

SIA – North Atlantic Region
2022-2024 Candidates Bios

Attention All Clubs in the North Atlantic Region:

You are receiving, with the call to Spring Conference, a copy of each of the candidate's bios that are running for election to the 2022-2024 North Atlantic Region Board.

Please share these bios with your club members, as they will NOT be a part of the packet at Spring Conference. To reduce the amount of paper used in the folders at conference the only thing that will be provided is the picture of the candidate and the office for which they are running, this is also being provided for you at this time so that all members can see what will be provided in the folders.

For any office where there is more than one candidate running, each of those candidates will be given a 2-minute time slot at conference to present themselves and state why they feel they are the most qualified to hold the position for which they are running.

Please be sure that your delegates are familiar with all the candidates and know the clubs wishes as to which candidate they want the delegates to vote for. ONLY delegates will be voting at conference.

**SIA NORTH ATLANTIC REGION
CANDIDATE 2022-2024**

For Office of:	Governor	North Atlantic Region
Member Name:	Patricia J. Hall-Yuengling	
Soroptimist Club Name:	Phoenixville	
Business Name/Profession:	Main Line Healthcare, Physicians Network	
Job Title:	Office Coordinator, Safety Coach	

Soroptimist Experience

Federation:	<p>Attended Conventions:</p> <p>Orlando, Florida Philadelphia, Pennsylvania</p>
Region	<p>Attended Region Conferences:</p> <p>Cranberry Township, Pennsylvania Cape May, New Jersey Valley Forge, Pennsylvania Saratoga, New York Gettysburg, Pennsylvania Albany, New York Penn State, Pennsylvania Harrisburg, Pennsylvania Dover, Delaware</p> <p>Positions held for NAR:</p> <p>Co-Administrative Officer District III Director Region Membership Chair District III Vice Chair Membership Chair District III Vice Chair Live Your Dream NAR Secretary</p> <p>Leadership Seminars:</p> <p>Planned our 2018 and 2019 SOAR, Summer Leadership Events Attendance at all since we started holding them</p>

District:	Attend all Fall District Meetings: SI SUN SI Fulton Montgomery SI Fayette SI Phoenixville SI Montour County SI Cumberland County SI Pottstown SI Butler County SI Central Jersey Coast SI Cape May SI Pottstown
Local:	Committee Chair for: 2017-2019 SI Phoenixville Peace Garden 2016 SI Phoenixville Fashion Show Halloween Parade 2015 SI Phoenixville Fashion Show Violet Richardson Award Past Positions: Past Club President Membership Chair Secretary

List Current Community And Other Activities:

Volunteer with Phoenixville Citizen Advocacy
Chester County Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution CCDAR Past Regent 1996-1997

Honors/Recognitions:

Laurel Society Member since August 2017
Phoenixville Community Health Foundation - 2014 Champion of the Community
Phoenixville Area Violence Prevention Network - 2006 Peacemaker Award

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Paragraph explaining: Why Position Being Sought:

I have a strong desire to apply for the position of the North Atlantic Region Governor. I believe that my experience as Co-Administrative Officer has provided essential lessons that I will carry forward as your next Governor. The friendships and support I share with our members are invaluable. I have a very determined focus for our Region over the next biennium regarding Education, sustainable Membership, Growth and Communication. I personally understand the power of one, the impact one person can make that creates a ripple and is carried far and wide. I foresee a tidal wave of coming, one that we all will ride into our brilliant future, together. I will continue to be a strong leader in supporting our region and would be humbled to serve as your Governor.

**FOR Governor-Elect:
SIA NORTH ATLANTIC REGION
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For Office of:	Governor-Elect	North Atlantic Region
Member Name:	Elizabeth W. "Beth" Peterson	
Soroptimist Club Name:	District 5 Connecticut Shoreline	
Business Name/Profession:	Elizabeth W. Peterson/ Electrical Engineer	
Job Title:	Electrical Systems Engineering Specialist	

Soroptimist Experience

Federation:	<p>Attended Convention:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2019 SI Convention – Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia • 2019 Governor’s Round Table – Montreal, Canada • 2019-2021 Member of NAR/ NER Merger Task Force - Developed interim governance structure, transitional by-laws and multi-year budgets • 2021 United Nations Commission for the Status of Women (CSW65) official Advocate focusing on gender equality and digital citizenship
Region:	<p>Attended Region Conferences:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2019-2021 NAR Spring Conference • 2017-2020 NER Spring Conference <p>Position held for NAR:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2020-2022 NAR Co-Administrative Officer • 2020 Policies and Procedures Committee Co-Chair for melding merged regions • PnP Positions held for NER: 2018-2020 Governor-Elect, 2016-2018 Conference Chair <p>Leadership Seminars:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2019-2021 NAR Fall District Meeting • 2017-2020 NER Fall District Meeting

	<p>Attend all Fall District Meetings: 2019-2021 NAR Fall District Meeting 2021 Presented “Starting a DIBI Program” 2017-2020 NER Fall District Meeting 2019-2021 NAR Spring Conference 2021 Presented “Presenting NAR BOD” & “Presenting the Region Flags” 2020 Presented “LYD Recipients” & “State of the NAR/ NER Merger” 2017-2020 NER Spring Conference 2020 Presented “LYD Recipients”</p>
Local :	<p>Committee Chair for Connecticut Shoreline Club: LYD Chair (2020-2021) DIBI Chair (2021-2022), DIBI Presenter participating in 3 DIBI sessions this summer (2018-2021); In collaboration with Girl Scouts, Girls on the Run and STEPS, helped develop, win and implement a Connecticut Department of Education \$150,000 grant this summer to bring 85 local teenage girls to college campuses and introduce them to female career role models.</p> <p>Past Positions for Connecticut Shoreline Club Charter Member (2016) President (2016-2019) Treasurer (2019-2021)</p> <p>Member of Willimantic Club (2016)</p>

List Current Community And Other Activities:

- **2020-2022 NAR Co-Administrative Officer**
- **2021-2022 Connecticut Shoreline DIBI Chair**
- **Board of Directors Connecticut Lyric Opera**
- **Secretary & Webmaster of Electric Boat Management Association**
- **Member of Women in Defense**

Past community activities:

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- **Society of Women Engineers (SWE) - Northeast U.S. Region Nominations Committee Chair**
(2017-18), Treasurer (2015-17), Secretary (2014-15) & Northeast Region Conference Committee Chair (2013); New England Shoreline Section – Section Representative (2014-18) President (2013-15) & Professional Development Chair (2008-2014); member of Society’s Government Relations and Public Policy Committee in collaboration with American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) lobbied Congress in support of STEM K-12 bills (2011-2014), University of Connecticut Collegiate member (1984-1985)
- **Toastmasters International:** Distinguished Toastmaster Award (2012), Area Governor, Chief Judge
Area Contest, International Convention Sergeant-At-Arms, Millstone Toastmasters (President, VP of Education, VP of Public Relations and VP of Membership, and

Secretary). Had over 100% increase in membership in one year initiating the professional development program for Millstone summer interns.
Mentored 30 new members and General Dynamics EB Management Association Club (2011 – 2012).

