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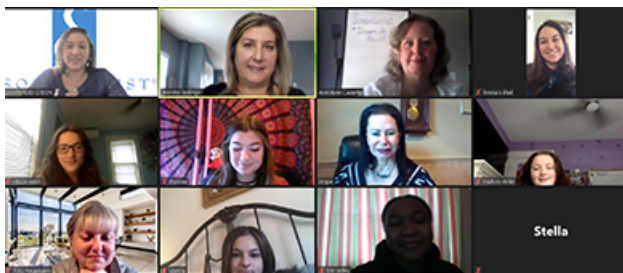
"Dream It Be It", Thank You For Your Participation



The "Dream It, Be It" program is underway. As of April 17, 2021, there are 11 girls who will be participating in the program. There are 6 Soroptimist mentors who will lead the sessions. The first of seven sessions was held on Saturday, April 17 at 10 a.m. via Zoom. Sessions will run through the end of June.

The seven sessions include:
Discovering Your Dreams;
Exploring Careers; Creating

Screen capture from the Zoom Meeting of the first **Dream It Be It** session. Several recipients and Club mentors are pictured.

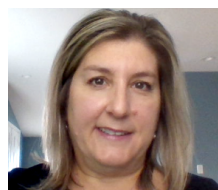


Achievable Goals; Rising Above Obstacles; Turning Failure into Success; Balancing Your Stress; and Putting Dreams into Action. During these sessions, girls will learn about career opportunities, setting and achieving goals, overcoming obstacles to success, and moving forward after setbacks. They will develop skills which will help them throughout their lives.

Donations of gift cards are needed and will be raffled off at each session and given out to each girl at the end of the program. Please contact:

Jennifer Bollinger (917-887-4878)
or email her at:

jb4587@yahoo.com to make arrangements for your gift card donation.



Jennifer Bollinger,
Dream It Be It
Committee Chair for our
Staten Island Club

A thank you goes to Staten Island Soroptimist Club Members who are mentoring these eleven young women: Jennifer Bollinger, Annmarie Cazzetta, Teresa Cirelli, Angie DePompo-Seff, Jody Hagemann and Dawn Reid-Green, with guidance from Hon. Janet McFarlan,

Momentum Is Building Thanks to Caring SISI Club Members

You've heard directly from our Treasurer, Carol Lundrigan that this pandemic and the lack of face to face meetings and projects has taken a toll on our Soroptimist Clubs ability to support women and girls in our Staten Island community.

Thanks to an appeal mailed out by our Treasurer we are slowly building funds from our generous member donations so we can carry on our work of improving the lives of women and girls. You can still contribute by sending your donation check to: Soroptimist International of Staten Island, P.O. Box 140530, Staten Island NY 10314

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

Ruby Awards Luncheon-Rescheduled for September 26, 2021- Noon at The Vanderbilt. We hope to have our Ruby Awards luncheon celebration in person!

June 2, 2021 at 7pm Zoom. Community Service Awards, Membership Induction and Anniversary Pin Presentation

June 2021 The NAR Spring Conference will be virtual. The Virtual meeting will take place on Saturday, June 5 from 10 a.m. to approximately 12:15 p.m.; Saturday, June 12 from 10 a.m. to approximately noon; and Saturday, June 12 from 6:30 p.m. to approximately 8 p.m. The links to the actual meeting will be sent closer to our meeting dates.

Soroptimist Podcasts and Webinars Available

Hosted by Soroptimist International, the SI Voices Series of Podcasts and Webinars will welcome experts, renowned speakers, Soroptimists and friends, to take on many of the tough topics and challenges affecting the lives of women and girls today. Furthermore, the Series will take a look back over 100 years of service; uncovering a vast range of Soroptimist International projects, programmes and people, whilst putting policies and practice under the microscope. The full programme of Podcasts and Webinars will be available on

Youtube@SoroptimistGlobal
Additionally, the SI Voices Podcasts will be available via Spotify, Apple Podcasts and Google Podcast apps, and on Buzzsprout, simply search SI Voices – and keep up with our regular broadcasts, or catch up in your own time.



