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## CLUB UPDATES AND EXCITING NEWS

Spring is almost here! And with it are a slew of exciting programs and events.

Our monthly member meetings will continue to be in person at The Staaten on the first Wednesday of the month. This month we're honoring our Live Your Dream Award recipients. We're collecting new and gently used bras as well as feminine hygiene products to benefit I Support The Girls. Tina Bilcher-Murphy will be there with Essential BodyWear (donating back 30% all sales)

This is our second year partnering with the DA's office to bring Dream It, Be It to our local community. We're excited to announce that the one day workshop will be IN PERSON. Join us March 5th at Board & Brush to raise money for this year's project.

As the Ruby Awards are now a fall event, and it's been a HARD couple of years, we decided this spring to celebrate US. Join us Sunday, March 27th at The Old Bermuda Inn for a brunch that's all about us and Soroptimists.

The NAR Spring 2022 Conference is in person this year in Scranton, PA from April 22 to April 24th. Check out our members only section of the website for more information: [www.soroptimists.org/members](http://www.soroptimists.org/members) (contact us at [info@soroptimists.org](mailto:info@soroptimists.org) for the password)

Starting with our March meeting we now are accepting payment online for our events. When you register online for one of our monthly meetings or special events you can either pay online (via credit/debit card only, ~3% surcharge) OR choose to pay via cash or check (in person or mail in, depending on the event). More details on the website or by contacting us at [info@soroptimists.org](mailto:info@soroptimists.org)

## Upcoming Events

**General Member Meeting**  
March 2, 2022

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**Board & Brush Fundraiser**  
March 5, 2022

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**SHero Brunch**  
March 27, 2022

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**General Member Meeting**  
April 6, 2022

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**NAR Spring Conference**  
April 22-24, 2022

Visit our website  
[www.soroptimists.org/upcoming-events](http://www.soroptimists.org/upcoming-events)  
for more info and to RSVP

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## FEBRUARY MEETING RECAP

What an amazing meeting! We had the highest turn out since before the pandemic with over 60 members and guests in attendance.

Our guest speaker Dr Jessica Bjorklund spoke about her work as cardiologist and about the importance of women's heart health.

Along with our Queen of Clubs raffle, we shopped at Italia de Pompo's Touchstone Jewelry pop up shop. We raised over \$1000 in donated jewelry for future raffle baskets.

## We need your help!

Consider joining our board or volunteering for one of our committees:

Community Outreach, Programming, Fundraising, Member Appreciation, and Special Events.

Be on the look out for opportunities to recognize local organizations and inspirational women.

Calls for submissions for our Community Service Awards and Ruby Awards will be announced soon

### DREAM BIG CAMPAIGN

#### SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF THE AMERICAS

We believe in the power of dreaming big.

That's why Soroptimist International of the Americas has set a goal through the Dream Big Campaign of investing in the dreams of half a million women and girls.

That's four times the number of women and girls we currently reach. It's a big, audacious goal. But no more audacious than the courage and resolve of the women and girls our Dream Programs will impact.

Each woman and girl we help has a story. Each has a dream. They dream of achieving success on their own terms. They dream of raising healthy families and giving back to their communities. They dream of a day when violence and inequality will no longer stand in their way.



## A Message from the President



Dear Soroptimist Sisters

I can't imagine where the time has gone. We are a little more than 3/4 of the way complete with my term as your club President. We made it through COVID and wearing masks. We are back to meeting in person and we will be CELEBRATING US at our SHERO Brunch on March 27. I hope to see many of you there.

As Spring approaches I wish you all well and look forward to seeing some of you at the Spring Conference this year, the weekend of April 22-24 in Scranton PA.

See you all soon.

Yours in Soroptimist  
Martha C Venditto