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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



SOROPTIMIST

Best for Women

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.

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Two Years: Cathy Orwan

DELEGATES

Two Years: Carol Ann Colyer
One Year: Eileen Hileman

MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT KAY

WELCOME BACK

I hope everyone had a restful and enjoyable summer. Time for another year of work and fun. At our September 8, 2009 combined meeting you selected and voted for the Ways & Means projects for the year. Let each member roll up their sleeves, dig in, and make this an exciting year. Lots of hands make the work load light.

Welcome to our SIX new members; Rebecca Emerick, Heidi Kilpatrick, Mary Beth Lehtimaki, Claire Powers, Kathleen Stynchula and Donna Winch. I look forward to working with each of you. Hope to see you at the September 22nd meeting. With best wishes to All,
Kay

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SEPTEMBER MEETING

DATE: September 22, 2009 **TIME:** 6:30 P.M.

Invocation: Cathy Orwan
Program: Founder's day **Speaker:** Renee Jones

PLACE: Holiday Inn East
4751 Lindle Road
Harrisburg, PA

IMPORTANT MESSAGE

THIS MONTH, 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 September meeting is September 16

MENU SELECTION
Chicken Supreme \$18.50
Alternate Grilled Salem \$19.50

Community Service

PLEASE NOTE: Carol Ann **will** be collecting food/paper items/money for the Central PA Food Bank at the September meeting. If you want to write a check, please make payable to the Central PA Food Bank, not SI of Harrisburg.

August Birthdays

- 1 Alice Lubrecht
- 1 Heidi Kilpatrick
- 8 Susan Wolfe
- 18 Becky Emerick
- 19 Claire Powers
- 20 Susan Luu
- 24 Kathy Stynchula
- 30 Susan Sherman

September Birthdays

- 14 Patricia Krow
- 15 Meada McAllister
- 17 Doris McGarvey
- 21 Jayne Brinkley
- 26 Jan Smith

Your Smart Money Committee is offering Gift **Cards**. For **Karns** or **Weis** store, call **Gretta Morrow** at 564-0179 and if you need **Giant** store cards, call **Peggy Schmidt** at 657-2449.



CALENDAR OF FUTURE EVENTS

2009

September 22	Dinner/Business meeting at Holiday Inn
October 13	Board Meeting
October 20	Venture Meeting & celebration of their birthday, location TBD
October 27	Dinner/Business meeting at Holiday Inn
October 31	District IV Meeting Quality Inn Hotel, Somerset
November 10	Board meeting
November 14	BonTon Community Day

2010

March 20	Fashion show
April 30 – May 2	NAR Spring Conference, Harrisburg Holiday Inn Hotel & Conference Center, New Cumberland, PA
July 7-10	SIA 41 st Biennial Convention, San Francisco Hilton, San Francisco, CA
July 10-14, 2011	SI 19 th Convention, Montreal, Quebec, Canada

I want to thank all the Soroptimists who have been sending me cards. It sure brings sunshine when I sometimes feel a little down. Hopefully, if the Hematologist is correct, I should be feeling better in a couple of months. Thanks, Helen Swaincott

BOOK EXCHANGE as reported by Joyce Burger

We will have books at the September Meeting. Did you get to read something really good over the summer? If so, share it with your friends at Soroptimist and we can all enjoy some new titles. Happy reading. 😊



Susan Sherman and Jayne Brinkley has signed us up to sell **Community Day Coupons**. They will be bringing coupons to the September business meeting. If you are interested in volunteering your time to sell coupons in the Camp Hill Bon-Ton store, they will have a signup sheet at the meeting. You may sign up for anytime on any day, but you must work a minimum two hour shift. The redemption date for the coupons is **Saturday, November 14, 2009**.

Jan Smith is collecting the front of greeting cards until November. She will be collecting them at next couple of meetings. So please bring in your greeting cards.

