



Soroptimist Scene

Newsletter - November 2018

President's Message

Can you say Busy???? That's what we have been and we Love it!!!!

We have accomplished a lot within the first three months. But, we're going to request you do more. We know we've asked you to create new ideas, committees, and become focal in the community.

We must continue to work on our sponsors, fundraisers, etc and of course, our DIBI seminar and LYD banquet. Ya'll are amazing, anytime suggestions have been made, you have stepped up. So, here it goes, we need to start concentrating on membership. We can do this by social media, email, etc. But, we also want you to think of outlying areas where new clubs can be started, such as Pinellas, Pasco, Polk and Manatee counties. Let's think outside of our small area.

Just imagine if we could have four or five Soroptimist Clubs in our rural



President Cathy & President-Elect BJ

counties as well as Tampa. We would be reaching so many young girls and young women in need. Our services are needed now more than ever. We have to do what we can to make sure that these atrocities against girls and women do not carry over into the next generations. Our Southern Region

Board is ready to step in and help, so we won't be alone in our endeavors.

We are aware that everyone is busy and the holidays are upon us, but we can do this!!!! This busy club and our busy women are what continues to make Tampa a huge success!



Special points of interest:

- District Meeting

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District 1 & 2 Meeting

By Lorraine Lundy, District II Director, SI Tampa



On October 12, 2018, six SI Tampa Club members took a road trip to Stuart, Florida.

SI Stuart was the host club for this year's District 1 & 2 Meeting. We stayed on Jensen Beach in

new surroundings, with good food, and ac-

cess to an indoor and outside pool area. The beach and the Atlantic Ocean were just a few feet away and some of the SI Tampa club members waded into that water after checking in. Being near the water made seafood the item for dinner and then off to bed to be ready for the district meeting in the morning.

Included with our meeting agenda were the Stuart sailfish and starfish souvenir pins attached to a purple ribbon to bring awareness to October Domestic Violence month.

The gavel was sounded for *District 1 Director Heidi Schaeffer* and *District 2 Director Lorraine Lundy* to take the reins to facilitate their "first" District Meeting. There were 88 in attendance with 23 "first timers". The "Mission Moment" with speakers from *Toastmasters* gave us pointers on how to be persuasive when speaking and allotted time to write a two-minute elevator speech. We

Presentations of the four pillars started with *Fundraising* by Chair *Susan Coyle*. An optional stretching exercise was given by *Governor-elect Michelle Strawser*. *Public Awareness* was presented by *Danielle Zimmerman* using Facebook and the challenge to use the Soroptimist logo to further our brand and to

coax women to join us. *Angie Krumenacker, Programs Chair* reiterated service in your local community and being able to brag on your club by submitting the "Celebrating Success" form. We adjourned for a "Celebration of Success" lunch with my favorite meal choice(chicken). *Governor Caro-*

line Williams and *Immediate Past Governor Denise Held* presented awards to clubs for their dedication to the Soroptimist mission. The meeting was reconvened and *Membership Chair Helen Bailey* (who traveled all the way from Tennessee) gave us some "bling" (a diamond ring) to introduce the

challenge has been given that each existing club charter one or more new clubs so that we may have "100" new clubs for our "100th birthday".

Our own B.J. Scott presented SI Tampa's *Governor's Service Award* and **we WON!!!!** We will present it again at the *2019 Southern Region Conference in Orlando*, so

please plan to attend and cheer her on. *Alexandra Zalis* gave the latest *Ruby Lee Minar* report with some added humor. We were educated about "Carrying Your Courage" by keynote speakers *Laura Rachlin* and *Karen Hansen* who shared their life challenges with mental, and sexual abuse, and suicide. These were hard topics to hear about but topics that must be brought to the fore-

The gift card raffle was a big hit! Thank you, SI Stuart for being a gracious host. With your help another district meeting is on the books. We ended the meeting in Soroptimist tradition by holding hands and recited the Soroptimist Pledge.

front discussion

District I & II Meeting



In the News

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Our very own
Lorraine Lundy
mentioned in the
Treasure Coast
News!
Way to Go!

Suzy Hutcheson, left, of Soroptimist International of Stuart and Lorraine Lundy, District II director, hold a purple shoe, the luncheon centerpiece supporting an end to spousal abuse, at the district meeting of Soroptimist International of the Americas Southern Region I & II.
JACKIE HOL FELDER/SPECIAL TO TREASURE COAST NEWSPAPERS

We Are One
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Save the Date

General Meeting

November 8th, @ 5pm

The Centre For Girls, 105 W. Sligh Ave, Tampa

Dream It, Be It One Day Conference

April 27th, @ 8am

The Children's Board, 1002 E. Palm Ave, Tampa



Your Tampa Board has determined that to do our part in raising awareness to end violence against women and girls, we will wear orange on the 25th of each month. To bring awareness to the community, we will hold board meetings on the 25th of each month. The board meeting will

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Deborah Pruden	November 2nd
Teri Matlach	December 2nd
Deb Rebuck	December 2nd
Diana Miller	December 8th
Cathy Strawser	December 9th

Light Up the Night



Join Pasco County
Sheriff's Office in raising
awareness to END
HUMAN TRAFFICKING

For more information and to register,
click the link below: our name out there.

[2019 Light Up the Night
Tampa Bay 5k Run/1Mile
Walk](#)

Saturday, January 19, 2019
Wesley Chapel, Florida

Join SI Tampa club members as we get
some exercise, support a cause and get