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SOROPTIGRAM

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District IV Theme: May All Our Dreams Come True



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Making a Difference for Women since 1921
The vision of SI is:
To be a Global Voice for Women Through
Awareness, Advocacy and Action.

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MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT CATHY

Greetings Ladies,

As we approach the holiday season it is a good time to reflect upon and give thanks for our many blessings. It is also a time to reach out to those less fortunate than ourselves. That is especially true in today's economic environment. The value of our investments may be down but the needs of others continue to increase during these times. We may need to look at alternate methods of fulfilling our mission. Let's keep this in mind as we plan for our April Awards meeting. I take this opportunity to wish all of you a Happy Holiday season and encourage you to "gear up" for the tasks that lie ahead in the New Year!

President Cathy

NOVEMBER MEETING

DATE: November 25, 2008

TIME: 6:30 P.M.

Invocation: Doris McGarvey

PLACE: Holiday Inn East
4751 Lindle Road
Harrisburg, PA

DECEMBER MEETING

DATE: December 9, 2008

TIME: 6:30 P.M.

Invocation: Renee Jones

PLACE: Holiday Inn East
4751 Lindle Road
Harrisburg, PA

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IMPORTANT MESSAGE

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 November meeting is Nov. 19. Deadline for the December meeting is Dec.3.

MENU SELECTIONS

November - Roast Pork Loin

And

December – Buffet with Stuffed Turkey and Baked Ham

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

Community Service

Just a reminder that every month we will collect food/paper items/money for the Central PA Food Bank. If you want to write a check, please make payable to the Central PA Food Bank, not SI of Harrisburg. In October we collected 21 cans/boxes, 2 packs of paper products and \$25.00. Carol Ann will deliver the items to the Food Bank each month.

Program for December Meeting

Food for Christmas in Poland

By

Bill Minsker and Student

November Birthdays

2 Billie Hawk
7 Margaretta Morrow
9 Jean Short
11 Jean Johns
16 Tess Bockes
18 Dorothy Sutton
24 Renee Jones

December Birthdays

1 Eileen Hileman
14 Cathy Orwan
27 Gloria Boyer
27 Kay Straw



CALENDAR OF FUTURE EVENTS

2008/2009

November 24	Inter-Service Club Thanksgiving Luncheon – Harrisburg Hilton
November 25	Dinner/Business Meeting at the Holiday Inn East
December 9	Dinner/Business Meeting at Holiday Inn East
January 13	Board Meeting
January 14	Deadline for Soroptigram news
January 20	Venture Meeting
January 27	Dinner/Business Meeting at the Holiday Inn East

2009

March 28, 2009	Fashion Show at Holiday Inn East
April 24-26, 2009	NAR Conference, Albany Marriott, Albany, NY
May 14	Membership Mixer
August 1	Summer social
October 31	District IV Meeting, Seven Springs Resort, Somerset
April 30 – May 2, 2010	NAR Spring Conference, Harrisburg Holiday Inn Hotel & Conference Center, New Cumberland, PA

Reminder: the **Fashion Show Committee will meet** on Wednesday November 19, 2008 at 6:30 PM at Kint Corporation. Whether you're on the committee or not, all are welcome to attend. Members please call me at 648-6915 if you are unable to attend. Thank you Debi Kint, Chair.

CENT\$ABLE CLOSET THANK YOU FROM SUSAN WOLFE

I want to sincerely thank the members of the Cent\$able Closet committee: Joyce Burger, Eleanor Clark, Carol Ann Colyer, Kate Conard, Lynn Diehl, Toni Gilhooley, Billie Hawk, Eileen Hileman, Renee Jones, Doris McGarvey, Gretta Morrow, Miriam Rothermel, Jean Short, Jan Smith, Kay Straw, Doris Stringer, Dottie Sutton, Helen Swaincott, and Cathy Orwan for their time, effort and donations. I also thank all the members who donated clothing, flea market items, bake sale items and kitchen items. Thank you to members who bought raffle tickets and to members who came to help with the sales. Thank you to Kathleen Conley, Venture Club Vice-President, and to Leslie, Susan Luu's friend, who helped in the kitchen. Special thanks go to the Soroptimisters, Ron Conard, Ken Rothermel, Don Straw and Gary Wolfe. Thanks to Mark Wolfe who helped with the set up and clean up. A "Gold Star Award" goes to Dottie Sutton who taught us how to make candy. Candy sales were fantastic. Ladies, we once again did a great job with Cent\$able Closet.



Doris Stringer, Community Service Co-Chair, reports that the American Cancer Society was thankful for assistance from Betty Barnes, Carol A. Colyer, Kate and Ron Conard, Eileen Hileman, Jean Johns, Renee Jones, Mary Ann Podraza, and Miriam Rothermel on Tuesday, October 14, 2008.

