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## Soroptimist International of Staten Island



## CLUB UPDATES AND EXCITING NEWS

March is a busy month to be a Soroptimist!

Along with our monthly member meeting (see following page for recap) we also had a fundraiser on March 5th at Board & Brush. We ate, we drank, we hammered boards, and we raised money for Dream It, Be It. And at the end of the month we are celebrating US!

Join us Sunday, March 27th at The Old Bermuda Inn for a brunch that's all about us and Soroptimists. RSVP via the website or to a board member no later than March 19. Tickets are \$60pp.

The NAR Spring 2022 Conference is in person this year in Scranton, PA from April 22 to April 24th. Check out our members only section of the website for more information: [www.soroptimists.org/members](http://www.soroptimists.org/members) (contact us at [info@soroptimists.org](mailto:info@soroptimists.org) for the password)

Starting with our March meeting we now are accepting payment online for our events.

When you register online for one of our monthly meetings or special events you can either pay online (via credit/debit card only, ~3% surcharge) OR choose to pay via cash or check (in person or mail in, depending on the event). Online payments close the day before a monthly member meeting or on the last RSVP date for other events.

### 20-22 Board of Directors

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Corresponding Secretary: Lauren Aquino

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Alt. Delegate: Jennifer Bollinger

## Upcoming Events

### SHero Brunch

March 27, 2022

### General Member

Meeting & Nominations

April 6, 2022

### NAR Spring Conference

April 22-24, 2022

### General Member

Meeting & Elections

May 4, 2022

### Community Service Awards

June 1, 2022

Visit our website

[www.soroptimists.org/upcoming-events](http://www.soroptimists.org/upcoming-events)  
for more info and to RSVP

Contact us

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## MARCH MEETING RECAP

In lieu of a guest speaker we honored our two Live Your Dream Award recipients, presented by LYDA committee chair Comfort Asanbe.

Along with our Queen of Clubs raffle, our very own Bra Lady, Tina Bilcher Murphy, was on hand to measure and help us pick out new intimate apparel. Her company, Essential Bodywear, generously helped us collect feminine hygiene products and gently used bras for women in distress.

## We need your help!

Consider joining our board or volunteering for one of our committees:

Community Outreach, Programming, Fundraising, Member Appreciation, and Special Events.  
Be on the look out for opportunities to recognize local organizations and inspirational women.

Submissions for Community Service Awards are now open: <https://tinyurl.com/yc7566wy>

## CRISIS IN UKRAINE

The latest figures from the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees show that one million people have left the country, and many more thousands are displaced from their homes within Ukraine. The ICRC together with the Ukrainian Red Cross volunteers are reaching as many people as possible, distributing food and hygiene parcels, and helping evacuate people with disabilities. Teams have also provided first aid training to people in metro stations and bomb shelters, and are supporting fire fighters, medical and civil protection units.

In light of this crisis the board decided to make an emergency donation of \$500 to Soroptimist International of Europe's Disaster Relief Fund. If any members wish to make an individual donation they may go to <https://www.soroptimisteurope.org/donate/disaster-relief-fund/>

Never be limited  
by other people's  
limited  
imagination

- MAE JEMISON

## A Message from the President



Dear Soroptimist Sisters

Hope all is well. As we wind down this fiscal year with only 3 months left. Please consider sitting on the board for the future. Your input into what the Si of Staten Island does for the opportunities and help for women and girls is overwhelming.

I hope many of you will attend Spring Conference in April. It truly is an experience to be had. As a mentor told me "Just Do It".

Stay well and look forward to seeing everyone at our "SHERO" event the end of this month.

Yours in Soroptimist  
Martha C Venditto