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SOROPTIGRAM

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Renaissance Way



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MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT MEADA

LADIES,

It has been my honor and my pleasure to serve as your President. From my first day as a member, I have felt welcomed by this Club. For me, serving as President has been a period of personal growth and development. One of my greatest joys has been getting to know the members in a special way. I want to thank you for your words of praise and encouragement. There have been many good times. I also want to thank you for your support and tolerance during the not-so-good times. Now I leave you in the good hands of in-coming President Cathy Orwan. I look forward to being a member of SI Harrisburg for years to come.

President Meada
Signing Off...

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JUNE MEETING

DATE: June 26, 2007

TIME: 6:30 P.M.

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

**June Program
Weaver Scholarship Winners**

**Speaker: Virginia Riegner,
NAR District IV Director**

Induction of New Member

**Installation of Officers
Gretta Morrow**

IMPORTANT MESSAGE

Members who plan to attend the dinner meeting MUST notify Carol Ann Colyer (540-1278) the Wednesday before the meeting. The deadline for dinner reservations for the June meeting is Wednesday, June 20.

MENU SELECTION

June
Chicken Dijon

Don't forget to put your order in for Weis and/or Giant Gift Cards to Mary Ann Podraza and Karns Gift Cards to Gretta Morrow. See Soroptibits for more information.

**COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMITTEE****Reminder List**

Please bring to the meeting: Campbell labels for the Neighborhood Center, eye glasses for the Guatemala project, stamps for the Veterans (remember to leave an inch of paper around the stamp), and dictionaries and magazines for Poland. Don't forget to bring tabs, cell phones, glasses and glossy magazines for the Ventures.

CENT\$ABLE CLOSET

Ladies, please continue to save your unwanted clothes and accessories for our October event. Ask your friends and relatives for their clean and pressed unwanted women's clothes. Also needed are books, crafts and flea market items.

Thank you,
Sue Wolfe, Chair

P.S. Sue will accept small flea market items at the June meeting.

June Birthdays

19 Patricia Myers
26 Mary Ann Podraza
26 Helen Swaincott
28 Deborah Kint

August Birthdays

01 Alice Lubrecht
08 Susan Wolfe
20 Susan Luu
24 Mary Weller
30 Susan Sherman

CALENDAR OF FUTURE EVENTS**2007**

June 26	Dinner Meeting, Installation of Officers
August	Summer Social at the home of Billie Hawk
September	NAR Strides Workshop
Sept. 11	Board Meeting
Sept. 25	Dinner/Business Meeting at Holiday Inn East
July 29	18 th Soroptimist International Convention, Glasgow, Scotland
Aug 2	

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October 5-6	NAR District IV Meeting, Holiday Inn East, Harrisburg
October 19-20	Cent\$able Closet
March 29, 2008	Fashion Show
April 11-13, 2008	NAR Spring Conference, State College, PA, SI Centre Co Host
July 16-19, 2008	SIA 40 th Biennial Convention, Taipei, Taiwan
April 24-26, 2009	NAR Spring Conference, Albany, NY Marriott

Note to 2007-2008 Officers to be installed at the June meeting: Gretta requests that if you cannot attend, please ask a member to stand as your proxy.

SMART MONEY, submitted by Gretta Morrow. Will all members look at their grocery shopping card needs for the July, August and September months? Then call Mary Ann Podraza 731-5461 or Gretta Morrow 564-0179 to order. This is an easy \$1,000.00 a club year for our Club earnings. Anyone who shops at Karn's, Weis or Giant stores. Thank you for your support all year.

Also, think about volunteering to handle the Giant and Weis smart money cards and giving Mary Ann a duly deserved break. It does not require a lot of time and Mary Ann has everything well documented. So easy to follow her guide. "Many hands make light work".

DISTRICT IV MEETING UPDATE: The Committee is asking members to help defray the costs of the meeting rather than using Club funds. We are asking for donations of \$10.00 per member. We will be accepting these donations at the June meeting. If you do not remember if you have paid, please contact Eileen. Thanks for your help.

Soroptimist International of Pittsburgh, Inc. celebrated their 70th Anniversary on June 11, 2007.

In our April 2007 Soroptigram there was a Soroptibit about former member Donna Selka. Eleanor Clark sent her a card and Donna responded to Eleanor with a six page letter. Donna loves being in Florida at the Christian Retreat Family Church. She continues as a volunteer and the President has told her that he is considering hiring her as a paid staff member. Donna indicated that she sometimes gets quite home sick for friends and familiar things. Best wishes are extended to Donna as she reaches for her goals at Christian Retreat.

SOROPTIMIST BUSINESS

HARRISBURG HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATION reported by Kate Conard

It was a pleasure and an honor to be able to present the Margaret I. Weaver Memorial Scholarships to two lovely, deserving young ladies. The \$2,500.00 will be a great help to each of them in furthering their education.

Jillisa McCollum-Jackson attended school at the John Harris Campus. She was active on the Youth Development team, Ladies Club and Exhibition. She has managed to be on the distinguished honor roll since the beginning of 11th grade. Jillisa was called the 'greatest server' at the Waffle House. She enjoys writing poetry and volunteering in the community. She will be attending Morgan State University in Baltimore, MD.

