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Soroptimist International of Harrisburg, PA, Inc. Newsletter

November/December 2011 Issue

*Remarks from*

*President Renee...*



## MEETING INFORMATION

**DATE: November 22, 2011**

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

**INVOCATION: Cathy Orwan**

**MEAL: Baked Ham with Pineapple Sauce**

**PROGRAM: Committee Reports &  
Distribution of Pellman Pies**

**ORDERING/CANCELING MEAL**

**DEADLINE: November 16, 2011**

**DATE: December 13, 2011**

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

**INVOCATION: Alice Lubrecht**

**MEAL: Buffet**

**PROGRAM: Union Station Barbershop  
Quartet**

**ORDERING/CANCELING MEAL**

**DEADLINE: December 7, 2011**

**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](mailto:CCAColyer@aol.com))**

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

The holiday season surrounds us with memories and expectations that uplift our spirits. We joyously anticipate family gatherings, delicious meals, exchanging gifts and sharing stories. It is a time to be thankful for the many blessings that we have and a time for joyous giving to do something with our blessings.

All of us at some time need help. Whether we are giving help or receiving help, we all have something of value to give. Giving of ourselves, giving time and energy to our projects, to our Club, and to each other knits us together. Some of our members are knitting hats for infants in the hospitals, some members are sharing stories about their experiences playing Bingo, and others are seeking candidates for our awards. Each one of us contributes to the UNICEF collection, buying pies and cakes, and selling Bon Ton coupons that raises funds to support our community service. We are thankful for our efforts and our contributions that make our Club successful. Several members will attend the Inter-Service Club luncheon on November 21, 2011 and share with members of other local clubs ideas and opportunities to improve the lives of those less fortunate.

Throughout this holiday season let's remember to practice the caring, compassionate and charitable values that we promote.

*"I am only one, but still I am one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something. And because I cannot do everything I will not refuse to do the something that I can do."*

*-- Helen Keller*

# Report from NAR 2011 Fall District Meeting

The NAR 2011 Fall District IV Meeting hosted by SI Hanover that had been scheduled for October 29 was rescheduled to November 12 due to heavy snowfall on October 29. The meeting was attended by 6 of the originally planned 11 members from Harrisburg due to the snow and the subsequent rescheduled date which conflicted with our club's Bon Ton fundraiser event.



The meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m. by District Director, Meada McAllister. There were a total of 21 attendees at the meeting; 5 first time attendees. Cheryl Swope, SI Hanover President, gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Region Updates were summarized by NAR Governor-Elect Deb Cooke. Some items reviewed included introduction of the NAR e-Bulletin; NAR Website is in process of being updated and is not available at this time; NAR Spring Conference is scheduled for April 27-29, 2012 in Albany; 2013 Spring Conference will be in Atlantic City, NJ.

Deb also noted that the Violet Richardson program will change from one of volunteerism to more focus on leadership. Starting next year, the emphasis will be shifting to Focus Groups in schools regarding Teen Dating Violence. More information to follow.

Deb announced that regarding Region Election, there are multiple candidates for Governor-Elect and Treasurer; however, there are no nominees for Region Secretary.

Meada announced that District IV has 14 clubs all in good standing; all clubs have more than the required 15 members. She noted some dates to remember: Ruby Award due to Region 1/15/12; Violet Richardson due to District Vice Chair 1/15/12; Women's Opportunity Award due to District Vice Chair 2/1/12 and Soroptimists Celebrating Success due at SIA headquarters 1/20/12.

A hand-out was provided outlining the Fact Sheets to be used for sharing success stories and best practices among clubs. Clubs may present Public Awareness Projects at the NAR Regional Meeting in Albany--to participate Fact Sheets must be submitted by March 1, 2012 to Mary Huber, NAR Public Awareness Chair.

The Soroptimist Drive for Dreams campaign was presented and discussed. Also, 2 general session workshops were held: New Member Education Workshop; Embracing Change Workshop.