- **U.S. Women in Nuclear** Dominion Fleet Corporate Lead (2010-2013), national Communications

Committee member and Social Media Lead (2012-2013); member (2010-17)

- **American Society of Non Destructive Testing (ASNT)**, Connecticut Yankee Section – Board of Directors (2013 – 2014) and President (1992)
- **Women in Defense** – member (2007-2008, 2018-2021)
- **Electric Boat Management Association** – Secretary and Webmaster (2018-2021)
- **American Nuclear Society** – Connecticut Section member (2011-2013)
- **Society of Manufacturing Engineers** – United Nuclear Corporation Section Secretary (1986 – 1988)

PUBLIC SPEAKING

- **Society of Women Engineers**, Region F Conference, “Reducing Errors” workshop (2014)
- **University of Connecticut**, Guest Lecturer at Storrs & Avery Point satellite campus for Eng course 1000 - Orientation to Engineering (2010-2013)
- **Society of Women Engineers**, Region F Conference “Speaking Persuasively” workshop (2012)
- **University of Connecticut**, Joint Engineering societies public speaking workshop (2013)
- **Health Physics Society** – New England Chapter annual conference speaker on “Human Performance in Commercial Nuclear Industry” (2012)
- **Ledyard Rotary**, “Ledyard CyberColonels Robotics” presentation (2011)
- **United Way** Engineering Dept Campaign Chairman roll-out to 200 engineers, WCTY radio interview, Pfizer international podcast broadcast interviewee, (2010-2012)
- **New York Polytechnic Institute**, Engineering Department recruitment video interviewee and pictured on poster with quote (2009)
- **Career Day** engineering presenter at Ledyard High School, Ledyard, CT (2014), Tyl Middle School, Montville, CT (2012), Fitch High School, Groton, CT (1987) ▪ **Panelist** for:
 - **Yale University**, Middle School Engineers Day (2019)
 - **Connecticut Technology Council** Women of Innovations Award Ceremony (2018)
 - **University of Connecticut** “Celebration of 40 Years of Women in Engineering” (2012)

- **Three Rivers Community College Women in Technology Connect** for associates degree candidates, parents, teachers and administrators (2010)
- **Three Rivers Community College Women in Technology Connect** for female technical high school students and teachers (2010 – 2013)
- **Connecticut Science Museum’s Status of Women in STEM Careers** for teachers and admin (2010)
- **Connecticut College “Career Day”** at Technical and Engineering Magnet High School (2008)
- **Eastern Connecticut State University Women’s Center, “Work Life Balance”** (1995)

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- **Soroptimist International** – North Atlantic Region Co-Administrative Officer; Northeast Region Governor-Elect; merger team member tasked to develop and ratify transitional by-laws and multi-year budgets; Connecticut Shoreline club charter member, President & Treasurer (2016-2021)
- **Connecticut Lyric Opera** – Board of Directors; fundraising chair for annual gala; hospitality event chair for The Garde Arts Center operas (2010-21)

Ledyard Education Advancement Foundation: President and Trustee of private education funding corporation for Ledyard Public Schools. Helped raise and distribute \$200K in multi-year technology capital grants and new education innovation teacher mini-grants and \$50K/ year. (2010-2017)

- **Grant writing:** with teams wrote successful grant applications for multiple organizations including \$600K State of Connecticut Small Town Economic Assistance Program grant, \$150K Connecticut Dept of Education adolescent girls mentoring and college prep grant, \$15K Dow Community Partnership and \$1K Rotary grants implementing Project Lead The Way Gateway to Technology at Ledyard Middle School, \$3K Coca-Cola 3D printer grant for CyberColonels robotics club, \$6K for the Society of Women Engineer’s New England Shoreline Section outreach programs and \$2K family engineering night and solar kits from Dominion Energy.
- **Event planning** experience for up to 1K participants in multiple venues. Familiar with project planning, developing budget, marketing, creating on-site engagement, utilizing technology, customer satisfaction and measuring effectiveness.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

- **Ledyard Democratic Town Committee** - Chairperson (2016-2018); Committee member (2014-19); Delegate for CT Democratic State Conventions.

- **Gales Ferry District** - Board of Directors (2015-17), Treasurer (2013-15), Secretary (2010-13) elected position for tax-paying village government entity.
- **Ledyard Economic Development Commission** Commissioner and Committee Chair appointed by mayor. Hired landscape architect with the town's commercial real estate capital gains to transform face of Ledyard Center and the village of Gales Ferry. Helped write and won a \$500K state grant and worked with largest corporate real estate owner to modernize the downtown centers. (2011-17)
- **Ledyard Pride and Beautification Commission** member (2017)
- **Procurement Technical Assistance Center** (1992 – 1993) State and federal government liaison. Assisted local small and medium size businesses find and obtain government contracts. Offered business services including business plan development and financing.

K-12

- **Soroptimist International Dream It Be It** career mentoring workshop presenter for at-risk inner-city teenage girls. (2018 – 2021)
 - **Connecticut Women's Education and Legal Fund (CWEALF)** Civil Engineering workshop presenter for annual Generating Girls Opportunities 7th Grade Girls in Tech Expo at Mitchell College (2008 – 2017)
 - **Judge** for CT Science Fair, CT Invention Convention, FIRST FRC robotics competition, Academic Decathlon, Society of Women Engineer's Best Collegiate Section, Toastmasters local and area clubs (Chief Judge) (2008 – 2018)
 - **Project Lead the Way** Advisory Committee – Ledyard High School and New London Technology and Engineering High School pre-engineering programs (2010-2018)
 - **Society of Women Engineers:** Physics is Phun Girl Scouts badge workshop presenter; Engineering workshop presenter for GS Juniors SWE badge and Brownies Try It badge; mentor to Eng students at US Coast Guard Academy, University of Connecticut, Three Rivers Community College, Brown University, University of Rhode Island and Roger Williams University; piloted 2-month after-school STEM program at inner city middle school (2006-2019)
 - **FIRST Lego Robotics** program corporate mentor for Ledyard High CyberColonels team (\$15K annual budget). Piloted 2 FLL middle school teams (\$1K budget) and 4 K-3 Jr FLL elementary teams. Helped build team of 10 high schoolers to 25 9-12 and 125 K-8 participants and 20 adult mentors in Ledyard and Groton. (2008 – 2019)
 - **Pfizer pharmaceutical** industry STEM Girls mentor for at-risk inner-city middle school girls. (1992 – 1993)
- Connecticut College** after-school Fractal STEAM (mathematics and art) program mentor for at-risk inner city teenage girls (2007)

