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- Our SISI club website address is: <http://www.soroptimistsi.org>
- Contact [dreidgreen@gmail.com](mailto:dreidgreen@gmail.com) for a reservation at any and all events / meetings
- SISI mailing address is: P.O. Box 140530, Staten Island NY 10314

## **"I am Number"- A moving film by Maria Rusolo, special focus on Veterans, an excerpt viewed Nov. 6th at SISI membership meeting at the Staaten**

The strife of the 1960's Vietnam War included a draft lottery where American soldiers were picked to serve via a lottery based on their birthday. In a series of veteran interviews, Maria Rusolo explores their draft / war experiences.

Featured in last nights film excerpt was one of the female performers in Bob Hopes Vietnam War USO shows that traveled all over entertaining the fighting troops.



Michelle DellaFave one of the "Gold Diggers" performing at the USO shows shared poignant stories of soldiers she encountered and some stressful experiences faced by the USO troop.

You can view excerpts of the film, "I Am Number" at:  
<https://twitter.com/IAMNUMBERDraft>  
and  
[facebook.com/iamnumberdraft/](https://facebook.com/iamnumberdraft/)



SISI President Janet McFarland, Michelle DellaFave, film maker Maria Rusolo and NAR District 1 Director Martha Vendetta.

## **Honoring all Veterans and those Missing in Action**

SISI member, Janet Wassmuth, Esq., presented the very moving scripted Prisoners of War (POW), Missing in Action (MIA), Veterans ceremony calling attention to the fact that not everyone returns home from wars and conflicts and asking us all to REMEMBER them and their sacrifices.

A small empty table is set for one with an empty inverted glass symbolizing that the missing veterans are not here to toast with us. A plate sprinkled with salt representing the tears of those still waiting for their return. A rose on the table symbolizes the hopes of family and friends for closure. A slice of lemon is placed on the bread plate to remind us of the bitterness of being separated from life.

We will never let their sacrifices be forgotten.

## **Soroptimist International of Staten Island (SISI)**

**Holiday Party - Join Us !**

**Dec. 4, 2019-** A Holiday Party is planned at Bocelli's Restaurant, 91250 Hylan Blvd, Staten Island at 6:30p.m., cost \$55, reserve and pay to Soroptimist International of Staten Island attn: Dawn, mail to: P.O. Box 140530, Staten Island NY 10314

There is valet parking and entertainment. Please bring a clear wrapped gift or gift basket for the raffle.

## **S.I. New York City Invites You to a Holiday Fund-raiser**

Luncheon at Villa Mosconi, 69 MacDougal St., NYC, Dec. 14, 11 a.m., \$60, pay by Zelle to [mariahudson@gmail.com](mailto:mariahudson@gmail.com) or email same for a reservation and more information.

## **SISI Calendar of Events and Meetings**

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**NO MEETING in JANUARY**

**Feb. 5, 2020-** General Dinner Meeting

**March 4** - General Dinner Meeting

**April 1** - General Dinner Meeting

**April 19 - Ruby Awards Luncheon**

12 noon at The Vanderbilt, all are welcome to enjoy, support the honorees, play all the raffle games, enjoy the waters edge. A great afternoon out with friends.

**May 1- 3, 2020.** Spring Conference to be held at State College, PA

**May 6** - General Dinner Meeting

**June 3** - Dinner Meeting Installation of new Officers and presentation of Community Service Awards.



October 16, 2019: Tina Bilcher-Murphy and Carol Lundrigan proudly display the SISI Club banner at a Staten Island Chamber of Commerce B2B Showcase event at the Hilton Garden Inn S.I. The SISI Club attended to promote the good works of the Soroptimist Club and recruit new members.