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Soroptimist International of Harrisburg, PA, Inc. Newsletter

MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT KAY

Greetings Ladies,

I want to share this quotation with each of YOU, I find it very appropriate.

"May today there be peace within. May you trust that you are exactly where you are meant to be. May you not forget the infinite possibilities that are born of faith in yourself and others. May you use the gifts that you have received, and pass on the love that has been given to you. May you be content with yourself just the way you are. Let this knowledge settle into your bones, and allow your soul the freedom to sing, dance, praise and love. It is there for each and every one of us."

May we allow our souls to sing, dance, praise and love the work that we do as an Soroptimist.

The Fashion Show will require the involvement of all members. The advertising forms for the Fashion Show are due by MARCH 22, 2011. BOOSTER page \$2.00 per name; TIDBITS \$5.00 per Tidbit. Contact your family members, co-workers and friends. Get everyone to sign the Booster page or just wish us Luck on a Tidbit. Let's work together as a team to have a successful event and fulfill our mission of improving the lives of women and children.

President Kay

Meeting Information

DATE: February 22, 2011

TIME: 6:30 P.M.

Invocation: Billy Hawk

Program: Lori Hoffmaster
Shalom House

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

THIS MONTH, members who plan to attend the dinner meeting MUST notify Donna Winch(571-6117) the Wednesday before the meeting. Deadline for dinner reservations for the January meeting is February 16th.

MENU SELECTION

**Apple and Walnut
Stuffed Chicken Breast**





Friendship Link



SI Cannock and District Project

We highlighted SI Cannock's South African Creche and Nursing Training Project. This month we'll highlight a second project:

The Pathway Project

SI Cannock supports the Pathway Project - a charity providing refuge accommodation in Burntwood, Lichfield and Tamworth. It supports local woman experiencing domestic violence. Members provide Christmas gifts, toiletries and donate household goods. For more information go to: <http://www.pathway-project.co.uk/>

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National Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month

Nearly one-third of U.S. teens who have been in a dating relationship have experienced the most serious forms of dating violence, including sexual abuse, physical abuse, and threats of physical harm.

In 2010, in efforts to increase education and public awareness of prevention strategies, causes, and prevalence of teen dating violence among teens, the Senate declared the month of February *National Teen Dating Violence Awareness & Prevention Month*.

To learn more about teen dating violence, please read the Soroptimist white paper: [Teen Dating Violence](#) and the *Best for Women* article: [The Deadly Dangers of Teen Dating Violence](#).

Join [Soroptimist](#) in our efforts to raise awareness and help prevent teen dating violence by ordering and distributing [Soroptimist Teen Dating Violence Bookmarks](#) at local schools, community centers, religious institutions, libraries, malls, and local businesses.



Soroptimist International Convention

The theme for the Soroptimist 2011 Convention is **WOMEN: Leaders in Civil Society**

Day Themes within the overall convention will include:

- Women as Catalysts of Change in Human Rights
- Women as Stewards of the Environment
 - Women Leaders in Health & Sciences and Sports
 - Women as Role Models in Arts, Entertainment and Media
- Women as Catalysts of Change in Government



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What is the Ruby Award?

Soroptimist Ruby Award: For Women Helping Women

The Soroptimist Ruby Award: For Women Helping Women program acknowledges women who, through their personal or professional activities, are working to improve the lives of other women and girls. Examples include: spearheading an

effort to open a domestic violence shelter, starting a mentoring program for at-risk girls, or lobbying companies to provide on-site childcare. The program begins on the club level, where the type of recognition varies. Award winners at the club level are eligible for additional awards at other levels of the organization. The finalist receives a \$5,000 donation to the charitable organization of her choice.

Eligibility Requirements

Women who are improving the lives of other women or girls through their professional or personal activities are eligible for the Soroptimist Ruby Award: For Women Helping Women. These women have identified and focused on a need in their communities, which has significantly contributed to the improvement of women and girls' lives. Although Soroptimist clubs are free to honor a woman for a lifetime of good work, the majority of the work should have occurred within the past two years.

Recipients

Past recipients include: U.S. Congresswoman Patsy Mink; U.S. Congresswoman Patricia Schroeder; novelist and former district attorney Linda Fairstein; Princess Diana; former child actor and U.S. Ambassador Shirley Temple Black; Philippines President Corazon Aquino; and renowned marine biologist Dr. Sylvia Earle.

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EDITOR'S NOTE

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

Reminders:

Please solicit door prizes for the Fashion Show. If you have any door prizes please bring them to the February meeting.