- **Boy Scouts of America:** Engineering Merit Badge Counselor, Committee Chair, Webelo II Leader for Gales Ferry, CT Troop 12, CT Rivers Council (2003-2011)
- **Connecticut Virtuosi Orchestra Summer Institute,** Nuclear Engineering guest lecturer (2011)
- **NASA Aerospace Adventure’s** Family Fun Night at Gales Ferry School: robotics presenter (2010-14)
- **After-school enrichment program teacher** (J. W. Long Elementary) for Lego Mania and Taking the Mystery Out of Computers: D/A & A/D, Bits and Bytes, Memory, and Computer Re-engineering (2005-2007)

Honors/Recognitions:

- United Nations Advocate for the Commission for the Status of Women on behalf of the non-government organization (NGO) Soroptimist International of the Americas (2021)
- International Distinguished Woman Award – Pacific Asian Concerned Citizens Action League of New Jersey for her “dedication, service, and utmost achievement”. (2021)
- Distinguished Toastmaster Award – Toastmasters International (2012)
- CT Technology Council Women of Innovation Finalist Community Leadership & Innovation (2011)
- One Woman Makes a Difference Maria Miller Stewart Award from the Connecticut Women’s Education and Legal Fund (2010)
- Public Leadership Citation from State of CT State Treasurer, Denise Napier “For your outstanding efforts to assist women in nontraditional occupations” (2010)
- Official Citation from State of CT Attorney General Richard Blumenthal “In recognition of her enduring and profoundly significant dedication and courageous leadership throughout her community and the State of Connecticut”. (2010)
- Official Citation from the State of CT Secretary of the State Hon. Susan Bysiewicz “In recognition of your significant contributions to the State of Connecticut” (2010)
- Official Citation from the State of CT Comptroller Nancy Wyman “Your dedication to empowering women, girls and their families to achieve equal opportunities in their personal and professional lives is a testament to your hard work and commitment.” (2010)
- Dominion Volunteer of the Year Award – 18,000 employees (2009)
- Marquis Who’s Who Registries
- Who’s Who in the World
- Who’s Who Worldwide
- Who’s Who in America
- Who’s Who in American Women
- Who’s Who in the East
- World Who’s Who of Women
- Who’s Who in Finance and Business
- Who’s Who in Science and Engineering
- International Biographical Center
- The World Who’s Who of Women

- 2000 Outstanding People of the 20th Century
- 20th Century Award for Achievement
- The International President's Award for Iconic Achievement
- Foremost Professionals of the World
- International Professional of the Year
- National Register's Who's Who in Executives and Professionals
- Cambridge Who's Who
- Strathmore's Who's Who

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Paragraph explaining: Why Position Being Sought

Since I joined and committed my service to Soroptimists, I have held a progression of local, regional and federation level leadership positions. I would be honored to share my engineering program manager cultivated skills of strategic and tactical multi-year planning, problem solving, and change management. If allowed to continue serving on the region level, I will focus on our Governor's healthy region initiatives, membership and club retention through meaningful engagement, providing support for building club level Big Goal programs, and fundraising through increased public awareness. Throughout my career, I have dedicated my time encouraging girls, college students and early professionals to reach their full potential and live their dreams. Understanding that education is the key to economic empowerment, I whole heartedly support and participate in the well-researched LYD and DIBI programs. I am devoted to our shared mission of social change

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For Office of:	Governor Elect	North Atlantic Region
Member Name:	Kyra Rumble	
Soroptimist Club Name:	SI Doylestown Area	
Business Name/Profession:	State Government	
Job Title:	District Office Manager	

Soroptimist Experience

Federation:	Attended Conventions: Soroptimist 46th Biennial Convention - Bellevue 2020
Region:	Attended Region Conferences: Attended 2019, 2021 Spring Conference, Positions held for NAR: District III Director 2020-2022 Leadership Seminars: 2018, 2019, 2020 (webinar presenter) Chair of the Laws and Resolution Committee 2020-2022 Vice Chair for District III of the Laws and Resolution Committee 2018-2020
District:	Attend all Fall District Meetings: Attended 2018, 2021
Local:	Committee Chair for: None (Our club has does not have any) Current Position: Board Advisor Past Positions: 2018-2019 Club Treasurer 2019-2020 Club President

List Current Community and Other Activities:

Current Community Activities:

- 2020- Current – Committee Member- Central Bucks Chamber of Commerce Emergency Service Awards
- 2019-2022 State Vice Chair of Junior Sales, PSSDAR
- 2019- 2022 Second Vice Regent, Bucks County Chapter NSDAR
- 2017-2019 Organizing Corresponding Secretary, Margaret Gale Thornton Chapter, NSDAR
- 2015- Current Active Junior Member of DAR

Member of DVUC, War of 1812 and LGAR (lineage societies for women)
Contributing Member of Plumsteadville Volunteer Fire Company

Past Community Activities:

2013-2016 Member of the Grove City College Chapter of International Justice Mission
2010, 2012, 2014, 2015 Participated in Discovery Service Project's International Mission Trips

Honors/Recognitions:

2019 Outstanding Junior, Bucks County Chapter, NSDAR
2019 Inducted as a member of Pi Alpha Alpha (The Global Honor Society for Public Affairs & Administration)
August of 2019 – Master's Degree in Public Administration and Policy from American University

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Paragraph explaining: Why Position Being Sought

Why Governor Elect?

I am excited to be considered for an opportunity as Governor Elect for the North Atlantic Region of Soroptimist International of the Americas. Having joined SI of Doylestown Area in 2017 as a younger member, I have tried to involve myself in all aspects of club activities as much as possible. I have held the position of Club Treasurer, where I have helped our club better understand our revenue streams and growth potential. As club president, I focused on membership growth, sustainable fundraisers, and ensuring our club applied for all of the regional programs and contests. I had the incredible opportunity to serve as District III Director, meeting and assisting other clubs in District III with issues of membership and adaption of programs to meet the difficulties of Covid19. I was

amazed by the ingenuity and resilience of our clubs and all the innovative ideas that clubs were able to implement and share.

