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CLUB UPDATES AND EXCITING NEWS

Time for Back to School! Before we recap our busy summer and dive into our even busier fall, we have a call for **Back To School Supplies** for high school students from our Service Project organization of the year, Safe Horizon. Specifically, they're asking us to donate the following: backpacks, pens, pencils, erasers, pencil sharpeners, rulers, spiral notebooks, folders, loose leaf binders/paper, highlighters, post it notes, white out, and index cards. Please bring them to our September Meeting or you can drop them off at Lauren Aquino's office (1253 Richmond Ave/Alpha Omega Coverage Corp) until Friday, September 9th.

We had our annual Summer Social on August 3rd at Osteria Santina's back patio. About 60 women attended, over half of which were guests and prospective members. We raised over \$500 via raffles and 50/50 for our Big Goal Accelerator educational project. We collected several applications, including one for a potential Social Media Coordinator (fingers crossed!).

Five of our members (Dawn Reid-Green, Tina Bilcher Murphy, Jayne Cooper, Carol Lundrigan, and Lauren Aquino) attended the NAR Summer Leadership training (see next page for more details).

We have a VERY busy fall planned. Our September meeting is featuring speakers from the Katz Institute for Women's Health. Our annual October meeting to benefit Domestic Violence survivor's will no longer be Bingo....instead it will be BLINGO! Get your markers ready as the prizes will include designer bags and jewelry (Donations welcome, please contact the board or Lorri Senk. The Fall District meeting this year will be held in Amsterdam, NY. More details in the "Members" section of the website. Our speaker for November is still TBD - contact Tina Bilcher Murphy if you have any suggestions. And we will be having our holiday party at Osteria Santina again.

Be on the look out for more information regarding a New Member Orientation coming this October. If you wish to attend please contact the board or our new member chairs, Carol Lundrigan and Rosalie Raio.

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Upcoming Events

General Member Meeting
Sept 7, 2022

General Member Meeting & Designer "Blingo"
October 12, 2022

District I Fall District Meeting - Amsterdam, NY
October 15, 2022

General Member Meeting
November 2, 2022

Holiday Party
Osteria Santina
December 7, 2022

Ruby Awards Luncheon
The Historic
Old Bermuda Inn
March 26, 2023

Visit our website
www.soroptimistsi.org/upcoming-events
for more info and to RSVP

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SUMMER LEADERSHIP TRAINING

The North Atlantic Region (NAR) hosted its annual Summer Leadership Training on August 20, 2022 at the Woodland Inn, Wilkes Barre, PA. Women from the clubs that compose the NAR, including five members from Staten Island, came together for a day filled with learning and fellowship. All in attendance benefited from the opportunity to share ideas on leading to make our clubs succeed. The Staten Island Club was acknowledged for its social media presence, Dream Big Cookbook Initiative for District 1, and Celebrating Success submissions.

We need your help!

Consider volunteering for one of our many committees: Community Outreach, Programming, Fundraising, Member Appreciation, Governance and Special Events. Be on the look out for opportunities to recognize local organizations and inspirational women.

LIVE YOUR DREAM AWARDS

YOU can change the life of a woman in need!

We are seeking volunteers for our club's Live Your Dream Award (LYDA) committee.

LYDA provides scholarships for women in college or technical school who are their primary family support. Over half of LYDA Scholarship recipients are survivors of domestic violence, trafficking or sexual abuse. The goal of the award is to improve their education, skills and employment prospects so that they and their families can thrive. Committee members primarily work on outreach and recruitment for scholarship applicants.

So join our committee and get your creative groove on! The first committee meeting will take place at the conclusion of our Sept 7th Club Meeting club at The Staaten.

Please reach out to LYDA Committee Chair Edwina Martin, edwinamartin@hotmail.com, with any questions.

Looking forward to an amazing LYDA committee year!!



A Message from the President

Dear Soroptimist Sisters:

Welcome to the 2022 Soroptimist program year! Your new Officers and Board members are excited about working with you this year to make an impact on those in our community, as well as nationally and internationally. This year we will continue the great works of Soroptimist International by supporting our signature Soroptimist programs, including Live Your Dream, Dream It Be It, Dream Big, and the new Big Goal Accelerator.

As always, your talent, time, and treasure will be required to make this year a success. If you have not yet joined a committee, take the time to do so now by volunteering on the website. Do not forget to check your emails and our website at www.soroptimists.org regularly to get updates on all of our upcoming programs, events, and ideas on how you can make a difference in the lives of women and girls. I look forward to seeing each of you this year at our monthly meetings for fellowship and giving.

In Service,
Dawn Reid-Green, Esq.