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Soroptimist International of Harrisburg, PA, Inc. Newsletter

October 2011 Issue

MEETING INFORMATION

DATE: October 25, 2011
TIME: 6:30 P.M.
INVOCATION: Kay Straw

PROGRAM:
Caitlin's Smiles
Cheryl Hornung, Founder
www.caitlins-smiles.org

PLACE: Holiday Inn East
Harrisburg Suite
4751 Lindle Road
Harrisburg, PA

Members who plan to attend the
dinner meeting **MUST** notify
Carol Ann Colyer
(540-1278 or CCAColyer@aol.com)
by the Wednesday before the meeting.

ORDERING/CANCELING MEAL
DEADLINE:
October 19, 2011, 8:30 P.M.

MEAL: Roast Turkey with Stuffing

NEXT MEETING:

November 22, 2011
Ordering/Canceling Meal Deadline:
November 16, 2011, 8:30 P.M.
Baked Ham with Pineapple Sauce

Remarks from President Renee...

Thank you to our committee chairs for getting the Club year started with their projects. The Pellman Pie fundraiser fits into our holiday celebrations tastily. The BonTon Community Days Coupon booklets can be generous thank you gifts, or easily sold to friends and family for holiday gift buying. Our community service outreach began with the Paxton Ministries Fall Festival and will continue with Caitlin Smiles, Bingo, as well as the eyeglasses and stamps collected at our meetings.

The 2012 SIA Renaissance campaign encourages Clubs to implement meaningful programs and activities, actively engage in fundraising to support their programs and community outreach, recruit and retain members, and increase the public's awareness of our contributions to the lives of women and girls. We are on our way to a successful Club year.

Inducting three new members in September adds enthusiasm. I hope Cathy, Emily and Mary Ellen will be greeted by every member eager to share her Soroptimist experience. As committees meet, and plan, every member's involvement in Club activities enhances our effort. Volunteering, attending meetings, supporting the Spring Fashion Show, and engaging in fundraising all enable us to sponsor projects that improve the lives of women and girls. Members, new and "old", working together make the difference.

I hope you are planning to attend the Fall District Meeting October 29th. It is an opportunity to get the news from the SI Convention in Montreal, from SIA Headquarters, and from our own North Atlantic Region. It is an opportunity to find out how other Clubs are growing, changing, and impacting their communities.

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

The *Soroptimist Workplace Campaign to End Domestic Violence* is an ongoing effort to raise awareness about a seldom addressed domestic abuse issue: domestic violence as a workplace concern.

Domestic violence is a workplace concern because of the affects it has on both women and on businesses. Women do not leave abuse behind when they leave their homes. Their abusers often harass them at work, by telephone, text or e-mail. In worst case scenarios, perpetrators come to the workplace to threaten women and sometimes their co-workers as well.

Warning signs of domestic abuse include:

- Fearful behavior
- Social withdraw
- Bruises or physical complaints that show evidence of assault
- Intermittent crying and/or outbursts of anger while talking with a domestic partner on the phone
- Increased absenteeism; reduced productivity and/or a lack of concentration

If you suspect a co-worker is a target of domestic abuse, let her know that it is safe for her to talk with you about her situation. If you do not know your co-worker very well, try first to establish a rapport before approaching her. Be prepared to respect her privacy if she is not ready to talk, but reassure her that you will be there for her should she change her mind. If she does want to talk, listen without judging and assure her that she is not alone or at fault.

You can further support her by:

- Encouraging her to save threatening e-mail, texts or voicemail
- Offering to screen her calls and e-mails
- Offering to walk her to her car at the end of the work day
- Providing her with contact information for local domestic violence support services

National Domestic Violence Hotline: 1-800-799-SAFE (7233)

Friendship Link

Soroptimist Ann Rotchell hosted a 'Purple Party' at her home recently to raise funds for publicity materials for the club's latest project Purple Teardrop. This project is concerned with the issue of trafficking of women and girls. Everyone who was there – around 70 people, thoroughly enjoyed themselves and most managed to wear something purple! As it was a lovely evening [apart from a slight shower] they were able to sit outside before a most enjoyable buffet was served. £135.00 (approximately \$214) was raised which will purchase leaflets to be distributed at several venues to promote the Purple Teardrop campaign.

www.soroptimist-gbi.co.uk/cannock-and-district



Trick or Treat for UNICEF

UNICEF – The United Nations Children’s Fund has been trick or treating for change since the 1940s. To date, the campaign has raised over \$164 million dollars for UNICEF programs.