I would love the opportunity to step up and assist more clubs across the region as Governor Elect. I am excited to bring a different perspective and excited energy to help our clubs thrive over the next administration! Membership is a key element; our clubs will need to continue to attract new and younger members to help ensure we can sustain the North Atlantic Region for the next 100 years. I look forward to the opportunity to support the next administrative theme as “together as one in unity” we can continue to build and grow our clubs to help spread the SIA programs to all of the women in our communities. I look forward to helping North Atlantic Region achieve a bright future as we continue to grow membership and work towards the goal of helping half a million women and girls with our dream programs through the access to education by 2031.

FOR Region Treasurer:

**SIA NORTH ATLANTIC REGION
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For Office of:	Treasurer	North Atlantic Region
Member Name:	Karen Gehers, MBA	
Soroptimist Club Name:	SI of Snyder, Union, Northumberland Counties	
Business Name/Profession:	Wagner, Dreese, Elsasser & Associates, P.C.	
Job Title:	Accountant	

Soroptimist Experience

Federation:	Attended Conventions: Attended SI and SIA conventions in Montreal, Hawaii, Florida, Vancouver, Japan and Kuala Lumpur
Region:	<p>Attended Region Conferences: Have attended most Spring Conferences since I have been a member.</p> <p>Positions held for NAR: Region Treasurer, Past District IV Secretary, Past LYD Vice-chair</p> <p>Leadership Seminars Have attended several leadership seminars before becoming a region officer and all leadership seminars since becoming a region officer, including presenting at many of them since an officer.</p>
District:	Attend all Fall District Meetings: Have attended most Fall District meetings since becoming a member.
Local:	<p>Committee Chair for: Have chaired Dream It Be It, Club Anniversary committee, member recognition, and domestic violence awareness, and strategic planning.</p> <p>Past Positions: Have served as Director, President-Elect and President</p>

List Current Community And Other Activities:

SI of SUN member and past president
United Way Women's Leadership Council

Past community activities:

Mifflinburg USBC WBA Board of Directors
Snyder County 4H Foundation past Board Member, Secretary, and Treasurer
Snyder County Extension Board Member and Treasurer and member of Transition Board to Multi-county Extension Board
Greater Susquehanna Valley United Way Public Relations Committee.

Honors/Recognitions:

Graduate Leadership Susquehanna Valley

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Paragraph explaining: Why Position Being Sought

Soroptimist has given so much to me since I have been a member and I want to give back to make it a fulfilling experience for others. I have been active in my local club but a couple years ago decided I wanted to do more. I began as the District IV Secretary and took over as the Vice-Chair for Live Your Dream in my district. I was really enjoying my time serving on the board and was called to step in as Treasurer part-way through 2016 when the current Treasurer resigned. I am an accountant by trade and feel my knowledge and experience helped me to catch things up and to begin making the reports and records even better than they were. I have served as co-Treasurer through the merger with NER and have led making changes to bank accounts to maximize interest income and filing the longer Form 990 when region income passed the level where it could no longer file the 990 Postcard. My plans are to improve the reports and develop guidelines for a future Treasurer to follow to make transitioning easier. I love being a Soroptimist and I love helping our Region to grow and improve in any way that I can. Helping women and girls improve their lives is so important and fulfilling and being the NAR Treasurer gives me that same sense of accomplishment. Thank you for considering me for this position.

Karen Gehers, MBA

FOR Region Secretary:

**SIA NORTH ATLANTIC REGION
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For Office of:	Region secretary	North Atlantic Region
Member Name:	Martha C Venditto	
Soroptimist Club Name:	Staten Island	
Business Name/Profession:	Retired New York Community Bank	
Job Title:	2 nd VP	

Soroptimist Experience

Federation:	Attended Conventions: Orlando FL 2016
Region:	Attended Region Conferences: yes every year since 2014 Positions held for NAR: District Director 2016-2020 Offices held for club: Treasurer, VP, President Leadership Seminars: 2016-2019
District:	Attend all Fall District Meetings: yes except for 2021
Local:	Committee Chair for: Spring Conference 2022 hospitality room chair Past Positions: DIBI committee, all other events

List Current Community And Other Activities:

Kiwanis International New York District LT GOV 2021-2022

Dr Theodore A Atlas Foundation food pantry volunteer

Salvation Army Staten Island Corp Office

Past community activities: ongoing

Honors/Recognitions: Dr Theodore A Atlas Foundation Volunteer
Frank J Reali III Foundation Champion

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Paragraph explaining: Why Position Being Sought

To continue with the progress of helping women and Girls.

**SIA NORTH ATLANTIC REGION
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For Office of:	Region Secretary	North Atlantic Region
Member Name:	Joan Merritt	
Soroptimist Club Name:	SI Willimantic, CT	
Business Name/Profession:	Retired, Foxwoods Resort Casino	
Job Title:	Interior Landscaping Manager	

Soroptimist Experience

Federation:	<p>Attended Conventions: 2000, 2002, 2004, 2008, 2010, 2012, 2014 Presented a workshop with Kathy McAfee –The Power of Making Connections 2016 Facilitated Membership Workshop</p> <p>SIA Board Member 2010-2012 serving as Finance Chair</p>
Region:	<p>Attended Region Conferences: 1998-2021 Presented workshops at many conferences.</p> <p>Positions held for Northeastern Region: Secretary 2002-2004, Gov-Elect 2004-2006, Governor 2006-2008</p> <p>Offices held for club: Secretary, Treasurer, Vice-President, President 2001-2002 and 2018-2020</p> <p>Leadership Seminars</p>
District:	Attended all Fall District Meetings from 1998 to 2021
Local:	<p>Committee Chair for: Dream It Be It Program, Membership</p> <p>Past Positions: Annual Heart to Heart Ball, Dream It Be It Take a stand to End Violence Against Women, Grant Programs, Membership Chair</p>

List Current Community And Other Activities:

Treasurer, Friends of the Lebanon Senior Center
2016-2022 Volunteer Gardener

Past community activities:

Board member, Friends of the Lebanon Senior 2010-
2022 Sponsorship Chair, Relay for Life

Honors/Recognitions:

SIA Northeastern Region Soroptimist of the Year	2003 and 2009
Willimantic Chamber of Commerce Leadership Award	2009
Volunteer of the Year Award Lebanon Senior Center	2010 and 2018
Town on Willimantic Sunshine Award	2016
Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence First 100	2017

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Paragraph explaining: Why Position Being Sought

I have been a Soroptimist for 26 years. I am familiar with policies and procedures and with all aspects of leading a club and region. I understand that this is a challenging time for clubs and finding women to hold board positions is difficult. I am happy to serve as district secretary for this term and will inspire others to step up for the next one. I have served in many offices over the years and was always grateful for the chance to serve. If we want to grow as an organization, we need to streamline our way of conducting business and feel that I can help accomplish this. At region conferences and district meetings we must instill the vision of a dynamic, growing organization in our members. I have the enthusiasm, positive attitude and communication skills needed to relay this vision.

