

SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF SCHENECTADY

MONTHLY GRAM

February, 2013

Sad News: Yvonne Matthews' mother has passed away. Condolences may be sent to Yvonne at 1675 Amsterdam Road, Glenville, NY 12302.

Cabin Fever Luncheon: Our President, Lorraine, our Treasurer, Barbara and a new Soroptimist member, Carolyn, all attended the Soroptimist of Saratoga Cabin Fever Luncheon which was held at the Saratoga National Golf Club on Saturday, January 26th. It was the first time Saratoga utilized the beautiful facilities and the event was "sold out" with 250 in attendance at \$65.00 per head. Luncheon was excellent and the special guest speaker was Katherine Rosman, Yaddo artist and author of, "If You Knew Suzy". The silent auction, with numerous donated items, generated an enormous amount for their treasury. Carolyn had previously purchased and read the book and was thrilled to get it signed by the author. Barbara states that it was a wonderful opportunity to meet other women from different organizations and a grand time was had by our "Three Soropteers"!

January's Meeting: After dinner, the members broke up into committees and made plans for the year. Reports will be given at a future meeting.

Monthly Meeting: The February meeting will be at the Stockade Inn at 6:00. If you have your name badge, please wear it. We are happy to have Lisa Harris Elgin as our speaker. The subjects will be Identity Theft and Women's Financial Issues. Pins and scarves will be available for sale, please consider buying one to identify yourself as a Soroptimist at any function.

Cookie Decorating at the B & G Club: Susan Daly has announced that cookie decorating for the Boys & Girls Club in Rotterdam for Valentine's Day will be Saturday, **February 9th**. Time for set up will be 10:30AM and cookie decorating and necklace making will be 11:00AM to 1:00PM. We are in need of sugar cookies for decorating, and frosting. If you can come to help, please notify Susan on her cell at 428-8830. Because this is on such short notice, it is **essential** that you call if you are going. If you'd like to send some cookies but can't make the event, call Susan and she will let you know to whom you may drop off the cookies.

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. Something new this year, Faddegon's will be hosting a reception from 3:00PM to 5:00PM on the day of the Tour.

Calling All Shoes!! Our Region needs 2 new computers! The NAR has launched our newest fundraising program and all you are asked to do is donate your old shoes! Just bring them along to Spring Conference and place them in the Shoe Box Collection boxes located near the Registrations Desks. We will then be returning them to the collection organization which transports them to third world countries. It will take 40 pairs to fill a box and each box earns the region \$20.00. If you so desire, you may put a note in your shoes with your contact info and when your shoes reach someone else, they will then be able to thank you and become your "Sole Mate", but this is optional. Bring as many pairs of shoes as you want, including sneakers. No winter boots. All money raised will go towards covering the cost of the computers our Region desperately needs.

If you are not attending the Conference, bring them to our April meeting and the ladies who are going will bring the shoes along. More information about the Spring Conference will be in the March GRAM, please think about attending.

Regional Officers: The region is looking for people to run for Secretary, Governor-elect and a District 1 director. A pre-requisite is that you must have held the office of President in your club. Please notify Lorraine if you are interested.

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.

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 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 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.
- 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.
- Fundraising Committee members are going to present some ideas for making money to fund our commitments to various awards.
- Garden Tour in 2014 will need a new chairperson. Please think about it.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

February 19th, regular meeting, Heart month

March 19th, regular meeting, possible breakfast w/women vet's

April 16th, Awards night

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

May 21st, 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		

Committees

Program Committee

Members

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: \$2500.

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.