



SOROPTIMIST
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Soroptimist International of Harrisburg, PA, Inc. Newsletter

February 2012 Issue

MEETING INFORMATION

DATE: February 28, 2012

TIME: 6:30 P.M.

INVOCATION: Donna Winch

MEAL: Mango Chicken

**PROGRAM: Fashion Show Committee
Planning Session**

ORDERING/CANCELING MEAL

DEADLINE: February 22, 2012

NEXT MEETING

DATE: March 27, 2012

TIME: 6:30 P.M.

**MEAL: Grilled Pork with Caramelized
Apples & Onions**

ORDERING/CANCELING MEAL

DEADLINE: March 21, 2012

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

**Members who plan to attend the
dinner meeting MUST notify
Carol Ann Colyer
(540-1278 or CCAColyer@aol.com)
by 8:30 P.M. the Wednesday
before the meeting.**

Remarks from President Renee...

Bright, red, happy, healthy hearts symbolize the month of February. The American Heart Association designated this month in 1963, **American Heart Month**. The ancient custom of giving cards with hearts and heartfelt messages to loved ones on February 14th celebrates Valentine's Day.

And we Soroptimist strengthen our hearts with community outreach, volunteering and active Club participation. We keep our hearts healthy maintaining our social connections. Several of our members are recovering or getting treatment for ongoing illnesses. It is very important to remember them with cards and phone calls. Our Community Service Chair, Jayne Brinkley, and the committee members plan monthly activities. Please try to participate in as many as you can fit into your schedule.

Our nominating committee will be making calls for our election of Board members. If you are contacted, please search your heart for your answer. Hopefully you will be able to support the growth and mission of the Club. Serving as a Board member helped me learn about Club management, Soroptimist goals, and most importantly make friendships with women I greatly admire.

Heartfelt thanks to our committee chairs and their committee members: Women's Opportunity Chair, Joy Miller; Violet Richardson Chair, Meghann Connor; and Ruby Award Chair, Patti Krow. Each committee searched for and selected winners for these awards. Winners have been contacted and names have been sent on to the District or Region Chair. Thank you all for your participation.

As we look forward to spring, plan to be TAKEN AWAY at our 19th Annual Spring Fashion Show and Luncheon. The Fashion Show Committee is hard at work planning for another very successful event. We support their efforts with ticket sales, door prizes, ads and beautiful baskets. This is our main fundraising event which enables our Club to support so many community projects. Please, put your heart into this project. We can make it a great SUCCESS!

NEW MEMBER INDUCTED



Please welcome our newest Soroptimist...

Karen Rabena was inducted during the January meeting. Here's Karen's information:

Karen B. Rabena
627 Old Quaker Road, Apt. 1
Lewisberry, PA 17339
717.938.1500
esprix@ptd.net

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EMAIL CHANGE

Please change Susan McMahon Luu's email to samluu3@gmail.com.

THANK YOU

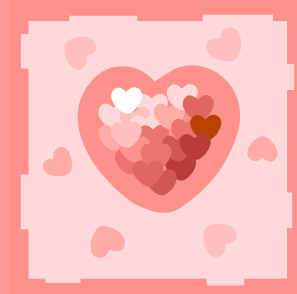
I would like to thank the club members for all of the cards of sympathy and words of support following the death of my mother-in-law. Our family truly appreciated your thoughtfulness.

Meghann L. Connor



We're on the web!
www.harrisburgsoroptimist.org

**Happy Valentine's Day
to all the SI HBG ladies!**



SOROPTIMIST PLEDGE

I pledge allegiance to Soroptimism
and to the ideals for which it stands.

The Sincerity of Friendship
The Joy of Achievement
The Dignity of Service
The Integrity of Profession
The Love of Country

I will put forth my greatest effort to promote,
uphold and defend these ideals,
for a larger fellowship in home,
in society, in business,
for Country and for God.

Did You Know?

