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Soroptimist International of Harrisburg, PA, Inc. Newsletter

MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT KAY

Greetings Ladies

It is hard to believe this is my second and final year as your President. Where does the time go? I want to thank you for your kind words and support. I will continue to put forth my best efforts! I also encourage you to bring your ideas and thoughts to me or the board so we can better serve you and the club.

Congratulations to our new member Anne Bednar, who was inducted in September. We look forward to her attendance at club meetings and her involvement in our service projects.

It's not too late to attend the Inter-Service Club Thanksgiving luncheon on November 22nd. We have nine members and two Soroptimisters planning to attend. If you're interested in attending call me with your reservation.

I received from Soroptimist International, the Strategic plan for 2010-2011, which has as a Vision, a Mission, Core Values and Strategic Outcomes. I will list the Strategic Outcomes- Program, Membership, Public Awareness, Fundraising and Mission Support. At our October meeting you will be given this as a handout which explains the goals and objectives of Soroptimist International of the Americas for the year. I know that we will achieve some of these goals and objectives.

Remember," that you shouldn't go through life with a catcher's mitt on both hands, because you need to be able to throw some things back."

Hope to see you at the October 26th meeting.

President Kay

Meeting Information

DATE: Oct. 26, 2010 TIME: 6:30 P.M.

Invocation: Jackie Speaks

Program: Founders Pennies (Club History and Purpose)/UNICEF collection

**PLACE: Holiday Inn East
Capitol West Meeting Room
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 October meeting is October 20th.

MENU SELECTION

Roast Turkey with Stuffing

Trick or Treat boxes will be provided for our contribution to UNICEF.

FOR SALE AT MEETING:

Pot Holders and Dishcloth Sets - \$5.00

Dishcloths - \$2.50

Soroptinotes

I thank all of you who sent me cards and brought me things like apples. I am going to be going through another week of chemo next week. I am glad that I tolerate it well and only have a horrible case of fatigue. I never had a sister but being a Soroptimist sure has brought me many sisters. Thanks for being there.

Helen Swaincott



We will have books at the October Meeting. When doing your cleaning save books for others to enjoy. Happy reading. 😊

Our September 28th Meeting



Officers preparing for our meeting



Memorial Service for Jean Short



Induction of new member, Anne Bednar



Meg Connor, Venture President

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

Soroptimist Business

Community Service Committee is to meet at 5:45 p.m. before our dinner meeting on October 26th. A topic for discussion is to plan for Christmas activities. 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.



UPDATE ON BON-TON FUNDRAISER

REMINDER: Bring money and/or unsold coupon booklets to the October 28th meeting. Heidi Kilpatrick is coordinating this fundraising event. Since Heidi is unable to attend the meeting, take money and coupon booklets to the head table. Please note who is returning the booklets. **DO NOT THROW COUPON BOOKLETS AWAY, THEY ARE THE SAME AS MONEY.** Unsold coupon booklets must be returned to Bon-Ton. This fall's event will be held Saturday, November 13, 2010.

Our Club joins the list of clubs with 100% participation in Founder's Pennies.



Remember to send cards and prayers to our members and their families that are having sickness and distress.

Members to keep in your prayers: Betty Barnes, Joyce Burger (spouse), Eleanor Clark, Susan Luu, Meada McAllister (mother), Gretta Morrow (Aunt), Ella Rothenberger (spouse), Eleanor Shields, Jan Smith (mother), and Helen Swaincott.

Notify Jeanie Johns, Chair Sunshine Committee of any changes to this list.



Birthdays

October 2010

Ella Rothenberger	3
Donna Winch	9
Eleanor Shields	31

November 2010

Billie Hawk	2
Margaretta Morrow	7
Jean Johns	11
Dorothy Sutton	18
Renee Jones	24

Calendar of Future Events

- October 30, 2010 District IV Meeting, SI Butler is host, Sheraton Hotel, Cranberry Twp (North of Pittsburgh)
- November 9, 2010 Board Meeting
- November 22, 2010 Interclub Thanksgiving Luncheon
- November 23, 2010 Dinner/Business Meeting at the Holiday Inn East, Harrisburg Suite
- 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

WHITE PAPER ABSTRACT: The New Face of Slavery

Soroptimist International of the Americas, working to improve the lives of women and girls in local communities and throughout the world, examines the issue of sex trafficking of women and girls in this white paper. Sex trafficking involves coercion and fraud, with women and girls forced into sex work within their own country or transported to other countries. Poverty is a common bond among nearly all trafficking victims. Sex trafficking involves victims, those who are the suppliers, such as organized crime, as well as the demand side, those who purchase sex acts. In order to end sex trafficking of women and girls, efforts must be made on both the supply side and demand side. This white paper examines the complex issue of trafficking including its effect on victims and society as a whole.

