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Soroptimist International of Harrisburg, PA, Inc. Newsletter

MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT KAY

Greetings Ladies

As I sat by my window, I thought "Life is a gift to be used every day, not to be smothered and hidden away; it isn't a thing to be stored in a chest, where you gather your keepsakes and treasure your best. LIFE isn't a joy to be sipped now and then, and promptly put back in a dark place again. LIFE is a gift that the humblest may boast of and one that the humblest may well make the most of. Let's get out and live it, each hour of the day, wear it and use it as much as you may; don't keep LIFE in niches and corners and grooves, you'll find that in service LIFE's beauty improves." Let each of us continue LIFE's beauty by providing service through Soroptimist.

As we approach this Thanksgiving day it is a good time to reflect upon LIFE and give thanks for our many blessings.

See you at the meeting on November 23.

President Kay

Meeting Information

DATE: Nov. 23, 2010 TIME: 6:30 P.M.

Invocation: Alice Lubrecht

**Program: ID Theft
Joyce O'Brien
Office of Attorney General**

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

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 November meeting is November 17th.

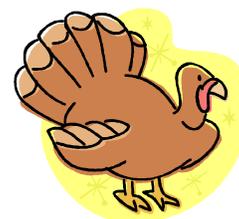
MENU SELECTION

Chicken Parmigiana

FOR SALE AT MEETING:

Pot Holders and Dishcloth Sets - \$5.00

Dishcloths - \$2.50



Soroptimotes

Soroptimist Workplace Campaign to End Domestic Violence

Our Club is participating in this campaign by providing each member with a "You deserve to feel safe" card. Please keep this card or pass it on to a friend. If you need more cards see President Kay.

District IV Fall Meeting

Soroptimist International of Butler County hosted the District IV Fall Meeting on October 30, 2010. Twelve of the 14 clubs in District IV were represented with a total attendance of 51. After District Director Meada McAllister called the meeting to order, Diane Thompson started the first session with a recap of the SIA Convention. Since Renee gave a recap to our Club, only two items need to be mentioned: 1) SIA now has an official partnership with the Girl Scouts world wide; and 2) the SI quarterly magazine is now available on-line. In July 2011 the next international conference will be held in Montreal, Canada, which will be the closest an international event has come to our area. One of the issues to be discussed will be a new logo. The styled "S" that we are currently using was adopted by SIA, but other SI Clubs have not adopted it. Other Federations may want a more modern logo and find the woman on the original logo does not represent the women in their countries, or their cultural and religious traditions.

Governor-Elect Deb Cook gave a workshop on NAR business mentioning the strategic plan for 2010-2014 and Soroptimist Celebrating Success 2011. Clubs are encouraged to share their successes and inspire other Clubs in the region by submitting articles to the quarterly newsletter. In addition, if a Club does not have Women's Opportunity Award candidates, or if your Club has more deserving candidates than there are funds for, - SHARE. Nothing in the guidelines says that the award must go to a local person. The next biennial SIA conference will be in Hawaii, July 2012.

The late morning general session workshop discussed "We Are the World - International Projects." Several special initiatives were discussed such as collecting bras for woman who cannot afford them, but we want to highlight two projects.

First, the HydrAid Project can provide clean water for drinking, cooking and



bathing for a family of five. This project costs \$100 per barrel and makes the water 90% bacteria free and 100% parasite free. The cone shaped barrel is about four feet tall and has PVC piping. The bottom has about one foot of coarse gravel, then above that is several

feet of fine gravel with water poured into a basin at the top. Each family can take this barrel with them when they move to a new location. In Sierra Leone the wells are permanently contaminated because the rebels throw dead animals into them when the families flee after rebel attacks.

Second, Project Kiva, is being done by SI West Shore. Project Kiva, www.kiva.org, establishes local financial partnerships in \$25 allotments to provide microloans to woman in poor areas enabling them to start a business to support their family. A Club may select a country, including the USA, where they want the loan to go, and the person they want to receive the funds. Funds are combined as needed to provide larger loans. As the funds are repaid, it goes to Kiva. The lender can then decide to re-lend the funds, withdraw their funds, or donate to Kiva to be a part of the permanent loan process.

The afternoon session was broken into five workshops including: Fundraising, Membership, Programs, Getting to Know You and Public Awareness. The leaders of each workshop were asked to compile the main points discussed and give to District IV Director Meada McAllister. She will be sharing them with Clubs. Handouts from several sessions will be shared with our committee chairs.

Dr. Meada reminded us of the SI NAR Spring Conference, April 29, 30, and May1 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in King of Prussia. Club members planning to attend are asked to make early

reservations, (610) 265-7500. The room rates will be lowered if the hotel receives at least 100 early room reservations.

Attention All Club Members

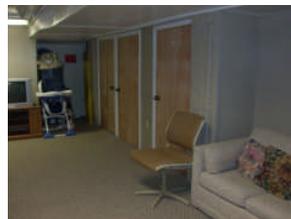
Now is the time for all members to think about ordering cards to give as gifts for the upcoming holidays. Think about:

- your newspaper boy/girl
- elderly relatives
- whoever clears your snow
- or cuts your grass
- or rakes your leaves, etc

We can order Giant, Weis or Karns—any denomination. And they are ALWAYS the right size.

