



SOROPTIMIST®
Investing in Dreams

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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

JANUARY PROGRAM NO MEETING

Welcome 2026. I can't believe another year has passed. I hope many of you have had a good holiday season and are looking forward to a productive new year. Let's a moment to bless our members in need as well as those we have lost or at least can't find:

- Miriam Rothermel is no longer in Enola and her situation is unknown.
- Susan Wolfe is now home. She was in the hospital and rehab.
- Joan Gibson has had many challenges of which the most recent was a fall. She is in Pittsburgh and will be residing in a care facility there.
- Meada McAllister has been unable to attend with us due to issues with her eyes. It's been quite a while since we have seen her.

Prayers and Hugs for all.

We are approaching our busiest part of the club year. Remember our mission "Improving the Lives of Women and Girls in Local Communities and throughout the World". So "Say Yes" when asked to fill a position. The nominations will be coming. We fulfill a portion of our mission with Awards which we will give in March (Live Your Dream) and April (Ruby).

We are planning to partner with the Salvation Army for the Dream It Be It program by offering a Career Day for girls in the 8th grade. At this time, we

are looking for women in diverse fields to present. Some suggestions are an Architect, Carpenter, Fireman etc. We would like to offer the girls a vision of what is possible. When we have spoken to girls in the past, they all wanted to be beauticians or go in the field of childcare. We will have a physical activity such as Zumba or Yoga along with snacks and a tote bag to collect whatever information may be distributed. If you have any ideas or know of someone who would fit this, let me know.

The January Meeting is currently scheduled to be held at the East Shore Library at 1:00 p.m. but; due to multiple illnesses, WE ARE CANCELLING THE JANUARY MEETING. We will move the membership mixer as well as making craft kits for Caitlin's Smiles to the February meeting. In addition, we will have the collection for dental materials then as well.

Rest up and be ready to pitch in; we have much to do and few to do it with.

Blessings,
Marybeth

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:



- January 27th – no meeting
- February 10th -- SI Harrisburg Board meeting via ZOOM, 6 p.m.
- February 24th – Luncheon meeting, East Shore Library, 1 p.m.
- Apr 24-26, 2026 – NAR Spring Conference, Doubletree by Hilton Washington PA



FALL ACTIVITIES:

October was busy with actions against Domestic Violence:



Purple Day:
Several members participated in Purple Day to support victims of domestic violence.



FALL DISTRICT MEETING: The Club was represented at the District IV Fall District meeting by Delegate Alice Lubrecht. District IV Director Carol Walsh welcomed everyone to the meeting in State College.



OCTOBER'S MEETING provided an opportunity to support one of the local shelters. Shalom House residents joined us for our evening meal as the Acting Director told us about the services currently offered.



NOVEMBER'S MEETING also provided an opportunity to support women in our community as we welcomed a representative of Morningstar and provided them items from their NEEDS List.



DECEMBER'S MEETING was our Christmas party where we held a Tea Party and invited our significant others to join us.



LIVE YOUR DREAM

We will present our Live Your Dream winner at the March meeting. Our award winner was submitted to the Region, and her information will be shared in the March Soroptigram.



WEAVER SCHOLARSHIP



The 2026 application has been posted to our website (www.soroptimistharrisburg.org). This \$2,000 scholarship is for a female Dauphin County senior who plans to attend a post-secondary school in the fall and study in the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering or Math. A poster to alert girls about this award is attached to the Soroptigram. Please post or share. Deadline to apply is April 13.

NORTH ATLANTIC REGION'S SPRING CONFERENCE has been set for Friday, April 24th through Sunday, April 26th at the Doubletree by Hilton in Washington PA. Our delegate, Alice Lubrecht, will join with the rest of the North Atlantic Region to welcome a new Governor, Lisa Malago and a new board. Stay tuned for more information about the conference in the coming issues. Want to join in the fun?

Congratulations to Patti Yuengling, Past NAR Region Governor, who was elected to the SIA Federation Board.

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. The club receives 5% of the value of cards sold.



NEW YEAR'S WISHES

The editors hope everyone had a peaceful Christmas and wish everyone a wonderful year ahead. Alice had a great time visiting her family in Texas and looks forward to an active spring:



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

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.**

Co-Editor: Alice Lubrecht

