

SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF SCHENECTADY

MONTHLY GRAM

February, 2014

Monthly Meeting: Meeting on Tuesday, February 18, 2014 at 6:00PM at the Stockade Inn. Since it is Women's Health Month, we will have a speaker from the American Heart Association. If possible, please wear red.

Boys & Girls Club: The day is tomorrow, Saturday, February 8th from 10:30 to 1:00PM. We need donations of frosting, there are cookies left over from Christmas which have been frozen for use now. The children will be making jewelry with beads, Valentine's Day cards, and wreath and poster making, and Valentine trail mix, too. Hope you can come and have fun with the kids!

SIS's YSS: Your sister store will be not be at the Concourse this February for the Craft Show. Barbara is in California but hopefully, we will be here for the Easter Show.

Biennial Garage Sale: This event is co-chaired by Frieda and Mary Mortka. Please mark your calendars for Friday, May 9nd & Saturday, May 10th, the days of the sale and we will need members to sort, display and price before that day. Mary Burch-Macherone gave us a ton of items from her old house and we now have a good base for a sale. Remember to set aside your extra "stuff" and we will pick it up in the spring when Barbara will again have access to her garage. We may accept some clothing, shoes and pocketbooks but only if in excellent shape. "Special" seasonal items will be accepted. No stuffed animals, but toys, if in good shape, with all pieces. We will accept books, jewelry, furniture, kitchen items, collectibles, knick-knacks, etc. A garage sale is a lot of work but the last one raised almost \$2,000.00 for Soroptimist. Please get in touch with us.

Joint Installation: June 3rd at the Stockade Inn, more to follow, Mary Burch-Macherone is the Chair, please speak with her about helping out. There will be a special reading by Carla Page.

Garden Tour: Gillian and Frieda have gotten 9 committed gardens for next year. The date in 2014 will be Saturday, June 14th, mark your calendars now so we'll have 100% participation. We will need every member sitting at a garden. Deb DeGenova has agreed to hold the "Greet the Gardner" event at her house again this year.

BFW: Barbara Andre-Maxwell has volunteered to be chairman of the event to take place in March 2015! She has great ideas and has asked for some volunteers to help her. More to follow when she gets back from San Francisco but put your "thinking caps" on.

Peace Garden: The proposed plan for the Peace Garden has been postponed until the spring.

Guardian House: Mary has decided on a plan for May. Scotia has a Memorial Day Parade on May 21st. She has arranged for us to march and to have the women vets ride in a blue convertible, 1990 Chrysler LaBarron. This will be a good opportunity for us to do something for the vets at Guardian House and promote SI of Schenectady. She hopes for full participation by members.

Position needed: The Board is looking for someone to work along with Barbara as Treasurer to update our computer and get ready for an audit. This person will take over as Treasurer in the next year. Please let Lorraine know if you are interested.

Reminders:

- For members **unable** to attend the February 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. Prospective members, please notify Lorraine that you **will** be attending the February meeting. The cost of the dinner is \$28.00. First time attendees will be our guests.
- 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 to have 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, also she needs to know your birth date.
- 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 at the Turf in Scotia (except for August) and all are welcome.
- President: Lorraine Sturges Treasurer: Barbara Andre-Maxwell
1st VP: Frieda Tanski 1 Year Director: Sandy Johnson
2ndVP: Ida Chisamore 2 Year Director: Mary Burch-Macherone
Secretary: Donna Gigone /Mary Mortka 2 year Director: Deb DeGenova

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

February 18 – General meeting, speaker from American Heart Association

March 18th – General meeting, speaker

April 15 – Awards night & general meeting-Winner of WOA and Violet Richardson Award will be at meeting.

May 1 – 4th - NAR Conference, State College, PA.

May 9 & 10 – Biennial Garage Sale

June 3 - Joint installation at the Stockade Inn, all are invited, we are the hosts this year and would like to have good attendance to welcome the other three clubs. (Saratoga, Fulton and Adirondack), Mary Burch Macherone is planning a great evening to welcome our fellow Soroptimists, price will be \$40. - \$45., more info to follow.

June 14th - Annual Garden Tour, mark your calendar, you are needed to sit at a garden.

Awards & Scholarships:

Beatrice Hocking Award to SCCC: \$2,000. Community Service Awards: \$2500.

Violet Richardson Award: \$600. & \$100. Women's Opportunity Award: \$2,000.

Thank you's

Nancy McKiernan who keeps our web-site "up to date".

Jane and Yvonne for choosing a winner for the Awards they chaired.

Barbara Andre Maxwell for stepping up to the plate and agreeing to Chair the BFW in 2015.

Susan Daly for planning the Boys & Girls Club cookie decorating and jewelry making at the Rotterdam Club.

Theresa Meers for becoming a member.

Gillian Woodcock for volunteering to be co-chair of the Garden Tour, it will be left in good hands next year.

To anyone that I forgot.

To all the Soroptimist members without whose support we could not continue.