

SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF SCHENECTADY

MONTHLY GRAM

January, 2013

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.

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.

Monthly Meeting: The January meeting will be at the Stockade Inn at 6:00. If you have your name badge, please wear it. We will break up into four Committee tables so we can talk and make some plans for the remainder of the year and for next year. We have to decide if we want to A. Do more service work and come up with fund raising ideas or B. Raise more money by just writing checks. Please think about these issues and be prepared with some ideas.

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

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.

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.

December’s Meeting: Instead of a regular meeting, the Christmas Party was held on December 11th at the YWCA. Many thanks to the Committee, Sally Bestgen, Ida Chisamore and Sandy Johnson and all the members who generously donated frames, gifts and food for the successful party. A good time was had by the residents and by all of us. A big thank you to Jane and her workers at Price Chopper who also provided such an abundance of goodies to fill the gift bags. The photos and frames were much appreciated by the ladies, thank you Deb for taking them and Jo-Anne for developing them.

Cookie decorating at the B & G club: At least 30 children came to decorate cookies and make cards at the Rotterdam Boys & Girls Club, on Saturday 12/8. Thank you, Susan, Kerry and TJ and all the members who helped out.

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.
- 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

January 15th, regular meeting

February 19th, regular meeting, Heart month

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

April 16th, Awards night

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	