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS From August 11th meeting:

A candidate for the Fund Development Council for SIA is needed. Send suggestion to President Kay Straw.



Ways and Means Projects approved by the members:

Fun Night at Penn National Race Track and Hollywood Casino
Fashion Show
Bon Ton Community Days Coupons
Bulb Sales
Farm Show Food Booth
Dish Cloths at meetings
Book Sales
Smart Money for Giant, Karns, and Weis



Board Recommendation to approve a medical leave for Helen Swaincott.

Special thanks to Bill and Billie Hawk for hosting the Summer Social.

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS from Sept.8th meeting:

By-laws:

Board recommends that proposed changes to the By-laws be adopted as written.

New Members:

Heidi Kilpatrick will be inducted at the September meeting.

Venture Club Questionnaire:

Board discussed the SIA Venture Club transition questionnaire. Joyce Burger, Corresponding Secretary, will complete the SIA questionnaire.

Biennial Project:

The committee will review each project request and the club will vote for a selection.

Audit:

The audit was completed and the financial statements are balanced.

Founder's Day:

Renee Jones will give a short presentation on Founder's Day at the September Dinner Meeting.

Credentials:

Members will be asked to provide their club credentials at the September meeting.

Submitted by:

Susan Wolfe, Recording Secretary



Have you been hoping that homemade knitted dishcloths would be available to purchase at our meetings? Bring your money to the Sept. meeting. They will be for sell for \$2.50.

36 packages of flowers were sold giving us a profit of \$110.16. Susan Luu would like to thank all the members who sold flowers. Susan Luu will bring the bulbs to Sept 22 business meeting for everyone to pick them up.

Installation of our new officers

Eileen installing our new officers.



Kay getting her president pin from Cathy.



Left to right 1st photo: Carol Colyer, delegate, Cathy Orwan, Gretta Morrow, and Lynn Diehl directors. Eileen Hileman **Second photo:** Joyce Burger, corresponding secretary, Susan Wolfe, recording secretary, Renee Jones, president-elect, Kay Straw president, Cathy Orwan

President Cathy inducting our new members

Ashley Benner winner of the \$2,500.00 Margaret I. Weaver Memorial Scholarship.



Welcome Ladies to our wonderful club!

Left to Right: New member Claire Powers, Gretta Morrow, Joyce Burger, new member Donna Winch, Renee Jones, new member Marybeth Lehtimaki, Kay Straw, new member Kathy Stynchula, new member Becky Emerick, Billie Hawk, Cathy Orwan

Summer Social reported by Renee Jones



Twenty Club members and nine guests attended our annual Summer Social. Billie and Bill Hawk's scenic garden provided us with a beautiful and comfortable setting. Our menu included the usual barbecue fare, hamburgers, hot dogs, baked beans baked macaroni, fruit, veggie and cheese trays, as well as beer, wine and soda. Some of our members contributed delicious additions including cowboy caviar, pickled eggs, angel food cake, pineapple wedding cake, green pea salad and brownies. Whether sitting on the patio or at the picnic table, standing with Bill at the grill, or strolling through the garden, casual conversations among Soroptimists and Soroptimisters, new and old, helped everyone get to know each other a little better. We extend a special thanks to Billie and Bill for their generosity and hospitality.



PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF HARRISBURG, PA, INC BYLAWS

Formatting used in printing the proposed bylaw amendments:
Underlined print = insert or add ~~Line through words~~ = strike out

CURRENT WORDING	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	IF ADOPTED, WILL READ
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Some more pictures from the summer social on August 1st.

VENTURE NEWS

As reported by Susan Luu

The Venture meetings are 3rd Tuesday of the month and start at 6:30pm. The meetings are held at Harrisburg Area Community College in McCormick Library unless otherwise noted. The business meetings are Sept. 15, Nov. 17, Jan. 19, March 16, and May 18. The social/educational meetings are Oct 20 (club birthday celebration)*, Dec. 15(Holiday dinner & gift exchange)*, Feb 16 (new member social/Open House)*, April 20 (educational/social), June 15 (summer social/picnic)*.