SOROPTIMIST BUSINESS



MEMBERSHIP MIXER

Do you know someone who might be interested in joining Soroptimist? Friends, Family, Coworkers, Hairdresser, neighbors, even Doctors? Please think of these people and collect their address so we can send them an invitation to our membership mixer on May 14, 2009. I would like each member to try and come up with 5 names of women we can invite by April 7th. So please keep looking around for members for our club!! Thanks for your help! Also just to let you know I have reserved the wildwood conference center at HACC for our mixer.

Susan Luu, Chair Membership & Member Education Committee



The value of the Weaver Fund as of October 31, 2008, was \$90,705.52. There was income of \$181.73 and a decrease in value of \$10,137.76.

BOOK EXCHANGE as reported by Joyce Burger

The book exchange will be available in November and closed in December. Bring paper backs as they are not so heavy to carry. **Happy Reading**

**BOARD HIGHLIGHTS**

The board discussed the development of a donation receipt that members could use for IRS purposes. This will be referred to the finance committee.

The board discussed the inclusion in our roster of the explanations of our various funds and their history.

The board was pleased with the profits from Cent\$able Closet (\$3,027.14) and decided that dates for 2009 be scheduled.

The board reviewed the Live your Dream Art Contest and how our club could participate. President Cathy will review this with the club at our November meeting.

Community Service will be presenting food gift cards to Rose Ditzler of Family Services for members of Army personnel.

The club is waiting for a reply from the Builders Association regarding the biennial project at Shalom House.

Submitted by Susan Wolfe, Secretary

In the October Soroptigram I reported that the Ventures were celebrating their birthday this year helping with the Neighborhood Center Library Grand Opening. Venture Meghann Connor says it was a success and the kids were eager to put their hand prints on the wall to complete “The Reading Garden” which was a Venture project. The celebration included a spaghetti dinner, cake, crafts, story time, and prize drawings.

Ventures volunteered to staff the silent auction at Meghan’s Night at the Rose Lehrman Center at HACC on October 25th. The evening raised money for the Meghan Freas Scholarship Fund.



Would you like some help wrapping your gift packages this year? Ventures will be glad to help you on December 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th between 7 and 9 in the evening at the Capital City Mall. Just look for the UPC Gift Wrap and that is where you will find them helping another good cause.

Next meeting for Ventures is at 6:30 on November 18th at the HACC Library. Ventures will be inducting a new member, Ginny Henning.

Pies and cakes will be sorted that evening and Meghann will be delivering SI pies on November 25 at our meeting, so be ready for the goodies.

December’s Venture holiday gathering has not been decided at this time but Soroptimists wish them a Happy Holiday Season, they are very deserving for all they do.



Twins Update

Susan Luu has been put on bed rest/limited activity for the next couple of months. “I’m not allowed to do much from now on (no driving, no lifting, only 2 trips upstairs, and things like that.) So this means I won’t be attending any more meetings until after I have the twins.” If you want to send cards to Sue, her address is: 6 Farmingdale Lane, Marietta, PA 17547.

AND, Sue has a request for the Membership Committee:

Since I can't make it to the November meeting I need someone from the membership committee to meet Debi Parthemore. I was hoping to meet her in the lobby of the hotel and bring her to our meeting room. Debi 's phone number is (717) 652-5606. So whoever can meet her can you call her and let her know. Or you can email (samluu1@juno.com) me or call ((717) 426-0287) me if you want to meet her and I will call her myself. Just let me know what you want to do. Thanks!
Sue



The Live Your Dream Campaign

inspires women and girls to live their dreams and encourages them to pass on their good fortune to others. The campaign celebrates the unique power and accomplishments of women and girls just like you. When women help themselves and one another, amazing things can happen. Soroptimist announces the Live Your Dream Art Contest! Open to all kindergarten-12th grade students, this contest asks kids to draw a woman who inspires them—be it their mom or grandmother, a teacher, a woman from history, or even a woman depicted in fiction.

The contest is open to both boys and girls, and because it involves a visual medium, children from every SIA country can participate. The success of this project depends on your participation, and SIA hopes you and your club will promote the contest. This is an exciting opportunity to get your schools involved and raise awareness about Soroptimist and the Live Your Dream Campaign.

President Cathy will be talking more about this at the November meeting.



October was Breast Cancer Awareness Month in the United States. While this disease is difficult for any woman to face, it is especially difficult for low-income women who lack the necessary access to doctors and treatment. Soroptimist developed a white paper to shed light on this issue.

In 2007, breast cancer will be diagnosed in more than 1.1 million women. Responsible for more than 500,000 deaths each year, breast cancer is the most common cause of cancer-related death among women worldwide. Based on estimates of an average annual increase in incidence, the number of new cases projected to be diagnosed in 2010 is around 1.5 million.

Interested in reading the White Paper? Go to http://www.soroptimist.org/whitepapers/wp_bcliw.html to read the full report.



**Wishing your family a safe and
happy holiday season!**



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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.

EDITOR'S NOTE

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

President Cathy continues to seek a member to serve as permanent editor of the Soroptigram. Please volunteer so we can continue to have a newsletter.