Act Now! United Nations Women

Created on July 2, 2010, the UN Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women, known as [UN Women](#), combines the four existing UN entities for women into one higher-level UN organization with both policy and operational functions. The formation of UN Women signals a new era for women's rights and a renewed opportunity for civil society's involvement in ensuring those rights.

For UN Women to realize its potential as a vehicle for gender equality and women's empowerment, an active and effective partnership with civil society—particularly women's organizations—must be established and maintained. As a new entity, UN Women must therefore develop creative and innovative ways to solicit and sustain input from women's organizations.

Act Now!

Email recently appointed Under-Secretary-General for UN Women, [Michelle Bachelet](#), and encourage her to establish new and innovative avenues for forging active and effective partnerships with women's organizations.

Send your email to: harrop@un.org.

Venture Business

Donations and Fundraising: Thank you to those who donated school supplies for Caitlin's Smiles and Bethesda Women's Shelter as well as those who ordered Pellman's Pies. There is still time to order pies, please contact President Meghann Connor (mconnor24@comcast.net or 717-265-4142) by Tuesday, October 19th! The pies will be delivered to you at the November meeting, just in time for the holidays!

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.)

- 10/30, Caitlin's Smiles Spaghetti Dinner
- 10/30, Children's Resource Center Child Safety Event
- 11/2, Neighborhood Center Book Fair
- 12/4, Ronald McDonald House Breakfast

Meetings and Gatherings: Venture will be celebrating our club birthday on Tuesday, October 19, at 6:30 p.m. at La Piazza restaurant in Harrisburg. If you would like to join us for this social event, please contact Secretary Ginny Henning (vhennig@hotmail.com or 717-497-4081). 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.

Friendship Link

SI Cannock and District Project

Each Soroptimist International club identifies the needs of its community, then establishes specific projects to address these needs. All our projects relate to one or more of the six Programme Focus Areas: Economic and Social Development, Education, Environment, Health, Human Rights and the Status of Women, and International Goodwill and Understanding.

S.I. Cannock supports the Special Needs Adventure Playground in Pye Green Road, Cannock. It is one of very few Adventure Playgrounds designed specifically for children with Special Needs.

The Special Needs Adventure Playground has been running successfully in Cannock,

Staffordshire since June 2003. Complete with outdoors adventure play equipment, including an aerial runway, cycle track with specially adapted bikes, a sand pit (with diggers), a sensory garden, a trampoline, an indoors soft play area, craft room and a multi-sensory room it is the only one of its kind in the Chase and West Midlands areas.



The emphasis for the Special Needs Adventure Playground (SNAP) has to be a safe, secure environment with facilities and equipment designed to engage, interest and stretch children with even the most profound of disabilities. To this end the equipment snap offers has been chosen very carefully to ensure that there is something for every child no matter what the nature or degree of their disability.

SNAP also provides a valuable opportunity for parents to relax safe in the knowledge that their children are in a secure environment where they can play in an unfettered way enjoying to the full their new found freedom. In addition to this parents can also benefit from the support they are able to offer each other. Very often parents in these circumstances can become isolated and feel that they are the only ones with a particular problem. snap gives them the opportunity to discuss and share their problems and experiences with like minded people in a mutually supportive environment.

SNAP also provides a party venue which can be booked for any children's party at reasonable cost at arranged times.

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

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2010-2011**

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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.

The Joy of Unselfish Giving

**Time is not measured
by the years that you live,
But by the deeds that you do
and the joy that you give.
And each day as it comes
brings a chance to each one
to love to the fullest,
leaving nothing undone
that would brighten the life
or lighten the load
of some weary traveler
lost on life's road.
So what does it matter
How long we may live,
if as long as we live
we unselfishly give.**

Helen Steiner Rice

