIL'S MEETING

PROGRAM

Ruby Award and
Central PA Literacy
Council

INSPIRATION

Joan Gibson

MONTHLY COLLECTION

Items for DIBI Daypacks

DATE: April 22

TIME: 6 PM

PLACE: Faith Immanuel
Presbyterian Church,
Colonial Road

DINNER COST: \$20

Calendar of Upcoming Events



April 22—SI Dinner meeting, Faith Immanuel Presbyterian Church. Ruby Award winner

April 24 — Red Robin Fundraiser, 4 to 8 p.m.

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

May 13 — SI Board

meeting, Wolfe Residence

May 21—DIBI Program with Salvation Army, Steelton Highspire Middle School, 8:30 a.m.

May 27 — SI Dinner meeting, Faith Immanuel Presbyterian Church. Elections

April Meeting

In April we tentatively plan to recognize our Ruby Award winner for her service to the community:

Shirley Nolt is the co-founder and lead instructor for CATRA, The Capitol Area Therapeutic Riding Association. CATRA offers an opportunity for Capital Area residents from all generations with all types of special and typical needs to establish an atmosphere of support, respect, and health. We come together in an equestrian farm environment offering a therapeutic riding and animal assisted experience to those able to benefit from it.

If Shirley is unable to attend in April, we will recognize her at our May meeting.

Our second honoree is the Central Pennsylvania Literacy Council who we have supported for a number of years for their efforts to assist adults in our area with literacy challenges.

APRIL MEETING (CONT)

Our monthly collection is items needed for the Dream It Be It daypacks. Board members have agreed to provide Folders, Notebooks, Pencils, Fruit Snacks, Water Bottles and Fidget toys. We still need snack bars (NUT-FREE). We plan to pack about 50 packs.

Our Hands On Activity will be stuffing the daypacks for our Dream It Be It program.

May Meeting

Due to the editor's travel schedule, there will be NO May Soroptigram!

In May we will approve our budget for 2025-2026 and conduct our Board elections. You will find the draft budget and draft dues sheets included with this Soroptigram. The ballot for the Board elections will be sent after the Board meeting on May 13.

The monthly collection is scheduled to be paper supplies for a shelter.



DREAM IT BE IT



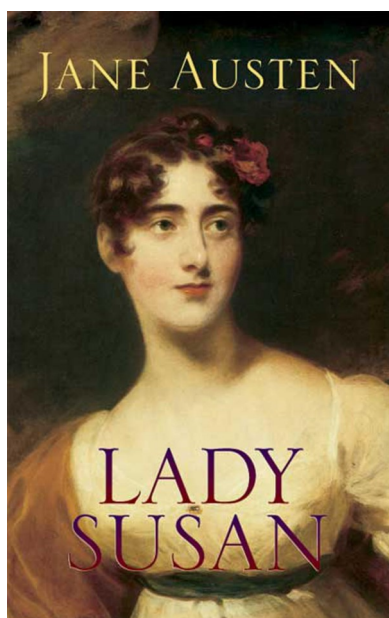
We will be responsible for filling 50 daypacks with items for the girls to use as part of the DI-BI event scheduled for May 21 at the Steelton Highspire Middle/High School. The bags have

been purchased and we would like to collect items for the bags in April. We specifically need granola bars or snack bars (NUT-FREE)

We are partnering with the Salvation Army who will provide the instructors and women for the career fair. Salvation Army will be using our DIBI curriculum and we will be responsible for moving the groups of 8th grade girls from session to session.

Interested in helping at the event? You will need your child clearances. Check out the PA Department of Human Services website for the way to obtain your clearance. <https://www.pa.gov/agencies/dhs/resources/keep-kids-safe/child-abuse-clearances/pa-child-abuse-history-clearance.html>

WEST SHORE SOROPTIMIST EVENT OF INTEREST



SI of West Shore is sponsoring a fundraiser at Oyster Mill Playhouse on SATURDAY, May 17, 2025 for the 2:00 PM Matinee

Young widow Lady Susan arrives at the country estate of her brother-in-law scheming to position herself well by gaining wealth. Her plans are tested, however, with the arrival of several unexpected and uninvited guests, including her daughter, with whom Lady Susan finds herself competing for a suitor. This period comedy based on Jane Austen's novella captures the wit and charm of its time.

Contact a SI West Shore member for tickets.

FUNDRAISING

SI HARRISBURG IS HOSTING A FUNDRAISER EVENT AT THE RED ROBIN ON JONESTOWN ROAD (NEAR THE KOHLS STORE) ON THURSDAY, APRIL 24 FROM 4 TO 8 P.M. PLEASE SHARE

THE FLYER WITH YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY. THIS SHOULD BE AN EASY WAY TO RAISE FUNDS FOR OUR CLUB'S PROJECTS TO SUPPORT HARRISBURG'S WOMEN AND GIRLS!



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Show this flyer or simply mention the fundraiser to your server to have your sales counted.

FUNDRAISER DETAILS

5125 Jonestown Rd Suite 125, Harrisburg, PA 17112

April 24, 2025 4PM - 8PM

If ordering online, please follow these instructions:

- 1 Start your order at redrobin.com/order and select the restaurant above.
- 2 In the menu, go to the category labeled "Fundraisers (To-Go Only)" and click on that item.
- 3 Click the "add" button, and then "add to bag."
- 4 Add your meal items and check out.
- 5 Arrive at Red Robin, come in, say hi, grab your food and be on your way! If your location has curbside pick-up, we can bring it to your car too!

*Donation based on all eligible net dine-in and to-go food sales only. Excludes sales from catering (at select locations), 3rd party ordering and delivery sites, alcohol, gift cards, retail, tax and gratuity. Offer void if flyer is distributed in or near the restaurant during fundraiser day & hours.



Budget for 2025-2026

Estimated Dues for Regular Members based on SIA's email in March re dues for the coming year. The Club covers the dues for the Life members.

SI Dues 2025-2026		
	Regular	Life
Federation		
Dues	\$78.00	\$10.00
Insurance	\$14.00	\$14.00
SI Dues	\$9.25	\$9.25
Federation Service		
Founders Pennies	\$6.30	\$6.30
Regional		
Dues	\$16.50	
NAR Meeting dues	\$13.00	
Regional Service		
Ethel F. Lord Fellowship	\$1.50	\$1.50
Subtotals	\$138.55	\$41.05
Local Dues	\$11.45	
Total Dues	\$150.00	\$41.05
Dinner Fees -- not part of dues	\$20.00	

Budget page is attached to Member's email.

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:
www.si-harrisburg.org

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The first Wednesday of
each month.

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