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SOROPTIGRAM

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MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT CATHY

Greetings Ladies,

During the new year may you have . . .
enough happiness to keep you sweet,
enough trials to keep you strong,
enough sorrow to keep you human,
enough hope to keep you happy,
enough failure to keep you humble,
enough success to keep you eager,
enough friends to give you comfort,
enough wealth to meet your needs,
enough enthusiasm to make you look forward to
tomorrow,
enough determination to make each day better than
the day before.

President Cathy

JANUARY MEETING

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DATE: January 22, 2008

TIME: 6:30 P.M.

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

January Program

Invocation:
Kate Conard

Speaker:
Bill Minsker
Partnership Abroad
and a student

IMPORTANT MESSAGE

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

MENU SELECTION January

Sliced Sirloin Bordelaise

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).



January Birthdays

5 Miriam Rothermel
6 Jacalyn Speaks

IT'S GIRL SCOUT COOKIE TIME!!!

If you are planning to buy cookies, consider purchasing them from our Troop.

Meada will take orders at the January and February meeting.

THANKS 😊

Cent\$able Closet Committee Meeting. We will meet at 5:45 pm prior to the regular meeting on January 22, 2008. We'll review ideas to improve the Cent\$able Closet and develop a questionnaire for the Club members.

Sue Wolfe, Chair

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..

February Birthdays

10 Betty Barnes
12 Lynn Diehl
13 Joyce Burger

CALENDAR OF FUTURE EVENTS

2008

January 15	Venture Meeting
January 22	Dinner/Business Meeting at Holiday Inn East
February 12	Board Meeting
February 13	Deadline for Soroptigram news
February 19	Venture Meeting
February 26	Dinner/Business Meeting at Holiday Inn East

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March 29	Fashion Show at Holiday Inn East
April 11-13	NAR Conference, State College
May 1	Membership Mixer
July 16-19	SIA Biennial Convention, Taipei, Taiwan
August 9	Summer Social
June 24	70 th Birthday Celebration
April 24-26, 2009	NAR Spring Conference, Albany, NY Marriot

The Community Service Committee was active during the holiday season. A Meal and some gifts were provided to 4 senior citizens for Christmas. Also, \$250.00 in \$25.00 Giant Gift Cards were provided to the Army Relief Agency to distribute to families of men serving overseas. Thanks to Jayne Brinkley, Susan Sherman, Tess Bockes, Janet Smith, Carol Colyer and Ella Rothenberger for all their hard work. Submitted by Mary Ann Podraza Community Services Co-chair.

Sue Wolfe was pleasantly surprised while reading the book “Best Friends” by Debbie Macomber, which she had purchased at our recent Cent\$able Closet. One of the characters mentioned that the Soroptimist’s gave a scholarship and she was going to apply for it. Later in the book she receives a letter from the Soroptimists International of Pine Ridge in Pine Ridge, Washington informing her that she had won the \$1,000 scholarship. What a coincidence!

Community Service did a mailing for the Cancer Society on Thursday, January 3, 2008. The volunteers were Eleanor Clark, Mary Ann Podraza, Miriam Rothemel and Susan Wolfe. They worked a combined total of 17 hours.

Tess Bockes, Treasurer, requests that you use her business email address of tbockes@seniorhelpers.com to contact her.

SOROPTIMIST BUSINESS

From Debi, Chair, Fashion Show Committee

Fashion Show Committee Meeting Reminder:

Next meeting February 5, 2008 6:30 at Kint Corporation please plan to attend as we will be wrapping up the final details of the Fashion Show.

Reminder to Members:

The Fashion Show March 29, 2008 will be here before we know it.

I trust you all have received you tickets and basket assignments. If you haven't or if you need more flyers and letters please call Debi Kint at 648-6915.

At the February Meeting all door prizes must be turned in to Kate Conard and the money for your tickets and table reservations are due to Eleanor Clark.