Fast Facts about UNICEF:

- ◆ In 2010 alone, UNICEF bought 2.3 billion doses of vaccines for children and moms. They purchase more vaccines than any other organization in the world.
- ◆ Globally, 69 million kids miss out on the chance to go to primary school. But UNICEF is working to change that by building schools, providing millions of children with school supplies, and training teachers — so every child can have the chance to learn.
- ◆ About 900 million people worldwide don’t have access to safe, clean drinking water. Drinking unclean water makes kids sick — it can even kill them. But since 1990, UNICEF and its partners have already helped 1.6 billion people get safe drinking water.
- ◆ Worldwide, more than one-quarter of children under age five don’t have enough to eat. That means they don’t grow the way they should. UNICEF provides foods, vitamins, and nutrients to help make sure children can thrive.
- ◆ UNICEF is working in over 150 countries to help give all children the basics for a healthy, safe, educated childhood.

**DON’T FORGET TO BRING YOUR EXTRA CHANGE & DONATE IT TO UNICEF
BY PLACING IT IN THE COIN BOXES AT THE OCTOBER MEETING!**

New Members Inducted

Four former Venturists joined the SI Harrisburg Club and were inducted at the June 2011 meeting. Please welcome (left to right) Meghann Connor, Tere Given, Stacy Zimmerman (formerly Henninger) & Heather Shull.



Three new members were inducted at the September 2011 meeting. Make sure to say hello when you see these ladies at the next meeting: Catherine A. Kalasky, Emily L. Long & Mary Ellen C. Osuch.

Soroptimist Business

BONTON COUPON BOOKLETS

The BonTon Committee for sales of \$5 Community Day Coupon Booklets would like to remind all members that monies collected from the sale of booklets, plus any unsold booklets, need to be turned in to Heidi Kilpatrick at the October 25th Dinner/Business Meeting. Anyone not planning on attending the meeting should mail checks and unsold booklets to Heidi to be received no later than Friday, October 28th. To date, members have sold 46 booklets and raised \$230. In order to receive bonus dollars from BonTon, the club must sell at least 65 booklets, participate in at least one in-store sales shift, and return all unsold booklets to BonTon prior to Community Days Friday November 11th / Saturday November 12th. Any member not present at the September meeting, who would like to participate in this fund-raising event, should contact Heidi via email or phone to receive booklets by mail. Last year, through the successful efforts of the members, the club raised over \$1,000. Let's keep working towards that goal again this year!

VIOLET RICHARDSON AWARD

Applications for the Violet Richardson Award have been distributed to local schools and organizations. The electronic application will be sent out to the membership via email prior to the October meeting. Please feel free to pass it along. If you have any questions, please contact Meghann Connor. The deadline for applications is December 1, 2011.

SOROPTIMIST PELLMAN PIE SALE

REMINDER: Member's pie tally sheets and payment, in the form of ONE check made payable to "Soroptimist International Harrisburg", are due to Meghann Connor at the October 25th business meeting. Pies will be picked up at the November meeting.

WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE

If you have a fund-raising project submit it to the Chairman Kay Straw. This must include specified investment of time, money and people required. Also an estimated net profit. All projects will be reviewed by this committee. After review all projects must be submitted for Club approval.

