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SOROPTIGRAM

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District IV Theme: May All Our Dreams Come True



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MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT CATHY

Greetings Ladies,

I'm looking forward to seeing all of you at the September dinner meeting, especially our newest members, Peggy & Toni. Let's all make a special effort to make them feel welcome. I'm also anxious to share with you some of the highlights of my trip to the biennial convention in Taipei. It was quite an adventure! I hope I can convey some of the excitement and enthusiasm that the Taiwan members exhibited.

I encourage all committee chairs to get your committees together early so you can be well prepared for the new club year. Look for information on upcoming events including Cent\$able Closet & Flea Market on October 19 & 20 and the District IV meeting on October 25 in Wheeling, WV. Both of these events provide excellent opportunities to be engaged in club activities and work toward our mission.

President Cathy

SEPTEMBER MEETING

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DATE: September 23, 2008

TIME: 6:30 P.M.

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

September Program

Invocation:
Kate Conard

Business Meeting

IMPORTANT MESSAGE

Members who plan to attend the dinner meeting MUST notify Carol Ann Colyer (540-1278) the Wednesday before the meeting. The deadline for dinner reservations for the September meeting is Wednesday, Sept. 17.

MENU SELECTION September

Chicken Supreme

Your Smart Money Committee is offering Gift Cards again this Club year. For Karns Store, call Gretta at 564-0179 and if you need Giant or Weis Store cards, call Jan Smith at 545-7816. Our Club budgeted \$2,500 profit for this coming year. Since we earned \$1,485 last club year, we need to increase our purchases to meet this amount or reduce our expenses.

August Birthdays

1 Alice Lubrecht
8 Susan Wolfe
20 Susan Luu
30 Susan Sherman

September Birthdays

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

COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMITTEE

A MEETING OF THIS COMMITTEE WILL BE HELD AT 5:30PM AT THE HOLIDAY INN EAST. The committee chairs are requesting that you come with fresh ideas for this committee.

Members of the committee are:

Betty Barnes, Tess Bockes, Carol Colyer, Kate Conard, Lynn Diehl, Helen Drothler, Billie Hawk, Jeanie Johns, Patti Krow, Doris McGarvey, Ella Rothenberger, Jean Short, Jan Smith, Susan Wolfe, and Co-Chairs Doris Stringer, Mary Ann Podraza and Renee Jones.

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..



CALENDAR OF FUTURE EVENTS

2008

September 23	Dinner/Business Meeting at the Holiday Inn East
October 14	Board Meeting
October 15	Deadline for Soroptigram news
October 21	Venture Meeting & celebration of their Birthday
October 17-18	Cent\$able Closet & Flea Market
October 25	NAR District IV Meeting, Wheeling WV

2008

October 28	Dinner/Business Meeting at Holiday Inn East
November 15	BonTon Community Day
March 28, 2009	Fashion Show at Holiday Inn East
April 24-26, 2009	NAR Conference, Albany Marriott, Albany, NY
April 30 – May 2, 2010	NAR Spring Conference, Harrisburg Holiday Inn Hotel & Conference Center, New Cumberland, PA

Reminder: the **Fashion Show Committee will meet** on Tuesday September 16, 2008 at 7:00 PM at Kint Corporation. Please call me at 648-6915 if you are unable to attend. Thank you Debi Kint, Chair.

Please update your roster with the following change in email address:
Renee Jones – nazzie1124@verizon.net

Gretta Morrow and family wish to thank all the members who expressed their sympathy on the loss of their husband and father. The flowers are still beautiful and we could feel the love and support through our sorrow.

SOROPTIMIST BUSINESS

CENT\$ABLE CLOSET 2008

Cent\$able Closet is scheduled for:

Paxtonia Fire Hall
125 S. Johnson Street

Thursday, October 16, 9AM – 4PM
Set up and Drop Off Day

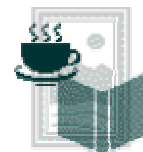
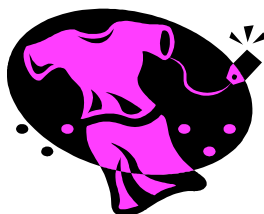
Please drop off Clothing, Fleas Market Items, Bake Sale items, Books and Medias, and Raffle Tickets on Thursday. Please come, if you have some free time, to help set up tables, clothes racks, etc.

Sale Days
Friday, October 17, 7AM – 2PM
Saturday, October 18, 7AM – 2PM

Please be sure to distribute your BLUE COUPON FLYER to family, friends, neighbors and co-workers. There will be a plentiful supply at our September meeting.

Sign up sheets to help during these 3 days will be available at the meeting also. Let's all help to make this a successful fund raising event.

THANKS! Sue Wolfe, Chair



FLOWER BULBS Update by Susan Luu

The deadline for flower bulb orders was September 9th. We sold 107 packages of flowers!! That is a profit of \$327.42 (if you send one check with the order they give you an extra 2% discount). I wanted to thank all the members for their orders.

Hopefully the bulbs will be delivered to my house before our business meeting on September 23. I will be bringing all these bulbs with me to the meeting to hand out.

