

June/July 2025 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

#### JUNE PROGRAM

Amiracle4sure Shelter

**INVOCATION** June

Marybeth

#### **MEETING**

Tuesday, June 24<sup>th</sup> 6 p.m. Faith Immanuel Presbyterian Church Dinner is \$20 As we welcome summer on the 21<sup>st</sup> let's welcome Cathy Mentzer. It is so great to see new faces and open new opportunities for us, to serve women and girls in our community and throughout the world. Cathy is already serving us as our caterer and offering interesting and nourishing meals to charge our batteries for this service. Cathy is full of ideas from her many years working with nonprofit organizations. I'm sure we will be moving forward quickly with her assistance. Welcome Cathy!

We welcomed Maria in 2023 and are already moving forward with new ideas from new members. We have our 2025-26 calendars completed so we can publish it in our Roster. We were able to present our scholarship recipient, Nnedinma Blessing Nwokeji, her award at Central Dauphin High School's senior awards night on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Presenting awards

and being present at nonprofit service fairs for volunteers opens us to the opportunity to gain new members. Thanks to Maria, we participated in the East Shore Library's fair in January, held a membership meeting there, and it's on our calendar for 2025-2026 as well as the Lower Paxton Fall Festival to be held at George Park in October.

We're stuck on repeat!! Repeat Day was June 3rd. Although it's past as you read this message, it still reminds us to repeat the good things we do. Let's go ladies! Baring repeating myself, it is amazing to see our members' efforts and generosity month after month. Again, thank you for serving and your support of our efforts to serve the community in improving the lives of women and girls as wells community at large.

On Aug 2<sup>nd</sup>, we will repeat ourselves in celebrating our comradeship and friendship at Billy Hawk's, as she has again offered to host our summer picnic. This year we are hoping to welcome the past Venture members. We look forward to seeing each of you and enjoying the wonders of your kitchens. Thank you, Billy!



Enjoy your summer and watch for notices, as the work of those behind the scenes prepare for the coming year. Remember to say yes when called upon to help!

### Keep cool and enjoy this time of leisure

Marybeth



# June 24th MEETING

Our Dinner meeting on Tuesday, June 24<sup>th</sup> will be held at 6 PM at the Faith Immanuel Presbyterian Church, 1801 Colonial Road, Harrisburg. The cost of the meal continues to be \$20. You need to contact Billie Hawk by the Thursday before to

inform her if you do or do not want a meal (717-545-6991 or hawk4017@verizon.net).

## JUNE COLLECTION

Our will be from Amiracle4sure who works with women reentering society after incarceration. Our collection for June will support the needs of the program:

- Twin bed sheets
- Cleaning products

CALENDAR

**OF EVENTS:** 

• Paper products

# 2025-2026 DUES/Roster Forms

Dues checks will be due at the June meeting so the treasurer can pay our national and regional dues on time. Invoices were provided at the May meeting. Let Alice know if you did not receive yours.



Roster forms will be due to Alice by mid-July as Marybeth and Alice work on committee assignments and the new roster book. Forms will be available at the June meeting.

June 24<sup>th</sup> – SI Harrisburg Dinner meeting August 2<sup>nd</sup> —SI Harrisburg Summer Social at Billie Hawk's. September 9<sup>th</sup> – SI Harrisburg Board meeting, Susan Wolfe's home September 23<sup>rd</sup> – SI Harrisburg Dinner meeting October 4<sup>th</sup> – Fall Festival at George Park



### DREAM IT BE IT

We worked with the Salvation Army to offer our Dream It Be It program to 41 Steelton Highspire girls on May 19 at the

Salvation Army's building on 29<sup>th</sup> Street. The program began with a career fair and then offered three separate sessions for the girls on goal setting and stress relief. The girls enjoyed themselves and were eager to learn more about goal setting and careers.

### WEAVER SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

The scholarship committee reviewed 13 applications before selecting Nnedinma Blessing Nwokeji, a senior at Central Dauphin High School, as the Weaver Scholarship winner. Blessing, as she prefers to be called, will attend the University of Pennsylvania where she will pursue an education in cognitive science.

## **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 \$25, \$50, and \$100 by contacting Jacalyn Speaks at <u>jcspeaks@aol.com</u>. <u>The club receives 5% of the value of cards sold</u>.

# SUMMER SOCIAL

Our Summer Social will be held August 2nd, 4 to 7 p.m. at Billie Hawk's home. We are asking members to bring a <u>side dish in addition to the \$10 per person for</u> <u>the cost of meat and paper products</u>. If you have questions, please contact Billie at 717-545-6991. There will be a sign-up sheet at the June meeting. Bring a significant other along. We have reached out to former Venture members via Facebook and hope that some of them will join us.

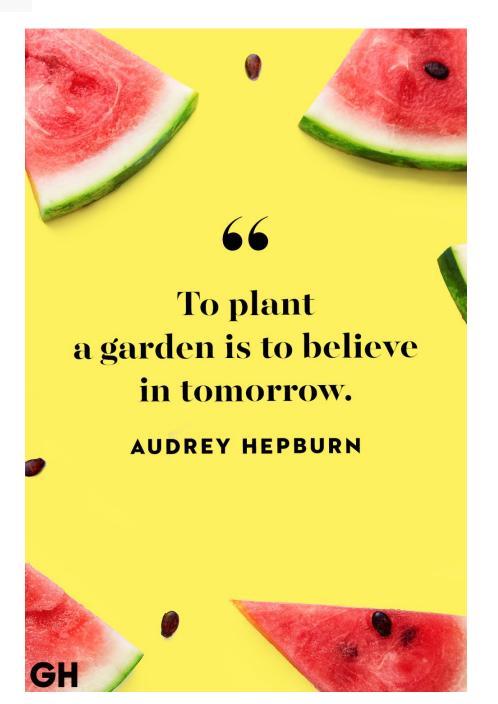




# FRIENDSHIP LINK



You can connect with our English friendship link on Facebook: <u>http://sigbi.org/cannock-and-district/</u>



#### 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