The 2012 Fall District IV Meeting will be hosted by SI Fayette, October 27, 2012. Meeting was closed with Soroptimist Pledge.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ella Rothenberger, Delegate



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## Holiday Open House & Tree Lighting at Ronald McDonald House

**Light a Light! Share a Night!**  
**Monday, November 28th - 4:00 to 7:00 PM**

Share the magic of the Holiday Season with your friends and family and join us for food, tours, children's activities, and much more! Festivities are from 4-7pm with the tree lighting and program at 6:00pm. New this year we will have a Modular Railroad Display made possible by the Lower Susquehanna Valley Modular Railroaders and two shows performed by Marian and Friends Ventriloquist (4:30 and 5:30pm) and visits from many of our mascot friends from around Central PA. The event is open to everyone, but we do require an RSVP. If you are interested in attending, please RSVP to Deb Stegall at [dstegall@rmhc-centralpa.org](mailto:dstegall@rmhc-centralpa.org) or 717-533-4001 x152.

## Holiday Gala Invite From SI NYC

Soroptimist International of New York City requests the pleasure of your company at the 2011 Holiday Gala (similar to our Fashion Show) on Saturday, December 10, 2011 at 11:30 a.m. at the Millennium United Nations Plaza Hotel, 1st Avenue & East 44th Street. "Early Bird" price prior to December 1st is \$90. Regular Price is \$100 per person. To reserve for yourself and your friends, send names, contact telephone numbers and e-mail addresses with checks to Soroptimist International of NYC, Attn: Treasurer, PO Box 3196, New York, New York 10163.

## Caitlin's Smiles Play-Doh Drive

Last month, we had the opportunity to hear the story of how Caitlin's Smiles came to be from its founder, Cheryl Hornung. Caitlin's Smiles is a non-profit organization based in Harrisburg, PA that delivers arts and crafts kits to children facing chronic or life-threatening illnesses. Caitlin's Smiles reaches children in hospitals throughout Pennsylvania, Delaware, Ohio, Maryland and the District of Columbia.

Here are just a few of the statistics:

- ◆ Started at Penn State Children's Hospital
- ◆ Now they serve over 70 hospitals & pediatric clinics
- ◆ During the 1st year, they delivered about 10 bags per week
- ◆ Last year, they delivered 9,100 bags

**We have decided to take part in the Caitlin's Smiles Play-Doh Drive. Please consider bringing a donation of Play-Doh to the November meeting.**

Caitlin's Smiles is always in need of the following items, so please feel free to bring donations of these as well:

- ◆ Bags of pony beads (bags of a single color)
- ◆ Drawing pads
- ◆ Markers
- ◆ Coloring or activity books
- ◆ Crayons
- ◆ Postage stamps
- ◆ Lacing for necklaces—gimp, leather, elastic, hemp, etc.
- ◆ Tubs of foam beads, stickers or activities
- ◆ Ziploc baggies—snack & sandwich sizes
- ◆ Gift cards (Michael's, JoAnn Fabrics, AC Moores, Dollar Tree, Wal-Mart, Staples, Office Max)

**THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING  
CAITLIN'S SMILES!!**

## Soroptimist Business

### SALVATION ARMY ADOPT-A-SENIOR

At the November meeting, the Community Service Committee will be seeking volunteers to participate in the Salvation Army Adopt-a-Senior Program during the month of December. Salvation Army provides us with the names and contact information of two senior women in need. The Committee has budgeted \$75 per woman. The volunteer(s) contact the person and find out what she needs or would like for the holidays. The idea is to fill a wish of the individual to make her holidays brighter.

### BINGO AT PAXTON MINISTRIES

The Community Service Committee is thankful for all of the wonderful donations our members contributed to our Bingo prize chest. Our first Bingo of the club year was held November 5, 2011 at Paxton Street Home. The residents had a fun afternoon and the variety of prizes added to their enjoyment. The biggest hits were word search books. Special thanks to the six members who gave of their time to assist at this event.

### VIOLET RICHARDSON AWARD

The deadline for Violet Richardson Award applications is December 1st, which is fast approaching. The application can be obtained through high school guidance offices in Dauphin County or by contacting Meghann Connor, Violet Richardson Chair, at [mconnor24@comcast.net](mailto:mconnor24@comcast.net). Please help us to honor a local young woman dedicated to community service!

### SOROPTIMIST PELLMAN PIE SALE

Pellman pies will be delivered for member pick-up at the **November meeting**. As a reminder, items must be picked up at the meeting as they do arrive frozen. If you are not attending the meeting, please make arrangements with someone to pick up your pies!

