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# SOROPTIGRAM

Soroptimist International of Harrisburg, PA Inc  
Soroptimist International of the Americas, Inc.  
North Atlantic Region  
NAR Theme: *Live Your Dream the Renaissance Way*  
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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Two Years: Susan Luu

## MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT CATHY

Greetings ladies,

Spring is in the air!!! This is always such an exciting time of year when Mother Nature seems to be bursting with "new life". I hope this season will also give you a sense of "new enthusiasm" for all that lies ahead. This is our busiest time of year. Plans are coming together for this month's Fashion Show (which is sure to be one of our most successful events!) We are looking forward to the NAR Spring Conference at State College in early April and, of course, the April Awards Dinner. Jan Smith, Nominating Committee Chair, has been busy accepting nominations for the following offices . . . treasurer, recording secretary, director, and delegate. If you are interested in serving, please let Jan know so she can add your name to the list of candidates. I look forward to seeing all of you in the upcoming weeks and I'd like to remind you that your comments and suggestions are always welcome.

*President Cathy*

## MARCH MEETING

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**DATE: March 25, 2008**

**TIME: 6:30 P.M.**

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

### March Program

**Invocation:  
Jan Smith**

**Program:  
Christina Chase-Pettis  
PA Utility Commission  
Conservation Trivia**

**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, March 19.**

**MENU SELECTION**

March

Beef Tips over Noodles



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.

Do you know the best way to improve energy conservation? Come to this month's meeting to play "Conservation Trivia" with the PUC speaker

**March Birthdays**

**01 Carol Colyer**  
**11 Carole Giesler**  
**19 Kate Conard**

**April Birthdays**

**02 Helen Drothler**  
**10 Sara Prioleau**

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

2008

March 25	Dinner/Business Meeting at Holiday Inn East
March 29	Fashion Show at Holiday Inn East
April 11-13	NAR Spring Conference, State College
April 22	Awards Dinner at the Holiday Inn East

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May 1	Membership Mixer
June 24	70 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration
July 16-19	SIA Biennial Convention, Taipei Taiwan
August 9	Summer Social

**Address reminders:**

**Joyce Burger** will be away until March 31. If you need to get in touch with Joyce, her phone is 1-843-341-3087 or 717-512-0931.

Her address is #2219 Villamare  
1 Ocean Lane  
HHI, SC 29928

**For March's Meeting:**

**Are you bringing a guest to the meeting? Let the Membership Committee know and we will give them a guest packet and do our best to make them feel welcome.**

**BOOK EXCHANGE as reported by Billie Hawk**

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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**SOROPTIMIST ON THE WEB:**

Have you joined the networking age on the Internet? Do you have a Facebook page? This month's editor discovered there are Soroptimist groups which you might want to check out the next time you're on your page. Several groups have been created but you might want to check first at the Soroptimist International one where you can find members from all over the world on both lists. Check it out and start new networking friendships today at

<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=3518460391>

## Friendship Link as reported by Helen Swaincott

Joan Harrison is back on duty and has sent us notes from several meetings their Club has had since January. She wished all of her friends in Harrisburg a Happy New Year and as she said better late than never. Everyone in Harrisburg is happy to note that you are feeling better.

News from Cannock and District



A business meeting was held at The Barnes on January 8th. President Pam welcomed members and wished everyone a happy new year. Edie Thomas was invited to light the Friendship Candle and before the grace, Joan Harrison asked for a minute of silence as they remembered their Soroptimist sisters in Pakistan after the riots following the assassination of Benazir Bhutto and their sisters and after the riots in Nairobi. She also asked for remembrances in several other countries.

Following dinner President Pam welcomed back Pat Roberts and Edie Thomas after their absence due to health problems. She also reviewed correspondence from the Friendship Link clubs in Melbourne. She also told of the detailed article in the "*Staffordshire County*" magazine about their Fashion Show.

Sue Whitehouse, Regional Programme Action representative gave a report on the Regional Meeting and on her attendance at the club's P.A. group meetings. President Pam gave details of the upcoming annual dinner.

President Elect Lacquinda informed members of details of the meetings and events during her year in office. The meeting closed with the final Toast - To a Healthy New Year.

A speaker meeting was held at The Barnes on January 22nd. Members were welcomed. The remembrance and grace was given by Monica Humphries.

After Dinner, Dr. Janis Lomas gave a talk entitled "*Scandalous Women--The Fight for Rights of Women 1837-1918*". In 1837 when Queen Victoria came to the throne married women had no vote, couldn't enter the professions, keep their own earnings, make a will and didn't even own their own clothes. It was Caroline Norton who was determined and succeeded in making it possible for the Infant Custody Bill of 1839 and also helped get the first Divorce Act passed. Barbara Bedidon a co-founder of Girton College, Cambridge and Lady



Constance Lytton whose father had been Viceroy of India and she became a suffragette and campaigned for votes for women. Pat Roberts thanked Janis and gave her a cheque for £250 for the Citizens Advice Bureau.

