

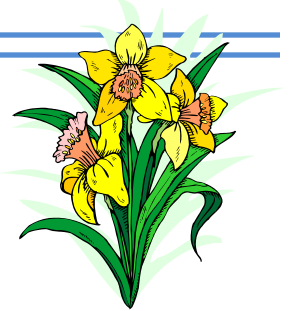


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Soroptimist International of Harrisburg, PA, Inc. Newsletter

March 2012 Issue



MEETING INFORMATION

DATE: March 27, 2012

TIME: 6:30 P.M.

INVOCATION: Carol Colyer

MEAL: Grilled Pork with Caramelized Apples & Onions

PROGRAM: Richard Bowra, Executive Director of the Dauphin County Library System

ORDERING/CANCELING MEAL

DEADLINE: March 21, 2012

NEXT MEETING

DATE: April 24, 2012

TIME: 6:30 P.M.

MEAL: Pan Seared Apricot Chicken

ORDERING/CANCELING MEAL

DEADLINE: April 18, 2012

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 8:30 P.M. the Wednesday before the meeting.

Remarks from President Renee...

March winds blow the wintery chill away. Sunshine and warmer air tells us that spring is on the way. The crocuses, daffodils and hyacinth crack the hardened earth announcing Spring!

The Community Service Committee urges you to get involved with the Cancer Society's Daffodil Day preparation at the Farm show on March 22nd or help with Bingo at the Paxton Ministries Home on March 24th. Both activities involve lots of hands and give back lots of smiles.

The Club needs you! Our Nominating Committee is seeking candidates for our election of Board members. If you are contacted, please consider the part that you may play in OUR Club. Hopefully, you will be able to support the growth and mission of the Club by serving on the Board.

Are you ready to be TAKEN AWAY by the 19th Annual Fashion Show and Luncheon? April 14th is almost here. Baskets ready, tickets sold and prizes collected are just a few of the preparations needed. The Committee needs every member's support to make our main fundraising event a great success!

Friendship Link

SI Harrisburg currently has a Friendship Link with the Cannock and District Club in England. To learn more about this Club, please visit their website: www.soroptimist-gbi.co.uk/cannock-and-district.

Here's the latest update from our friends across the pond:

Our Club project at the moment is **The Purple Tear Drop Campaign**, which is to do with the Sex Trafficking Trade. We are planning to hold a big meeting on May 16th to talk to people from different professions that may be able to help with this. We will let you know further details when we have them. You should be able to Google 'Purple Tear Drop' and it will give you lots of information about it.

Several of the ladies in the club want to be pen-pals with members of our club. If you are interested in being someone's pen-pal, please contact Susan Luu at 426-0287 or samluu3@gmail.com.

2012 National Women's History Month Theme: Women's Education – Women's Empowerment



From National women's History Project (www.nwhp.org):

Although women now outnumber men in American colleges nationwide, the reversal of the gender gap is a very recent phenomenon. The fight to learn was a valiant struggle waged by many tenacious women—across years and across cultures—in our country. After the American Revolution, the notion of education as a safeguard for democracy created opportunities for girls to gain a basic education—based largely on the premise that, as mothers, they would nurture not only the bodies but also the minds of (male) citizens and leaders. The concept that educating women meant educating mothers endured in America for many years, at all levels of education.

Pioneers of secondary education for young women faced arguments from physicians and other “experts” who claimed either that females were incapable of intellectual development equal to men, or that they would be harmed by striving for it. Women’s supposed intellectual and moral weakness was also used to argue against coeducation, which would surely be an assault on purity and femininity. Emma Willard, in her 1819 Plan for Improving Female Education, noted with derision the focus of women’s “education” on fostering the display of youth and beauty, and asserted that women are “the companions, not the satellites of men”—“primary existences” whose education must prepare them to be full partners in life’s journey.

While Harvard, the first college chartered in America, was founded in 1636, it would be almost two centuries before the founding of the first college to admit women—Oberlin, which was chartered in 1833. And even as “coeducation” grew, women’s courses of study were often different from men’s, and women’s role models were few, as most faculty members were male. Harvard itself opened its “Annex” (Radcliffe) for women in 1879 rather than admit women to the men’s college—and single-sex education remained the elite norm in the U.S. until the early 1970s. As coeducation took hold in the Ivy League, the number of women’s colleges decreased steadily; those that remain still answer the need of young women to find their voices, and today’s women’s colleges enroll a far more diverse cross-section of the country than did the original Seven Sisters.

The equal opportunity to learn, taken for granted by most young women today, owes much to Title IX of the Education Codes of the Higher Education Act Amendments. This legislation, passed in 1972 and enacted in 1977, prohibited gender discrimination by federally funded institutions. It has become the primary tool for women's fuller participation in all aspects of education from scholarships, to facilities, to classes formerly closed to women. Indeed, it transformed the educational landscape of the United States within the span of a generation.

SIA Corner

HELP MEMBERS STAY IN THE KNOW!

Did you know that registration is now open for SIA's 42nd Biennial Convention in Hawaii? Did you see that there's a new membership article on the website about resolving conflict in your club? Do you know which Soroptimists have been elected to serve a two-year term on the SIA Board of Directors?

These are the kinds of updates you receive when you have a valid email address in SIA's database. Take part in the email challenge and help ensure that every member in our club gets Soroptimist news delivered to their inbox. Share these [instructions](#) on how to update or add an email address to SIA's database. The steps are quick and easy to follow. In the next few weeks, SIA will feature the regions with the highest percent increases to date. Help our region rise to the challenge. Keep sharing the information and spreading the word!

