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# SOROPTIGRAM

Soroptimist International of Harrisburg, PA Inc  
Soroptimist International of the Americas, Inc.  
North Atlantic Region  
NAR Theme: One Voice  
District IV Theme: May All Our Dreams Come True



Chartered June 1, 1938  
Making a Difference for Women since 1921  
The vision of SI is:  
To be a Global Voice for Women through  
Awareness, Advocacy and Action.

## MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT CATHY

**SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL**  
Of  
Harrisburg, PA Inc.  
Officers & Board of Directors  
2008-2009

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Two Years: Lynn Diehl  
Two Years: Renee Jones  
One Year: Meada McAllister

### DELEGATES

Two Years: Eileen Hileman  
One Year: Susan Luu

Greetings ladies . . . allow me to take this opportunity to thank **all** of you for your loyalty and support during my two-year term as President. It has been an honor and a privilege to work with such an exceptional group of women. Your smiles, kind words of encouragement and willingness to forgive or overlook my occasional ineptitude have been much appreciated! Thank you for your hard work and commitment to the ideals of Soroptimism. While these past two years have not been without challenges, we have remained devoted to the true purpose and passion of this organization. I trust you will continue to put forth your greatest effort to promote, uphold and defend the ideals of Soroptimism as your in-coming President, Kay Straw takes office.

I leave you with this thought . . . A famous conductor said, "The most difficult instrument to play is the second fiddle. To find a violinist who can play second fiddle with enthusiasm – that's a problem. But if we have no second fiddles, we have no harmony."

I look forward to providing the harmony for this organization in the up-coming year. I hope to see all of you there with me!

President Cathy

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## JUNE MEETING

**DATE:** June 23, 2009

**TIME:** 6:30 P.M.

**Invocation:** Billie Hawk

**Installation of Officers:** Eileen Hileman

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

IMPORTANT MESSAGE

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 June meeting is June 17<sup>th</sup>.

MENU SELECTION

Stuffed Chicken Breast

Community Service

PLEASE NOTE: Carol Ann **will** be collecting food/paper items/money for the Central PA Food Bank at the June meeting. If you want to write a check, please make payable to the Central PA Food Bank, not SI of Harrisburg. .

Your Smart Money Committee is offering Gift Cards. For Karns Store, call Gretta at 564-0179 and if you need Giant or Weis Store cards, call Jan Smith at 545-7816. Reminder: **Remember to order your summer supply of cards.**

June Birthdays

August Birthdays

- |    |                  |    |                  |
|----|------------------|----|------------------|
| 26 | Mary Ann Podraza | 1  | Alice Lubrecht   |
|    |                  |    | Heidi Kilpatrick |
| 26 | Helen Swaincott  | 8  | Susan Wolfe      |
| 28 | Deborah Kint     | 18 | Rebeca Emerick   |
|    |                  | 20 | Susan Luu        |
|    |                  | 30 | Susan Sherman    |



CALENDAR OF FUTURE EVENTS

2009

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|------------|---|
| June 23    | Dinner/Business Meeting at the Holiday Inn East, 6:30 p.m   |
| July 3-4   | Soroptimist Women's Leadership Institute, Chicago, Illinois |
| August 1   | Summer Social at Billie Hawk's house                        |
| August 11  | Board meeting   |
| October 31 | District IV Meeting, Quality Inn Hotel, Somerset            |

2010

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|------------------|---|
| April 30 – May2  | NAR Spring Conference, Harrisburg Holiday Inn Hotel & Conference Center, New Cumberland, PA |
| July 7-10        | SIA 41 <sup>st</sup> Biennial Convention, San Francisco Hilton, San Francisco, CA           |
| July 10-14, 2011 | SI 19 <sup>th</sup> Convention, Montreal, Quebec, Canada                                    |

The Finance Committee reports that the Weaver Memorial Fund showed in the market value increased by \$4,198.64 plus \$105.68 in income. The ending value on

May 31 was \$97,993.98.



**BOOK EXCHANGE** as reported by Joyce Burger

Last chance to get books for your summer reading. We have a few new titles and are looking to get some others from our members. Please help clean out our inventory. Happy reading and thanks for your purchases this past club year.