MEMBERSHIP MIXER

I want to have another membership mixer at HACC's Wildwood Conference center next spring (any suggestions about a date will be greatly appreciated). I would like all members to start to think of at least 5 names of women who might want to attend, learn about Soroptimist and hopefully become members. I will be asking for addresses of these women later in the year to add to the list from the last membership mixer.

Thanks for your help! Susan Luu, Chair Membership & Member Education Committee.

BOOK EXCHANGE as reported by Joyce Burger

I bet you read a really good book over the summer that you just could not put down and would love to share it with our members. Bring it along this month for the book exchange. Paperbacks work best as they are not so heavy to carry. **Happy Reading**



SUMMER SOCIAL

We held our summer social on August 9, 2008 at the home of Bill and Billy Hawk. There were over 30 members, Soroptimisters and other family members in attendance. Many thanks to our hosts Bill and Billy and to Kay and Don Straw for the great food. Below are several pictures of everyone enjoying the food and each others company.





THE UNITED NATIONS CORNER as reported by Betty Barnes

Soroptimist have a long history with the UN and some of our longest standing leaders are those members assigned as SI Representatives to the UN Offices in New York, Geneva, Vienna, Paris (UNWSCO) Rome (FAO) and Nairobi (UNEP). These women are on committees at agencies such as DPI, UNICEF, UNIFEM, CONGO, WHO, UNIDO, FAO to name just a few. For those with computers, an easy reference for all of these acronyms, go to the SI Website: www.soroptimistinternational.org. There you will find a comprehensive look at the work our Representatives to so many vital UN areas. You will find that our UN Reps bring the newest “cutting edge” information that is related to our PROGRAMME FOCUS to SI in regular reports and represent the work and interests we have to those entities. Your reporter found this fascinating reading in an article in the Soroptimist International newsletter. Hope it is of interest to you.

VENTURE NEWS as reported by Joyce Burge

Ventures have started off the 2008-2009 club year with a service project at the Neighborhood Center overhauling the library/classroom. Just this past weekend they were busy preparing and painting. They will finish painting and adding details on September 13. They hope to make this a place where kids will kick back and hang out with a good book and some friends. On an evening in October there will be an open-house and they will showcase this space to the community. This summer they participated in helping the Children’s Resource Center by doing kids crafts at the Lower Paxtang National Night Out and Children’s Fun Day at

Boscov's in the Colonial Park Mall. They also made breakfast at Ronald McDonald House and a Venture helped with the ALS Walk in June. Later this month on the 27 Ventures will be doing a Project Kids ID at the New Cumberland Apple Festival. First meeting for this year will be a business meeting at the HACC Library on September 16 at 6:30.

Ongoing donations:

Pull tabs – Magazines for recycling – Eye glasses – DVS donations – Cell phones



Pictured above are the new Venture Officers
From Left to right, Meghann Connor, President
Monica Rhodes, Treasurer, Kathleen Conley,
Vice-President, Jillian Mylet, Secretary



Pictured above is Stacy Henninger, Outgoing
President presenting the gavel to Incoming
President, Meghann Connor.

Pictured below Venture working at the Neighborhood Center



Joan Harrison has been a very busy person this year. She has put a slide show together from the many pictures she has taken from all her visits here to the United States and has shown them to many people. Her granddaughter is coming to the United States and she wanted her to see some of the many sites she had visited. She called me last week and wants all her Soroptimist friends to know that she is thinking of them.

Cannock and District had a Business meeting at the Barnes on May 13th and one on June 10th. A Speaker Meeting was held at the Barnes on June 24th. President Lakhwinder welcomed members and prospective members and their guest speaker, Judge David Goodman. Jane Rose was asked to light the Friendship Candle. June and July birthdays were remembered and Trish Mellor gave the remembrance and grace. The grace came from Zimbabwe, Following dinner, Judge David Goodman gave a light hearted speech on Criminal Justice System.

Joan included two newspaper articles in her letter. In July around 50 people witnessed the spectacle of an ancient Chinese tradition in High Green--the christening of a lion. Pauline and Damien Ng, proprietors of China Garden ordered the lion which will be given as a gift to China Town Lions, Birmingham. Pauline is a member of Soroptimist International of Cannock & District. She felt it would be appropriate to use the occasion of the lion's christening to support a sister Soroptimist, Pam Smith, in her forthcoming climb of Mount Kilimanjaro.

Guests gathered as Pauline painted the face of the lion to awaken it from its slumber and fed it with fruit to give it strength. Passages from Chinese scriptures were read. The fully awakened lion then danced to the drums and cymbals, presenting scrolls with words from the scriptures firstly to David Cox, to whom the lion will be formally presented then to Trish Mellor, a sister Soroptimist. Tradition states that the scrolls must hang in the homes of the recipients to bring them prosperity and good health. Pauline and the lion led everyone into the restaurant where a banquet was served and the lion danced again offering fruit as a symbol of prosperity to each person.

Pam Smith spoke of her climb and explained that she is raising funds through sponsorship for four charities; Riding for the Disabled, St Giles Hospice, Mary Stevens Hospice, and BDF New life together with the Soroptimist International Quadrennial Project, Project Sierra. She is funding the climb herself so all the money raised goes to the charities. Pauline and Damien donated all the money from the banquet tickets sales which meant that the evening raised £2,700.



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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.

EDITOR'S NOTE

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

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