

***SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF SCHENECTADY***

***MONTHLY GRAM***

***April, 2013***

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***April Meeting:*** This was our annual Awards Night and it was a wonderful evening for all concerned. The Women's Opportunity Award winner was Doris Leveque, it was presented by Jane Golub. Deborah DeGenova presented The Violet Richardson Award to Amanda Mascitelli and Sunnyview Hospital where she volunteered. Susan Daly presented the Community Service Awards to both Things of My Very Own and the Sunnyview Lymphedema Treatment Program. The Susan Rosenthal Award went to Gillian Russo whose presenter was Frieda Tanski and the Beatrice Hocking Award at SCCC was awarded to Rebekah Kimble who was unable to attend but she will be at the May meeting.

***Highway Cleanup,*** April 20th, 8:00AM, Lesley Schimer is chairman. We meet at the parking lot behind Oliver's on Freeman's Bridge Rd., if you have a reflective vest, please wear it. Our name as an organization is on a sign there and it's great advertising for Soroptimist. See you there!

***Monthly Meeting:*** The May meeting will be at the Stockade Inn at 6:00. If you have your name badge, please wear it. Pins, scarves, purses & soaps will be available for sale, please consider buying one to identify yourself as a Soroptimist at any function. If you have lost your name badge, ask Barbara to order a new one. Installation of new members will take place. Also, dues of \$95.00 will be payable at this meeting. If anyone has a problem or concern with paying this all at once, please get in touch with Lorraine. At this time, the tickets for the Garden Tour will be passed out. Each member is expected to sell 6 tickets. (Buy 5, get one free) If you can't sell them, you are still required to buy the 5 tickets (\$75.00). this money is due the day of the Garden Tour. Please bring a garden item for the wheelbarrow to be raffled off at the Tour. If you need a suggestion on what to bring, please call or e-mail Frieda. 885-9710 or [ftanski@nycap.rr.com](mailto:ftanski@nycap.rr.com).

***Garden Tour:*** This will be our 10th year! Please remember to set aside the date as there will be 8 gardens and we need sitters at each one. The date is June 15th. Deborah De Genova has offered to host the "Greet the Gardeners" event and that will be on June 9th at her home beginning at 5:30PM. The committee will do the work and planning. Something new this year, Faddegon's will be hosting a reception from 3:00PM to 5:00PM on the day of the Tour. Carole is donating a painting for the raffle. Ida and Sandy have passed out fliers wherever buses are

leaving for garden shows (Wade Tours, etc.) this Spring, advertising our Tour, wonderful idea, Ida!

***NAR Spring Conference:*** The Spring Conference, this year is being hosted by the Atlantic City Chapter on April 26, 27, and 28 at the Clarion Hotel and Convention Center, West Atlantic City, 6821 Black Horse Pike, Atlantic City West, Egg Harbor Township, NJ 08234. Attending from our club will be Lorraine, Barbara, Ida, Mary Mortka and Frieda. At Barbara's inspiration, we will have a table to sell the scarves, pins, purses and soaps that have been available at our meetings. The shoes that have been collected will be delivered to the Conference by Barbara. Thank you for your support of this project so the Region will be able to purchase two computers.

***Schenectady Day Nursery:*** An event is being held on Monday, April 29, 2013 from 5:30-8:00PM to honor Jane Golub, a long-time SDN board member and fellow Soroptimist, as the 2013 "Special Friend of SDN." The 111 year old day care center is one of Jane's favorite charities. As a former elementary school teacher, mother and grandmother, she fully appreciates the importance of early childhood education and has always strived to advance the cause as a working board member. The celebratory party will be at Cornell's Fine Italian Restaurant, 39 North Jay Street, Schenectady. Party-goers can expect scintillating company, Chef Armando's wonderful food, complimentary beer, wine & waters, the distinct jazz/pop stylings of Colleen Pratt & Friends, and, of course a chance to let Jane know how much we all appreciate her. All proceeds will benefit Schenectady Day Nursery. For further information, to make a reservation (\$75.), or join the honorary committee (\$150.), please call Mary Holloway at 374-3092 and leave a message. Mary's e-mail address is: mhk12309@gmail.com.