FOR District One:

**SIA NORTH ATLANTIC REGION
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For Office of:	District 1 Director	North Atlantic Region
Member Name:	Cindy Rivera	
Soroptimist Club Name:	SI Fulton and Montgomery County	
Business Name/Profession:	Retired	
Job Title:		

Soroptimist Experience

Federation:	Attended Conventions:
Region:	<p>Attended Region Conferences: Yes, have attended all but 2 in my 12 years as a member</p> <p>Positions held for NAR: District 1 Secretary and District 1 Director (currently)</p> <p>Offices held for club: Board member, president</p> <p>Leadership Seminars: Have attended all of them.</p>
District:	Attend all Fall District Meetings: Yes, believe I missed 1

Local:	<p>Committee Chair for: Bylaws</p> <p>Past Positions: Board member, President, chair of International Goodwill and understanding committee, chair of bylaws committee, members Youth and Scholarship, Goodwill and International Goodwill and Understanding committees.</p>
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List Current Community And Other Activities:

- Treasurer of the Elizabeth Cady Stanton Women’s Consortium Secretary of the Amsterdam Rotary Club.
- Chair of the Racial Justice Advocacy Network. For Women of the ELCA
- Member my church choir
- Lifetime member of Girl Scouts of the USA

Past community activities:

- *Member of the Fort Hunter Library Board.*
- *Commissioner for the Fort Hunter Fire Department.*
- *Past Sunday School teacher.*
- *Member of my church council and past president Member of my church synod council.*
- *Past Deacon at my church*
- *Past Treasurer for Women of the ELCA.*
- *Member of the Junior League of Schenectady and Saratoga Counties.*
- *Member of ASAPP promise.*
- *Girl Scout leader*
- *Girl Scout trainer and program planner*

Honors/Recognitions:

- *Thanks Badge for Girl Scouts of Northeastern NY*
- *Paul Harris Award from the Amsterdam Rotary club.*

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Paragraph explaining: Why Position Being Sought

I would like to continue to support the clubs in District 1 reach the goals that they have set. Membership, fundraising and other club activities. I believe in our mission for women and girls and want to see us help more women and girls in our community and wider. Also, I want them to have fun with their sister Soroptimist. I want to support, guide and be a team player with them, letting them lead. Members have been wonderful through this pandemic and have kept clubs connected and I want to continue to work and help these strong women

**SIA NORTH ATLANTIC REGION
CANDIDATE 2022-2024**

For Office of:	District One Secretary	North Atlantic Region
Member Name:	Donna Gigone	
Soroptimist Club Name:	Schenectady	
Business Name/ Profession:	Retired from Capital District YMCA	
Job Title:	Former Executive Director	

Soroptimist Experience

Federation:	Attended Conventions: Not yet but would love to!
Region:	Attended Region Conferences: Attended conferences 2012-2019 Positions held for NAR: District One Secretary 2019-2021 Leadership Seminars: Attended Saratoga leadership seminar
District:	Attend all Fall District Meetings: Attended Fall Meetings 2012-2019
Local:	Committee Chair for: Garden Tour Chair, Peace Garden Committee and Live Your Dream Committee. Past Positions: Currently serve as Schenectady Club Vice President. Past Schenectady President and Secretary.

List Current Community And Other Activities:

I recently retired from the Capital District YMCA after a 27-year career. In my role as Executive Director of the Glenville Branch, I oversaw Financial Development, Advisory Council and Branch Operations to promote Healthy Living, Social Responsibility and Youth Development. I have a passion for working with people and involvement in the community which led me to become a Capital Region Chamber Ambassador. I love to tell everyone, “One of the best things I ever did in my career was to get involved with the Chamber”. Some of my other volunteer experiences include Schenectady Soroptimist, Glenville Oktoberfest, Scotia-Glenville Kiwanis and Burnt Hills- Ballston Lake BPA. I reside in Rotterdam NY with my husband Peter and enjoy my grandchildren.

Honors/Recognitions: Chamber Ambassador of the Year 2018, Capital District YMCA Heritage Club Member

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Paragraph explaining: Why Position Being Sought:

It is a privilege and a great honor to serve as a Soroptimist officer and board member. My belief in the organization and mission is personally deep rooted. The most important thing we can do for our girls and women is to help them develop self esteem. Our daughters and granddaughters depend on us to show them the way to a successful life with emotional health. The Soroptimist organization has been instrumental in my life and I want to pay this important work forward to continue for the next

generations.

Serving on the North Atlantic Region Board the past two years has been a great learning experience and has deepened my commitment to Soroptimism. If reelected, I would love to meet more members and visit more clubs as the ability to travel opens up. I am excited to continue with more learning and important work to move the mission forward in the world.

Thank you for your vote and I look forward to serving alongside all of you to change the world one girl, one woman at a time.

Sincerely, Donna

FOR District Two:

**SIA NORTH ATLANTIC REGION
CANDIDATE 2022-2024**

For Office of:	District 2 Director	North Atlantic Region
Member Name:	Joyce Schech Member #406667	
Soroptimist Club Name:	Soroptimist of Seaford Club # 102225	
Business Name/Profession:	Practice Manager	
Job Title:	Retired	

Soroptimist Experience

Federation:	Attended Conventions: Orlando, Fla 2012
Region:	Attended Region Conferences: All since 2006 Positions held for NAR: District 2 Director 2020-2022 District 2 Secretary 2016-2018 Offices held for club: Past President 2012-2015 Vice-President 2011-2012 Leadership Seminars: Presented Communication Presented Membership Co-Chairs: Finance Membership
District: 2	Fall District Meetings: Attended all since 2006
Local:	Committee Chair for: Ways and Means Committee Member: Finance, Ways and Means, Service, Soroptimist Park, Your Sisters Closet, Youth Forum

List Current Community And Other Activities:

Local Chapter of St Vincent de Paul

Past community activities:

Eucharist Ministers

Lector
 Volunteer Recreation and Parks
 Administrative Positions PTSA
 Officer Student Caucus DCC

Honors/Recognition

Volunteer of the year

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Paragraph explaining: Why Position Being Sought

Soroptimist builds life-long friendships and is a great way to network with women throughout the world that also believes that every women or girl should have an equal voice in their communities, states, and country. This position will help me to assist other clubs and members in their endeavors to support women and girls achieve their individual potential.

