

April 2022

Soroptimist International of Staten Island



CLUB UPDATES AND EXCITING NEWS

Due to a scheduling conflict with another non-profit event, the board decided to postpone our SHero Brunch. New date/location is TBD.

On March 5, 2022, club members participated in a Board & Brush fundraiser where they created wood projects during a 3 hour workshop. Board & Brush donated 15% of what members paid back to the club for a total of \$137.10. There was a 50/50 which was won by Angie DePompo who donated her share of the \$110 pot back to club. In total, we raised \$247.10 which will be used for the Dream it, Be it program scheduled for May 7, 2022.

At our upcoming April General Member Meeting we will be joined by Safe Horizon's Community Outreach Director Grace An, who will be discussing their mission. Our service project is collecting new and gently used denim for Denim Day NYC, a project supporting sexual assault survivors (more on Sexual Assault Awareness Month and Denim Day on next page)

The NAR Spring 2022 Conference is in person this year in Scranton, PA from April 22 to April 24th. Eleven members from our club will be in attendance, where we will also be hosting the hospitality suite.

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.

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Upcoming Events

General Member Meeting & Nominations
April 6, 2022

NAR Spring Conference
April 22-24, 2022

General Member Meeting & Elections
May 4, 2022

Dream It, Be It Workshop
May 7, 2022

Community Service Awards
June 1, 2022

Visit our website
www.soroptimistisi.org/upcoming-events
for more info and to RSVP

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MARCH MEETING RECAP

In lieu of a guest speaker we honored our two Live Your Dream Award recipients Daniela Cruz and Crystal Maldonado, 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. Tina was able to donate about \$300 from the sales and collected 45 bras and 3 dozen assorted feminine hygiene products.

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.

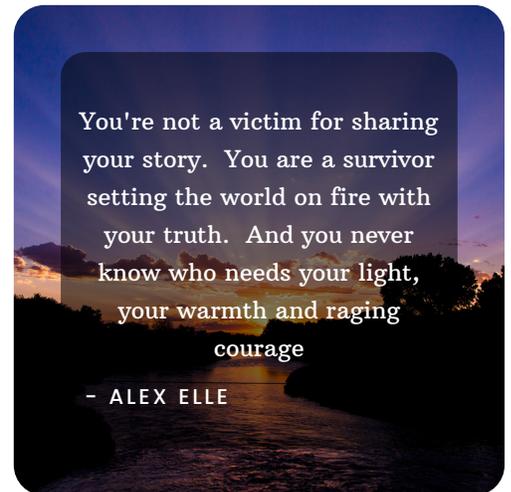
Submissions for Community Service Awards are now open: <https://tinyurl.com/yc7566wy>

SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS & PREVENTION MONTH APRIL 27 DENIM DAY

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, nearly 1 in 5 women in America experiences a rape or attempted rape, and nearly 44 percent of women and about 25 percent of all men experience some form of sexual violence in their lifetime. Research shows that these assaults can have lifelong effects on health and are linked to chronic illnesses. Too often, this trauma is compounded by lost productivity, the challenge of seeking accountability, and the ensuing costs of medical and mental health care.*

*excerpt from "A Proclamation on National Sexual Assault Awareness And Prevention Month, 2022"

Denim Day grew out of a 1998 Italian Supreme Court decision that overturned a rape conviction because the victim wore tight jeans. The judges reasoned the victim's tight jeans meant that she had to have helped her assailant remove them, implying consent. People all over the world were outraged, and wearing jeans became an international symbol of protest against erroneous and destructive attitudes and myths surrounding sexual assault.** **excerpt from "The Origin of Denim Day", Denim Day NYC website



A Message from the President



Dear Soroptimist Sisters

Happy April and Spring. As we start to see the flowers bloom and robins in the yards, let's remember all our members who have gone before us and keep them in our hearts. Remember all the good works and deeds we do.

Be proud of who we are. Ask all to join us at our meetings. Hope to see all at our monthly meeting and Spring Conference at the end of the month

Yours in Soroptimist
Martha C Venditto