***Cookies at the Boys & Girls Club:*** Susan would like to have the cookie decorating for Mother's Day on Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup>. We will need sugar cookies and frosting, tubs or decorating tubes. Susan will bring her box of beads so the kids can make necklaces for Mom. Set up starts at 10:30 with decorating from 11:00AM to 1:00PM. Please let her know that you are coming. 428-8830

***Soroptimist Closet:*** Donations to the "closet" are always needed. Spring/Summer clothing and business attire are welcome, as well as nightgowns, sweaters, sweats, tee shirts, scarves, hats and gloves, etc. Large & Extra-large sizes needed. Gently-used bras and new underwear are always needed and greatly appreciated.

***Rosary bead collection:*** Susan Daly asks that we donate any spare rosaries, even broken ones, to the Funeral Directors so that they may be passed on to the people of Haiti. It is a tradition to be buried with a rosary. Please get them to Susan. Broken ones will be repaired by nuns.

## **Reminders:**

**\*Please note change\*** For members **unable** to attend a meeting , you are responsible for notifying **Lorraine Sturges** no later than 5PM on the Sunday preceding the meeting. Lorraine can be reached either by email at [lmstur57@gmail.com](mailto:lmstur57@gmail.com) or by phone at 399-6268. Members who fail to notify Lorraine by the date and time specified will be billed for the cost of the dinner. New or prospective members, please notify Lorraine that you **will** be attending. The cost of the dinner is \$25.00. (Do not call Mary Mortka).

- Please remember to notify Jo-Anne if your address, phone number or email address changes so that the Membership Booklet may be kept current. Jo-Anne can be reached at [joannevr@verizon.net](mailto:joannevr@verizon.net) or 377-9602.
- Information needs to be submitted by the 3rd of the month for inclusion in that month's GRAM which will be out after the board meeting. Please notify Frieda at [ftanski@nycap.rr.com](mailto:ftanski@nycap.rr.com) or 885-9710 should you have any information you would like included.
- If you know of the death or illness of a member or ex-member or a special event in their lives, please notify Frieda [ftanski@nycap.rr.com](mailto:ftanski@nycap.rr.com) so she can send a card.
- If you buy anything for the club, remember to use a tax exempt certificate. If you need one, they are available from Barbara, our treasurer.
- Garden Tour in 2014 will need a new chairperson. Please think about it.
- Board meetings are on the first Tuesday of the month and all are welcome.

## **MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

April 20<sup>th</sup>, Highway Cleanup, 8:00AM, Lesley Schimer is chairman. We meet at the parking lot behind Oliver's on Freeman's Bridge Rd., if you have a reflective vest, please wear it. Our name as an organization is on a sign there and it's great advertising for Soroptimist.

April 26, 27 & 28, NAR meeting in Atlantic City.

May 7<sup>th</sup>, Board meeting at the YWCA.

May 11th, decorate cookies & make necklaces, bracelets at the Boys & Girls Club in Rotterdam.

May 21st, regular meeting, installation of new members and dues are due. Voting for officers.

May (?), possible breakfast at Guardian House for the women vets.

June 9<sup>th</sup> “Greet the Gardeners” at 5:30PM at Deborah DeGenova’s home. The chance for sitters and other gardeners to visit the Tour gardens from Noon to 4:00PM.

June 15<sup>th</sup> Garden Tour- Please mark the day on your calendar, we still need sitters.

June, Picnic ?

July, Picnic/Party at Blaine’s Bay Marina near Colonie Town Park, no business, just fun. If enough are interested, we are considering asking husbands/partners and old members to join us. Let Barbara Andre-Maxwell know. There will be rides on a pontoon boat!

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President:	Lorraine Sturges	Treasurer: Barbara Andre-Maxwell
1st VP:	Frieda Tanski	1 Year Director : Ellie Voris
2 <sup>nd</sup> VP:	Ida Chisamore	2 Year Director: Sandy Johnson
Secretary:	Mary Mortka	

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Committees

Members

Program Committee	Lorraine, Ellie, Jane, Deb, Susan, Frieda, Carole
Communication, Public Awareness, Publicity Committee	Jo-Anne, Sally
Membership Committee	Ellie, Sally, Dot, Sandy, Ida, Ann, Barbara Lorraine-Reservations, Frieda GRAM & Sunshine
Fundraising Committee	Mary M., Sally, Ida, Frieda, Deb, Carolyn
Nominating Committee	Ellie

Awards & Scholarships:

Beatrice Hocking Award to SCCC: \$1500.

Violet Richardson Award: \$300. & \$200.

Women’s Opportunity Award: \$1500.

Community Service Awards: \$2000.

Susan Rosenthal Award: \$500.

Chairmen of any Committee will be required to turn in a project report when your event is over. A sample can be downloaded from the Soroptimist web site.