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Welcome Back Madam President!

Our Staten Island Club President, Martha Venditto, has successfully completed her course of medical care and is now back to heading up our Club. Martha is pictured in the upper left of the Zoom SISI Club Meeting screen below on May 5th. Thank you to Dawn Reid-Green, our current VP who stepped in temporarily to lead the Club.



Summer Is Here "Hey Nonny Nonny!"

"Hey Nonny Nonny" is a curious little phrase found in Shakespeare's play, *'Much Ado About Nothing'*. The character Balthasar sings a song to the ladies in which he recommends that instead of worrying they should convert their sighs of despair into 'hey nonny nonny'. (What ever you think it means.)

Covid is almost beaten by diligent folks getting vaccinated and wearing masks so we look forward to summer fun and happily quote Shakespeare:

"Then sigh not so, but let them go, And be you blithe and bonny, Converting all your sounds of woe Into hey nonny, nonny."

Enjoy the summer and we will see

you in September at our first Staten Island Soroptimist Club meeting. Maybe in person!!!!

Help pass VAWA! (the Violence Against Women Act)

Nearly half of the women we serve through our **Live Your Dream Awards** identify as survivors of abuse. Experiencing (and recovering from) violence is one of the biggest barriers these women face on the path to education and empowerment. Every second counts for women enduring unimaginable abuse. Please support the passage of VAWA by urging your senators to move forward on this vote. <https://go.soroptimist.org/action/vawa/>

Soroptimist International of Staten Island (SISI) 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 5, 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. This is an opportunity for those who normally cannot attend conference in person to experience conference. Get links to the actual meeting from our President, Martha.

No SISI Meetings during the Summer

Soroptimist Voice at the United Nations in Paris, France

SI's advocacy efforts at the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) where Soroptimist International has three UN representatives, whose work and expertise covers the role of education, science, and culture in achieving gender equality.

UNESCO follows a medium-term strategy that sets out the vision and programmatic framework for UNESCO's action over an eight-year term. The current term will end in December this year. This term's global priorities are **Africa** and **Gender Equality**. (Follow the link for more information: https://unesdoc.unesco.org/ark:/48223/pf0000227222_eng)





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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 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 the SISI Zoom Regular Meeting w/Community Service Awards, Installation of 2022 Club Directors, New Member Induction + Anniversary Pin Presentation

Regular SISI meeting, Wednesday, June 2nd 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. Community Service Awards will be given to those places you (our club members) nominated for an award for their good works.

Our Community Service Award recipients are:

- **Good Counsel**
- **Wagner College Holocaust Center**
- **SI Urban Center**
- **SI African American Genealogical Society** and
- **Camp Good Grief**

Recipients will each be given some time to talk and your attendance at the Zoom meeting will add to their honor.

New Member induction and Anniversary Pin Presentation, too. Chock-a-block!

Also our club will be **installing the 2022 Board members**. The present and past board members have worked very hard to accomplish our Club mandate despite the Covid challenges and limitations. It's time to honor them. Be there!

Join the June Zoom Meeting via the internet at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89519889702?pwd=djl1dmZhSmdVYhuUXV0d3Jib0s2QT09>

Meeting ID: 895 1988 9702

Passcode: SOROPSI

No computer? Then use your telephone:

Dial In: 16465588656, 83693944926#
***4900374# US (New York) US (New York)**

Announcing our 2021-2022 SIA President-elect



Congratulations to Stephanie Smith, who has been elected as our 2021-2022 SIA President-elect beginning on September 1, 2021. She will assume the office as SIA

President on September 1, 2022 and will serve in that position through August 31, 2023

Be Aware of Fraudulent Emails

Recently a few SIA members received a fraudulent email appearing to be from SIA's President, Penny Babb. SIA wants to remind you that cybercrime is all around us and no company is immune. Cyber Crime is criminal activity. Here's how to protect yourself against Cyber Crime:

- **Never open or forward attachments in spam emails.** Clicking on links in spam emails or forwarding such emails can make you and others victims of cybercrime.

- **Contact SIAHQ or other companies directly about suspicious requests.** If you are asked for data from a company that has called you, hang up. Call them back using the number on their official website to ensure you are speaking to them and not a cybercriminal. Ideally, use a different phone because cybercriminals can hold the line open. When you think you have redialed, they can pretend to be the organization that you think you are speaking to:

- **Use strong passwords.** Be sure to use strong passwords that people will not guess and do not record them anywhere. Or use a reputable password manager to generate strong passwords randomly to make this easier.

- **Be mindful of which website URLs you visit.** Before clicking on URLs make sure they look legitimate and avoid clicking on links with unfamiliar URLs or those that appear to be spam.

- **Do not give out personal information unless secure.** Never give out your personal data over the phone or via email unless you are completely sure the line or email is secure. Make certain that you are speaking to the person you think you are.

- **Keep software and operating system updated.** Keeping your software and operating system up to date ensures that you benefit from the latest security patches to protect your computer.

- **Use anti-virus software and keep it updated.** Anti-virus software allows you to scan, detect and remove threats before they become a problem. If you use anti-virus software, make sure you keep it updated to get the best level of protection.

Please do not hesitate to email us at: siahq@soroptimist.org if we can assist.

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 June Birthday to club members Angie De Pompo Seff & Evelyn Kormanik.

July Happy Birthdays

to Bernadette Paulo, Dawn Reid-Green, Francine Reali, Janice Monger, Jeanne Zieff, Jessica La Salle, Patricia Ghilain, Rosemarie Dressler, and Yolanda I. Rudich, ESQ, Bonnie Fritz, Christine Zall, Laurie Guinta, and Olga Gaeta.

Happy August Birthday to Carol

Dunn, Cynthia Roberti, Edwina Frances Martin, Rosemary De Figlio, Liberta Macco, Natalie Odilivak, and Rosemarie Scampas.

June & July Club Anniversary

Congratulations to Janet Wassmuth ESQ. (June), and all the July Club Anniversaries: Anna Williams, Carmela Demisay, Sharon Liander, Liberta Macco, Natalie Odilivak, Rosemarie Scampas, Rosemary De Figlio, Janet McFarland, Mary Kain, Michelle Yacovello, Janet Warren Dugo, Cathy Pellegrino, Dawn Reid-Green, Francine Reali, Rosemarie Dressler, Evelyn Kormanik, Claudette Duff, Jayne Cooper, Joan Prenty, Carol Lungigan, Elizabeth Dubovsky, Janice Giacalone-Stoffers, Martha Christina Venditto, Karyn Turner, Lauren Aquino, Rosalie Raio, Tina Bilcher-Murphy, Bonnie Fritz, Christine Zall, and Laurie Guinta.

Book Club Update

The SISI Book Clubs next meeting will be sometime in June - date to be announced. The book club has selected Agatha Christie short stories which will be: The Blue Geranium and The Companion. You can contact and ask questions about being involved by emailing: info@soroptimistsl.org