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Club Newsletter ... June 2026 Issue

Welcome to the latest newsletter from Soroptimist International of Harrisburg. We are proud to share news, programs, and opportunities that reflect our commitment to improving the lives of women and girls in our community and beyond. Through advocacy, volunteer service, and educational support, our club continues to build pathways to empowerment and opportunity.

Our Mission

Soroptimist International of Harrisburg is part of a global volunteer organization dedicated to providing women and girls with access to the education and training they need to achieve economic empowerment. Founded in 1938, the Harrisburg club has a long tradition of service in the Greater Harrisburg area, supporting women through scholarships, awards, literacy efforts, and partnerships that promote safety, health, and personal growth.



President's Message...Marybeth Lehtimaki

Summer is here! WE think. The weather keeps changing its mind. One day it's ninety, the next in the 60s. Regardless of the weather, hopefully you have exciting plans for summer vacations. It's a wonderful time for everyone to refresh and reboot. It's also a great time to try out new ideas of activities you would enjoy, new pursuits, and possibly a different place you'd like to live in retirement. Whether you're traveling or staying at home, try something new – a movie, sport, museum, or activity like biking, etc.

The calendar is full of special days. Whoever takes the time to think of them I have no idea but it does offer new ideas and opportunities to look at things a different way. Repeat Day is noted on June 3rd. Although past, as you read

this message, it still reminds us to repeat the good things we do. You will note repetition of Programs of Service and donations for the year. As we planned at the May meeting, we made an effort to fall in line with SIA and their calendar. However, as you see, some things call for repeating. Barring repeating myself, it is amazing to see our members' efforts and generosity month after month. We are small but we continue to be mighty. Again, thank you for your thoughts and contribution in our effort to serve the community in improving the lives of women and girls, in the community and at large.

Summer has us thinking of picnics and outdoor activities. Billie has again offered us her house and garden for our summer social. I hope to see many of you there.

You will note this change in our 2026-2027 Calendar. On August 1, 2026, we will gather at Billie's for a summer social. However, if we choose to continue this tradition, we will need to find a new location for 2027. Thank you Billie for providing your beautiful patio and garden for our enjoyment, for so many years.

Looking forward to our meeting on June 23, we will honor our Ruby Award recipient and our Weaver Scholarship winner. Read on for more details.

Thanks for each of you for doing so much to keep us afloat. Please take time to enjoy some free time as well.

Keep cool and enjoy this time of leisure.

Marybeth



June Invocation ... Alice Lubrecht

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:



- June 23 – SI Harrisburg Dinner Meeting. Ruby Award Winner and Weaver Scholarship Winner. Dues checks are due at the meeting

- August 1 – Summer Social at Billie Hawk’s, starting at 4 p.m.
- September 8 – SI Harrisburg Board meeting, 6 p.m.
Location?
- September 22 – SI Harrisburg meeting
- October 24 – FDM at the Inn at Lewisburg. SI SUN is hosting
- April 30 – May 2, 2027 – NAR Spring Conference at the Heritage Hotel and Conference Center in Southbury CT.

Current Information and Updates

June 23rd MEETING: Our dinner meeting on Tuesday June 23rd will be held at 6:00 PM in Shaffer Hall at Faith Immanuel Presbyterian Church on Colonial Road.



We will have our Weaver Scholarship winner and her parents as well as the Ruby Award winner with us. And, we will finalize our planning calendar for the next year.

JUNE COLLECTION: Our final shelter donation will be given to The Dream House (they will not be present as our meeting conflicts with a special event in their family). However, we will have a certificate and check for them which President Marybeth will deliver along with our monthly donation. Their website lists the following for needs: Paper towels, toilet paper, and laundry detergent.



SIA MEMBER/LEADER CODE OF CONDUCT



SIA Federation is asking each member to sign the Code of Conduct between June and August 2026. While they would prefer that everyone sign online, Alice Lubrecht, as Treasurer, has asked if members can sign a physical copy of the Code and she will forward them to Headquarters. Copies of the Code of Conduct will be available at the June meeting for you to review and sign.

SI HARRISBURG'S DUES

Dues were approved at the May meeting, and the Treasurer will have the dues letters at the June meeting. Copies of the dues letter will be mailed to those who are not at the June meeting. Dues should be paid by the 1st week in July as the Club must pay the SI/SIA dues by the end of July.



WEAVER SCHOLARSHIP



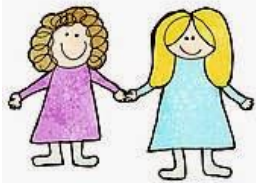
The Weaver Scholarship winner is Ananya Kannan. A senior at Central Dauphin High School, she will be attending Penn State's Eberly College of Science with the intended major of Forensic Science. Ananya and her parents will be joining us at our June meeting.

SUMMER SOCIAL

The Board has decided to have one last summer social this year. It has been set for Saturday, August 1 at Billie Hawk's. A registration sheet will be available at the June meeting.



FRIENDSHIP LINK



Don't forget, you can connect with our English Friendship Link on Facebook:

<http://sigbi.org/cannock-and-district/>

Or via the web at: <http://sigbi.org/cannock-and-district/>

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.

Summer afternoon—
summer afternoon;
to me those have
always been the two
most beautiful
words in the English
language.

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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*

Should anyone have questions of our Club, please feel free to contact Cathy Mentzer at 717-991-4025 or at cmentzer@md.net. Please visit our website, www.soroptimistharrisburg.org and our facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/SIHarrisburg>

How to Get Involved

There are many ways to support Soroptimist International of Harrisburg. You can attend a meeting, volunteer at a club project, contribute to scholarship and award efforts, or help spread the word about programs that uplift women and girls. Every act of support helps expand access to opportunity and strengthens our shared mission of empowerment through education and service.

Closing Note

Thank you for supporting Soroptimist International of Harrisburg and the women and girls we serve. Together, we are creating opportunities, encouraging leadership, and transforming lives—one program, one partnership, and one success story at a time.

