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Making a Difference for Women since 1921
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To be a Global Voice for Women Through
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MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT CATHY

Greetings ladies . . . we are fast approaching one of my favorite Soroptimist events, the April Awards Dinner. I look forward to seeing the results of our hard work and listening to the heart-felt comments of the awardees. It always makes me feel so proud to be part of this organization. I hope you experience that same sense of satisfaction and pride. It serves as a great reminder of what we truly are about.

And . . . we can look forward to next year's award dinner and the opportunity to give away even more money due to the outstanding results of this year's Fashion Show. Debi Kint and her committee deserve a great big thank-you from all of us for their incredible efforts in what has been the most successful fashion show to date!

We are also excited about the membership social scheduled for Thursday, May 8. Let's put forth our greatest effort to introduce more women to the world of Soroptimism!

President Cathy

APRIL MEETING

DATE: APRIL 22, 2008

TIME: 6:30 P.M.

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

April Program

Invocation:

Helen Drothler

**ANNUAL AWARDS
DINNER MEETING**

**Kathy Silks, MISTRESS OF
CEREMONIES**

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IMPORTANT MESSAGE

Members who plan to attend the dinner meeting MUST notify Carol Colyer 540-1278 the Wednesday before the meeting. The deadline for dinner reservations for the March meeting is Wednesday, April 16.

MENU SELECTION

April

Pan Seared Apricot Chicken

Don't forget to put your order in for **Weis and/or Giant Gift Cards** to Doris McGarvey (545-8646). Orders for **Karns Gift Cards** go to Gretta Morrow (564-0179).

**COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMITTEE
Reminder List**

Please bring to the meeting: Campbell labels for the Neighborhood Center, eye glasses for the Guatemala project, stamps for the Veterans (remember to leave an inch of paper around the stamp), and dictionaries and magazines for Poland.

For our members who grocery shop at Giant, Karns or Weis- It is time to plan for your summer need of store Gift Cards. Order your three month supply to be delivered in June. This is an easy way to support our club. We earn approximately \$1,000 a club year with no heavy lifting or delivering. Get on board. Your club thanks you. From Gretta Morrow and Doris McGarvey

April Birthdays

02 Helen Drothler
10 Sara Prioleau

May Birthdays

28 Eleanor Clark
31 Doris Stringer

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

2008

April 11-13	NAR Spring Conference, State College
April 22	Awards Dinner at the Holiday Inn East
May 8	Membership Mixer
May 13	Board Meeting

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May 27	Dinner/Business Meeting at Holiday Inn East
June 24	70 th Birthday Celebration
July 16-19	SIA Biennial Convention, Taipei Taiwan
August 9	Summer Social
November 15	BonTon Community Day
March 28, 2009	Fashion Show

Note from Helen Swaincott

Thank you for your prayers, cards and phone calls. The surgery was successful for the two compressed vertebrae but I still have one that cannot be taken care of at this time. You made each day wonderful and thank you for the beautiful flowers.

ANNUAL AWARDS

Karen Silks, Mistress of Ceremony for the event, is Vice President of Community Relations at WITF.

SOROPTIMIST NEWS**MEMBERSHIP MIXER REMINDER from Meada McAllister, Chair**

The Membership Committee is asking members to come out for our mixer. It is May 8 (Thursday) at HACC. We will be in the lobby of the Wildwood Conference Center from 5:00 – 8:00 PM. If you have any names for the Committee to contact, let us know. If you do not have anyone to bring, come anyway. Thanks!!

Fashion Show Update:

Our 15th Annual Fashion Show and Luncheon goes down in the history books as our most profitable fund raising event. The support of the entire club membership and the dedication of the committee netted a profit of \$5,855.23. There were 277 tickets sold (4 less than last year), 268 meals guaranteed and 266 meals served. The basket auction netted \$1,881.00 and the raffles \$330.00.

