



Soroptimist

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ZOOM Holiday Party - A Blast is Planned - Please join in!

Dec. 2nd at 7p.m. thanks to the SISl board members, Club President Martha and Party Chair, Liberta, an excellent and unique party is planned. Zoom info is found on the flip side of this Newsletter (on page 2).

The party is ready for you to attend and you can pre-purchase raffle tickets (yes we are going to have a raffle) and if interested you can also select from a dinner menu below and have it delivered to your home during the party.

OPTIONAL:

Dinner delivered to you from O'Henry's Public House for \$25. (includes dessert): CHOOSE:
1: Bangers and Mash w/Vegetable
2: Fish or Shrimp with mash and veggie
3: Pub Burger w/cheese & fries, medium cooked
4: Portabello burger w/Fries

Purchase Raffle Tickets in advance:
\$20 for 5 tickets **MAIL PAYMENT of Raffles & Dinner (if ordering) to:**

Soroptimist International of Staten Island
P. O. Box 140530 Staten Island, NY 10314

Also **Raffle Baskets are needed.**

We kindly ask any members who are able to donate baskets valued at \$50. Contact Liberta Macco who is making the large effort to manage this Party and the basket donations at:
lliberta.macco@gmail.com

An invitation to the party has been emailed to each member. Please use it to RSVP for the party and to purchase raffles or food delivery if desired. Much of this needs to be planned in advance and your cooperation is necessary. Please feel free to invite guests and alert Liberta of their attendance. See you at the Party!!

Success! Thank You SISl Members!

This year the Staten Island Soroptimist Club's FOOD DRIVE was gifted to City Harvest on Staten Island. Over 26 of our generous Staten Island Club members have already contributed over 641 pounds of food valued over \$1,000. and more members continue to contribute.

You can still contribute up to November 29th, the end of the drive. You can donate by going to: <https://amplify.ampyourgood.com/user/campaigns/3513>



Also the **PARTILITE** fund raiser has ended. Kate Quigley is the consultant for Partilite and she agreed to give up her commission and donate it. We had 10 orders for a total of \$754.70. Kate will be sending a check to our Staten Island Club for 20% which is \$151.

Club Member Thoughts and Ideas Are Always Considered

The Board and President frequently check if SISl membership want to meet in person or continue on with Zoom meetings. As of today Zoom has been selected.

A Club member notes that at normal club meetings we might spend \$5 or more for a glass of wine and maybe \$5 more on raffles plus the \$35 meal. Perhaps club members could consider supporting our own club good works by contributing the \$45 they might have spent at the meetings. Any amount is welcomed since Covid has dashed our normal collection of supporting funds. Write checks to SISl, send to our Club mailing address found on the flip side of this Newsletter. Any contribution is confidential and for the good cause of improving the lives of women and girls! This idea is presented in lieu of the funds we would normally collect at an in-person meeting. Totally your choice.

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

Dec 2 at 7pm on Zoom - Holiday Party

Jan 13, 2021 at 7pm on Zoom. Italia will be selling jewelry to benefit the club and we might play BINGO again. Check your email or the SISl website for details.

February 3, 2021 at 7pm on Zoom

March 3, 2021 at 7pm on Zoom

March 21, 2021 Ruby Awards Luncheon Noon at The Vanderbilt, guests

and members are all welcome to attend. A great afternoon out with friends. Call Angie De Pompo Seff at (718) 667-6892 for reservations if you have not already done so.

April 7, 2021 on Zoom or in person TBA

April 23-25, 2021 NAR Spring Conference Scranton PA Luncheon



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2020 -2021 SISI Board of Directors: President: Martha Venditto; 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 Elissa Ramirez; 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

Soroptimist International of Staten Island Holiday Party Zoom Meeting

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Join the Zoom Party via the internet:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88644414131?pwd=VC9pbmhmWlV6Z2pJY2I6eFNGeXZydz09>

Meeting ID: 886 4441 4131

Passcode: SoropSI

Dial In: 646-558-86561

Passcode: 5615237

Make sure to buy raffle tickets in advance, \$20. for 5 tickets. Or contact Liberta Macco at liberta.macco@gmail.com or call our Treasurer, Carol (917) 442-0358