*location TBD

The Venture club inducted 5 new members Emerson, Tere Given, Deb Mehaffie, Laura Rostolsky, and Yelena Weaver at their June summer social. A six new member, Lisa Wesloskie will be inducted at the Sept. meeting. This brings the total up to 12 members, plus 1 part-time member and 2 emeritus members. Venture club is still small group but they do a lot of good things with so few members.

Ongoing donations: Pull-tabs, Magazines for recycling, Eye glasses, DVS donations from needs list, Cell phones



As reported by Lakhwinder Thompson

Our President Sheila Brown, has resigned due to work commitments, and that our President Elect, Dr Janis Lomas, is now our new President. In our Region, Midland Chase Region, each Club has been asked to collect items for Aquaboxes, which are sent to countries which have been affected by disasters.

We held our Summer Celebration at the beautiful Botanical Gardens in Birmingham on Sunday 16th August, it was a lovely sunny day (for a change!), and we had Afternoon Tea and walked around the gardens and listened to the Band playing. We all really enjoyed it.

For our International Evening on 16 October, we are holding an 'Irish Night' with an Irish Band and Dancers as our entertainment. The funds raised on this night will go to the SI Emergency Relief Fund and to our quadrennial project, Project Sierra.

Our Federation Conference is also being held in October, this year it will be in Cardiff, Wales. It is always a wonderful opportunity to meet with fellow Soroptimists from all over the Federation. We come back tired but very inspired.

GETTING TO KNOW OUR MEMBERS

Here is what one of our newer members had to say:

Name: Peggy Schmidt

Who or what interested you in Soroptimist? Toni Gilhooley, Billie Hawke and Lynn Diehl

My mother always told me... Walk like you mean it

Most people don't know... I'm the granddaughter of bowling automatic pinspotter inventor.

When I really want to splurge, I... fine dine

The exercise I most enjoy is... walking at festivals, museums, and shows

When I read for pleasure, I like a book that... has some basics to the truth

The best trip I've ever taken... Europe, an Alpine Excursion

If I won a free trip to anywhere in the world... Germany or Greece

As a child, I always thought I'd grow up to be... Whatever I wanted

I see myself as a person who... tries her honest best

I find my greatest joy in life... spending time with family and/or friends, or children, or animals, or helping others

When I retire, I plan to ... be poor!

If I suddenly inherited \$20 million... be certain my dear ones are safe and donate to a children's cause

I find peace and serenity by... religion, a job well done

The types of music I find myself listening to most frequently are... rock, Andrea Bocelli, classics, show tunes

I think the world would be a better place if... everybody went to heaven and it all started over again

What really makes me laugh is ... life's surprises

When did you become a Soroptimist? Quality, Volunteer (also run well organization)

What has been your most rewarding experience in Soroptimist? Getting to know everyone, Bingo volunteering

What is the most important Soroptimist program to you personally? They all are.

My favorite movie of all time is... Different ones for different reasons

The best thing about being alive is... opportunity



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WHO ARE SOROPTIMISTS

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

Sorooptimist International of the Americas (SIA) is part of Sorooptimist 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.

Hello Ladies,

I just want to add an update on my kids. My son Chi is now rolling over, pushing up to sit, almost crawling and pulling himself up to standing at 8 months. However my daughter Jun hates to be on her stomach so will not roll and is not sitting up by herself. The neurologist thought she look good when he saw her last time enough to wait 2 months before seeing her again (we go again on Sept. 17th). So far the cyst in her brain doesn't seem to be causing problems but she is behind in doing physical stuff unlike her younger twin brother Chi. Jun did get her 2 bottom teeth in though before her brother. We figure Chi is trying hard to catch up to his older brother Ronan since Chi follows him around and tries to play with the same toys.

Sincerely,
Sue Luu