



Soroptimist Scene

Newsletter - October 2019

President's Message

Good Evening to All,

This month has been extremely busy as well as very productive. We started with our Luna Fest which turned out many more people and our recognition is getting stronger in the community. Luna Fest was fun and we had a great turn out. We even had our 1st write up in the Tampa Times in a long time. Trish and her committee excelled. Our hats are off to you, Trish.

We then prepared ourselves for a trip across Florida to Jensen Beach for our Southern Region District I & II meeting (Renew – Refresh – Restore). This meeting was casual, informative & fun, with nine of us in attendance. District I & II Directors Heidi and Lorraine did an amazing job. If you have never been to one of these meetings, plan to attend one in the future. It will help keep you abreast of changes in SIA as well as renewing or starting friendships with other Soroptimists.

We are now entering the time to start preparing for our LYD Banquet and our DIBI seminar. We need to start working with our committees for DIBI and LYD,



President Cathy

because it takes us all for this to be a success. These are the times that we all seem to shine more.

We also have our membership meeting October 10th, so please bring a friend. This will be a meet and greet.

Last but not least, we will be hosting the Southern Region Conference! This is such an honor for us to host and it will be another exciting adventure for us to explore.

know we have so much to do, but when SI Tampa has a mission, there is no other group of women I would stand with to succeed!

Thank You all for who you are!!!!

"We Are One"

Cathy



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Member Spotlight ~ Meet Trish Wild

I was born and raised in Pennsylvania. My husband, Mitch, and I moved to Tampa seven years ago.

My children are grown. My son, Benjamin, is a musician and lives in the Philadelphia suburbs. My daughter, Kaitlin, is a graphic designer, and lives in the San Francisco Bay area.

I'm a Penn State alum, but I follow Notre Dame football.

I worked as a software engineer for over twenty years and moved into IT project management a few years ago. I manage the teams that provide national support for most of the Veterans Administration's clinical software.

When I was in grad school, I helped small businesses market their products. At one point, I was an adjunct professor at a community college.

I enjoy traveling with my husband, visiting my children, kayaking, hiking, watching wildlife, cooking, reading, and playing with my three cats. A few years ago I was a power-lifter and seriously considered competing in several events. I had to stop due to injury, but I really want to work my way back. I love planning events, like Lunafest, and handling social media for SI of Tampa. It gives me a chance to be creative!

I became a member of SI Tampa on January 10, 2017. SI of Tampa member Mindy Richards and I graduated from high school together. We reconnected when she moved to Florida and, at that time, I was looking for an opportunity to serve the community. I asked her about Soroptimist and knew that I wanted to be a part of their mission. I'm very passionate about women's empowerment, equal rights for all, STEM careers for women, veterans rights, mental health care, and human trafficking awareness.



Wanted: Soroptimist Heroes

Heroes do extraordinary things that demonstrate courageousness, kindness, and compassion. Sounds like a Soroptimist, right? Help grow our forces by using this [customizable advertisement](#) to attract other like-minded women who want to be heroes and make the world a better place for women and girls.

Save the Date

Southern Region Conference is coming to Tampa!!

Mark your calendars now for

April 24th-26th, 2020

Keep an eye out for more information to follow!

October Events

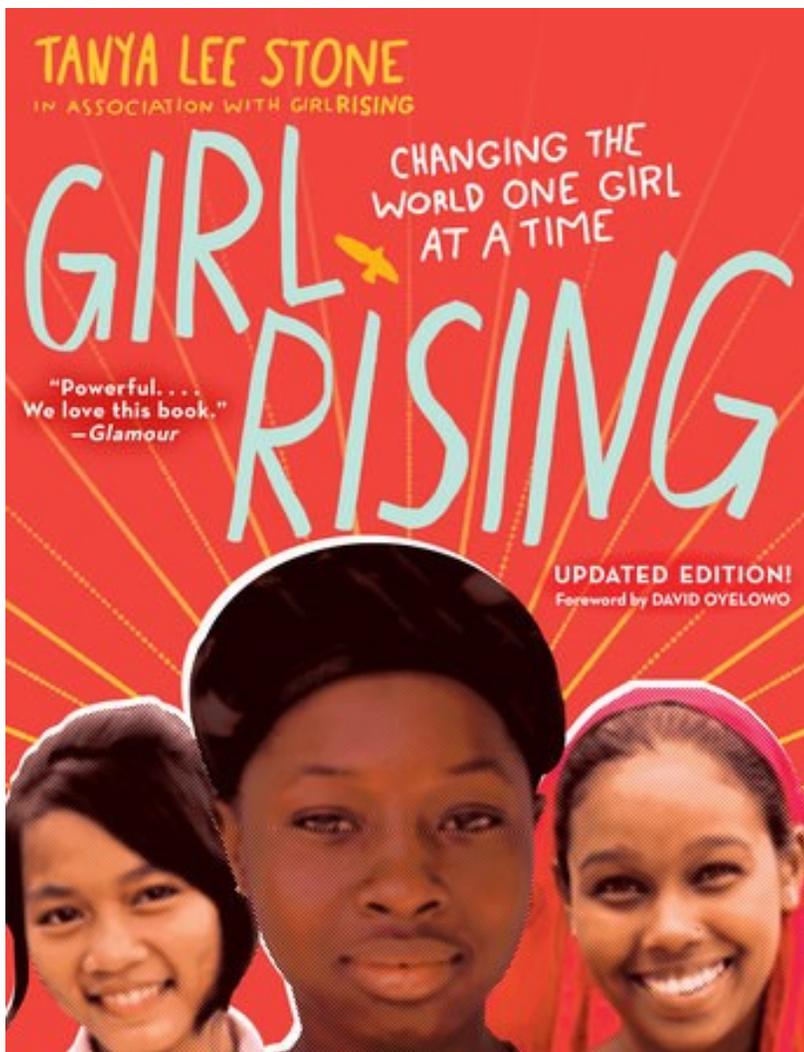
Monthly Meeting

October 10, 2019

5:00pm—7:00pm

Location: The Children's Board, 1002 East Palm Ave., Tampa

*International Day of the Girl
October 11, 2019*



The new paperback version of Girl Rising is now available. This book includes great stories of girls from all around the world, rising through adversity, and statistics.

Get it [here](#).

Nominations Sought for Ruby Award

Each year Soroptimist International of Tampa recognizes a local woman with the Soroptimist Ruby Award: For Women Helping Women. This award honors women who are making extraordinary differences in the lives of other women, through their professional or personal efforts. Examples would be a woman who helps to establish a domestic violence shelter, a woman who starts a mentoring program for at-risk girls, or a woman who lobbies her company to provide on-site childcare. This award program gives our club the opportunity to say “thank you” and encourage others to explore ways to assist women. A Ruby Award recipient should be a woman who has worked to improve the lives of women and girls; has had a significant impact on the lives of women and girls, and who would inspire and encourage other women.

Do you know a woman like this?

We are currently accepting nominations for our 2020 Ruby Award recipient. A woman may nominate herself or be nominated by another. The nomination form includes an essay (not more than 750 words) discussing why this individual is deserving of this honor. Please contact committee chair Jeanette Garcia if you would like more information or a nomination form.

Get to Know

Girls all around the world struggle each day with gender equality, education equality, gender-based violence, climate change, self-esteem and girls' rights. Let's educate ourselves and get involved where we can. As we near International Day of the Girl, check out the articles/websites below to become familiar with programs working to help girls succeed.

[Girl Rising](#)

[International Day of the Girl](#)

[Girls Not Brides](#)

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YOU CAN BE IT!**