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2020 -2021 SISI Board of Directors: President: Martha Vendetto; Vice President: Dawn Reid-Green; Treasurer: Carol Lundrigan; Recording Secretary: Tina Bilcher-Murphy; Corresponding Secretary: Lauren Aquino; Directors: Jayne Cooper & Janet McFarland; Delegates: Jennifer Bollinger and Christina Zall; alt Delegate: Angie DePompo Seff

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

Join in the Soroptimist International of Staten Island Zoom Regular Meeting

Regular SISI meeting, Wednesday, May 5th at 7 p.m. on Zoom - The meeting is ready for you to attend, thanks again to the assistance of our Vice President Dawn Reid-Green who provides and manages our Zoom activities.

May Community Service project:

Target Gift Cards. We will be collecting Target gift cards for **Nurse Family Partnership**, a nationwide community health program that works by having specially trained nurses regularly visit young, first-time moms-to-be, starting early in the pregnancy and continuing through the child's second birthday. Their goal is to help the Moms get the care and support they need in order to have a healthy pregnancy and to provide them with confidence and tools they need to improve their lives as well as the lives of their babies. Please drop off to Jennifer Bollinger at 165 Kemball Avenue or email or call her at 917-887-4878 to make arrangements for your donation. Email Jennifer: jb4587@yahoo.com

Join the May Zoom Meeting via the internet at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83693944926?pwd=MTVGcEY1YUx5UHhpbWUxSzNWUFEkdz09>
Meeting ID: 836 9394 4926
Passcode: SOROPSI
No computer? Then use your telephone:
Dial In: 16465588656, 83693944926#
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See you on Zoom !

Soroptimist Forward: Focus on Apps & Tools You Can Use

Video conferencing, digital fundraising and file sharing are just some of the tools you can use to engage virtually with your fellow members.

Headquarters put together apps and tools to help you continue the critical work you do in your communities.

Go to: <https://www.soroptimist.org/for-clubs-and-members/digital-toolkit/index.html#apps>

Looking Forward To A Brighter Reality

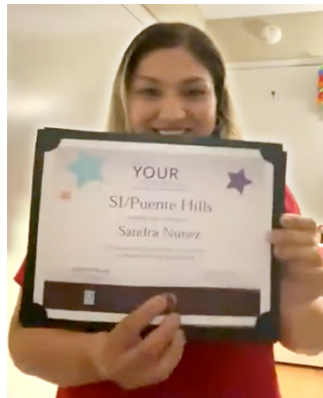
Sandra, from California, USA, is one of those "Live Your Dream" award finalists who has bravely conquered trauma from her early life and is on the successful path to living her dream and creating a better life for her family.

A sexual abuse survivor, Sandra was first molested at age nine. Then her father was deported, and Sandra's mother abandoned her when she was 11. She was raped at age 13, which resulted in a pregnancy, and spent years in an abusive relationship. Yet this strong mother of four, one 18, one 14, one 13 and one 6 years of age refused to be defeated. Inspired by the academic advisors who have helped her navigate the higher education system, she is studying sociology and hopes to become an academic advisor. She looks forward to a brighter reality for herself and her children.

She struggled through her Associates degree but her dream was to earn a bachelor's degree and eventually a masters in order to leave all these hardships behind. I want to show my children that even through all the messy obstacles it can be done, and goals can be reached.

Sandra said that she often heard the Soroptimist "Live Your Dream Award" spoken about. She dreamed about getting that Award and seeing her name on that Award. She now is a very happy recipient of 3 Soroptimist "Live Your Dream Awards" which made it possible to now attend college and look towards a Masters degree. Sandra won all 3 levels of our Soroptimist Award - Club, Region and Federation Award levels.

Sandra proudly displaying her Soroptimist Live Your Dream Award Certificate with her name on it



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>

or call a board member for detailed instructions. It's never too late. See contact info above. If you want, no computer necessary - you can call in on your phone to listen and converse.

SISI Birthdays & Anniversaries

Compiled by Lorri Senk and Elissa Ramirez.

Happy May Birthday to club member Carol Lundrigan and Club Member Anniversary

Congratulations to Jessica La Salle for two years Soroptimist service in our Staten Island Club.



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Book Club Update

The Book Clubs second meeting will be sometime in May - date to be announced. The second book selection is an Agatha Christie mystery. The final short story selection will be announced soon. You can contact and ask questions about being involved by emailing: info@soroptimistsl.org