

# ***SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF SCHENECTADY***

## ***MONTHLY GRAM***

***January, 2014***

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***Monthly Meeting:*** Meeting on Tuesday, January 21, 2014 at 6:00PM at the Stockade Inn. We will be celebrating our 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Come and see the Resolution that was passed by the City Council and signed by them and the Mayor. Thanks to Councilwoman Leesa Perazzo for sponsoring this honor for our Club. We will have a cake to celebrate!

***Tastefully Simple Party:*** Linda Gallagher sent us a check for \$90.00. Thank you everyone who participated!

***Festival of Trees:*** Thank you to Ida, Donna, Jo-Anne, Dot & Frieda. A new chair is needed for next year's tree.

***Christmas/Holiday Party:*** Thank you to Carole and her committee, Rhonda, Sandy, Jo-Anne and all the members for the plentiful appetizers and desserts, punch and wassail. Special thanks to Jane and her trade partners for donating all the fabulous and useful gifts to the ladies. Thanks to Craig Werner for donating the chocolate fountain. Members, thank you for donating gifts and gift certificates for the bags. Lorraine received a lovely thank you note from the residents at the Y.



***Boys & Girls Club:*** Loads of fun with cookie decorating and card making. Thank you Susan and Kerry, Donna, Mary, Frieda and everyone who baked and donated cookies and frosting.

***SI of Saratoga County:*** Cabin Fever 2014 is thrilled to present Abraham Lincoln played by Dr. Gene Griessman, a celebrated actor and playwright who has performed at Ford's Theater, the Georgia Dome, the Lincoln Memorial and aboard the famed carrier the USS Abraham Lincoln. To read more about him go to [www.SoroptimistofSaratoga.com](http://www.SoroptimistofSaratoga.com). Download a copy of the event brochure, tickets are \$75.00, join the Saratoga club for one of their fundraisers and be motivated and inspired. The ladies who attended last year's Cabin Fever were highly entertained and the food was great! For more information, call 581-1201 x 4184 or email [cabinfeverinfo@gmail.com](mailto:cabinfeverinfo@gmail.com). Between Cabin Fever and their Garden Tour, they raised enough money to award grants totaling almost \$20,000.00, they must be doing something right!

***SIS's YSS:*** Your sister store will be open from 10:00AM to 3:00PM at the Empire State Plaza on the Concourse, in February at the Craft Show. Volunteers will be needed. Please contact Barbara for particulars.

**Biennial Garage Sale:** Please mark your calendars for Friday, May 9<sup>nd</sup> & Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, 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 me so I will know your thoughts.

**Joint Installation:** June 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Stockade Inn, more to follow, Mary Burch-Macherone is the Chair, please speak with her about helping out.

**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.

**BFW:** After a successful comeback, we need to keep the momentum going towards next year. All ideas will be considered and we will start working earlier to plan BFW 2015. Let's get together after the meeting in January and form a committee and a chair.

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

**Guardian House:** Mary is looking into doing something for the women in May. More to follow.

**Note from Frieda:** I have a table of contents for the material about our Club which was donated to the Schenectady Historical Society. Call me if you are interested, the information is amazing.

### **Reminders:**

- For members **unable** to attend the January meeting, you are responsible for notifying **Deborah DeGenova** no later than 5PM on the Sunday preceding the meeting. Deb can be reached either by email at [debd@nycap.rr.com](mailto:debd@nycap.rr.com) or by phone at 374-4032. Members who fail to notify Deb by the date and time specified will be billed for the cost of the dinner. Prospective members, please notify Deb that you **will** be attending the January 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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  
   2<sup>nd</sup>VP: Ida Chisamore                              2 Year Director: Mary Burch-Macherone  
   Secretary: Donna Gigone /Mary Mortka                      2 year Director: Deb DeGenova
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## **MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

February 18 – General meeting

March 18<sup>th</sup> – General meeting

April 15 – Awards night & general meeting

May 1 – 4<sup>th</sup> - 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), more info to follow.

June 14<sup>th</sup> - Annual Garden Tour

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### 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".

Sandy, Barbara, Sally & Frieda who staffed YSS at the ESP on December 18<sup>th</sup>.

Jane, Yvonne and their committee members & Deirdre for all the work necessary to find the winners of our Awards.

Carole and her committee for presenting a wonderful Holiday party at the YWCA. Thanks also to Susan and committee and the ladies at the Y for the beautiful table decorations.

Mary Burch-Macherone for donating so much to our garage sale in the Spring.

Theresa Meers for taking photos and filling a scrapbook with our living history.

To anyone that I forgot.

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