

SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF SCHENECTADY

MONTHLY GRAM

December, 2012

Missing Banner: Barbara is ordering a new banner.

Soroptimist Closet: Donations to the “closet” are always needed. Fall/Winter 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. Jo-Anne Rafalik reported that an amazing amount of clothing has been donated to the Soroptimist Closet as a result of Kathy Wadsworth’s fellow employees and the Nova Society at KAPL. Thank you, Kathy!

Monthly Meeting: December meeting will be the Christmas Party at the Y. If you have your name badge, please wear it. We are encouraged to mingle with our guests and get to know them.

Garden Tour: This will be our 10th year! There are already 8 committed gardeners! The date is June 15th. Deborah De Genova has offered to host the “Greet the Gardeners” event and will decide when at a later date. The committee will do the work and planning. It is usually held during the week immediately prior to the Tour. Faddegon’s will host a reception from 3:00PM to 5:00PM on the day of the Tour.

November’s Meeting: The meeting was held on November 20th at the Stockade Inn. We had another prospective new member, Katelyn Galbraith join us for dinner. Frank Ranucci, a representative from Home Furnishings, gave an informative talk about the purpose and aims of the volunteer group. Our President, Lorraine, presented Mr. Ranucci with a check to help with costs.

Christmas Party for Women at the Y: Party to be held on December 11th at the Y, time is 6:00PM. Here is a list of items that you can look for to help fill medium size gift bags: mugs, gloves, mittens, hats, scarves, socks or maybe small pans, spoons, cooking utensils,” kitchen items”. Use your imagination! We really need 4x6 picture frames for the ladies to put in their photo that will be taken at the party. They are always available at WalMart or the dollar stores. There are 54 members in residence at the Y so whatever you can do to help. Please bring all items to the “wrapping” event on December 7th at 6:00, at the Y. Sally reports that we need more appetizers. The Soroptimists and the Y ladies look forward to the party every year and for some of them it is the only seasonal celebration they have.

Cookie decorating at the B & G club: Come and help the kids decorate cookies and make cards at the Rotterdam Boys & Girls Club, 10:00AM, Saturday 12/8. Bring 2 dozen sugar cookies and some frosting and join us! Susan Daly is Chair.

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.

Festival of Trees: The tree was decorated by Deb DeGenova, Barbara Armstrong and Frieda Tanski. We used the decorations from the past few years as suggested by Deb and displayed the names of past Community Awards winners as suggested by Susan Daly. The tree is very pretty, come and see the trees at the Y and the Schenectady Historical Society as it is a fundraiser for both places.

Holiday decorations: On November 29th Deb DeGenova, Mary Mortka, Frieda Tanski joined chairperson, Susan Daly to help women at the Y make table decorations for Christmas Party on the 11th. The women had a grand time and discovered their “inner craft-making prowess”. Start saving medium to large empty candle jars for next year to give to Susan at a meeting or anytime.

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 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 can 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. Please notify Frieda at ftanski@nycap.rr.com or 885-9710 should you have any information you would like included or if you see a mistake.
- 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.
- 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.

- “Unloved Lemons” possible garage sale later in the year
- We are looking for fundraising ideas, even if we net \$200 or \$300. This will add to the treasury, be creative and think outside the box. Suggestions have been a Madison Handbag Party and a “Tastefully Simple” Home Party. Is anyone willing to host the parties? We would all be encouraged to invite family and friends. Frieda has three Madison Handbags and would be happy to explain about how to “create” them. If you have ever had “Garlic, Garlic” dip you will know what treats are in store from “Tastefully Simple”.
- Garden Tour in 2014 will need a new chairperson. Please think about it.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

December 4th, Bell ringers needed at the K-Mart entrance (inside) at the Rotterdam Square Mall, join us if you can, 2 – 5:30PM. Get our name before the Public!

December 7th, filling gift bags at the Y, 6:00PM

December 8th, cookies and cards at the Boys & Girls Club

December 11th, Christmas Party at the Y, 6:00PM

January 15th, regular meeting

February 19th, regular meeting, Heart month

March 19th, regular meeting

April 16th, Awards night

May 20th, regular meeting

June, Picnic

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