

SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF SCHENECTADY

MONTHLY GRAM

August, 2013

Monthly Meeting: The September meeting will be held on the 17th at 6:00PM at the Stockade Inn. New this year, Jeff has had to raise his price for dinner to \$28.00 and if you've bought groceries lately, you know why. There will be lots to discuss. Plans for September include "Sweet Dreams", and if you think of it over the summer, pick up pillows and/or blankets to be donated this year to Home Furnishings.

Garden Tour: Gillian and Frieda are already searching for next year and we have 7 committed gardens and 2 maybe's. If you know of anyone interested, please contact either Gillian at 785-3874 or Frieda at 885-9710. The date in 2014 will be Saturday, June 14th, mark your calendars now so we'll have 100% participation.

Guardian House: We hope to do something for the women at Guardian House but possibly in November.

Home Furnishings: Will hold their Antique & Collectible Sale on Saturday, September 21st from 9:00AM to 3:00PM at 2352 Jade Lane in Niskayuna. We are supporting their endeavor and they need our members to help with setting up on Friday, the 20th from 10:00AM to 2:00PM and with the sale on Saturday. Please call Sally (at 346-0304) and let her know you can help. They will have shifts so no need to commit to the whole day. Also, they need antiques and collectibles which you can drop off on Friday or Saturday! We will be displaying our banners and giving out brochures and information about SI of Schenectady. Please wear your pins.

Soroptimist Closet: Donations to the "closet" are always needed. Summer/Fall 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.

SI NAR Leadership Seminar: Barbara Andre-Maxwell and Frieda Tanski are attending and hoping to pick up some valuable information to help in their duties

next year. Barbara has been asked to be one of the Vice Chairs for the Finance Committee for NAR. In this capacity, she will be helping to create a Budget.

SICM: Frieda will be representing SI of Schenectady by helping to serve lunches to children at the Yates Community Room for the last two weeks of August. They will need help again next year and if you are interested, email Ellie Rowland at rowland.gene2@gmail.com.

Reminders:

- 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 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 \$28.00. Unfortunately, The Stockade Inn, after keeping their price low for so long have had to raise their fee.
- 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 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 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 so she can send a card.
- Remember to wear your name badges to all events, not only to identify yourselves but to advertise Soroptimist International of Schenectady. Wear your pins to spark a conversation!
- 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.
- Board meetings are on the first Tuesday of the month (except for August) and all are welcome.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

“Sweet Dreams” will be held on Friday, September 19th, from 3:00 to 7:00PM at Sondra’s Fine Jewelry, 1624 Union Street, Niskayuna. Sondra and Soroptimist International of Schenectady are teaming up with More Perrecca’s and Divinitea

to sponsor what has become an annual event. Randolph's is donating a dish garden and Uncle Sean's Hugs is donating handmade blankets. Attendees are asked to bring pillows, blankets or \$20.00 and they will be entered in a drawing for 4 gift baskets. The recipient this year will be Home Furnishing. Don't forget to bring the silver and gold jewelry you no longer use to donate to the cause.

September 21st – Home Furnishings sale, opportunity to volunteer by selling for them and advertising Soroptimist by having brochures to hand out and the large signs to hang. Help is also needed on the 20th to set up.

October 10, *Best for Women*, "Falling for Jazz" featuring Colleen Pratt and Bill & Peg Delaney. The event is being co-chaired by Mary Mortka & Susan Daly.

October 19, Fall highway cleanup.

President:	Lorraine Sturges	Treasurer: Barbara Andre-Maxwell
1st VP:	Frieda Tanski	1 Year Director : Sandy Johnson
2 nd VP:	Ida Chisamore	2 Year Director: Mary Burch- Macherone
Secretary:		2 year Director: Deb DeGenova

Secretary needed! Mary Mortka has resigned so please step up to the plate.

Awards & Scholarships:

Beatrice Hocking Award to SCCC: \$1500. Community Service Awards: \$2000.

Violet Richardson Award: \$300. & \$200. Susan Rosenthal Award: \$500.

Women's Opportunity Award: \$1500.

Please print this out and save it for your information, if your name is not on this list, please let me know and I will add it. New members, please join a committee, it's the best way to learn about SIS.:

Committees 2013-2014

Membership/Growth & Development

Membership Recruitment & Retention

Sally Bestgen
Ida Chisamore
Sandy Johnson
Rhonda Vaughn
Carole Merrill Mazurek

Sunshine

Frieda Tanski
Susan Daly
Dot Henwood

Reservation/Attendance

Lorraine Sturges
Deb DeGenova

Nominating

Mary Mortka
Ida Chisamore

Public Relations/Communication

Ida Chisamore

Publicity

Deirdre Garland, Chair
Ida Chisamore

Historian

Frieda Tanski

Photographer

Theresa Meers
Frieda Tanski

Website (Nancy McKiernan)

Gram

Frieda Tanski

Awards

Jo-Anne Rafalik

Community Service Awards

Susan Daly

Ellie Voris

Violet Richardson Award

Dot Henwood

Beatrice Hocking /SCCC

Frieda Tanski

Woman of Achievement Award

Jane Golub, Chair

Donna Gigone

Ways and Means

Mary Mortka

Best for Women Event

Susan Daly, Co-Chair

Mary Mortka, Co-Chair

Ida Chisamore

Irene Wickham

Donna Gigone

Deb DeGenova

Frieda Tanski

Carole Merrill-Mazurik

Theresa Meers

Garden Tour

Frieda Tanski, Co-Chair

Gillian Woodcock, Co-Chair

Theresa Meers

Dot Henwood

Ida Chisamore

Donna Gigone

Mary Mortka

Monthly Meeting Raffle

Irene Wickham, Chair

Frieda

Your Sister Store

Barbara Andre Maxwell, Chair

Mary Burch Macherone

Ida Chisamore

Mary Mortka

Sandy Johnson

Biennial Fund Raiser (Garage Sale)

Frieda Tanski

Community Service Programs/Projects

Deb DeGenova

Highway Cleanup/Spring/Fall

Leslie Shimer, Chair

Mary Burch Macherone

Irene Wickham

Gillian Woodcock

Ellie Voris

Frieda Tanski

Sweet Dreams/September

Susan Daly, Chair

Mary Mortka

Deb DeGenova

Ellie Voris

Sandra Johnson

Guardian House/Women Vets

Mary Burch Macherone, Chair

YWCA Holiday Party

Rhonda Vaughn

Jean Pennypacker

Carole Merrill Mazurek

Frieda Tanski
Sandy Johnson

Rotterdam Boys & Girls Club/Cookies/Cards
Susan Daly, Chair
Frieda Tanski

Spring Conference
Mary Burch Macherone, Chair
Frieda Tanski

Budget Development

Barbara Andre Maxwell
Donna Gigone
Deb DeGenova

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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.