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Soroptimist International of Harrisburg, PA, Inc. Newsletter

April 2012 Issue

MEETING INFORMATION

DATE: April 24, 2012

TIME: 6:30 P.M.

INVOCATION: Meghann Connor

MEAL: Pan Seared Apricot Chicken

PROGRAM: Annual Awards Program

ORDERING/CANCELING MEAL

DEADLINE: April 18, 2012

FOR THIS MEETING ONLY,
members who plan to attend
MUST notify Ella Rothenberger
(649-1525 or
e.rothenberger@comcast.net)

NEXT MEETING

DATE: May 22, 2012

TIME: 6:30 P.M.

**MEAL: Broiled Haddock in Savory Garlic
Herb Butter**

ORDERING/CANCELING MEAL

DEADLINE: May 16, 2012

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.

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

Remarks from President Renee...

Members of The Soroptimist International Club of Harrisburg, Inc. work "through service projects to advance human rights and the status of women" and to improve "the lives of women and girls in local communities and throughout the world."

The 19th Annual Fashion Show and Luncheon celebrates our Club's mission to support the greater Harrisburg community. The Fashion Show is a major fundraising event which supports our contributions to the women and children that we try to help. A very sincere thank you to the Fashion Show committee for their work coordinating this event!

The April Awards Banquet continues the celebration of our Club's impact on the community. The Women's Opportunity Awards, the Ruby and the Violet Richardson Awards will be presented to women striving to improve themselves through education and service to others. The Community Service Committee selected three organizations for monetary awards this year: Christ Lutheran Church Clinic, Calvary Food Pantry and Paxton Ministries. Thank you committee chairs and committee members for working together successfully to recognize the contributions and efforts of these outstanding women and organizations in our community.

Two delegates, Ella Rothenberger and Billie Hawk, and four Club members, President Renee Jones, Treasurer Alice Lubrecht, Kay Straw and Catherine Kalasky will represent us at the North Atlantic Region Spring Conference, April 27-29 in Albany, New York. Attendees will have the opportunity to hear news and events from other districts in the Region, strategic plans initiated by Federation, meet the Region Women's Opportunity, Ruby and Violet Richardson Award winners, and attend educational workshops.

Soroptimists engaged in projects and activities that promote our mission are the key to a happy, healthy Club.

Your participation is the KEY to our success!

19th Annual Spring Luncheon & Fashion Show Photo Wrap-Up



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National Volunteer Week 2012—April 15 through 21

WHAT IS NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK?

Established in 1974, National Volunteer Week has grown exponentially in scope each year since, drawing the support and endorsement of all subsequent U.S. presidents, governors, mayors and other respected elected officials.

National Volunteer Week is about inspiring, recognizing and encouraging people to seek out imaginative ways to engage in their communities. It's about demonstrating to the nation that by working together, in unison, we have the fortitude to meet our challenges and accomplish our goals. National Volunteer Week is about taking action, encouraging individuals and their respective communities to be at the center of social change—discovering and actively demonstrating their collective power to foster positive transformation.

National Volunteer Week is not only our moment in time to celebrate our volunteers, but to enable a nation to share ideas, practices, and stories, wherever they happen, and shaping a movement to re-imagine the notion of citizenship for the 21st century.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU FROM SIA

As National Volunteer Week begins in the United States, we'd like to send a special "THANK YOU" to all of our Soroptimists across the federation who through their everyday actions, accomplish the extraordinary.

Your commitment and enthusiasm in helping women and girls live their dreams—locally and throughout the world—is truly amazing!

Please [click here](#) to hear a special message from your SIA Board of Directors and Fundraising Council members. And thanks again for everything you do to make the world a better place for women and girls.

Sincerely,

Soroptimist Headquarters
Your Partners in Service

THANK YOU FOR VOLUNTEERING!

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.



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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!

Calendar of Upcoming Events

2012

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

July 18-21: SIA's 42nd Biennial Convention, Honolulu, Hawaii

October 27: District IV Fall Meeting, SI Fayette County

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!

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CONTENT DEADLINES

May Issue
May 8, 2012

June/July Issue
June 12, 2012

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

SOROPTIMIST BIRTHDAYS

April 2: Helen Drothler
April 20: Heather Shull
April 22: Marge Lashay

May 19: Joy Miller
May 22: Catherine Kalasky
May 22: Mary Ellen Osuch
May 28: Eleanor Clark
May 31: Doris Stringer



Officers & Board of Directors 2011-2012

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