From USA Today (November 29, 2011) Statistics on 2010 Volunteer and Charitable Giving

Total Charitable Giving: \$290.9 billion (increase 3.8% from 2009)

Individual Giving: \$211.8 billion (increase 2.7%)

Corporate Giving: \$15.3 billion (increase 10.6%)

of Volunteers: 62.8 million (about 1% drop)

In PA, the percent of adult volunteers is between 26 & 35%, providing between \$2-4 billion in value.

**THANK YOU FOR
VOLUNTEERING!**

Randi's House of Angels



Our guest speaker in January was Nancy Chavez from Randi's House of Angels. (Pictured above L to R: Nancy, President Jones & Tere Given)

Nancy created Randi's House of Angels, a project of the Foundation for Enhancing Communities, to fulfill her dream and help children and families who are exposed to and are victims of domestic violence. She has sponsored a three-day camp in August to provide support and empowerment to the children. She has also held fundraisers to support Domestic Violence Services of Cumberland & Perry Counties (DVS/CP).

Hearing Nancy tell the story of how she lost her daughter to domestic violence is heart-breaking and brought tears to the eyes of many of those listening. For those who were unable to attend, we'd like to share this...

Excerpt from December 2010 issue of Harrisburg Magazine:

On the evening of January 10, 2003, in a quiet neighborhood in Camp Hill, Pa., Randi Lee Trimble's life was stolen away. Her husband, Brian Trimble, along with his friend and coworker, Blaine Norris, now locked away in prison for life, confessed to conspiring and then carrying out their plan to murder 28-year-old Randi Trimble. Their motive: cash in on a life insurance plan that would pay out \$100,000, of which \$20,000 would go to Blaine Norris to cover credit card debt he accumulated by filming an independent horror flick. To Brian and Blaine it was simple: Blaine would be free of debt, and Brian would be free to live the bachelor life with \$80,000 in his pocket.

The rationale and logic that motivated two psychopaths to murder an innocent woman stands as the only explanation as to why Randi is not turning 36 this month. Survived by her mother, Nancy Chavez, as well as countless friends and family members whose lives were touched by Randi, her homicide makes just as little sense now as it did then.

Soroptimist Business

COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING

A meeting of the committee is scheduled for 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 4, 2012, in the hotel lobby near the entrance to the swimming pool. The outcome of this meeting will result in recommendations for monetary Awards to be presented at the April meeting. Committee Members please make every effort to attend this meeting. Please respond to Jayne Brinkley with regrets only.

DAFFODIL DAY PREP FOR ACS

American Cancer Society is seeking volunteers for Daffodil Day preparation at the Farm Show Complex. Volunteers are needed on Thursday, March 22, 2012, anytime between the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Three to five people are needed per hour. To volunteer call Danielle at 909.9747. Please mention that you are a member of Soroptimist International of Harrisburg. When you call to register, Danielle will also be able to tell you if they have other volunteer needs regarding this annual event. Please advise Emily Long if you volunteer for this project.

BINGO AT PAXTON STREET HOME

The Community Service Committee invites you to volunteer for Bingo on Saturday, March 24, 2012, at Paxton Street Home located at 2001 Paxton Street. Bingo will take place from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Paxton Street Home provides affordable, long-term housing and support for disadvantaged adults in our community. A sign-up sheet will be circulated at our February Business Meeting.

COLLECTIONS & DONATIONS

Thank you to those who donated eyeglasses, cancelled postage stamps, soup labels, pull tabs, magazines and card fronts. We will continue the collection of eyeglasses for the PA Chapter of Volunteer Optometric Services to Humanity, cancelled postage stamps for the Department of Veterans Affairs and Stamp Camp USA, Campbell's soup labels for the Neighborhood Center, books/magazines for PA Partnership for Poland, pull tabs from beverage cans for Ronald McDonald House, and card fronts for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. The Community Service committee will have a basket at each business meeting for collection of these items. Thank you Club Members! Keep up the good work!

ORDER GROCERY GIFT CARDS NOW!

