



Soroptimist
Improving The
Lives of Women
and Girls

"Live Your Dream" Awarded at the March SISI Meeting

The first place winner of the Staten Island Soroptimist Club "Live Your Dream" award is Katherine Tapia. She was ill and caring for her children so unable to attend our Awards ceremony at the March 4th meeting. She will receive her Award via mail and we celebrated with the attendance of the runner up "Live Your Dream Awardee", Christine Buck.



March 8th was International Womens Day

At center is Christine Buck, runner up winner of the SISI "Live Your Dream" award, holding an envelope with the check from our club. Left is Comfort Asanbe, SISI Chair of the "Live Your Dream" committee, and far right is the current SISI President Janet McFarland. The award was presented at the March 4th club meeting. There are a lot of happy people because of Soroptimist good works.



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

April 1 - CANCELED

April 19 - Ruby Awards Luncheon - CANCELED - POSTPONED - New date will be announced. 12 Noon at The Vanderbilt, guests and members are all welcome to attend, support the honorees, play all the raffle games, enjoy the waters edge. A great afternoon out with friends.

May 1-3 - CANCELED Spring Conference to be held at State College, PA. Reserve by email - Janet at soropjanet@gmail.com
May 6 - CANCELED

June 3 - Celebrate 100 years of Suffragettes at SI Museum Meeting 6:30pm, Location: 1000 Richmond Terrace, SICommunity Service Awards. Last Dinner Meeting of the season 6:30pm New Board installation ceremony.

Summer 2020 - No membership meetings

July 22-25 - 46th Biennial Soroptimist Int. Convention in Bellevue, Washington State, USA

Privacy Policy

At its meeting in February, the SIA Board of Directors approved an updated Privacy Policy. Data privacy and security is of utmost importance to Soroptimist. The updated policy provides information on what kinds of data SIA collects; how we use it; how and by whom it may be controlled, processed or used; and the rights of our members, donors, supporters, program participants, and other users. The Privacy Policy can be found on the SIA website.



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 Aquino

- 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

100th Anniversary Celebration

Did you know that October 2021 marks Soroptimist's 100th anniversary? We will gather at the Fairmont San Francisco Hotel, October 1-3 to celebrate this auspicious event. More details to follow and be sure to save the date now! Check out our frequently asked questions to find out who is invited, the events planned during the celebration and more!

SISI Nominations for Board of Directors and Elections Usually take Place at the April and May Membership Meetings

Nominations and elections usually take place at the the April & May SISI Club meetings however this year because of health concerns a new board of directors will be nominated via phone and voting will be via email. **You** are invited to step up and run for a position on your Board of Directors. Call Rosalie Raio if you are interested in

serving at 718-667-3425. Currently the next Board slate for 2020-2021 in the running for election are:

President - Martha Venditto
Vice President - Dawn Reid-Green
Secretary - Tina Bilcher-Murphy
Corresponding Secretary-Lauren Aquino
Treasurer - **YOU - a volunteer needed**
Director - Janet McFarland
Director- Jayne Cooper
Delegate - Carol Lundrigan
Delegate - Jennifer Bollinger
Alternate Delegate - Angie DePompo Seff

As stated, if anyone wants to run for any office listed above please call **Rosalie Raio at 718-667-3425** and you will be added to the candidate slate above.

Also if you wish to join any of the following committees please call Rosalie. Your interest and support are always appreciated. Please make the effort to participate. Your support helps **Girls with Dreams become Women with Vision.**

Committee Chair Positions Open for Your Participation

Lend your creative support to one of the Committee Chair positions that need to be filled for 2020-2021. Or volunteer to be on a committee. To volunteer! call Rosalie Raio at 718-667-3425 and say yes.

Website Chair - Laura Aquino
Newsletter Chair - Rosemary De Figlio
Holiday Party -
Ruby Awards -
New Member Gathering -
Nominations -
Summer Get Together -
more positions to be announced.

A Word From Our Staten Island Club President...

... To all club members. In this time of stress, difficulty and not knowing the outcome, please stay safe. Your board is here to help wherever we can. If you know of any members that need help, let us know. Always with you Janet.

Janet McFarland

Jewelry Party at the March SISI Meeting. Some Proceeds Will Be Used to Support Club Work.



SISI members and friends purchased jewelry from Italia DePompo who sold her jewelry, a Collection of Touchstone Jewelry by Swarovski, at the March 4th SISI meeting and "she will donate any jewelry earned through these sales" to our Ruby Awards for Auctioning.

SIA Soroptimist Club Grants

The Soroptimist Club Grants for Women and Girls are funds given to Soroptimist clubs from SIA to start or continue projects in their communities that improve the lives of women and girls, in accordance with SIA's mission and focus.

Soroptimist Club Grant applications are due March 1 to program@soroptimist.org Use this email for more information about eligible projects and to start an application for next year.

The Soroptimist Club Grant application period is closed. SIA is currently editing the Soroptimist Club Grant application for 2021 and will post the updated application when it is ready.

This is a good opportunity for any of the Staten Island Club members to think about what project we can propose to possibly win the funding support of SIA, (our Federation headquartered in Philadelphia, PA). Here's a URL to learn more: <https://www.soroptimist.org/for-clubs-and-members/program-resources/soroptimist-club-grants-for-women-and-girls.html>