



Soroptimist

Improving The
Lives of Women
and Girls

Guest Speaker from the Staten Island Museum, President and CEO Janice Monger

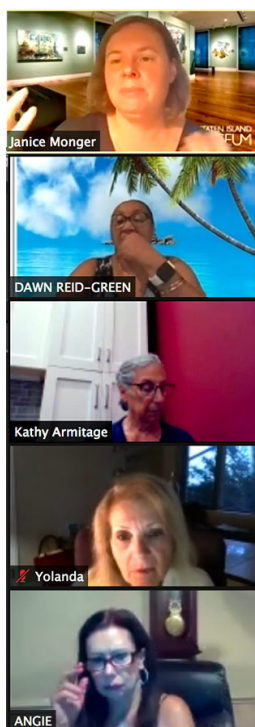
On September 2nd the Staten Island Soroptimist Club meeting featured Janice Monger, President and CEO of the Staten Island Museum. She and colleagues prepared a very exciting Zoom presentation about the current focus of the Museum - **Women and the Vote**.

The Staten Island Museum marked the women's suffrage centennial with a major exhibition. "Women of the Nation Arise!" presents stories of Staten Island suffragists focusing on four tactics they used in the decades-long struggle for political change before they could vote: education, organization, agitation, and publicity. As the site of the first flight for woman suffrage in the nation, Staten Island provided a distinctive setting for suffrage activism.

One hundred years later, this exhibition also critically examines the woman suffrage movement as a complex web of imperfect strategies. Suffragists often leveraged racial, economic, ethnic, and geographical biases to advance their cause. In doing so, the movement both divided and unified women in building consensus in their efforts to win the right to vote. The ratification of the

19th Amendment was a major milestone in American Democracy. The law added millions of women to the rolls of American voters, but it did not secure voting rights for all citizens. Efforts to ensure and expand access to the polls continued beyond 1920 and to this day. We celebrate the achievements of local suffragists acting on the grassroots level to create the momentum necessary for regional and national change. Their steadfast perseverance to achieve self-determination set a new standard for civic responsibility that still astounds and challenges us today. The Staten Island Museum is now open on week-ends 12-4pm. Tickets and info:

<https://www.statenislandmuseum.org/>



Left, top to bottom: Attendees at the SISI virtual meeting on September 2. The Zoom screen shows Janice Monger at top, President and CEO of the S.I. Museum, SISI members: Dawn Reid-Green, Kathy Armitage, Yolanda Rudich, Esq., and Angie De Pompo Seff.

Below: The Staten Island Museum at 1000 Richmond Terrace, Staten Island.



Anti-Domestic Violence Bill- Boards posted by the Pott- stown and Phoenixville Clubs

A joint Soroptimist Club Domestic Violence prevention initiative was formed between the Pottstown and Phoenixville Soroptimist Clubs. They created and paid for 4 anti-Domestic Violence billboards to offer help to victims. Our SISI Club would like to do this also, so we are asking you for any reliable contacts or locations where our billboards would be of use. Contact the Club President, Martha at simvenditto32@gmail.com

Here's one of 4 joint billboard graphics:



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

Ruby Awards Luncheon RESCHEDULED for March 21, 2021

Noon at The Vanderbilt, guests and members are all welcome to attend. A great afternoon out with friends.

Oct 7th at 7pm on Zoom, We'll be playing **B-I-N-G-O!** - Guest Speaker + Service Project TBA

Nov 4th at 7pm on Zoom - Guest Speaker: Judge Lizette Colon, Veteran Community Service Project: TBD

Dec 2 at 7pm on Zoom - Holiday Party

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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 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 (SISI) Meeting, We Will Play BINGO !

Oct.7 at 7pm on Zoom -we will be playing Virtual BINGO with \$25 Gift cards as prizes. Bingo cards will be \$10/ 2 cards or \$20 / 4 cards. Details for payment to follow by email to obtain link to get Bingo cards. **Deadline to purchase is Saturday, Oct 4th.** A portion of proceeds will benefit a DV Program as this is DV Month.

Join Zoom Meeting via the Internet:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81553259944?pwd=TEVORTb0emc0OXYmbiZ3WWxtMVJWQT09>

Meeting ID: 851 5325 9944

Passcode: SoropofSI

One tap mobile

+16465588656,,85118305732#, or

08,,340680707# US (New York)

Dial by location

+1 646 558 8656 US (New York)

A New Virtual Soroptimist Club Has Started in New York

The name of the Club is S.I. Metro New York and it was officially Chartered in April 2, 2020. That makes 3 Soroptimist Clubs in Manhattan and one in Staten Island. S.I. Metro New York has 17 members and is a virtual club, all onLine and not because of Covid. They focus on two projects that improve the lives of women and girls: First to end child marriage in the US and second to donate PPE to Community workers in NYC through their "Amazon Wish List". Both campaigns are outlined on their website: <https://www.simetrony.org>

They started with 5 persons, all were International Representatives to the United Nations in New York City. FYI... Soroptimist International, headquartered in Cambridge, England, appoints 5 Soroptimist International Representatives to each of the UN locations around the world, New York, Nairobi, Geneva, etc. These initial 5 representatives from NY were originally members of Soroptimist International of New York.

The President is Vanessa Treers. She has invited you to join any of their virtual meetings. Get the date announcements via Google Docs at [SIMetrony](https://www.simetrony.org) or you can email the President at Vanessatreers@gmail.com

They are invited to join our SISI Virtual "BINGO" Meeting on October 7th at 7p.m.

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>

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 and listen and converse.

October SISI Birthdays

Compiled by Lori Senk
Happy October Birthday to club members:
Martha Vendetto
Roseann Holt



Letter from your NAR Governor, Diane M. Savidge

Greetings to all... See Governor Diane's letter on our club website at:
<https://www.soroptimistsl.org>
then search for the letter from Governor Diane



Rev. Maggie Howard Dies

Rev. Maggie Howard was Pastor of a local church in Stapleton, U.A.M.E., Rev. Howard was the recipient of one of our club awards. In honor of her good work our club has donated \$250 to Rev. Howard's Church to pay for meals for children.

Congratulations SISI members for receiving a top "Soroptimists Celebrating Success Award" for our region.

Free Mammogram Screening

The Scan Van will be located at State Sen. Andrew Lanza's District Office and at the Staten Island Mall. Appointments required, please call (646) 415-7932

Appointments start at 9am.

3845 Richmond Avenue, SI, NY 10312

When: Tuesday, September 29, 2020

Monday, November 23, 2020

Staten Island Mall Appointments

start at 9:30 am at 2655 Richmond