Your Smart Money Committee

Shalom House Renovations



Fashion Show Information

APRIL 16,2011 - KEEP THIS DATE
OPEN for the BIG EVENT

April 16, 2011 is our annual Fashion show date. The Chairperson(s) of each sub- committee have being working

hard to provide you with information about this event. You will be receiving in your mailbox at the December meeting the following: Tickets, Ad information, Door prize information, Basket information and flyers.

There will be a General Committee meeting in December, you will be notified of the date. Any questions contact me. Kathy S, chairman

Soroptimist Business

Community Service Committee is to meet at 5:45 p.m. before our dinner meeting on November 23rd. The members of the committee are: Betty Barnes, Jayne Brinkley, Helen Drothler, Renee Jones, Patti Krow, Susan Luu, Doris McGarvey, Cathy Orwan, Susan Sherman, Jackie Speaks, Kathy Stynchula, Kay Straw and Doris Stringer, Chair.

Community Service Reminders for Club Members for our November meeting:

Please remember to bring coats for adult women and children. These need not be new but need to be clean. Also remember Newborn sized baby clothes. Again, these can be used but need to be clean.

The Committee will have a list for those who would be willing to "Ring the Bell" for the Salvation Army on Saturday, December 4th.



Birthdays:

November 2010

Billie Hawk 2

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| Margaretta Morrow | 7 |
| Jean Johns | 11 |
| Dorothy Sutton | 18 |
| Renee Jones | 24 |

December 2010

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| Eileen Hileman | 1 |
| Cathy Orwan | 14 |
| Marybeth Lehtimaki | 21 |
| Anne Bednar | 26 |
| Gloria Boyer | 27 |
| Kay Straw | 27 |

Calendar of Future Events

November 22, 2010
Interclub Thanksgiving Luncheon

November 23, 2010
Dinner/Business Meeting
Holiday Inn East, Harrisburg Suite

November 25 - International Day for the
Elimination of Violence Against
Women

December 14, 2010
Holiday Dinner Meeting

January 11, 2011 Board Meeting

April 16, 2011
Fashion Show
Penn Harris Hotel, Camp Hill

April 29-May 1, 2011
NAR Conference
King of Prussia, PA
Crown Plaza Valley Forge

July 10-14, 2011
SI 19th Convention
Montreal, Quebec, Canada

April 27-29, 2012
NAR Conference, Albany, NY

Venture Business

Donations and Fundraising: Your Pellman's Pies will be delivered to you at the November meeting, just in time for the holidays! Thank you to those who ordered. As always, we continue to collect pull tabs and cell phones. You may bring these to any meeting and one of the attending Venture members will collect them.

Service: A BIG THANK YOU to the Soroptimists who have signed up to serve at the following Venture Club sponsored events. We are so excited to have you joining us in hands-on service. Vice-President Tere Given will be in touch prior to the event for those who signed up. If you have any questions ahead of time, feel free to contact her (tere.rudy@gmail.com or 717-979-6212).

- 11/22, 11/23, Neighborhood Center Book Fair
- 12/4, Ronald McDonald House Breakfast

Meetings and Gatherings: Our next business meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 20, at 6:30 p.m. at Calabrese Management, 4305 North 6th Street, Suite A, Harrisburg, 17110. Contact President Meghann Connor (mconnor24@comcast.net or 717-265-4142) to attend or with any questions. We will be holding our holiday social on Tuesday, December 21, 2010, at 6:30 p.m. (location to be determined). If you would like to join us for this social event, please contact Secretary Ginny Henning (vhenning@hotmail.com or 717-497-4081). We would love to have you as one of our guest at either event!

Special Projects: The club is currently accepting nominations for the Mae Carvell Award as well as applications for our Student Aid Award. These applications were e-mailed to the club

back in September. Please feel free to pass along this information or nominate an individual! If you require a paper copy of either, please contact President Meghann Connor. We are also currently soliciting proposals for our Venture Club of Harrisburg and Soroptimist International of Harrisburg Joint Service Project. The service project proposal application will be available for dissemination shortly. We are looking forward to the opportunities that this project will bring to our community and our clubs!

Friendship Link

SI Cannock and District Project

President Elect Eileen Cryer and Trish Mellor went to the Arbor Day celebration at the National Memorial Arboretum for the service to dedicate trees at the Soroptimist plot.

It was extremely well attended by Soroptimists from within SIGBI as well as by Brian Dunning, who was there to see a tree dedicated to, amongst others, his late wife Lynn. It was a moving service, thoughtfully put together by Programme Director Hilary Ratcliffe.



Visit the web-site: www.soroptimist-gbi.co.uk/cannock-and-district

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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.

Reminders:

Women's Opportunity Awards- All completed applications are due to Ella Rothenberger by December 15th.

Ruby Awards- If you know of a woman who works to improve conditions for women and girls through their personal or volunteer efforts or professional avenues contact Patti Krow, chairman.