Jan Smith is collecting the front of greeting cards until November. She will be collecting them at next couple of meetings. So please bring in your greeting cards

Ginny Henning's (venture member) father died on June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at Holy Spirit Hospital. He was 84 years old. He was a former mayor of New Cumberland, a WWII Marine Corps veteran, and a retired division manager of central office equipment for the former Bell of Pa. Please keep Ginny and her family in your thoughts.

### BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

From June 9<sup>th</sup> meeting:

The board passed a motion to recommend of the unspent money budgeted for the Girl the SIA special projects so the club can donate an \$350.00 to SIA special Projects and qualify for the 2008-2009 Club Award.



moving \$200.00 Scout Troop to additional

Treasurer, Alice Lubrecht will explain the details for the acquisition of a club debit card from Members First Credit Union.

Spring Conference will be held April 30-May 2, 2010 in New Cumberland, PA. Our club will be asked to help with this conference.

The installation of officers and board members will be held at the June meeting.

Have you been hoping that homemade knitted dishcloths would be available to purchase at our meetings? Bring your money to the June meeting. They will be for sell for \$2.50.

Members your Committee Selection forms were to be returned to President-elect Kay Straw by May 26<sup>th</sup>, if you didn't return your form, call Kay, mail it or bring it to the June 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting. This information is needed so President-elect Kay can appoint the club committee's for 2009-10 and the roster can be printed in July. to be handed out in August at the summer social. Thanks to each member for providing this information, it makes this job a little easier.

Ventures will be serving lunch at the Bethesda Women's Shelter at 818 N. 20<sup>th</sup> Street in Harrisburg on Saturday June 20. This is their last volunteer activity for the spring. Their monthly donation for June will go to the ALS Walk. Ventures have given a \$100.00 each month to ten different charities this past year.



Ventures will end this year's meetings with a New Member Induction and Summer Social Picnic at President Meghann's home on June 16 at 6:30. Attendees are to bring a covered dish and white elephant gift.

The club members are to be commended for all their volunteer activities, donations, recruiting new members, and attending Soroptimist meetings for the 2008-2009 year. They are a small but very active and caring group of young ladies. Enjoy the summer Ventures.

Ongoing donations

- Pull-tabs
- Magazines for recycling
- Eye glasses
- DVS donations from needs list
- Cell phones

**SOROPTIMIST BUSINESS**



Kay presented certificate of Club Award that was given at the NAR Conference to Billie Hawk at the May meeting.

## Soroptimist Women's Leadership Institute



Want to improve your networking skills? The July 3rd networking lunch during the two-day Soroptimist Women's Leadership Institute will provide you with the ability and confidence to make contacts, engage members, and broker business deals. The time has never been better to brush-up on your personal and professional skills.

## Headquarters Updates

The dues renewal period is underway for 2009-2010. Club dues payments are due to headquarters **by July 1, 2009**. All clubs were sent a packet the week of May 11 that contains all necessary forms to submit payment, including online payment instructions.

Highlights this year:

- Regular, Retired/Unemployed, and Embarking members pay dues of \$52.00 per member; this is the last year of the dues increase approved by mail ballot action in December 2006.
- Club liability insurance remains \$1 per member in the United States, Canada, Puerto Rico and Guam.
- Soroptimist International dues have decreased to \$5.00 due to favorable exchange rates.
- Founders Pennies are 6 cents per each year of Soroptimist's existence, for a voluntary contribution of \$5.34 per member.
- Clubs can make additional voluntary contributions to the annual club campaign and disaster relief during the dues period as well.
- The mandatory convention fee for the 41<sup>st</sup> Biennial Convention in San Francisco, California, will be \$325, due March 15, 2010.

## Soroptimist and Social Media

### Soroptimist Radio

Tune in for Soroptimist's new radio show on [Blog TalkRadio](#), an online network with more than 2.6 million listeners. The show features guests who share their stories and discuss hot topics for today's professional businesswomen. Shows will be broadcast live on alternate Mondays, but are available online at your convenience.

### SIA Facebook Page



Soroptimist also is pleased to present a new SIA Facebook page. The interactive site enables members to post photos, videos, links, as well as discuss topics on the discussion board and add comments on the page wall.