Asia Moore has been on the National Honor Roll at the Sci-Tech Campus. She volunteered with the Making Strides for Breast Cancer and performed in the Latino Heritage Month Show. She participated in many school activities including varsity volleyball and softball. Her down time is spent drawing, reading, dancing and with graphic design. Asia will be attending Drexel University in Philadelphia.

YOU TOO CAN BE AN EDITOR: A third editor is needed for the newsletter. Eileen Hileman and Alice Lubrecht have agreed to continue publishing it for the next Club year. There are nine issues published during the year. With three editors each person would only be responsible for three issues. If you have a

computer with Microsoft Word or the ability to create pdf files, your help is needed. Eileen and Alice will be glad to answer any questions that aspiring editors may have.

LAST CALL: The Roster is currently being completed. If you have not submitted your form or your new information, please do so. All information should be sent to Eileen Hileman. Thank you for your cooperation.

VENTURE NEWS *as reported by Joyce Burger*

Ventures will be busy over the summer months doing what Ventures do, volunteering to better their community. Recently they helped with registration at the ALS Walk on June 9th and will make breakfast at Ronald McDonald House on Saturday June 16th. They will be doing some gardening maintenance projects at the Neighborhood Center throughout the summer. Ventures recent grant project, Catlin's Smiles, will keep them busy creating craft kits for children in area hospitals.

Already planning for fall, Ventures will be helping with project Kids ID at the New Cumberland Apple Festival on September 29th. Once again they will be selling Pellman's Pies, so work on the shopping list of yummy pies and cakes to purchase for the holidays. Soroptimist are invited and encouraged to help with Venture projects.

We are delighted to have two new members of Venture and Venture President Stacy Henninger join us at our June meeting.

Collection items for Venture: Tabs-cell phones-glossy magazines-eye glasses- DVS items

Friendship News from Cannock and District as reported by Helen K. Swaincott

Joan Harrison wrote of the Club's Annual Meeting and Election of Officers for the 2007-2008 year held April 17th. President Christine welcomed members and then Eileen Cryer was invited to light the friendship candle. Following the grace, Jenny Holmes read out the aims and objects of Soroptimism which was followed by the club member's roll call.

Following dinner, certificates were presented to Carole Holdcroft, Betty Howard-Evans, Morage Hiley, and Debbie Hardman-Wilson for twenty years of membership and June Ward and Georgette Stockings for thirty years of membership.

After a short break, President Christine thanked the dinner secretaries, Georgette Stockings, Sheila Shakespeare and June Ward for their work. She also thanked the staff of The Barnes with a monetary award. Following the treasurer's report, Eileen Cryer informed members that the member's subscription for 2007-2008 would be £85. President Christine thanked Eileen and the Finance Committee.

Annual reports followed. Trish Mellor informed members there had been 42 press releases in the past year in local press and county magazine, with 73 pictures. Joan Harrison reported on the past years communications with their Friendship Links, Harrisburg, Melbourne, Vienna and announced the formation of a new Friendship Link with Soroptimist International Makati in the Philippines. Reports were also given by Jane Lomas on Citizens Advice; Carole Holdcroft on Pathway; Barbara Cooper on the Stroke Association; Barbara Cooper on Acorns. President Christine thanked them for their work and reports.

President Christine then reported on her year as President and visits to other Regional clubs, Federation Conference and club activities. The election of officers and executive officers followed. The change of insignia followed with the installation of the new President, Cresta Garner. Trish Mellor then presented retiring President Christine with the immediate past President's badge and a floral arrangement. President Cresta spoke of the theme for the year – "Team Work and Service" after which the meeting closed.

We received another note from Joan Harrison reporting on two meetings in May. A business meeting was held on May 8. After a hot buffet at the Barnes, President Cresta honored those with birthdays in May.

Jenny Holmes announced that she would be organizing a collection for St. Giles Hospice on June 15 and 16. President Cresta reported that there had been a request for funding of the Chadmoor Tapestry, made by the elderly people depicting the history of the area. £14,000 is needed to extend the tapestry which when completed will be given to the people of Cannock. Members agreed to have a fund raising event to support these ladies.

President Cresta informed members that there was a vacancy for vice president and Programme Action representative.

The executive committee discussed the idea of compiling a "Book of Graces" and members agreed. Joan Harrison offered to help with this idea as she has a collection of graces from around the world, covering many years.

Joan Harrison gave a report of the responses received from the three Friendship Links. Trish Mellor, press and publicity officer reported on recent reports featured in the local press.

President Cresta ended the meeting by reading a poem about Friends instead of the usual toast.

On May 22nd a meeting was held at the Barnes and President Cresta welcomed members and the speaker along with two prospective members. Carol Holdcroft was invited to light the Friendship candle followed by grace given by President Cresta. Dinner followed after which guest speaker, Brian Bowken gave a slide presentation and talk on "Water Aid". He is a water engineer with Severn Trent and involved with Water Aid. His slides showed how the people in Tanzania and Ethiopia were having to deal with hardships and suffering. Vicki Davis Friend thanked the speaker and presented him with a cheque.

Pam McGauley was nominated for Regional Membership and Extension Officer.

The meeting ended with a final toast to "Clean Water".



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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.

EDITOR'S NOTE

Thanks to everyone who helped in the preparation of this issue of the Soroptigram. Many hands make light work.

President Meada is still looking for a member to serve as permanent editor of the Soroptigram. Please volunteer so we can continue to have a newsletter.