SIA's 42nd BIENNIAL CONVENTION – JULY 18-21, 2012

Join us in Hawaii on July 18-21 for what is sure to be an exciting and memorable convention experience. Learn, laugh and connect with Soroptimists from around the world on a beautiful island in paradise. Visit the [SIA convention web page](#) for information to help you plan your trip.

[Register now](#) to take advantage of the early registration rates.

LIVE YOUR DREAMS

Have you checked out the **Live Your Dreams Campaign** lately?

Visit the website here: <http://www.soroptimist.org/LiveYourDream/>.

Improving the lives of women and girls, in local communities and throughout the world.



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ADDRESS & PHONE CHANGE

Gretta Morrow has a new address and phone number so please make the correction in your Roster:

**Gretta Morrow
118 Leonard Lane
Harrisburg, PA 17111
717-545-6510**



We're on the web... Visit www.harrisburgsoroptimist.org!

Soroptimist Business

DAFFODIL DAY PREP FOR ACS

The Community Service Committee reminds all members that Daffodil Day preparation for American Cancer Society is scheduled on Wednesday and Thursday, March 21st and 22nd, 2012 (all day) at the Farm Show Complex. To volunteer, call Danielle at the American Cancer Society (909-9747). Please mention that you are a member of Soroptimist International of Harrisburg. When you call to register, Danielle will also be able to tell you if they have other volunteer needs regarding this annual event. Please advise Emily Long if you volunteer for this project.

BINGO AT PAXTON STREET HOME

The Community Service Committee invites you to volunteer for Bingo on Saturday, March 24, 2012, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., at Paxton Street Home, 2001 Paxton Street, Harrisburg. If you are able to assist, please arrive at 1:45 p.m.

COLLECTIONS & DONATIONS

Thank you to those who donated eyeglasses, cancelled postage stamps, soup labels, pull tabs, magazines and card fronts. We will continue the collection of 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, pull tabs from beverage cans for Ronald McDonald House, and card fronts for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. The Community Service committee will have a basket at each business meeting for collection of these items. Thank you Club Members! Keep up the good work!

ORDER GROCERY GIFT CARDS NOW!

Don't forget to order your grocery store gift cards! Contact these ladies to place your order:

Karns Gift Cards: Marge Lashay
Weis Gift Cards: Heather Shull
Giant Gift Cards: Jackie Speaks



RECYCLED CARDS FOR ST. JUDE'S

Over thirty years ago, wishing to show their donors appreciation for making St. Jude's Ranch for Children possible, the idea was conceived for turning the previous year's Christmas cards into "new" cards for the coming season. The recipients were so delighted with their unique "thank you," they requested the children sell them the special cards. And so, the St. Jude's Ranch Recycled Card Program was born.

Operated by Kids' Corp., a program for the children at St. Jude's Ranch to learn entrepreneurship skills, the children participate in making the new cards by removing the front and attaching a new back. The result is a beautiful new card made by the children and volunteers. The benefits are two-fold: customers receive "green" holiday cards for use and the children receive payment for their work and learn the benefits and importance of "going green."

Card Donating Tips:

- ◆ All types of greeting cards, including Christmas are used.
- ◆ Only the card front can be used (please check to be sure the back side is clear of any writing, etc.)
- ◆ St. Jude's can NOT accept Hallmark, Disney or American Greeting cards.
- ◆ 5" x 7" size or smaller is preferred.

Heather Shull will be collecting your recycled cards. Thank you for your participation!

Calendar of Upcoming Events

2012

March 22: Daffodil Day Prep for American Cancer Society

March 24: Paxton Street Home Bingo

March 24: SI WEST SHORE Fashion Show & Brunch

March 25: Fashion Show Committee Meeting

March 27: SI HBG Dinner/Business Meeting

April 10: SI HBG Board Meeting

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

April 24: SI HBG Dinner/Business Meeting

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

May 5: Caitlin's Smiles

May 8: SI HBG Board Meeting

May 12: Randi's Race (assist with registration)

May 22: SI HBG Dinner/Business Meeting

June 12: SI HBG Board Meeting

June 26: SI HBG Dinner/Business Meeting

July 18-21: SIA's 42nd Biennial Convention, Honolulu, Hawaii

October 27: District IV Fall Meeting, SI Fayette County



19th Annual Spring Luncheon & Fashion Show News

"Take Me Away"

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

Every member's help is needed to raise as much money as possible. This is the largest fundraiser the Club has to support all of our service projects. Please sell tickets, get ads, solicit door prizes and pass out flyers.

REMINDERS:

- ◆ Don't forget to use the information, flyers and advertising forms that were emailed to you as part of your "Fashion Show Kit."
- ◆ Please return your ticket money and all information to **Kathy Stynchula or Kay Straw**.
- ◆ Please remember to also submit the door prize letter/form with each door prize so that we can recognize each donating company and send thank you's. Questions should be directed to **Meghann Connor or Heather Shull**. Door prizes and forms should be submitted to **Heather Shull**.

The deadline for turning in you ticket sales money and door prizes will be at the March 27th meeting.

Remember this is your club, your event. Lets make it a "Take Me Away" day to remember!

Upcoming Fashion Show Committee Meeting Dates

LAST MEETING!!

March 25, 2012

from 2-4pm

Giant Food Store

Linglestown Rd.

Community room, 2nd floor



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CONTENT DEADLINES

April Issue
April 10, 2012

May Issue
May 8, 2012

June/July Issue
June 12, 2012

SOROPTIMIST BIRTHDAYS

March 1: Carol Ann Colyer
March 24: Meghann Connor

April 2: Helen Drothler
April 20: Heather Shull
April 22: Marge Lashay



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