### ORDER GROCERY GIFT CARDS NOW!

Don't forget to order your grocery store gift cards now—they make great holiday gifts!! Contact these ladies to place your order before it's too late:

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

### COLLECTIONS & DONATIONS

Thank you to those who donated eyeglasses, cancelled postage stamps, soup labels, pull tabs, magazines and card fronts. Special thanks to Doris Stringer who delivered the 40 pairs of donated eyeglasses to Dr. Hawley for the benefit of the PA Chapter of Volunteer Optometric Services to Humanity. 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!

### FASHION SHOW

Mark your calendars for our **Annual Fashion Show!**

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

Tickets will be handed out during the November meeting.

## Calendar of Upcoming Events

### 2011

- November 21: Rotary Club Thanksgiving Luncheon**
- November 22: SI HBG Dinner/Business Meeting**
- November 22: PIE PICK-UP/DELIVERY!**
- November 25: International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women/Soroptimist Workplace Campaign to End Domestic Violence**
- November 26: Ronald McDonald House breakfast**
- December 2: International Day for the Abolition of Slavery**
- December 3: Caitlin's Smiles craft bag assembly**
- December 10: Salvation Army bell ringing at Sears, Colonial Park Mall**
- December 10: Human Rights Day - SI December 10th Appeal**
- December 11: UCP gift wrapping at Capital City Mall**
- December 13: SI HBG Dinner/Business Meeting**

### 2012

- January 10: SI HBG Board Meeting**
- January 21: Ronald McDonald House breakfast**
- January 24: SI HBG Dinner/Business Meeting**
- February 14: SI HBG Board Meeting**
- February 28: SI HBG Dinner/Business Meeting**
- April 14: 19th Annual Fashion Show, Radisson Hotel, Camp Hill, PA**
- April 27-29: North Atlantic Regional Conference, Albany, NY**



## More Soroptimist Business

### UPCOMING COMMUNITY SERVICE:

- ◆ **Ronald McDonald House breakfasts** – Saturday, November 26, 2011 and Saturday, January 21, 2012; We need eight volunteers, with two back-ups, for each event.
- ◆ **UCP gift wrapping** – Sunday, December 11, 2011 from noon to 4 pm at Capital City Mall; We need five volunteers.
- ◆ **Caitlin's Smiles** – Saturday, December 3rd from 2PM - 4PM; We will be assembling craft kits. Sign up will be available at the next meeting. Members who attend this event are encouraged to bring a box of Ziplock sandwich or snack baggies. For those members who are uncomfortable standing for a period of time, please note there are plenty of chairs and tables at Caitlin's Smiles and this task can easily be done seated.
- ◆ **Salvation Army bell ringing and adopt-a-senior** takes place in December. The location for bell ringing is inside Colonial Park Mall just outside the entrance door to Sears.

### ROSTER UPDATES

See Jayne Brinkley if you need address updates for your Roster for Eileen Hileman, Cathy Kalasky and Mary Ellen Osuch.

### WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE

If you have a fund-raising project submit it to the Chairman Kay Straw. This must include specified investment of time, money and people required. Also an estimated net profit. All projects will be reviewed by this committee. After review all projects must be submitted for Club approval.

**Happy Holidays  
to all the SI HBG ladies  
& your families!**



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## SOROPTIMIST BIRTHDAYS

November 2: Billie Hawk  
November 7: Margaretta Morrow  
November 11: Jean Johns  
November 18: Dorothy Sutton  
November 24: Renee Jones

December 1: Eileen Hileman  
December 14: Cathy Orwan  
December 21: Marybeth Lehtimaki  
December 26: Anne Bednar  
December 27: Gloria Boyer  
December 27: Kay Straw

## Officers & Board of Directors 2011-2012

### OFFICERS

President: Renee Jones  
President-elect: Susan Wolfe  
Recording Secretary: Heidi Kilpatrick  
Corresponding Secretary: Jayne Brinkley  
Treasurer: Alice Lubrecht  
Assistant Treasurer: Susan Sherman

### DIRECTORS

2011-2013: Kay Straw  
2011-2012: Margaretta Morrow  
2011-2012: Billie Hawk

### DELEGATES

2011-2013: Susan Luu  
2011-2012: Ella Rothenberger

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