Don't forget to order your grocery store gift cards! Contact these ladies to place your order:

Karns Gift Cards: Marge Lashay

Weis Gift Cards: Heather Shull

Giant Gift Cards: Jackie Speaks

RECYCLED CARDS FOR ST. JUDE'S

Over thirty years ago, wishing to show their donors appreciation for making St. Jude's Ranch for Children possible, the idea was conceived for turning the previous year's Christmas cards into "new" cards for the coming season. The recipients were so delighted with their unique "thank you," they requested the children sell them the special cards. And so, the St. Jude's Ranch Recycled Card Program was born.

Operated by Kids' Corp., a program for the children at St. Jude's Ranch to learn entrepreneurship skills, the children participate in making the new cards by removing the front and attaching a new back. The result is a beautiful new card made by the children and volunteers. The benefits are two-fold: customers receive "green" holiday cards for use and the children receive payment for their work and learn the benefits and importance of "going green."

Card Donating Tips:

- ◆ All types of greeting cards, including Christmas are used.
- ◆ Only the card front can be used (please check to be sure the back side is clear of any writing, etc.)
- ◆ St. Jude's can NOT accept Hallmark, Disney or American Greeting cards.
- ◆ 5" x 7" size or smaller is preferred.

Heather Shull will be collecting your recycled cards. Thank you for your participation!

Calendar of Upcoming Events

2012

February 28: SI HBG Dinner/Business Meeting

March 4: Community Service Committee Meeting

March 11: Fashion Show Committee Meeting

March 13: SI HBG Board Meeting

March 22: Daffodil Day Prep for American Cancer Society

March 24: Paxton Street Home Bingo

March 24: SI WEST SHORE Fashion Show & Brunch

March 25: Fashion Show Committee Meeting

March 27: SI HBG Dinner/Business Meeting

April 10: SI HBG Board Meeting

April 14: 19th Annual Fashion Show, Radisson Hotel, Camp Hill, PA

April 24: SI HBG Dinner/Business Meeting

April 27-29: North Atlantic Regional Spring Conference, Albany, NY

May 5: Caitlin's Smiles

May 8: SI HBG Board Meeting

May 12: Randi's Race (assist with registration)

May 22: SI HBG Dinner/Business Meeting

June 12: SI HBG Board Meeting

June 26: SI HBG Dinner/Business Meeting



19th Annual Spring Luncheon & Fashion Show News

"Take Me Away"

April 14, 2012

Penn Harris Radisson, Camp Hill

Doors open at 11:00 a.m., Lunch 12 noon

Fashions by "Creative Elegance Boutique"

Tickets \$ 25.00, tables of 8

Every member's help is needed to raise as much money as possible. This is the largest fundraiser the Club has to support all of our service projects. Please sell tickets, get ads, solicit door prizes and pass out flyers. Lets make this successful, fun and a wonderful "Take Me Away" day.

Deadlines are fast approaching and the Fashion Show is right around the corner!!

REMINDERS:

- ◆ Don't forget to use the information, flyers and advertising forms that were emailed to you as part of your "Fashion Show Kit."
- ◆ Please return your ticket money and all information to **Kathy Stynchula**.
- ◆ Please remember to also submit the door prize letter/form with each door prize so that we can recognize each donating company and send thank you's. Questions should be directed to Meghann Connor or Heather Shull. Door prizes and forms should be submitted to **Heather Shull**.

Upcoming Fashion Show Committee Meeting Dates

March 11, 2012 from 2-4pm

LAST MEETING before the Fashion Show!! March 25, 2012 from 2-4pm

Giant Food Store
Linglestown Rd.
Community room, 2nd floor



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CONTENT DEADLINES

March Issue
March 13, 2012

April Issue
April 10, 2012

May Issue
May 8, 2012

June/July Issue
June 12, 2012

SOROPTIMIST BIRTHDAYS

February 10: Betty Barnes
February 13: Joyce Burger

March 1: Carol Ann Colyer
March 24: Meghann Connor



Officers & Board of Directors 2011-2012

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NEW! E-MAIL FOR ALL NEWSLETTER MATERIALS: soroptigram@gmail.com

As always, thanks to everyone who helped in the preparation of this issue of the Soroptigram.