



Soroptimist

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Congratulations Staten Island Soroptimists on your new Board for 2020!

The election ballots were completed onLine and the Installation of Officers

Here's a few images seen by those who attended the Zoom, June 3 general club meeting and Installation Ceremony was completed via Zoom presentation onLine at the June 3, 2020 a general membership meeting. We hope you were able to join in the Zoom presentation ceremony. The new board members are:

President - Martha Venditto

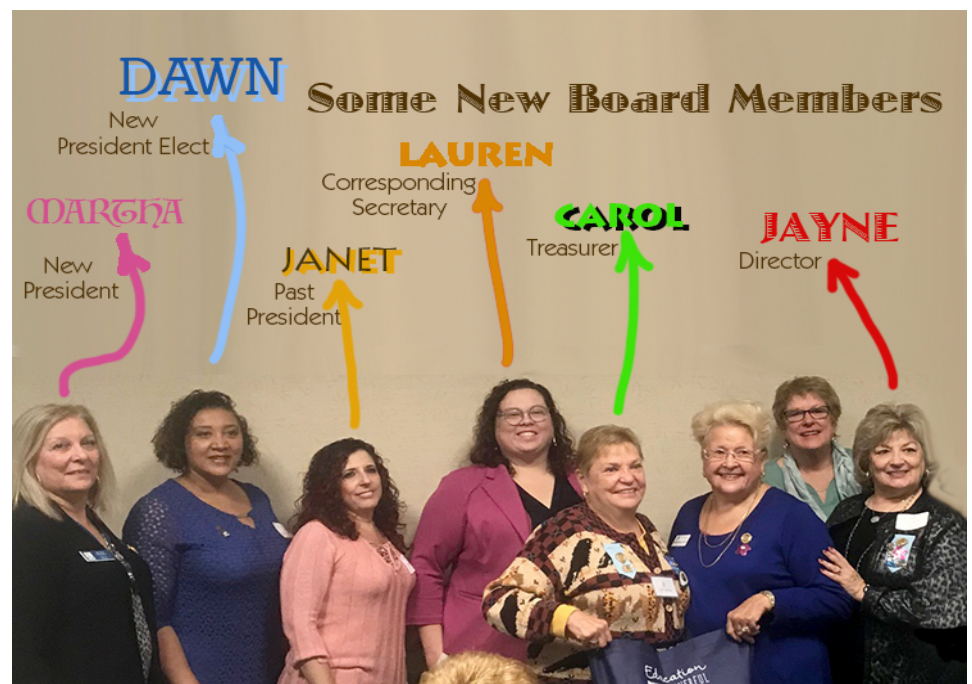
Vice President - Dawn Reid-Green
Secretary - Tina Bilcher-Murphy
Corresponding Secretary-Lauren Aquino
Treasurer - Carol Lundrigan
Director - Janet McFarland
Director- Jayne Cooper
Delegate - Elissa Ramirez
Delegate - Jennifer Bollinger
Alternate Delegate - Angie DePompo Seff



Left: Outgoing President Janet
 Far left: Delegates and Themed flower seed packets and far left below: 1921 Soroptimist flower float.



The New Board Installation was themed after a gardener (the President) growing and nurturing all the members of the Board (the garden of flowering ideas). So our new president, Martha Venditto is pictured above as a gardener.



2019 -2020 SISI Board of Directors: Janet McFarland: President; Fran Real: Vice President; Treasurer: Dawn Reid-Green; Recording Secretary: Ellen Mitchell; Corresponding Secretary: Tina Belcher-Murphy; Directors: Jayne Cooper & Rosemary De Figlio; Delegates: Lorri Senk and Carol Lundrigan; alt Delegate: Lauren Aquino

- Our SISI club website address is: <http://www.soroptimistsi.org>
- Contact dreidgreen@gmail.com for a reservation at any and all events / meetings
- SISI mailing address is: P.O. Box 140530, Staten Island NY 10314

Soroptimist International of Staten Island (SISI) Calendar of Events and Meetings

Ruby Awards Luncheon POSTPONED - New date will be **September 20th** Noon at The Vanderbilt, guests and members are all welcome to attend, support the honorees, play all the raffle games, enjoy the waters edge. A great afternoon out with friends.

Summer 2020 - No membership meetings

July 22-24 -- **gone Virtual ...**
46th Biennial Soroptimist Int. Convention.
SEE ARTICLE at right FOR DETAILS.

June 23 Spring Conference will be held via Zoom. **All members are encouraged to attend.** We are going to "entertain" you with a virtual meeting. The board has decided to hold virtual meetings through the use of ZOOM. We are working on an agenda that will allow us to present awards, do a virtual installation of the new board, and say our farewells. We promise to do our best to make it fun and informative and we hope that each of you will be able to "ZOOM" in to say hi and enjoy some face-to-face time with us.

HERE ARE THE DETAILS: SISI is in District 1 so we will see you via Zoom on:

June 23

Connect time is: 6:30-7:00 p.m.
Zoom Meeting begins at 7:00 p.m.
Join Zoom Meeting at:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81295840248?pwd=ZHVkcWVsTFpYVjZVWE90aXZBbFRYZz09>

Meeting ID: 812 9584 0248

If you are new to Zoom follow this YouTube tutorial and join in the fun!

Go to and view this YouTube Tutorial on how to use Zoom:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9isp3qPeQ0E>

SIA's 46th BIENNIAL CONVENTION GOES VIRTUAL!

July 22 - 24 Although we can't come together in person, we are excited to bring convention to you as an onLine experience. While this can't take the place of the fun and fellowship gathering together brings, we hope you'll enjoy a different kind of convention from the comfort of your home.

Watch convention co-chairs Sue Riney and Stephanie Smith share the daily activities you can look forward to during SIA's virtual convention!

A digital convention program will be emailed to all members in early July. Here's a few ways you can follow us: Regards,
SIA Headquarters

<https://www.youtube.com/user/SIAHQ>
OR
<https://www.facebook.com/soroptimist/>
OR
<https://twitter.com/soroptimist>
OR
<https://www.instagram.com/soroptimist/>



To All Club Members from our District 1 Director

The North Atlantic Region (NAR) board has been working for the past 4 weeks on NAR elections and By-laws for the upcoming merger of NAR plus NER (North East Region) and for club dues. The elections went well and the results will be shared shortly.

The by-laws are simple and will be for one year 2020-2021. For the years after 2021 and beyond the NARs will be compiled of the following states -New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Wheeling WV, Connecticut, Rhode Island and Massachusetts. We welcome the inclusion of the North East Region Clubs.

The revised by-laws were sent to the club Presidents and delegates for review and any questions can be sent to Karen Gehers (NAR Treasurer). A vote will be conducted by Mid-May.

It has been exciting to work together with the NAR board via ZOOM. We even had a Federation guest on the call to go over the NAR Healthy Region Report.

These are difficult times and I wish everyone to be well.

Yours in Soroptimist solidarity,
Martha Venditto, District 1-Director

Highlighting our SISI member: Lauren Aquino

Lauren started the SISI website and is now on the 2020 SISI board as Corresponding Secretary. A Soroptimist since 2018, Lauren Aquino has been an advocate for women and girls her whole life.

Lauren revamped our website and is currently responsible for our social media. Along with her sister, she is the third generation to run her family's independent insurance agency. She is passionate about empowering women entrepreneurs, supporting Staten Island businesses and cultural institutions, and all things Harry Potter.