



# SOROPTIGRAM

*April 2011*

## Soroptimist International of Harrisburg, PA, Inc. Newsletter

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### MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT KAY

*Hello Ladies,*

*"THANK YOU" ladies for your continued interest and support of Soroptimist!*

*This month is a busy month for our club with the Fashion show this weekend and the Membership Mixer and Awards dinner on April 26, 2011. The Fashion show committee has been working very hard and will need each members help on Saturday. We can get in the hotel at 9:30 a.m., please come as early as you can to complete the final touches for the day.*

*Remember the Membership mixer at 5:30 p.m. before our April dinner. Give your information to Carol Colyer.*

*The Civic Club of Harrisburg is hosting a breakfast on Wednesday, April 27, 2011, at 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m., for non-profit organizations. You are invited to attend. The cost is \$10.00. Please let me know if you are interested.*

*There are seven (7) members attending spring conference at the end of the month. We hope to learn much and should have plenty to share. At our April meeting we will be collecting pull-tabs and gently used purses (pocketbooks) to take to spring conference.*

*Reminder: Committee sign-up is just around the corner. Don't be afraid to assist your club. Your membership and contributions are valued.*

*Remember to say your prayers!*

*Think Spring,  
President Kay*



### *Meeting Information*

**DATE: April 26, 2011 TIME: 6:30 P.M.**

**Invocation: Eileen Hileman**

**MC: Renee Jones**

**Program: Evening of Awards Presentations**

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

**THIS MONTH, members who plan to attend the dinner meeting MUST notify Carol Ann Colyer (540-1278) the Wednesday before the meeting. Deadline for dinner reservations for the April meeting is April 20th.**

### **MENU SELECTION**

**Pan Seared Apricot Chicken**

### **MEMBERSHIP MIXER**

**Remember that the cocktail hour is from  
5:30 to 6:30 p.m.**

**RSVP by April 18 to 599-5863**

### **FOR SALE AT MEETING:**

**Pot Holders and Dishcloth Sets - \$5.00**

**Dishcloths - \$2.50**

## Soroptinotes

The book exchange will be available in May but not April. If you bought and read a good one in March, please bring it back in May so we can recycle it to another member. 😊



### SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

Remember to send cards and prayers to our members and their families that are having sickness and distress.

Members to keep in your prayers: Betty Barnes, Joyce Burger (and spouse), Jeanie Johns, Ella Rothenberger (spouse), and Helen Swaincott.

Notify Jeanie Johns, Chair Sunshine Committee or any member of the Sunshine Committee of any changes to this list.



### Proposed Budget for 2011-12 Club Year

You will receive a copy of the proposed budget as a separate attachment to your email or it will be mailed with the copy of this Soroptigram.

Please review prior to coming to the May membership meeting. Bring it with you to the May meeting because we will vote on the adoption of the proposed budget then.

If you have any questions, contact Dot Sutton, Chair, Finance and Investments Committee or Kay Straw, President.

## Soroptimist Business



The Community Service Committee has scheduled Bingo at Spring Creek Rehabilitation & Health Care on Saturday, May 21, 2011 from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. for all residents in the large recreation room. Spring Creek is located at 1205 South 28th Street, Harrisburg. The Activity Director has advised that they typically have 60 to 70 residents play Bingo and that we will need 6 to 10 of our members to volunteer to assist at this event. Please contact Jayne Brinkley if you are able to attend.

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The 2011 Nominating Committee consisted of Billie Hawk, Cathy Orwan and Gretta Morrow, Chair. The slate of proposed 2011-2013 Club Officers are:

President-elect: Susan Wolfe  
Corresponding Secretary: Jayne Brinkley  
Assistant Treasurer: Susan Sherman  
Director (1 year): Miriam "Billie" Hawk  
Director: Kay Straw  
Delegate: Sue McMahon Luu

Election will be at the May meeting.



## SI Proposed Dues 2011-12

<b>Federation</b>		
<b>Dues</b>	<b>Regular</b>	<b>Life</b>
<b>Insurance</b>	<b>\$53.00</b>	<b>\$10, 00</b>
<b>SI Dues</b>	<b>2.00</b>	<b>2.00</b>
<b>Magazine</b>	<b>5.00</b>	<b>5.00</b>
<b>(Optional)</b>		<b>11.00</b>
<b>Federation Service</b>		
<b>Founder Pennies</b>	<b>5.46</b>	<b>5.46</b>
<b>Regional</b>		
<b>Dues</b>	<b>10.50</b>	
<b>Bulletin</b>	<b>0.50</b>	<b>0.50</b>
<b>Regional Service</b>		
<b>Ethel F. Lord</b>		
<b>Fellowship</b>	<b>1.00</b>	
<b>Subtotals:</b>	<b>\$76.46</b>	<b>\$33.96</b>
<b>Local Dues</b>	<b>24.54</b>	<b>24.54</b>
<b>Total Dues</b>	<b>\$101.00</b>	<b>\$58.50</b>
<b>Dinner Fees:</b>	<b>\$19.00</b>	<b>\$19.00</b>



## Venture Business

Venture Club of Harrisburg and Soroptimist International of Harrisburg will hold their joint service project on Sunday, May 22, 2011 at 1 p.m. at Caitlin's Smiles, 3303 North 6th Street, Harrisburg, PA 17110. To sign up, please contact Meghann Connor (717-265-4142 or [mconnor24@comcast.net](mailto:mconnor24@comcast.net)) or Tere Given (717-979-6212 or [tere.rudy@gmail.com](mailto:tere.rudy@gmail.com)).



