



Soroptimist

Improving The
Lives of Women
and Girls

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

Regular meets at 6:30 p.m. Staaten Restaurant

Oct. 2 - Meeting w/guest speaker ** and **Designer Bag Bingo**

Oct. 19 Fall District Meeting, Westhampton NJ

Nov. 6 - General Dinner Meeting

Dec. 4, 2019- Holiday Party T.B.A.
NO MEETING 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 6 - General Dinner Meeting

June 3 - General Dinner Meeting

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

Email: dreidgreen@gmail.com to confirm your reservations, bring friends!

****Guest Speaker** - Maureen Spataro of 'Because She Is' will introduce us to her diversified therapy program, which helps Women who have been affected by **Domestic Violence** helping Survivors become Thrivers. We invite you to read more: <http://www.becauseshemis.org>

Soroptimist Founders: Women in the History of Soroptimist (1921)

Charter Member and Founder **Violet Richardson** was an attendee at the first Meeting of Members Committee education

luncheon. Violet accepted the Presidency of the first Soroptimist club (Soroptimist Club of Alameda County) only on the condition that the Soroptimist Organization would be international in scope.

Attorney **Eloise B. Cushing** was the major writer of the first Soroptimist Constitution and By-laws. These were required for the filing of the Charter and they subsequently served as guidelines for all national and international clubs. Cushing was a life long Soroptimist and one of Violet's closest friends.

Helena M. Gamble was the first Soroptimist Club Secretary who later became Historian for Life for her meticulous collection of early records and photographs. Soroptimists owe much of our early written history to this lady, including reports of the many problems, disputes, pleasures and accomplishments of the early Soroptimist clubs.

Our Vision: Women and girls have the resources and opportunities to reach their full potential and live their dreams.

Our Mission: Soroptimist is a global volunteer organization that provides women and girls with access to the and training they need to achieve economic empowerment.

Our Tag Line: Investing in Dreams (matches and supports our next Big Goal statement: Invest in the Dreams of half a million women and girls through access to education.)

SISI MEMBERS news & accomplishments:

Fran Reali received the Dr. Anthony Moretti Memorial Award at the Eden II & Genesis Foundation Annual Golf Outing.

Arlene Sorkin, CEO of IlluminArt Productions, "We were very excited to expand our programs, which are mostly theater-based, to include visual arts last year when we worked with MAELS [Marsh Avenue Expeditionary Learning School] students on murals depicting compassion, courage and tolerance".

Karyn Turner was honored by the Phenomenal Women's Association.

DESIGNER BAG BINGO: Come and Play! Oct. 2, 6:30p.m. at the Staaten Restaurant

Don't miss **DV** Designer Bag Bingo (benefits **D**omestic **V**iolence Prevention) \$35 for Dinner served at 7pm \$20 for Multi-game Bingo Card Additional Cards can be purchased. Bring friends. **Email your reservations to: dreidgreen@gmail.com**

SISI Presidents Message

"Looking forward to seeing everyone at our Bingo night. For those that celebrate the Jewish Holidays, May you be inscribed and sealed for a good year." -- Janet McFarland



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2019 -2020 SISI Board of Directors: Janet McFarland: President; Fran Reali: Vice President; Treasurer: Dawn Reid-Green; Recording Secretary: Ellen Mitchell; Corresponding Secretary: Tina Belcher-Murphy; Directors: Jayne Cooper & Rosemary De Figlio; Delegates: Lorri Senk and Carol Lundrigan; alt Delegate: Lauren Aguino

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



46th Biennial Convention in Bellevue, Washington, USA July 22-25, 2020

Join us and thousands of your fellow Soroptimists in the mountains of Bellevue, Washington, USA, July 22-25, 2020!

You can stay in the know about all the fun tours, events and activities the convention committee has in store for you, as well as an early bird special we'll share with you soon!

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/SIAConv2020/>

Convention info: Preparations are underway for a fabulous event! Current convention hotel rates and information, registration rates, and meal options are available on the SIA Convention page. Be sure to follow the Soroptimist 46th Biennial Convention—Bellevue 2020 Facebook page so you can stay in the know about all the fun tours, events and activities the Convention Committee has in store for you! And remember, during convention, we will be kicking off our 100th Anniversary celebration.

Making Baby Blankets

Like to knit or crochet and have a few free hours? Let's get together to work on making baby blankets for needy Moms with Babies. If interested call SISI member Carol Lundrigan at: 718- 984-0358 or email: carollundrigan@aol.com

New Year, New SI President

Let's welcome our 2019-2020 president, Tina Wei-Kang Pan, of SI/Taipei, Taiwan !

How Soroptimist Clubs came into being...

The roots of Soroptimist were actually, unknown to anyone at the time, and still seldom recalled, in Buffalo, NY in 1911. In that year the first Optimist Club was formed, a men's service club whose mission was to "Bring Out the Best in

Kids". The first club was so successful that it was decided to promote the chartering of new clubs in other cities around the country. So, in 1921 an entrepreneur named Stuart Morrow visited the San Francisco Bay Area of California in search of leaders who might be enticed to charter either an Optimist or Rotary club, since he had interests in promoting both.

In Oakland, Mr. Morrow called on the Parker-Goddard Secretarial School. Presuming men ran the business, Morrow found to his surprise that the school was owned by Miss Mabel Parker and Mrs. Adelaide Goddard, and not by men at all. As Morrow explained his mistake and was about to leave, Mrs. Goddard remarked "When the men admit women as members of their service clubs, I would be interested". This remark sparked an idea for the entrepreneurial Mr. Morrow, and he got together several of the outstanding business women in Oakland to pursue the idea of forming a service club for women.

Excerpted from SI San Diego text.

Saturday October 26 Buffet Lunch & Program

12noon to 2:30pm, Cornell Club 6 East 44 Street, NYC

"Achieving Our Goals for Women and Living Our Dreams for the Future"
Celebrating the 95th Anniversary of Soroptimist International of New York City

Featuring Keynote Speaker Noreen Sumpter
Personal Life Coach and Host of "Beyond Potential" on Talk Radio NYC
Ambassador for the Manhattan Chamber of Commerce

Entertainment by Just 4 (Kicks) of the Sweet Adelines

Saturday, October 26th 2019
 Buffet Lunch & Program 12:00-2:30 PM
 Cornell Club
 6 E. 44th Street
 New York, NY 10017



\$80 per person
 RSVP to sinewyorkcity@soroptimist.net
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 Due by Friday, October 18th
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