

**January
2009
ISSUE**

SOROPTIGRAM

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



Chartered June 1, 1938
Making a Difference for Women since 1921
The vision of SI is:
To be a Global Voice for Women Through
Awareness, Advocacy and Action.

SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL

of

Harrisburg, PA Inc.

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2008-2009

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DELEGATES

Two Years: Eileen Hileman

One Year: Susan Luu

MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT CATHY

Greetings Ladies,

I hope you enjoyed the holiday season and are looking forward to the start of a new year. We are approaching two of our most significant events of the club year. The Fashion Show and the April Awards Dinner will require the involvement of all members. We are also looking for members to serve on the nominating committee. If you are willing to serve, or have suggestions for filling any of the following offices, please come forward . . . Vice President-Elect, Corresponding Secretary, Assistant Treasurer, Director and Delegate. Serving as an officer provides a valuable opportunity to get to know your fellow members and the organization on a deeper level. Lastly, we ask you to start compiling names of potential new members to invite to our Membership Social in May. The success and growth of our club rests in the hands of all members. Are you doing your part?

President Cathy

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JANUARY MEETING

DATE: January 27, 2009

TIME: 6:30 P.M.

Invocation: Sue Wolfe

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



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 Jan. 21

MENU SELECTION

Stuffed Chicken Florentine

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. Carol Ann will deliver the items to the Food Bank each month.

January Birthdays

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| 5 | Miriam Rothermel |
| 6 | Jackie Speaks |
| 9 | Jean Short |
| 25 | Peggy Schmidt |

February Birthdays

- | | |
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| 10 | Betty Barnes |
| 12 | Lynn Diehl |
| 13 | Joyce Burger |



CALENDAR OF FUTURE EVENTS

2009

January 20	Venture Meeting
January 27	Dinner/Business Meeting at the Holiday Inn East
January 31	Spaghetti Dinner & Square Dance for Caitlyn's Smiles
February 10	Board meeting
February 11	Soroptigram deadline
February 24	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



Babies Arrive!

Sue and Vince Luu welcomed their twins (Jun and Chi) on December 28. Chi Devon weighed 4 lbs 7 ounces and was 17 1/2 inches long. Jun Tae weighed 4 lbs 10 ounces and was 18 inches long. Both were doing well and Sue is anxious to have them home with her sometime in February.

Meeting Reminder: the **Fashion Show Committee** will **meet** on Wednesday January 21, 2009 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.

We are collecting china cups and saucers for the table centerpieces. If you have one or more to donate, please bring them to the committee meeting or the regular January meeting.



Thanks,
Debi Kint, Chair



NEW Email Addresses

Please note these changes in your directory:

Gretta Morrow – Margaretta@copper.net

Jan Smith – jans926@verizon.net

Helen Swaincott – helen6218@comcast.net

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!



Susan Luu, Chair Membership & Member Education Committee



The value of the Weaver Fund showed a slight improvement for December. The ending value was \$90,030.41. There was income of \$3586.73 and a decrease in value of \$669.93.

BOOK EXCHANGE as reported by Joyce Burger

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

**BOARD HIGHLIGHTS from January 13th meeting:**

A thank you note from Betty C. Hungerford, Director of Development for Homeland Center, was received. She expressed her gratitude for the \$1500.00 donated for the digital piano purchased in memory of Marian Olewine.

A thank you note from Karen L. Zinick, Chief of Family Services at the Defense Logistics Agency, was received thanking the club for the gift cards for military families.

SIA is planning to change the name of the Making a Difference for Women Award. Two choices have been selected: "The Soroptimist Ruby Award for Women Helping Women" or "The Soroptimist Best for Women Award for Women Helping Women." Members may vote for their personal choice by email.

A discussion was held about having more candy sales during the year. Be prepared to share your ideas and thoughts at the January meeting regarding more candy sales events.

Nominating Committee: Jayne Brinkley has been chosen by the board as the board's representative on the nominating committee.

The club will need nominations for the following officers for 2009 – 2010: President-elect, Corresponding Secretary, Assistant Treasurer, a Director and a Delegate.