**SIA NORTH ATLANTIC REGION
 CANDIDATE 2022-2024**

For Office of:	District II Secretary	North Atlantic Region
Member Name:	Mary Borger	
Soroptimist Club Name:	SI of Seaford, Delaware	
Business Name/Profession:	Draper Media (TV-Radio-Digital)-FT Delaware Technical Community College-PT	

Job Title:	Director of Marketing & Promotions (Draper Media) Adjunct Instructor (DTCC)	
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Soroptimist Experience

Federation:	Attended Conventions: SIA 100th Anniversary-Virtual (9/25 & 9/26)
Region:	Attended Region Conferences: 2013-Atlantic City, NJ 2015-Gettyburg, PA 2016-Saratoga, NY 2017-King of Prussia, PA 2018-Cape May, NJ 2019-Mars, PA 2021-Virtual (6/12) Positions held for NAR: District II Secretary (July '21-present) Leadership Seminars: 2016 Leadership-Malvern, PA 2017 SOAR-Malvern, PA
District:	Attend all Fall District Meetings: 2011-Tom's River, NJ 2012-Pottstown, PA 2013-Bethlehem, PA 2014-Seaford, DE 2015-Tom's River, NJ 2016-Ivyland, PA 2021-Johnstown, NY
Local:	Committee Chair for: Dream It, Be It (current) Past Positions: 2011-12 2nd Vice-President 2012-15 1st Vice-President 2015-17 President

List Current Community and Other Activities:

Boys & Girls Club of Western Sussex County-Board Member
 Children & Families First-Board Member
 DTCC Communications Advisory Committee
 Sussex Tech Media Advisory Committee
 Seaford High School CTE Advisory Council

WBOC Jefferson Awards Committee-Co-chair
Draper Holdings Charitable Foundation
Bless Our Children Campaign-Chair City of
Seaford Parks and Recs Committee

Past community activities:

Leadership Delaware Fellow 2011
Leadership Longview 1996-7
Campfire Girls & Boys of East Texas-Board Member 1995-1997
Junior Achievement Volunteer 1995-1997
Sussex Central High School
Advisory Council Leadership
Delaware Alumni Board

Honors/Recognitions:

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Paragraph explaining: Why Position Being Sought

In the summer of 2021, I was asked to fill the role of District II Secretary. While I did not seek the position, I have thoroughly enjoyed serving in this role for the North Atlantic Region and hope to continue for another term. In my first few months, I produced the region's first digital newsletter with the input from the NAR Board and visited Cape May, NJ for their DIBI event along with DII Director Joyce Schech. But there is so much more I would love to contribute not only to District II but also to the NAR. As you may notice from the list of past meetings I've attended, I am passionate about SIA and NAR. As Soroptimists, we will change the world for women and girls. And my dream is to always be a part of the group that makes it happen. Thank you for your consideration.



FOR District 3:

**SIA NORTH ATLANTIC REGION
CANDIDATE 2022-2024**

For Office of:	District III Director	North Atlantic Region
Member Name:	Christine Herman	
Soroptimist Club Name:	Phoenixville	
Business Name/Profession:	Lighthouse Educational Consultant	
Job Title:	Owner/Consultant	

Soroptimist Experience

Federation:	Attended Conventions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I am a newer member so haven't had the opportunity to attend many conferences
Region:	Attended Region Conferences: Positions held for NAR: Offices held for club: Vice President (co President) Leadership Seminars
District:	Attend all Fall District Meetings: Again, I am a newer member so haven't had the opportunity to attend many meetings yet.
Local:	Committee Chair for: Past Positions: Fashion Show co-host

List Current Community And Other Activities:

Past community activities: President of Phoenixville CTC (Communities that Care), Board Member of Together We Can Raise a Village, Co-Host of Voices of the Village Safe Harbor Meal Provider

Honors/Recognitions: Bachelors West Chester University (Music Education), Masters in Educational Leadership, currently a doctoral student at William Taft University focusing on Leadership

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address)

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Lighthouse Educational Consultant (same

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Paragraph explaining: Why Position Being Sought:

I have loved being a part of a strong woman focus organization that supports women and child in need. I have seen the Soroptimist work make such an impact in our community. As leader, I would love to take my knowledge and drive in supporting the North Atlantic Region as the Director. Now more than ever it is important for local clubs to share resources, ideas and vision for the betterment of their local and for Soroptimist. I hope to continue the fine work that has been done for the last 100 years and be part of the leadership team to help bring about new ideas and resources for the next 100 years.

Bio from my webpage (Lighthouse Educational Consultants)

Ms. Christine Herman is an instructional leader with 24 years of public, charter and private school experience. She is an expert in supporting teachers and families in providing resources that are “best for kids”. She started her professional career as a music teacher in the Oxford Area School District and held administration roles for Camelot, the School District of Lancaster, Cocalico School District and Renaissance Academy Charter School. Ms. Herman received her BS in Music Education from West Chester University and her MA in Educational Leadership from Wilmington University. She is currently working on her doctorate in Educational Administration from William Taft University. She resides in Downingtown with her son and has a daughter in college who is studying education.

