



SOROPTIMIST®  
Investing in Dreams

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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

### SEPTEMBER PROGRAM

Installation

Welcome Back!! Hope you all had a good summer. With all the spring rain, the gardens were beautiful. If you don't have one to enjoy, I hope you were able to visit one. After the rain stopped, we had many weeks of beautiful weather and could be outdoors. I hope you braved the heat and enjoyed all that nature had to offer.

### INVOCATION September

Alice

We are already on the move and haven't met yet. Jackie and her committee completed the audit, and we were represented at Faith Immanuel's community day on the 6<sup>th</sup>. We have a full schedule planned for the year but always welcome new ideas. Please refer to your roster for the schedule. We were able to complete this before Alice worked on the roster.

### MEETING

Tuesday, Sept. 23rd  
6 p.m.  
Faith Immanuel  
Presbyterian Church  
Dinner is \$20

With having advanced knowledge of plans, you can check it out periodically and plan accordingly. When you're shopping, you can pick up items on sale for our monthly donation helping to spread out the fiscal responsibility.

We are excited about all that we are planning and looking forward to our first meeting. Lisa Malago will be there to install newly elected board members. I hope

you can all attend. I'm sure Lisa will have information regarding other chapters and what is going on with SIA. Unfortunately, I will not be at the meeting but look forward to seeing you in October.

Enjoy a great start to the New Year!

Blessings,  
*Marybeth*

### **SEPTEMBER 23rd MEETING**

Our Dinner meeting on Tuesday, September 23rd 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](mailto:hawk4017@verizon.net)).



Governor-Elect Lisa will be in attendance and bring us up to date on region activities as well as install the newly elected officers.

Our invocation will be in honor of our Friendship Link and will include lighting our Friendship Candle from SI Cannock.

### **SEPTEMBER COLLECTION**

Our collection for September will be in support of Period Poverty. We will gather items needed for women and girls who are in need of these items when visiting a Dauphin County Library branch.



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS:



- September 23<sup>rd</sup> – SI Harrisburg Dinner meeting
- October 14<sup>th</sup> -- SI Harrisburg Board meeting at Susan's residence, 6 p.m.
- October 25 – Fall District Meeting, State College
- October 28 – Dinner meeting, Faith Immanuel Presbyterian
- Apr 24-26, 2026 – NAR Spring Conference, Doubletree by Hilton Washington PA

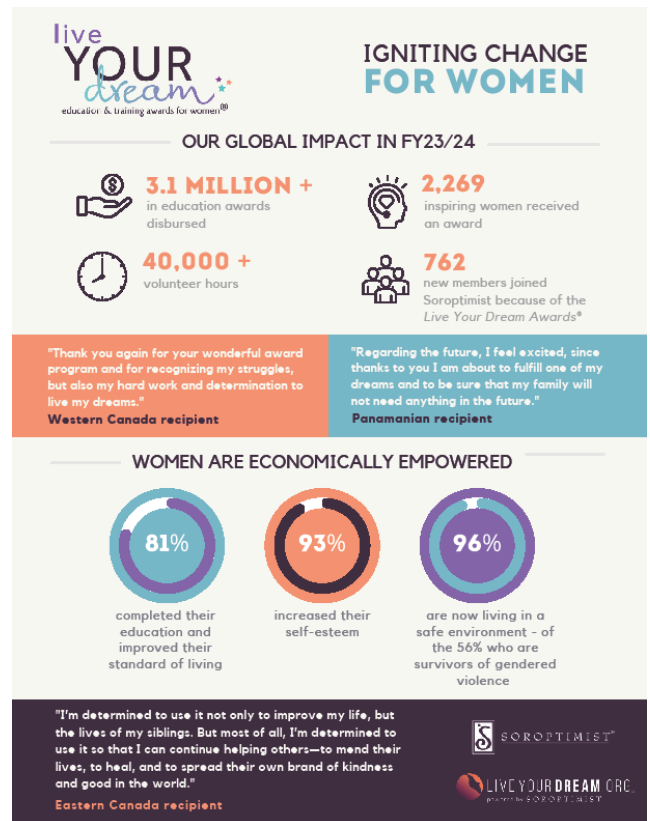
## LIVE YOUR DREAM



The Soroptimist International of Harrisburg club is seeking applicants for our two \$1,000 cash awards.

Recipients can use the *Live Your Dream Award* to offset costs associated with their efforts to attain higher education or additional skills and training. This includes tuition, books, childcare, transportation, or any other education-related expense. Applications are available at [SI Harrisburg website](http://SIHarrisburg.com), or by contacting **Marybeth Lehtimaki**, [siharrisburg@soroptimist.net](mailto:siharrisburg@soroptimist.net). The application deadline is November 15.

The results of the collective efforts of clubs across the Federation are shown to the right.





## ***OCTOBER IS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE MONTH***

We will again share cards and posters about preventing domestic violence. Cards will be available at our September meeting.

***DISTRICT IV FALL DISTRICT MEETING*** has been set for Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 9:30 a.m.

Location: Ramada by Wyndham State College  
Hotel and Conference Center

Address: 1450 South Atherton Street,  
State College, PA

Host Club: SI Centre County



Centre County has insured us that no Penn State game will be occurring in State College that weekend so no increased traffic traveling to the event.

Registrations will need to be made at our September meeting. Who wants to join Alice and Joan at the meeting?

## ***FOUNDERS DAY***

**October 3** is celebrated by Soroptimists as Founder's Day and Friendship Day, marking the founding of the first Soroptimist club in Oakland, California, in 1921. Across the five federations, SI collects FOUNDERS Pennies to assist in our efforts to improve the lives of women and girls through education and advocacy and celebrates the bonds of friendship within its global network of members. Our club does this through



our dues collection at the beginning of the year, but we should reflect on these efforts as we acknowledge Founder's Day.

### **BOSCOV'S FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS**

Boscov's 2025 [Friends Helping Friends](#) event is scheduled for Wednesday, October 22, 2025, from 8:00 AM to 11:00 PM. To participate, you donate \$5 to a registered nonprofit and receive a shopping pass for 25% off Boscov's lowest sale prices in-store and online. The nonprofit keeps 100% of your donation, and you can also enter to win a \$100 Boscov's gift card. We hope to have the shopping passes for everyone at the September meeting. Remember this gives us the opportunity to raise funds for the club.

### **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 [jcspeaks@aol.com](mailto:jcspeaks@aol.com). The club receives 5% of the value of cards sold.



**REMEMBER NO ONE**  
*can make you*  
**FEEL INFERIOR**  
**WITHOUT CONSENT.**

*– Eleanor Roosevelt*



## 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.soroptimistharrisburg.org](http://www.soroptimistharrisburg.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.**



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