A membership social is scheduled for May 14, 2009. Names of perspective members are being accepted for this event.

Respectfully submitted by Sue Wolfe

Thanks to Kathleen Conley and Heather Shull for attending our December meeting and bringing us up to date on their service projects.

Ventures found some time to enjoy themselves on a very snowy evening at their December holiday gathering at the Pizza Grille on December 16. The food was good, the conversation was lively and everyone who attended went home with a gift.



The Ronald McDonald House will be having breakfast made for their guests by Ventures in February and March. Ventures donation for January goes to DVS.

Ventures next meeting will be held Tuesday January 20 at 6:30 in the HACC Library. Soroptimist Venture Committee members Eileen Hileman and Susan Luu are unable to attend this meeting so maybe another Soroptimist might want to join the ladies that evening and see what is being planned for the next few months. Soroptimists are always welcomed.

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SI's Campaign to Stop Trafficking:

January 11 was the [National Day of Human Trafficking Awareness](#). To commemorate this day, SI encourages us to join in signing a letter to U.S. President-elect Obama urging him to exert the full power of his presidency to support and enforce the newly enacted [William Wilberforce Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act](#).

The historic [Wilberforce Act](#) increases penalties against traffickers; expands protections for trafficking victims; requires the Justice Department to produce a model law for states to use in investigating and prosecuting trafficking; provides federal law enforcement greater authority to prosecute trafficking cases; and clarifies that the law cannot be interpreted to say that prostitution is “a valid form of employment.”

By sending a letter to President-elect Obama, we have the opportunity to give voice to the most vulnerable and voiceless of women and girls—those being terrorized, tortured, held in isolated captivity and forced into sexual slavery—and to urge the new federal administration to ardently continue the fight against sex trafficking.

Check out the SI website to participate in this activity at www.soroptimist.org.

New Name for Making a Difference for Women Award?

And, while at the Soroptimist website, remember to [vote](#) on a new name for the Making a Difference for Women Award. Don't miss this opportunity to participate in the renaming of this important program. Background for your consideration follows:

**Making a Difference for Women Award
Renaming Poll**

The Soroptimist Making a Difference for Women Award recognizes women who have worked to improve the lives of women and girls through their professional or volunteer work. Each year, clubs honor women around the world with this award and donate more than \$90,000 to support their important work. The SIA Board has decided it's time to give this great program a new name. "Making a Difference for Women" is a phrase used by many organizations for programs and awards, and therefore does not succeed in setting Soroptimist or the award apart. It is also a long and rather cumbersome name. Soroptimist has asked clubs and members for their suggestions for a new name, and thanks to the many members who responded. The final two choices are:

Choice A***The Soroptimist Ruby Award: For Women Helping Women***

Pros: "Ruby" recognizes and honors the first federation president, Ruby Lee Minar. Ruby was one of suburban Washington D.C.'s most prominent realtors and real estate developers. She devoted her time to making Soroptimist "synonymous with high accomplishment among women accompanied by a sisterhood of love and service." A ruby is also a deep red gemstone associated with wisdom, importance, vitality, strength, vivacity, power and love: All words embodying the strong and compassionate women who are our award recipients.

Cons: There are a few local organizations that use the word Ruby for their awards or programs. However, no one is using it for an award for women, or for an award with international scope.

Choice B***The Soroptimist Best for Women Award: For Women Helping Women***

Pros: Best for Women is the Soroptimist tagline that describes who we are and what Soroptimist means. This phrase, which aptly describes the work of the award (women at their best helping other women to be their best) is widely known and embraced by SIA members.

Cons: Since this name is SIA's official tagline, as well as the title of our federation magazine, it could be confusing and appear redundant. Also, when combined with the award tagline, the word "women" is used three times.

**Soroptimist International
of Harrisburg
16th Annual**



FASHION SHOW

March 28, 2009
Social Hour 11:30
Luncheon 12:30

Holiday Inn-East
4751 Lindle Road
Harrisburg, PA

*Tickets \$30.00
available until:
March 14, 2009*

*Call:
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(717)591-8412*

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Best for Women

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EDITOR'S NOTE

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

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

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.