FOR District Four:

**SIA NORTH ATLANTIC REGION
CANDIDATE 2022-2024**

For Office of:	District IV Director	North Atlantic Region
Member Name:	Lisa A. Malago	
Soroptimist Club Name:	SI Fayette County	
Business Name/Profession:	Choice Hotels International Inc	
Job Title:	Revenue Manager – Smoky Mountain Region	

Soroptimist Experience

Federation:	Attended Conventions: None
Region:	Attended Region Conferences: I attended the Spring Conferences in Valley Forge and in Mars PA and the Virtual Spring Conference 2021 Positions held for NAR: District IV Secretary - current Offices held for club: Vice-President 2013 – 2015 and President 2015-2017 Leadership Seminars – SOAR 2019
District:	Attend all Fall District Meetings: Attended FDM in Uniontown, Cranberry Twp/Mars, Danville and Connellsville
Local:	Committee Chair for: Scrapbook/Historian, Publicity, Awards Chair, 2019 FDM Chair (Connellsville) Past Positions: 2019 FDM Chair (Connellsville)

List Current Community And Other Activities:

Finance Coordinator – Special Olympics PA, Fayette County Program

Laurel House Inc, Advisory Committee

Red Cross of Westmoreland Fayette County – Diversity and Inclusion Committee Member

Past community activities:

Connellsville BPW Past President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer

Downtown Connellsville Promotions Committee Chair

Special Olympics PA – Fayette County Program Volunteer Manager 20+ years
Laurel House Inc. - Community Living Agency for Handicapped Individuals – Past
President Fayette Chamber of Commerce – Board Member and Chair of the Tourism
Alliance.
Laurel Highlands Convention and Visitors Bureau – Board Member
Youth Group Leader – Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Connellsville PA

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Paragraph explaining: Why Position Being Sought:

I have enjoyed my time with SI Fayette County and as the District IV Secretary over the last year and a half, and this time on the NAR Board has only served to strengthen my resolve to move our Region, District and Clubs forward toward accomplishing our mission of serving women and girls in our communities, our country and the world. Our clubs have made such an impact so far, but I realize there is so much more to do. I want to be a part of helping the North Atlantic Region Clubs share the mission and vision of Soroptimist International of the Americas with the women and girls in their own communities, collectively change the world. Over the last several years, by attending North Atlantic Conferences and Leadership events, I have come to realize that our organization cannot accomplish our goals if members don’t choose to step up into leadership roles on a regional and national levels. I feel that my time on the NAR Board has prepared me to make the next step on my Soroptimist journey and run for District IV Director.

**SIA NORTH ATLANTIC REGION
CANDIDATE 2018-2020**

For Office of:	District 4 Secretary	North Atlantic Region
Member Name:	Catherine Forman	
Soroptimist Club Name:	Soroptimist of Fayette County	
Business Name/Profession:	Retired Registered Nurse	
Job Title:	N/A	

Soroptimist Experience

Federation:	Attended Conventions: None
Region:	Attended Region Conferences: Spring Conference for the last 4 years
	Positions held for NAR: Co-chair for NAR merchandise 2020-present Leadership Seminars: Last 3 years
District:	Attend all Fall District Meetings: Yes-last 4 years
Local:	Past Positions: Member of the following committees: Board Member previous 4 years, co-chair for fall district meeting-2018

List Current Community And Other Activities:

Past community activities: As member of Clifton Church of the Brethren-Sunday School Teacher, Member of Church of the Brethren Women’s Group, Member of the Children’s Disaster Services-Red Cross, Member of the National Nurses United that Advocates for Safe Staffing and Healthcare for All, Medical Missions Trip to India -2004, Medical Missions Trip to Africa -2007, Medical Missions Trip to Haiti -2010

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Paragraph explaining: Why Position Being Sought

To support the organization in its mission in helping women and girls with access to the education and training they need to achieve economic empowerment. I'm task and goal oriented and understand the need to complete objectives on a timely basis. I am organized, a good listener and focused. These are traits that make me a good candidate for secretary. I'm passionate about the mission and enjoy working with strong women who are committed to achieving the goals of the North Atlantic region

**SIA NORTH ATLIC REGION
CANDIDATE 2022-2024**

For Office of:	Secretary – District IV	North Atlantic Region
Member Name:	Tasha L. Herald	
Soroptimist Club Name:	SI S.U.N.	
Business Name/Profession:	Dauphin County Domestic Relations	
Job Title:	Conference Officer	

Soroptimist Experience

Federation:	Attended Conventions: None
Region:	Attended Region Conferences: Cape May – NJ 2018 and Butler – PA 2019 Positions held for NAR: Vice-Chair of Membership for District IV - Currently Leadership Seminars: SOAR – 2017 – Phoenixville PA
District:	Attend all Fall District Meetings: District 3/4-Danville PA – 2017, District 3/4-Phoenixville PA – 2018 and District 3/4-Connellesville PA – 2019 – District 3/4/5-Selinsgrove PA – 2021
Local:	Committee Chair for: Co-Chair of Administration Committee 2018-present. Past Positions: Director – Board of Directors, Chair of Inspirations for meetings, Transforming Treasures Committee, Member of 70th Anniversary party, Past Recording Secretary, (filled open position that was from resignation) from 2019.

	Installed as Secretary July 2019 term also and served until end of 2021 term. -D4 Fall District Meeting planning committee-2021
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List Current Community and Other Activities:

Current Community Activities: SI SUN Soroptimist Current Member. Attends Grace Covenant Community Church regularly.

Past community activities: Prior Member of Susquehanna Civil War Round Table; Prior Member Union County Historical Society; Prior Member - Administration of Justice and Society Member; Prior Member of Union County Soldier and Sailor Restoration Parade Committee Member; Prior Member of PA Army National Guard 3rd of 103rd Family Support Steering Committee Member; marched in the Union County’s 4th of July Annual Parade; Prior Volunteer at United States Penitentiary – Lewisburg Bureau of Prisons.

Honors/Recognitions: Recipient of the Donald Rote Scholarship in High School.

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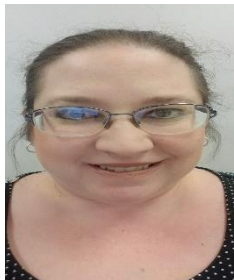
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Paragraph explaining: Why Position Being Sought

I am seeking this position because I believe that I have a lot to offer as District IV Secretary. I was very prompt and precise with all of my submissions of Business and Board minutes within my Club when I was Recording Secretary. I took pride in being in the Secretary position. I have received many compliments of such. I am reliable and have attended a lot of Soroptimist events. I rarely miss a Club Business Meeting and/or a Board Meeting. I perform all requests of the President and President-Elect of my Club to the best of my abilities. I am Co-Chair the Administrative Committee. I am responsible for membership, I invite prospective members and greet them at meetings. I assign a mentor to the guest (another club member) so they have someone to ask questions and be with them at the meeting.

As Vice-Chair of Membership for District 3/4 I have worked closely with the Chair Lenore Scurry to coordinate presentations, gather information and actually be a presenter. I helped present at the 2019 Spring Conference and was the sole Presenter at the Fall District Meeting 3/4.

I have been told “Your enthusiastic personality and how proud you are to be a Soroptimist makes you an up and coming shining star.”