Also follow Soroptimist on:





I pulled this article and picture from the April issue of SI Cannock and District's Soroptigram. According to Trish Mellor that is their last issue for a while since their new president Sheila Brown wants to try new things. Sheila has also cut down the number meetings they have now. She wants to raise funds this year for 4 charities – Citizens Advice Bureau in Cannock; Newlife Foundation; Alzheimer's Society and Young Carers, Cannock. They do really want to work on their friendship links and has assigned Lakhwinder Thompson to work with Joan. Lakhwinder will hopefully be in touch with us soon. Trish said Joan is home with carers coming to her house to look after her. Joan doesn't answer the phone or the door much anymore so no one knows how well she is doing.

**“This year's Saturday of Service was again a huge success for the club. 18 members were in Cannock Town Centre on Saturday March 7<sup>th</sup> to raise awareness about Domestic Violence - particularly violence towards women - and to support Pathway, the local refuge for women victims of Domestic Violence. Throughout the day they accepted donations of toiletries - soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo - from the people of Cannock which were taken to the refuge by the Soroptimist club's Pathway liaison Officer, Carole Holdcroft. They also sold almost £200.00 of goods on a bring and buy stall. There were people visiting the stands all day and everyone was interested in the work of Soroptimists and of the Pathway Project. Many took away information with them which will be used and then passed on to others. A number of people have arranged to donate household items which will be used to re-house the women from Pathway when they reach that point. All of this will aid SI Cannock in their work to continue to support the Pathway Project. Pat Ansell, Chairman of Cannock Chase District Council, Dennis Dixon Staffordshire County Councillor for Cannock and Tony Wright MP all visited during the day. They told President Lakhwinder Thompson and members how impressed they were by the work of the organisation and how important it is for women locally and globally to have a voice through Soroptimists.”**



Want to keep in the know about what the Cannock Club is doing. Check out their website at [www.soroptimist-gbi.co.uk/cannock-and-district](http://www.soroptimist-gbi.co.uk/cannock-and-district)

Hello Ladies! As I said in my email I wanted to start a new column for the Soroptigram and here it is! Carol was the first to send back her answers so I figured I would feature her first. Here is what she had to say:

**Name: Carol Ann Colyer**

*I am from Thompsettown in Juniata County and graduated from East Juniata High School. Worked in state government for over 35 years in Transportation, Public Welfare and Education as an administrative officer among other things. In Public Welfare worked with the Child Abuse Hot Line, Domestic Violence, Children, Youth and Families. In Education worked with the State Library and School Food Nutrition.*

**Who or what interested you in Soroptimist?**

I was friends with Betty Ann O'Brien, a former member, who retired and moved south.

**Most people don't know...** I am a philatelist collecting U. S. Stamps

**The exercise I most enjoy is...** swimming

**When I read for pleasure...** I like a book that is a mystery

**The best trip I've ever taken...** was to Scotland and England but also enjoyed Hawaii

**If I won a free trip to anywhere in the world...** I'd choose to take a long cruise through the Caribbean, Panama Canal, up the west coast to Alaska.

**As a child, I always thought I'd grow up...** to be an accountant

**I see myself as a person who...** enjoys life

**I find my greatest joy in life...** with my family

**If I suddenly inherited \$20 million...** I think I would give half of it away

**I find peace and serenity by...** quiet time listening to music and reading

**The types of music I find myself listening to most frequently are...** classical country, instrumental and easy listening.

**I think the world would be a better place if...** listened and did not try to talk until the other person was done talking

**What really makes me laugh is ...** stupid stuff

**When did you become a Soroptimist?** 1994



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

**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.*

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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.

*Hello all, (here's my addition to the editor's note)*

*I hope you like what I did with the Soroptigram as my first time being editor. I decided to try being editor since it will be a while before I'm able to come to meetings and help out at fundraisers. I want to still contribute to the club anyway I can. My twins are a lot more work since they are premature. Jun doesn't like strangers and screams a lot so we doubt anyone would be able to babysit her too often. Plus I'm breastfeeding so that ties down a lot of my time. The good news is I can start the twins on solids at the end of June so hopefully things will get a little easier. Let me know what you think about how I did the Soroptigram and my new columns (i.e.: Getting to know the members). Email me at [samluu1@juno.com](mailto:samluu1@juno.com) or call (717) 426-0287 with your comments, ideas or suggestions. Sincerely your new editor, Sue*