## Birthdays

### April 2011

Helen Drothler	2
Marg Lashay	22

### May 2011

Joy Miller	19
Eleanor Clark	28
Doris Stringer	31

## Calendar of Future Events

- April 16, 2011 Fashion Show, Penn  
Harris Hotel, Camp Hill
- April 18, 2011 Scholarship Committee  
Meeting
- April 26, 2011 Membership Mixer and  
Spring AWARDS Dinner
- April 29-May 1, 2011 NAR Conference, King  
of Prussia, PA, Crown Plaza Valley Forge
- May 10, 2011 Board Meeting
- May 24, 2011 Dinner/Business  
Meeting, Holiday Inn East
- July 10-14, 2011 SI 19<sup>th</sup> Convention,  
Montreal, Quebec, Canada
- April 27-29, 2012 NAR Conference,  
Albany, NY

## Summer Social

Our annual summer social, held in August, is a time to gather and get to know our members and spouses in a casual setting. In the past our members have enjoyed potluck and catered backyard barbeques, a wine tasting picnic at a local vineyard, a wine and cheese party, a dinner-theater party, and other organized events. Some members may also recall a Night at the Casino including a lovely buffet dinner and various nightclub, horseracing and casino activities. The summer social can be an enjoyable gathering for our members, spouses, family and friends as well as a lucrative fundraiser. Please give some thought to the type of event you would enjoy and attend. We will discuss everyone's suggestions at the May and/or June meetings. Bring your ideas for this important Club social activity.

## Soroptimist Advocacy

Soroptimist works to improve the lives of women and girls in local communities and throughout the world. A critical part of meeting Soroptimist goals is to advocate for important issues facing women and girls.

### **CEDAW**

The United States is only one of seven countries in the world that has yet to ratify CEDAW, joining the Sudan, Somalia, Iran, Nauru, Palau and Tonga in its refusal to stand up for women's rights. Learn more about this important international convention and how Soroptimist clubs can advocate for its passage—and its implementation.

- [United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women \(CEDAW\) \(.pdf\)](#)

### **Advocacy**

Soroptimist clubs in the United States are often confused about advocacy and lobbying and what is permitted under the Soroptimist International of the Americas 501(c)3 tax exemption. This FAQ will answer all of your club's questions.

- [Frequently Asked Questions About Advocacy \(.pdf\)](#)

Each month, Soroptimist International of the Americas promotes a simple advocacy effort to engage members and non-members alike in the fight for women's rights worldwide.

- [Act Now](#)

Visit the Soroptimist International of the Americas Web site to view the pdf files.

Web Address: [www.soroptimist.org](http://www.soroptimist.org)

## *Friendship Link*

### *Saturday of Service*



Soroptimists all over the world give service in many ways, and they do so throughout the year, but on a Saturday early in March, close to International Women's Day, clubs worldwide give service in their own locality, to aid the community and also to raise awareness of the organization and of the many people and charities they support.

This year Soroptimist International of Cannock & District gave service in two ways. They chose to support Chase 3, Cannock traders and the Cannock community by promoting the town Lotto. 14 club members were present throughout the day in the Shopping Centre to tell the public about the Town Lottery: tickets are sold each month in many of the shops in the town, half of the money is given as prize money for the lucky winner, 5% of the money is used for administrative costs and 45% will be used to fund community events such as the Carnival and the Christmas Extravaganza in the town centre. The more successful the lottery becomes, the higher the prize money will be but, perhaps more importantly, even more events will be held to benefit the local community.

Over 100 March lottery tickets were sold at the promotional event with many people of Cannock showing a real interest in what the Cannock traders are trying to do. As many said "It's important to do what we can for our

town". The tickets this month have been sponsored by Cannock Soroptimists, Cannock Rotary and Cannock Lions – the three service clubs are all supporting the Town lottery and will continue to work to help the community in whatever way they can.

For more information go to:

<http://www.pathway-project.co.uk/>

Afghan make by Soroptimist International of Harrisburg Board members and their helpers.



**Officers and Board of Directors  
2010-2011**

**President: Kay Straw  
President-elect: Renee Jones  
Recording Secretary: Heidi Kilpatrick  
Corresponding Secretary: Joyce Burger  
Treasurer: Alice Lubrecht  
Assistant Treasurer: Jackie Speaks**

**DIRECTORS**

**One Year: Cathy Orwan  
Two Years: Margaretta Morrow  
Two Years: Susan Wolfe**

**DELEGATES**

**One Year: Carol Ann Colyer  
Two Years: Eileen Hileman**

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**WE ARE ON THE WEB**

**[www.harrisburgsoroptimist.org](http://www.harrisburgsoroptimist.org)**

**EDITOR'S NOTE**

Thanks to everyone who helped in the preparation of this issue of the Soroptigram. Teamwork: Together We Achieve The Extraordinary.

**The most important thing in any relationship is not what you get but what you give. It does not hurt to worship at a shrine which is quite unconscious, for out of it may grow and inner development in yourself and sometimes a relationship of real value. In any case the giving of love is an education in itself.**

**This Is My Story  
Eleanor Roosevelt**