BINGO AT PAXTON MINISTRIES

The Community Service committee reminds all members that we are scheduled for Bingo at Paxton Ministries, 2001 Paxton Street, Harrisburg from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, November 5, 2011. Paxton Street Home provides affordable, long-term housing and support for disadvantaged adults in our community with mental and emotional challenges. We need volunteers to assist with this Bingo. Please check your calendars, as there will be a sign-up sheet at the next Business Meeting. In addition, we are seeking prizes. Suggested items include, but are not limited to: boxes of tissues, toiletry items (such as body sprays, body wash, shampoo, toothpaste), word search books, writing tablets, notepads and pens. Please bring donations to our October Business Meeting. Any donations will be greatly appreciated!

COLLECTIONS & DONATIONS

REMINDER: We are collecting eyeglasses for the PA Chapter of Volunteer Optometric Services to Humanity, cancelled postage stamps for the Department of Veterans Affairs and Stamp Camp USA, Campbell's soup labels for the Neighborhood Center, books/magazines for PA Partnership for Poland, and pull tabs from beverage cans for Ronald McDonald House. The Community Service committee will have a basket at each business meeting for collection of these items.

More Soroptimist Business

ROSTER UPDATES

See Jayne Brinkley if you need address updates for your Roster for Eileen Hileman, Cathy Kalasky and Mary Ellen Osuch.

SOROPTIMIST BIRTHDAYS

October 3: Ella Rothenberger
October 9: Donna Winch
October 15: Stacy Zimmerman
October 20: Bev Barletta
October 31: Eleanor Shields

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CONTENT DEADLINES

November/December Issue
November 8, 2011

January Issue
January 10, 2012

February Issue
February 14, 2012

March Issue
March 13, 2012

April Issue
April 10, 2012

May Issue
May 8, 2012

June/July Issue
June 12, 2012

UPCOMING COMMUNITY SERVICE:

- ◆ **Ronald McDonald House breakfasts** – Saturday, November 26, 2011 and Saturday, January 21, 2012; We need eight volunteers, with two back-ups, for each event.
- ◆ **UCP gift wrapping** – Sunday, December 11, 2011 from noon to 4 pm at Capital City Mall; We need five volunteers.
- ◆ **Caitlin's Smiles** – Saturday, December 3rd from 2PM - 4PM; We will be assembling craft kits. Sign up will be available at the next meeting. Members who attend this event are encouraged to bring a box of Ziplock sandwich or snack baggies. For those members who are uncomfortable standing for a period of time, please note there are plenty of chairs and tables at Caitlin's Smiles and this task can easily be done seated.
- ◆ **Salvation Army bell ringing and adopt-a-senior** takes place in December. The location for bell ringing is inside Colonial Park Mall just outside the entrance door to Sears.

FASHION SHOW

Its time to think "Spring"...

Mark your calendars for our **Annual Fashion Show!**

April 14, 2012 - Penn Harris Radisson, Camp Hill

Doors open at 11:00 a.m., Lunch 12 noon

Fashions by "Creative Elegance Boutique"

Tickets \$ 25.00, tables of 8

Tickets will be handed out at the November meeting.

Fashion Show Committee meetings:

October 30, 2011, Time 2-4 p.m.

November 13, 2011, Time 4-6 p.m.

Giant Food Store, Linglestown Rd -

Community room, 2nd floor

We're on the web!

www.harrisburgsoroptimist.org

Calendar of Upcoming Events

2011

October 25: SI HBG Dinner/Business Meeting

October 25: PIE ORDERS DUE!

October 25: UNICEF Fund Collection

October 29: District IV Fall Meeting, Hanover, PA

November 8: SI HBG Board Meeting

November 21: Rotary Club Thanksgiving Luncheon

November 22: SI HBG Dinner/Business Meeting

November 22: PIE PICK-UP/DELIVERY!



2012

January 10: SI HBG Board Meeting

January 24: SI HBG Dinner/Business Meeting

April 14: 19th Annual Fashion Show, Radisson Hotel, Camp Hill, PA

April 27-29: North Atlantic Regional Conference, Albany, NY

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As always, thanks to everyone who helped in the preparation of this issue of the Soroptigram.