When I joined Soroptimist, I knew I have found my forever Club! The friendships, the bonds, the everlasting relationships I have already developed are so beyond words.

I believe my work and personal experience would be a great asset to the NAR Board.

I look forward to possibly serving and giving more back to this wonderful organization.

FOR District Five:

**SIA NORTH ATLANTIC REGION
CANDIDATE 2018-2020**

For Office of:	District 5 Director	North Atlantic Region
Member Name:	Heidi K McNamar	
Soroptimist Club Name:	Greater Hartford	
Business Name/ Profession:	Retired Small Business Owner	
Job Title:		

Soroptimist Experience

Federation:	Attended Conventions: San Diego, Calgary, Philadelphia, Vancouver, Yokohama
Region:	Northeastern Conferences, Eastern Canada 2007, South Atlantic Conference 2007, Camino Reale - 2008, Midwestern - 2008, North Atlantic Conferences: Saratoga, Albany and Mars PA
District:	Leadership Workshops for Northeastern Region, and 2020 Zoom Leadership Meetings, and 2021 District 1,2 & 5
Local:	President - Greater Hartford Club Treasurer Corresponding Secretary Board Member

List Current Community And Other Activities:

Past community activities:

Honors/Recognitions: Recognized by the Salvation Army for providing 700 Turkey Dinners for the Thanksgiving program. My company did this event for over 25 years

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Paragraph explaining: Why Position Being Sought I am seeking this office to help with the successful integration of the Northeastern and North Atlantic Region. This is an opportunity for the new combined region to empower more women and girls with our Dream Programs. Education of women and girls will provide them with greater opportunities. I look forward to working with the other members of the board to make this happen.

**SIA NORTH ATLANTIC REGION
CANDIDATE 2022-2024**

For Office of:	D5 Secretary	North Atlantic Region
Member Name:	Tracy Scala	
Soroptimist Club Name:	SI of Farmington Valley, CT	
Business Name/Profession:	1) St. Vincent DePaul Mission Bristol, Inc. 2) Scala & Associates, LLC	
Job Title:	1) Administrative Assistant (Part-time) 2) Staff Consultant	

Soroptimist Experience

Federation:	Attended Conventions: 2020 (virtual), 2018, 2016, 2014, 2012 SIA Donor Relations Task Force Member – Sept. 2019 –present SIA Fundraising Council Nominating Committee Chair – Oct. 2018-Jan. 2019 SIA Fundraising Council Nominating Committee Member – Oct. 2015-Feb. 2016; Oct. 2017-Jan. 2018 SIA Fundraising Council Chair – Sept. 2016-Aug. 2018 SIA Fundraising Council Member – Sept. 2015-Aug. 2019 SIA Convention Presenter – Yokohama 2018 SIA Governor’s Round Table Presenter – Toronto 2017 SIA Governor’s Round Table Co-presenter – Orlando 2016 SIA Convention Workshop and Region Fundraising Chair Training Co-presenter – Orlando 2016 SIA Healthy Region Criteria Task Force Member – Summer 2013-Spring 2015 SIA Convention Attendee & Workshop Co-presenter – Vancouver 2014
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	<p>SIA Governor’s Round Table – Philadelphia 2013 SIA Convention Delegate – Hawaii 2012 SIA Governor’s Round Table – Hawaii 2012</p>
Region:	<p>Attended Region Conferences: several for Northeastern Region 2005 - 2020; 2012 NAR in Albany NY; 2016 NAR in Saratoga Springs, NY; 2020 & 2021 for North Atlantic Region (both virtual)</p> <p>Positions held for NAR (& NER): NAR Co-Treasurer – July 2020-present NER Fundraising Chair – July 2016-June 2020 NER Conference/Workshop Committee Co-chair – July 2014-2020 NER “A Toast to Women!” Event Committee Co-chair – Nov. 2015-Dec. 2016; Feb. 2018-Dec. 2018 NER Interim Treasurer – Oct. 2014-Nov. 2014 NER Governor – July 2012-June 2014 NER Governor-elect – Dec. 2011-June 2012 (appointed – NER was Federation-directed until December 2011) NER Membership Chair – 2006-2008</p> <p>Leadership Seminars: Attended several NER Leadership workshops & seminars</p>
District:	<p>Attend all Fall District Meetings: Numerous NER Fall Workshops 2005-2020 (similar to NAR FDMs); NAR FDM 1-2 2015 (in NYC); NAR FDM 1-2-5 October 2021 and FDM 3-4 November 2021</p>
Local:	<p>Leadership & Committee Chair Positions: Board Advisor – July 2021-present Fundraising Committee Co-chair – May 2014-June 2015 President – July 2010-June 2012 Vice President – July 2008-June 2010 Membership Chair/Co-chair – July 2006-June 2009</p>

List Current Community And Other Activities:

- St. Patrick’s - St. Mary’s Haiti Ministry, Unionville CT
- Secretary, Dec. 2014-present St. Mary’s, Unionville CT
- Eucharistic Minister, present (not sure when I started)

Past community activities:

- St. Patrick’s, Collinsville CT – Eucharistic Minister
- St. Patrick’s, Collinsville CT – Women’s Guild Member
- Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS), Avon CT – Steering Committee/Hospitality Coordinator & Member

Honors/Recognitions:

- CT Coalition Against Domestic Violence “First 100 Plus” Award, October 2015

- CT Women’s Education and Legal Fund “A Woman of Inspiration a Day” campaign honoree, April 2013
- Woman of Distinction-Community Development, presented by CT Secretary of State Denise Merrill, April 2013
- Dun & Bradstreet: Olympian Award Nominee, 1996; Customer Focus Award, 1995; “The Leaders” Conference Award, 1994

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Paragraph explaining: Why Position Being Sought

I love being a Soroptimist – our mission, our Dream Programs, what we as members accomplish individually and collectively. Since July 2020, I’ve been acting as Co-Treasurer of the North Atlantic Region, overseeing the Northeastern Region’s financial records so its account could be closed, audited and remaining funds merged with the North Atlantic Region’s account. With careful spending, NER was able to add \$14,000 into the NAR account - \$10,000 more than originally budgeted! This helps put NAR into a better financial position for the 2022-2024 biennium.

I’m honored to offer my service in the role as D5 Secretary for the 2022-2024 biennium. I’m quite familiar with taking minutes of my Soroptimist club meetings since I act as a backup Secretary; and I am also Secretary of the Haiti Ministry I’m a member of. If elected as D5 Secretary, I look forward to serving on the Region Board and helping keep accurate minutes.