



SOROPTIMIST
Best for Women

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Soroptimist International of Harrisburg, PA, Inc. Newsletter

January 2012 Issue

MEETING INFORMATION

DATE: January 24, 2012

TIME: 6:30 P.M.

INVOCATION: Carol Ann Colyer

**MEAL: Grilled Salmon Fillet with
Dill Cream Sauce**

**PROGRAM: Nancy Chavez, Randi's House
of Angels**

ORDERING/CANCELING MEAL

DEADLINE: January 18, 2012

NEXT MEETING

DATE: February 28, 2012

TIME: 6:30 P.M.

MEAL: Mango Chicken

ORDERING/CANCELING MEAL

DEADLINE: February 22, 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...

Happy New Year everyone! Our Club year continues with the usual flurry of activities. Volunteers support the works of the Caitlin's Smiles Foundation and the Ronald McDonald House, as well as fundraising at the PA Farm Show. Our committees are busy organizing the annual fashion show, and the awards program, selecting winners for the Violet Richardson Award, Women's Opportunity Award and Ruby Award, as well as preparing to select the scholarship recipients.

As we approach February, a nominating committee will be formed. The Club members will nominate and elect one member, the Board will elect one member and the nominating committee chair will be appointed by the President according to our bylaws. Please consider participating.

We have welcomed twelve new members into our Club since 2010. Some of our newer members may want the knowledge and experience that a seasoned member can share. The enthusiastic involvement of Club members exploring ways to implement the mission of SIA to help women live their dreams must include every member. Let's continue working together to have a greater impact on the community and get the word out that Soroptimists make a difference!

We're on the web!

www.harrisburgsoroptimist.org

SIA Corner: Email Challenge & *Best for Women* Magazine

EMAIL CHALLENGE

SIA has more than 35,000 members around the world. But did you know we have valid email addresses for only 14,000, less than half of our membership? Email is the primary vehicle through which SIA communicates with members. By not having a working email address in SIA's database, members miss out on important news, information, and a primary benefit paid for by their dues.

SIA is launching a challenge among all 28 regions to increase the number of valid and unique email addresses we have on file. If you are one of the members in your region with a valid email address in the SIA headquarters database, we need your help with this challenge. To help ensure that other members in your region get the news and stay in the know, share this information with them. Please share this message with all your Soroptimist friends and/or talk about it at your club meetings to make sure everyone registers their email addresses with headquarters.

Members should review their profiles to verify or add their email addresses to the database. Here are instructions to help you do that: <http://www.soroptimist.org/members/membership/updateprofile.html>.

The challenge starts TODAY and ends June 1, 2012. SIA will keep track of the number of valid email addresses for each region. The region with the highest percent increase wins the challenge and will receive special recognition and prizes. Don't worry—we will let your region know how it's doing along the way. Help your region and help SIA enhance its ability to communicate with members. The challenge is on!

BEST FOR WOMEN MAGAZINE

As a member of Soroptimist, you should already be receiving SIA's award-winning *Best for Women* magazine. Hopefully, you take the time to peruse the pages of each issue when it arrives to make sure you are up-to-date on all things Soroptimist.

Soroptimist is excited to announce that additional magazine content will now be published in a new *Best for Women* website section at <http://www.soroptimist.org/BestforWomenOnline.html>. This special online section supplements the printed version and features original content and information. We hope you enjoy this added member benefit and encourage you to check out this new online section today.

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EMAIL CHANGES

Please change Meghann Connor's email to meghann@connorartistry.com.

Please change Heather Shull's email to Hashull@verizon.net.

NAME CHANGE

Stacy Henninger got married on September 22, 2011. Stacy's new last name is Zimmerman. Please make this change.



SI HBG Members Love Volunteering!



Cooking & serving breakfast at Ronald McDonald House.

Creating craft kits & decorating bags for Caitlin's Smiles.



Soroptimist Business

BREAKFAST AT RMD HOUSE

Just a reminder that we are scheduled to cook and serve breakfast this Saturday, January 21, 2012 at the Ronald McDonald House in Hershey. **We still need volunteers for this activity!**

BINGO AT SPRING CREEK

The Community Service Committee advises that Bingo is scheduled at Spring Creek Rehabilitation & Health Care Center on Saturday, February 18, 2012 from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Spring Creek is located at 1205 South 28th Street, Harrisburg. Volunteers are asked to arrive by 1:20 p.m. Bingo is for all residents and will be played in the large recreation room on the main floor. 60 to 70 residents will play. The volunteer coordinator suggests 6 to 10 volunteers are needed. A sign-up sheet will be circulated at our January meeting.

THANK YOU FOR VOLUNTEERING!

A heartfelt "Thank You" goes to those who have volunteered at the various Community Service projects these past few months, donated items for Bingo, collected items for our many service projects and knitted and crocheted. All of these many Community Service endeavors could not get done without the team effort. Your help is priceless!

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

We are participating in this program!

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

January 21: Ronald McDonald House breakfast

January 24: SI HBG Dinner/Business Meeting

January 29: Fashion Show Committee Meeting

February 14: SI HBG Board Meeting

February 18: Bingo at Spring Creek
Rehabilitation & Health Care Center

February 28: SI HBG Dinner/Business Meeting

March 11: Fashion Show Committee Meeting

March 13: SI HBG Board 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
Conference, Albany, NY

May 8: SI HBG Board Meeting

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

You have received your tickets for the Fashion show. Please return your money and all information to Kathy Stynchula.

You should have received an email earlier today that contained your entire **“Fashion Show Kit.”** Your kit contains everything you need to promote the fashion show, sell advertising and solicit door prizes. Please help us make this the best fashion show ever!

REMINDER: This is a reminder for all club members to remember to solicit, collect, and turn in door prizes for our April Fashion Show. Many signed up at the November meeting to solicit specific companies but all members are encouraged to participate. Our goal is to have all door prizes collected/turned in by the March business meeting so that we can properly organize and label each. 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

- ◆ January 29, 2012
from 2-4pm
- ◆ March 11, 2012
from 2-4pm

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



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CONTENT DEADLINES

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SOROPTIMIST BIRTHDAYS

January 5: Miriam Rothermel
January 6: Jacalyn Speaks
January 25: Peggy Schmidt

February 10: Betty Barnes
February 13: Joyce Burger



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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.