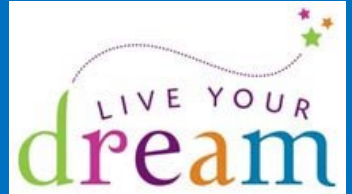




Soroptimist International of Raleigh



Service and Fundraising Update

We had great success with our fundraising and service efforts the last couple of months and had a lot of fun while we were at it! In December, Terri opened her home to our club for our annual Christmas Angels brunch. There, we gathered for great food and friendship as members brought gifts to benefit the women and families of Haven House Services. From bicycles to clothes, our members gave over \$1,600 worth of in-kind donations to these families! Kelsey and Anne came to represent Haven House Services and they were very appreciative of our efforts. Our club certainly put lots of smiles on some children's faces this year!

During the brunch, we also had fun watching Pat crown our "Poinsettia Queen" and "Poinsettia Princess" among other honors. Sarita, Pam and Cynthia took home top honors and bragging rights of these highly sought after



titles! Through the club's amazing sales efforts, we were able to raise almost \$5,000 for our club!

Finally, Joyce led the charge on our other big fundraiser, Auto Bell car wash coupons. Through the holidays, members sold these coupons which made great stocking stuffers, client appreciation gifts or simple 'thank you' gifts for anyone who loves a clean car. Through this effort, our club has raised over \$1,600! Overall, the holidays were a huge fundraising success. The proceeds from these fundraisers are used by the club to help fund our awards and service projects. A big thank you to all who organized, participated and helped make these fundraisers a big success!



Upcoming Events

- 2/9 —Club Meeting 6:30 Dress For Success
- 3/3—Meet and Greet 6:00-8:00 Dress For Success
- 3/8—Club Meeting 6:30 Dress For Success
- 4/15-4/17 Spring Conference
- 4/19—Triangle Women of Distinction Awards event

Celebrations!

Birthdays

- 1/12—Lynn Kavcsak
- 1/21—Roxie Bible
- 1/22—Joyce Rothchild
- 1/28—Pam Sinclair

Learn More and Get Involved!

Have you ever wondered how you can learn more about other Soroptimist clubs and make friends with some other fabulous women from around the world? Well a great way to do that is to attend the Soroptimist South Atlantic Region Conference and the Soroptimist International of the Americas Convention!

The SAR 2016 Spring Conference will be held April 15th—April 17th at the Holiday Inn & Suites North Beach in Virginia Beach, VA. Here you will meet other members from around the region, hear from captivating speakers, attend informative workshops and have a lot of fun! Several of our members attend this conference so if you would like to attend then send Gaye or the club a message and they will help coordinate carpooling and hotel room sharing if you would like. Members who attend always come back saying how much fun they had!



On a larger scale, the 2016 SIA Convention will be taking place from July 20th—July 23rd at the Walt Disney World Dolphin Resort in Orlando, FL. This is a great opportunity to learn, celebrate and network with sister Soroptimists from around the world! Also, Betty Ann will be attending the convention and has booked a nearby condo that can hold 4-6 guests. The nightly rate would be much better and she would welcome members to join her there so reach out to Betty Ann if you are interested. For the latest information, please visit the Meetings/Conventions section of the SIA website.

Triangle Women of Distinction Awards

It may seem far away but our annual Triangle Women of Distinction Awards celebration is right around the corner and will be here before we know it! Remember that the date has been changed to **Tuesday, April 19th**. The committee still needs your help! At the top of the list is a need for more sponsors and donations for our silent auction. Look on our club's dropbox for sponsor packets which you can bring to your favorite businesses to ask for donations. Great businesses to keep in mind for silent auction items are salons, spas, jewelers, restaurants, entertainment or event tickets. We are still looking for sponsors and cash donations are always welcome too! This is our club's signature event and we need every member to pitch in to make it a great success!

Let's Grow Our Club!



Do you know someone who would make a great Soroptimist member? Of course you do! So what's been holding you back from asking her if she'd like to join our club? If you're waiting for her to tell you that she's interested, you may end up waiting forever. Even someone who is excited about Soroptimist and who is usually forthcoming may hesitate to ask you about joining the club. As a current member, it's up to you to take initiative, share the important information about your club, and ASK a friend or family member to join you!

Soroptimist members all around the world have had wonderful and meaningful experiences volunteering alongside their friends and family members. Chances are the people in your circle of family and friends share many of the same values you do, and would be a great match for our mission of improving the lives of women and girls! So we have the perfect opportunity to show them what we do. **Invite them to our next Meet and Greet event!** It will

be on **Thursday, March 3rd held at our club meeting location—Dress For Success**. Guests will meet members, get a tour of the Dress For Success facility, see where we meet, and enjoy some great food. A perfect opportunity for your guests to learn more about us!