



# Soroptimist Scene

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## President's Message



*Luke 2: 4 – 7, “So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them”*

I pray this holiday season finds you in good health, surrounded by loved ones and friends. After all, isn't that what the holidays are all about?

As we celebrate this holiday season, be sure to spend time giving and supporting those less fortunate. This year my family and I participated in the Operation Christmas Child program. We packed and shipped four shoeboxes of items to send to children in other countries. I am so very glad and grateful that we participated because it gave our children an opportunity to think of someone other than themselves for a change. Our hope was to give

them a sense of the true meaning of the holiday.

We have a few exciting things to look forward to this month. Teen Achievers will be meeting on the first Thursday and our annual Christmas Party will be December 10<sup>th</sup>. We are also able to welcome a new member, Ms. Trisha Wild. Ms. Wild was introduced to Soroptimist by member Ms. Mindy Richards. So, thank you Ms. Mindy for sharing your love for SI Tampa!

Our website, [www.tampasoroptimist.org](http://www.tampasoroptimist.org) is up and running! Please be sure check it often for updates and current information. Also, email any pictures from SI Tampa events to me so that we can display our service and events on the site. As always, thank you for all you do to make this club the best it can be. Enjoy your holidays and see you soon!

.President Rosetta



## *You're invited!*

Our annual Christmas Party will be on Saturday, December 10, 11 am to 2 pm. Please join us for a fun social gathering to share the holiday spirit.

And please bring:

- a side dish to share
- your gifts and grocery items for our Christmas family
- a wrapped ornament
- your donation to support the SI December 10<sup>th</sup> President's Appeal "Educate to Lead: Nepal." Remember our November calendar?

After lunch, we'll wrap all the presents for our Christmas family. We have lots of wrapping paper and ribbon, but it would help if you can bring scissors. The party is at the home of Teri Matlach, 3911 Butternut Ct., Brandon. The main dish and drinks will be provided by our gracious hostess. Please RSVP to Teri at [tiggerteri@gmail.com](mailto:tiggerteri@gmail.com) by December 6. Guests are welcome.



Our Christmas family includes Mother Kari, age 29, and her three sons: Carlson, age 9, Kori, age 6, and Matthew, age 2, along with Kari's mother, Kay. The family had to move recently, and they are now staying with relatives in South Tampa. At our November meeting, the members agreed to also assist this family with food for Thanksgiving. We "passed the hat,"

and everyone was so generous. We were able to deliver a Wal-Mart gift card for \$125 to the family the week before Thanksgiving. This was a much needed and appreciated gift for all involved.



Kori and Carlson

If you know that you are unable to attend this Christmas party on December 10, please arrange to deliver your gift and grocery items to one of the members of our Christmas Family Committee.

Our thanks go to everyone who is making Christmas brighter for this young family that has had so many struggles.

Christmas Family Committee

Diana Miller

Sandy Gallogly

Carmen Melton

## Welcome New Member

Patricia Ann “Trish” Wild



I live in Carrollwood with my husband, Mitch and kitty Gizmo. We're originally from Pennsylvania, and we've been here a little over four years. My proudest achievement is being mother to two grown children, Katie and Ben. Katie lives in San Francisco and is a graphic designer for a video game publisher. Ben lives in the Philadelphia suburbs and is a musician. Mitch and I love Florida, but it is difficult being so far away from the kids! I try to visit as much as possible.

Professionally, I graduated from Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania with a degree in Business Information Technology. I then received my MBA from The Pennsylvania State University. I've been a software engineer for almost 25 years. For the past few years, I've been working on government contracts for the Veterans Health Administration/VA. My employer is Liberty IT Solutions, located in Melbourne, FL, but I work from home.

In my spare time, I work out with my husband at

the gym -- we're both weight lifters. I also love to kayak, swim and do anything by the beach. I'm a certified scuba diver and love to travel. Reading and painting round out most of my spare time, along with a little gardening. Hubby and I also enjoy taking cruises out of Tampa and Port Canaveral.

I've been searching for a volunteer opportunity in my "new" state and feel very fortunate to have found you, via Mindy Richards! I look forward to serving with my new sisters!!!

Sincerely,  
Trish

## Teen Achievers



We'll meet with the Teen Achievers on Thursday, December 1 at 3:30 PM at the Central City YMCA for the next Dream It, Be It session. All members are welcome. This is your opportunity to help guide these young women toward a healthy and fulfilling future. There are also opportunities to individually mentor a high school student on a weekly basis. Please contact Fran DeLuccia to coordinate these activities.



## Sprinkles of SOLT

### *Soroptimist Orientation and Leadership Training*

As a Soroptimist, you join hearts and minds with about 75,000 members in 132 countries and territories worldwide who work together at the local, national and international levels to educate, empower and enable opportunities for women and girls.

Soroptimist International <http://www.soroptimistinternational.org> is headquartered in Cambridge, England and includes four Federations:

Soroptimist International of the Americas

<http://www.Soroptimist.org>

Soroptimist International of Europe

<http://www.Soroptimisteurope.org>

Soroptimist International of Great Britain and Ireland <http://www.sigbi.org>

Soroptimist International of South West Pacific.

<http://www.SISWP.org>

Our federation SIA, with headquarters in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania includes 1300 clubs in 20 countries and territories throughout North America, South America and the Pacific Rim. Within SIA, our Southern Region includes 18 clubs in five states and Puerto Rico.

The International Soroptimist newsletter “AGlobal Voice” is available online at <http://www.soroptimistinternational.org>



Teri Matlach	December 2
Diana Miller	December 8
Cathy Strawser	December 9

### **Soroptimist International of Tampa Officers for 2016-2017**

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**Recording Secretary Teri Matlach**  
**Corresponding Secretary Vicki Salin-Decker**  
**Director Michelle Strawser**  
**Director Fran DeLuccia**

### *Upcoming Dates:*

December 1 @ 3:30 PM, Teen Achievers at the Central City YMCA

December 10 @ 11:30 AM  
Christmas party at the home of Teri Matlach

January 12 @ 5:30 PM  
Children’s Board of Hillsborough County

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