Congratulations to Our President

Congratulations to our President, Martha Venditto, on receiving this years "Rack Pack" Award for her fighting spirit and drive while managing a bout of breast cancer. "Barbara's Rack Pack" has been in existence for 7 years and is a fund raising support for the American Cancer Society on Staten Island focused on cures and management for breast cancer. This year, because of Covid limitations, they held a virtual 50/50 with the event on Zoom. Every year they honor someone. Martha was selected because they saw that her power and spirit would inspire many. This year, every dollar raised is in honor of Martha's battle with breast cancer. If you are interested in contributing and honoring Martha's fight, please follow this link and make a donation. Thank you, Cailin Kelly.

<http://main.acsevents.org/goto/cailin2020>

Toys For Tots Needs Your Help!

This year Holiday toy donations are needed more then ever as few have been received. If you can donate some toys you can drop them off at an Official Drop Off Location: O'Henry's Publick House, 10 Minthorne Street, Staten Island. Hours open to collect donations: 4 to 10 p.m. Fri. Sat., Sun. 1 to 10 p.m. Phone: (718) 442-6200

Thank You to All Our Selfless Health Care Workers

So many nameless, caring, hard working, health care workers have been responsible for caring for us and saving lives at the risk of their own health. Our SISI member, Lorri Senk is one of those wonderful health care workers. Both Lorri and colleague, Joy Bautista, have been nominated for the Staten Island Women of Achievement award. Both women work at Clove Lakes Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center Inc. and both worked to prepare a 576-bed skilled nursing facility for a situation that hadn't occurred in over 100 years. The women and staff, worked 7 days a week, long hours each day. New policies were written as the demands and statistics evolved. Lorri Senk is an administrator and Joy Bautist is the director of nursing. Together they made a great difference. Thank You!

PINK-Tober fund raiser

The PINK-Tober fund collected \$257. for the Club through our Virtual Shopping. On behalf of the SISI club we also collected \$75 for the Pink Fund.org. The Pink Fund is a non-profit breast cancer organization that provides 90-day non-medical cost-of-living expenses to breast cancer patients in active treatment for breast cancer, so they can focus on healing, raising their families, and returning to the workplace.

Open Wine Event to Benefit Our Club!

Shop at this Virtual fund raiser and get the wine you need and in addition 10% is donated to the SISI Club. Also 10% of proceeds from the purchases made here are donated to **ONEHOPE**, committed to supporting various charities around the world.

<https://www.onehopewine.com/event/c4afff34-e6c1-407e-8e0e-10e5464cfad2>

Shipping dates to be aware of:

1st Day of Hanukkah 11/30

Christmas 12/14

1st Day of Kwanzaa 12/14

New Year's Eve 12/17

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. 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 December Birthday to club members Mary Kain, Ann Merlino, Ph.D., Dr. Lina R. Merlino, Janet McFarland, and Michelle Yacovello. Congratulations on 9 years of SISI membership to Roseanne Holt, and to Nicholette M. Odilvac for 19 years of membership.



NAR Merchandise For You

A brochure showing all the current NAR (North Atlantic Region Soroptimist) Merchandise for sale with prices can be found at: <https://soroptimistnar.org/events/> scroll down, says: **New! NAR Merchandise**

The Merchandise chair, Phyllis Matseur, is willing to send products out to anyone. She has included her email address on the page to contact her. Some of the items for sale are wind-breakers, business portfolios, t-shirts, lined jacket, etc. Great fun. Take a look!

SAVE THE DATE July 20-23, 2022 in Seoul, Korea

Save the date for SIA's 47th Biennial Convention in Seoul, Korea, July 20-23, 2022. Our convention theme is "Together in Motion," which symbolizes how Soroptimists of diverse backgrounds come together for collective impact, and to move Soroptimist forward into our second century. A must-see destination, Seoul, has so much to offer. It is a unique city where tradition meets modernity; a metropolis of modern skyscrapers, high-tech subways and pop culture. Learn more here:

<https://www.soroptimist.org/for-clubs-and-members/whats-new/2020/2022-convention.html>