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SOROPTIGRAM

Soroptimist International of Harrisburg, PA Inc
Soroptimist International of the Americas, Inc.
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NAR Theme: One Voice
District IV Theme: May All Our Dreams Come True



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Best for Women

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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,

Autumn has arrived with all her glory. I hope you are taking the time to notice and enjoy the beauty this season offers. The past thirty days have been filled with devastating news surrounding our financial markets. It's easy to get caught up in the doom and gloom mentality that kind of news can generate. The next thirty days offer opportunities to focus on the positive. Many of you will be spending your time and energy promoting the ideals of our organization at the Cent\$able Closet & Flea Market. Eight members will be representing our club at the District IV meeting in Wheeling, WV. We have the joy of gathering together for a meal and fellowship at our next regular dinner meeting. And, we all have an opportunity to go out and vote for the next leader of this great country. Let's focus on the good news life has to offer and remain "optimist Soroptimists". *President Cathy*

OCTOBER MEETING

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DATE: October 28, 2008

TIME: 6:30 P.M.

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

**October Program
Hospice of
Central PA**

**Invocation:
Betty Barnes**

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 October meeting is Wednesday, October 22.

MENU SELECTION

October

Turkey Fillet Divan

Your Smart Money Committee is offering Gift Cards again this Club year. 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 COMMITTEE

A MEETING OF THIS COMMITTEE WILL BE HELD AT 5:30PM AT THE HOLIDAY INN EAST. There are issues from the last meeting that need to be finalized.

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..

October Birthdays

3 Ella Rothenberger
31 Eleanor Shields

November Birthdays

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



CALENDAR OF FUTURE EVENTS

2008

October 21	Venture Meeting & celebration of their Birthday
October 17-18	Cent\$able Closet & Flea Market
October 25	NAR District IV Meeting, Wheeling WV
October 28	Dinner/Business Meeting at Holiday Inn East
November 11	Board Meeting
November 12	Deadline for Soroptigram
November 15	BonTon Community Day

2008

November 26	Dinner/Business Meeting at Holiday Inn East
March 28, 2009	Fashion Show at Holiday Inn East
May 14, 2009	Membership Mixer
April 24-26, 2009	NAR Conference, Albany Marriott, Albany, NY
August 1, 2009	Summer Social
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 Tuesday 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.

To the Candy Helpers from Dot Sutton

A big thank you to all the Soroptimists and Soroptimister who worked especially hard to prepare candy for the Cent\$able Closet.

Kate and Ron Conard

Eleanor Clark

Helen Drothler and Friend

Doris McGarvey

Doris Stringer

Jean Johns

Carol Colyer

Billie Hawk

Lynn Diehl

Gretta Morrow

Sue Wolfe

Eileen Hileman

Renee Jones

Joyce Burger

Mary Ann Podraza

A special thank you to Renee's friend, Larry, for moving materials in and out of the church kitchen. What a group! Not only did they work hard, but they bought a large amount of the product.

Editor's Note: Many thanks to Dot Sutton for coordinating the candy making project. Fantastic!

The InterService Club Thanksgiving Luncheon will take place Monday, November 24 @ 12:00 at the Harrisburg Hilton. Reservations must be made by Oct. 27. If you are interested in attending, please let President Cathy know prior to the deadline. The following members have indicated they are attending: Cathy Orwan, Kay and Don Straw, Doris Stringer, Jean Johns and Renee Jones.

Sound of Music, Whittaker Center - anyone interested in discounted tickets to see the Sound of Music on Sunday, November 16 @ 2:00 can purchase them from President Cathy at the October dinner meeting for \$15.00. Tickets will be distributed at the theater prior to show time.

SOROPTIMIST BUSINESS

Board Highlights and Suggestion Folder - In order to help disseminate information to the membership regarding actions taken by the board, the Soroptigram will now include a section titled "Board Highlights". In addition, a copy of the board minutes will be available in a folder in the mailbox at monthly dinner meetings. In an effort to give the membership opportunity to voice their ideas and concerns you will see a folder titled "Suggestions" in the mailbox as well.