We would like to thank the committee and the whole club for all their dedication and support. We have received many positive remarks on the fashions, food and the celebrities. Everyone who attended had a great time and they are looking forward to next year. We are looking for your help to make next year's fashion show as successful. The committee will be meeting at Kint Corporation at 7 on April 24, 2008 to discuss our successes and ways to improve this fund raiser. The whole club is invited as we would like your input. Please call or email Debi Kint at 648-6915 or debi@kintmail.com if you are attending.

Jayne Brinkley, Debi Kint and Susan Sherman

The proposed budget for the 2008-09 Club year is included as a separate report with this Soroptigram. If you have any questions prior to the May meeting, contact any member of the finance committee, Dot Sutton, Chair.

Ventures held their March meeting at the HACC library on March 18. Before the meeting they were busy putting together Easter Baskets for various organizations. At the meeting Teresa Smith, Director, of the Children's Resource Center, Pinnacle Health Systems gave a presentation on the history and services that the center provides. Ventures will be collecting new stuffed animals for the center to be given to the children who use their service to take home. If you care to help Ventures and donate a stuffed animal let me know and I can contact Venture Meghann Conner. A monthly donation was given to the center.

Thanks to Melissa Orwan for modeling at the Fashion Show and Kathleen Conley for putting together Ventures donated basket. Both did a great job.

On Sunday April 13 Ventures will be helping with registration at the MS Walk at Cedar Cliff HS. On May 10 they will be volunteering and walking for Randi's Race at Adams Ricci Community Park in East Pennsboro Township.

In place of the monthly business meeting Ventures are having a Social on April 15 at 6:30 to be held at the Blue Bistro at 1312 N Second Street. You are invited to join them for a chat and a relaxing evening. A number of Ventures are planning on attending our Awards Dinner.

BABY NEWS

Melanie and Mark Scaringi became the proud parents of Marc Anthony Scaringi, Jr., who was born on **Valentine's Day**. He joins his sister, Gabriella, who is two this month. Much happiness to the Scaringi Family.

Ongoing donations: Pull tabs, Magazines for recycling, Eye Glasses, Cell phones and DVS donations



Friendship News from Cannock and District as reported by Helen Swaincott

Joan Harrison writes that a speaker meeting was held at the Barns on March 11th. President Pam welcomed members and guest speaker, Jan Sutton.

Sheila Brown gave the invocation. Following dinner, President Pam asked members to remember members, Margaret Young, Sue Whitehouse and Trish Mellor who were ill.

Jan Sutton, a Cannock woman who is now a Deacon in the Methodist church of a rural parish outside Loughborough spoke of her work there in particular her special work with young people and families and setting up a youth group for many young people who were wandering the streets. Following her visit to the club and her talk four years ago, the club made a gift to her with a traveling communion set and her ministerial robes. Carol Holdcroft gave the vote of thanks and presented Jan with a further donation to use in her work.

The meeting closed with President Pam proposing the final toast to "Optimist Soroptimist."

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE
DAUPHIN COUNTY COMMUNITY **RECYCLING DAY**

SATURDAY, MAY 17, 2008

HARRISBURG AREA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

(Parking lot along Industrial Road)

9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. only

NEW for our May 17th event-only

FREE PASSENGER TIRE RECYCLING

LIMITED TO 10-TIRES PER DAUPHIN COUNTY HOUSEHOLD

(MUST SHOW I.D.)

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Thank you for being friendly to our environment!

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BOOK EXCHANGE as reported by Joyce Burger

Thank you for all your support for our book exchange. We continue to look for some new books to expand our selection. Paperbacks are easier to transport but we won't refuse any good book. Happy reading!!!





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WHO ARE SEROPTIMISTS

Seroptimists 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. Seroptimists 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 Seroptimists is the desire to make a difference for others through volunteer service.

Seroptimist International of the Americas (SIA) is part of Seroptimist 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 Seroptigram. Many hands make light work.

President Cathy is still looking for a member to serve as permanent editor of the Seroptigram. Please volunteer so we can continue to have a newsletter.

Editor Assignments:

May 2008	Eileen Hileman
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