



# Soroptimist

Improving The  
Lives of Women  
and Girls

## Generous Appreciation from our Club Members

Our Staten Island Soroptimist Club has made a very generous donation to the 120th NYPD Police Precinct. The 120th Precinct serves the North Shore of Staten Island and is located at 78 Richmond Terrace, St. George. Our club donated the cost of 60 meals to support their good works during this pandemic. The meals were made and delivered by O'Henry's Public House Restaurant, owned by club member, Lisa McFarland.



**Below, left:** Staff member from O'Henry's Public House Restaurant delivering the meals.

**Below, right:** Four happy Officers from the 120th NYPD Precinct receiving the 60 meals donated by the Soroptimist Club of Staten Island for the whole precinct to enjoy.



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

**April 19 - Ruby Awards Luncheon - POSTPONED - New date will be**

**September 20.** 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 - POSTPONED**

Spring Conference will be held at State College, PA **Aug 28-30** at State College in Pa. at the Ramada Inn Conference Center & Hotel. Reserve by email - Janet at [soropjanet@gmail.com](mailto:soropjanet@gmail.com) all members are encouraged to attend.

**May 6 - general meeting CANCELED**

**June 3 -** Celebrate 100 years of Suffragettes at SI Museum Meeting 6:30pm, Location: 1000 Richmond Terrace, Si Community 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

## Our Work and Impact

Soroptimist's years of experience working with women and girls has taught us that education is the key to unlocking economic empowerment of the world's women and girls. When women and girls are educated, they have opportunity, choice and power to make healthy decisions for themselves and their families.

How we do it: Our "Dream Programs" are primarily delivered locally by our clubs and members in 21 countries and territories. They provide the muscle and on-the-ground work that make our programs come alive. SISI participates.

## Shop AmazonSmile

Here's a very easy way for you or anyone to support the Soroptimist mission. Make Soroptimist your charity of choice when shopping on Amazon. The AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products. Go to your regular account at Amazon and navigate to "AmazonSmile" and sign up to donate to Soroptimist. Just shop normally on Amazon and a donation will be made.

## We Work to help other Women to be their Best

Soroptimist was formed in 1921 in Oakland, California, at a time when women were not permitted to join service organizations. Our name, loosely translated from the Latin, means best for women. Today, we have about 160,000 members and supporters in 21 countries and territories. We are one of four federations that make up Soroptimist International, which has clubs in more than 120 countries throughout the world.

2019 -2020 SISI Board of Directors: Janet McFarland: President; Fran Real: 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](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

## SISI Nominations for Board of Directors - Cast Your Vote Now

Because of the difficult times we are going through with the Covid 19 pandemic our club like many others has had to change how we do things. We have not been able to meet, but through technology have been able to communicate.

The slate of officers which is usually presented at the April meeting has been sent via e-mail to you and you have been able to cast your vote electronically. If you have not yet cast your vote for the incoming 2020-2021 board, then please do so now. Most votes have been received. None of the candidates positions listed below have been contested. We are all grateful they have volunteered for these positions.

You are able to cast your vote electronically. Please do so now. Go to Vote online, it is a 2 page ballot at:  
<https://forms.gle/YVv5AUFZnj7BLhMq5>

Thank you to the SISI members that have worked on the Nominating Committee: Rosalie Raio, Cynthia Roberti, and Roseann Holt.

## FINAL NOMINATIONS ARE:

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

We look forward to the June 3 Soroptimist Meeting where we will Celebrate 100 years of Suffragettes at the SI Museum and have a new Board Installation Ceremony.

The Meeting is at 6:30 pm, Location is at 1000 Richmond Terrace. Also SI Community Service Awards will be presented and this is the last Dinner Meeting of the season before a full Summer recess. We hope to see you all there healthy and happy.

It's important that you make a reservation to attend this June 3 meeting (the dinner cost is \$45) to attend this special meeting please e-mail our treasurer, Dawn Reed-Green at: [dreidgreen@gmail.com](mailto:dreidgreen@gmail.com)

## A Message From Our President

On behalf of Soroptimists of Staten Island, our thoughts and prayers go out to everyone and their families during this pandemic.

During this unprecedented time, we have had to change the way we live our daily lives as well as how the Organization moves forward. The NAR Board and Chapter Board voting are being done by email and all meeting have been canceled through May.

I look forward to seeing everyone when the quarantine is over and we can resume our normal routines. Stay safe, healthy, and calm.

Janet L. McFarland, SISI President

## 46th Biennial Convention in Washington, USA is Canceled

The SIA Board of Directors has discussed and decided for reasons outside of our control to cancel our 46th Biennial Convention in Bellevue, Washington, USA, July 22-25, 2020. We will be terminating our contract for cause with the Hyatt Regency Bellevue Hotel because of the global public health pandemic.

## Resources During This Pandemic

### Lincoln Center Free Performances:

[http://lincolncenter.org/lincoln-center-at-home?utm\\_source=wordfly&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=041320LCatHome%3ANewsletter5 \(TICKETBUYERS\)&utm\\_content=version\\_A&uid=347654&sourceNumber=23476#homepage-upcoming](http://lincolncenter.org/lincoln-center-at-home?utm_source=wordfly&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=041320LCatHome%3ANewsletter5%20(TICKETBUYERS)&utm_content=version_A&uid=347654&sourceNumber=23476#homepage-upcoming)

If you have kids trapped at home, you might be interested in the online "History at Home" online classes that the N.Y. Historical Society is offering. You have to fill out a form:

<https://coronavirus.schools.nyc/RemoteLearningDevices>

## Stay safe...

Send inclusions to: [siNewsletter@defiglio.com](mailto:siNewsletter@defiglio.com)

## 100 Years - Soroptimist Club 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.

Be sure to save the date now! Check out our frequently asked questions on the SIA website to find out who is invited, the events planned during the celebration and more!



Ancient photo from the archives: In 2021, Soroptimists will be celebrating our 100th Anniversary in California where the regions first Soroptimist club was chartered in 1921.