We hope these additions will create opportunities to improve communication and the sense of unity among all members. The board welcomes your comments and encourages attendance at our monthly meetings.

Don't forget October is UNICEF month. Bring your donations of loose change, small bills or LARGE checks to fill boxes for a worthwhile cause.

In order to facilitate accurate accounting and record keeping we encourage members to make donations/payments in the form of a personal check (with its intended purpose written in the memo). If cash is preferred, please be sure to use a clearly marked envelope with the dollar amount, donee's name and intended recipient or project. We appreciate your attention to this request

The value of the Weaver Fund as of September 30, 2008, was \$100,661.55. There was income of \$822.25 and a decrease in value of \$8757.45.

October 14, 2008 Board Highlights by Susan Wolfe, Recording Secretary

Marion Olewine Memorial: The finance committee recommended the club pay the entire amount of \$1,500.00 for the digital piano for the Homeland Center.

Patti Krow has agreed to chair the Making a Difference for Women Award Committee.

The SI Strategic Plan Summary will be available for members to read at our October dinner meeting.

District IV needs volunteers for the Nominating Committee and Vice Chairs for the Laws and Resolutions Committee and the Women's Opportunity Award Committee. Eileen Hileman is chair of District IV's Laws and Resolutions Committee so the Vice-Chair will be working with her.

The club will be collecting food for the Food Bank of South Central Pennsylvania. Monetary donations are acceptable. Please make checks payable to the Food Bank of South Central PA.

A revised budget will be presented to the club at the October meeting.

Eight members will be attending the District IV meeting in Wheeling, West Virginia on October 25, 2008. Dr. Meada J. McAllister is District IV Director

BOOK EXCHANGE as reported by Joyce Burger

I bet you read a really good book that you just could not put down and would love to share it with our members. Bring it along this month for the book exchange. Paperbacks work best as they are not so heavy to carry. **Happy Reading**



Continuing what was in the Soroptimist International Newsletter, Soroptimists contribute in helping to coordinate activities that are held at other sites – not only in New York but various events in the Congo. Two recent events where Soroptimists attended were in Geneva in June and one in New York in September.

Often prepared materials made in the form of booklets are available on the SI Website: www.soroptimistinternational.org. Also, Soroptimists have women attached to some of the UN Regional Commissions keeping track of gender activity in areas in Africa, the Middle East, Asia and South America. In this way, we share our Soroptimist activities. Perhaps in a small way Soroptimists are trying to bring peace and understanding in all parts of the world.

VENTURE NEWS as reported by Joyce Burger

Ventures held their first meeting of the 2008-2009 year and many plans were made for donating their time and service in the year ahead. On Saturday, October 18, Ventures will be helping with the 5th Annual Boobies Bash to be held at the Appalachian Brewing Company. Some are planning to help at the Cent\$able Closet & Flea Market with Soroptimists.

On Tuesday, October 21, Ventures will celebrate their birthday. This year will be a special time for them as it is the same date as the Grand Opening Event at the Neighborhood Center and they will be there to help. Ventures have been working with painting and fixing up the children's library/classroom and also supplying some furniture. There will be a spaghetti dinner that evening for those attending and Ventures are donating a cake and beverages. Of course, this will be their birthday cake. After dinner there will be a Book Fair and some activities for the children. Soroptimists are invited to attend and help with the celebrations. Congratulations to Ventures for the help they gave to the Neighborhood Center.

Caitlin's Smiles received a \$100.00 donation from Ventures in October.

Pellman's Pie orders need to be in by October 21 and will be delivered on Tuesday November 18. This is a big fund raiser for Ventures so help if you can because they try to help many different causes during the year.

Happy Birthday Ventures

Ongoing donations: Pull-tabs - Magazines- Eye glasses- Cell phones- DVS donations

Joan Harrison has indicated that she will share news with us in November. She is on vacation.



Editor's Notes

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EDITOR'S NOTE

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

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.