Joyce Burger, Chair of the Violet Richardson Award Committee announces that Erin K. Bryne from Susquehanna Township HS is our winner. She does many volunteer activities through the STHS Student Government. Her advisor is Adrienne Gilbert. Letters were sent to the girls who applied, thanking them. Letters were sent to Erin Byrne and Adrienne Gilbert informing them of our awards ceremony and dinner. Erin's application, along with the transmittal form, was sent to Kathy Petruska, Vice Chair of Violet Richardson Award in the North Atlantic Region.

Carol Ann and Ella want to introduce our new senior woman who will be visited and helped during the year. Claretta Davis is an 83 year old African American woman who lives at 1201 North Front Street, Apt. 502. She is originally from a small town in the Pocono area. She has trouble walking and was in a second floor apartment with no elevator. Her one daughter was able to arrange for Claretta to move here last summer. Unfortunately that daughter moved to Houston, Texas. Claretta has another daughter living in the Poconos, a son living in Baltimore and another daughter living in the Carlisle area. Her husband died many years ago and her second mate passed away when she was in her 70s. For Christmas she chose a ham dinner. She has no dietary restrictions and loves flowers. She would like to do volunteer work with children but has no transportation. The apartment building where she lives is for people with low income and she is required to meet certain cleanliness standards. Currently she is saving for a second hand vacuum sweeper to clean carpets (if the complex does it they charge her \$20). If you have one to donate, it should be light weight because of her trouble walking.

BOOK EXCHANGE as reported by Billie Hawk

We have a new supply of books for your winter reading pleasure. Come early to make your choices.



VENTURE NEWS as reported by Joyce Burger

We enjoyed having Heather Shull and Meghann Connors join us for our December Holiday Dinner. Ventures did not get to have their holiday social as it had to be postponed because of inclement weather. They are hoping to reschedule for sometime in January or February.

On January 19 at 8 AM they will be once again cooking breakfast at the Ronald McDonald House. This is such a good experience for all involved and a nice treat for the folks who are staying there.

Starting in February Venture meetings will be held at the HACC Library.

Joan Harrison sent our club a beautiful Christmas Greeting wishing us the wonderful things that Christmas time can bring. I will share the card and greetings with the members at our meeting. Thanks Joan and let us send you belated Birthday Wishes on your 80th Birthday last October.

Members of the Cannock and District Soroptimist Club held a business Meeting at the Barnes on November 13th. President Pam welcomed members. Following grace that came from Wales, a hot buffet was served. Following dinner President Pam honored those who's Birthdays were in November and wished them well. She reported that the memorial fund to Morag is still open. President Pam had received a thank you form Pat Roberts expressing her gratitude for members' kindness during her recent illness. Lynn Tuckley gave an update on the National Memorial Arboretum.

President Pam gave a report on the Federation Conference held at Harrogate. Joan Harrison reported on the news from our club. Trish Mellor updated members on the press and publicity news, followed by Regional club dinner dates. Members were informed of Cannock Rotary Club's events. Members were asked to bring Christmas presents to the next meeting. Joan Harrison presented a cheque for €100 to the club as a token of her thanks and appreciation for all the phone calls, cards, flowers, plants and visits by members on the occasion of her 80th birthday.

The meeting closed with President Pam proposing the toast to "Think Big, be bold, make a difference.

A Speaker Meeting was held at the Barne on November 27th. President Pam welcomed everyone and the guest speaker, Kathie Coe. After the remembrances were given, Joan Harrison gave the grace and dinner followed.

Kathie Coe spoke about Pathway, an organization which the club has supported for many years and which looks after women victims of domestic violence locally. She gave many distressing facts and figures but on a more positive note she told members of the way women's lives are transformed through Pathway. Janice Lomas thanked her and presented her with gifts the members had donated.

A brief business followed and Joan Harrison reported on news from Harrisburg and June Ward reported on Midland Regional events that will be coming up. The profit from the Fashion Show was €577. Meeting was adjourned with President Pam proposing the final toast "Optimist, Soroptimist, Friendship.

This is a picture of the many books that were for sell at the Cent\$able Closet. Lots of good reading!





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

Alice Lubrecht will be the editor of the February and March issues of the Soroptigram.