The meeting ended with a toast to "Soroptimist Friendship" given by President Pam.

A business meeting was held at The Barnes on February 19th. President Pam welcomed members. Betty Morgan was invited to light the Friendship candle and Pat Elwell gave the grace and remembrances. Following dinner a business meeting was convened and President Pam thanked everyone involved in organizing the club's annual dinner. Communications from the Federation were reviewed. Joan Harrison reviewed correspondence from the Friendship Links

The meeting closed with President Pam giving a toast to "Soroptimism the World Over".

The Club's 53rd Annual Dinner was held at The Barnes on February 8th. Members and guests were welcomed by President Pam. Following the lighting of three Friendship candles, Dora Leighton read the objects of Soroptimism and Joan Harrison said grace. Dinner followed, after which the toast to Soroptimists of Cannock was given by the President of Cannock Rotary Club and the responses to which was given by Midland Chase Regional President who mentioned recent activities undertaken by the club. President Pam proposed the toast to the guests and Bilstan club members gave the response.



Entertainment followed with a variety of musical group pieces, solos and duo performances which were greatly enjoyed by everyone. Shelia Brown, vice President elect gave the thanks. The final toast was given by immediate past President, Christine Smith-Toon.

## A Request from a former Venture's family member ...

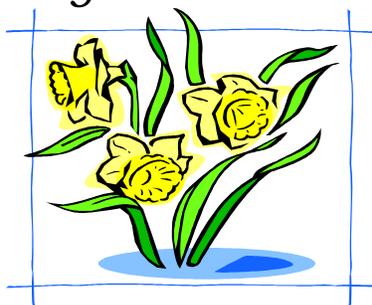


SI Harrisburg has received a request from Megan Waleff, a student at CD Middle School. She is the daughter of Brenda Waleff who is a charter member and the first president of our Venture club in the 1990's and served as Venture Governor. Megan is looking for sponsorship to participate in the People to People Student Ambassador Program to Australia this summer. The program tuition is \$7059 and is due 3/30. If there are members who would like to help her individually, checks may be made payable to People to People Ambassador Programs and sent to Megan Waleff @ 336 Sarhelm Road, Harrisburg, PA 17112. Questions: 717-540-8534.

**LUNCHEON AND FASHION SHOW as reported by Debi Kint**

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

*Soroptimist International of Harrisburg*  
PRESENTS . . . our 15th Annual Luncheon and  
*Spring Fashion Show*



*Fashions Courtesy Of . . . selected stores  
from the Hershey Outlets and the Shoppes  
of Susquehanna*

March 29, 2007  
Holiday Inn-East  
Social Hour will begin at 11:30 a.m.  
Luncheon served at 12:30 p.m.



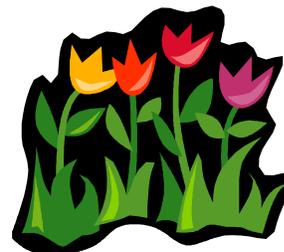
**Don't forget that someone from each basket  
committee must bring their basket to the hotel  
by 10 a.m. on March 29.**

## NORTH ATLANTIC REGION

### Don't Forget SPRING CONFERENCE

**When:** April 11 – 13, 2008

**Where:** Penn Stater Conference Center Hotel  
215 Innovation Boulevard  
State College, PA  
Phone: 800-233-7505 or 814-865-8500



There are a **number** of proposed amendments to the NAR bylaws that will be voted on at Spring Conference. They are too lengthy to include in the Soroptigram but copies will be available at the March dinner meeting. If anyone wants more information, please contact President Cathy.

### Awards Program Plans Underway...



Plans are being finalized for our annual Awards Program scheduled for Tuesday, April 22. Invitations are being sent to our awardees and a Mistress of Ceremonies has been selected. Now we need the Club Members to make plans to attend. This is a great meeting to invite potential members as it gives them an understanding of what we work for throughout the year.

### Calling all Knitters

Retired and Senior Volunteer Program of the Capital Region (RSVP) has a number of active knitting and crocheting clubs throughout the Harrisburg area and is looking for leftover yarn or scrap material from craft projects which can be used by the group to make items to donate to local clothing banks and shelters. If you have materials to donate, contact them at 5301 Jonestown Road, Harrisburg 17112 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday – Friday. Or call Moira Fratantuono at 541-9521.





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[www.harrisburgsoroptimist.org](http://www.harrisburgsoroptimist.org)

### 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.*

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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.

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

Eileen Hileman will be the editor for the April 2008 Soroptigram.