



# Soroptimist Scene



*Newsletter - December 2018*

## *President's Message*

Hi Tampa,

We hope your Thanksgiving was both filling in nourishment as well as the fulfillment and love of family and friends.

We are going into December with a lot of ambitious months ahead. We have our Christmas Family, our Christmas stockings for "Feeding the Homeless" and The Spring for a busy December. Not to mention our own holiday festivities that we are planning. What a way for us to go into this holiday season with the service that Tampa is providing. We love the way that all of you step up with your time to serve others.

We hope all of your upcoming Christmas festivities are as fulfilling as the service that you provide for others and that whatever your choice of holidays are, they are as positive and blessed for



**President Cathy & President-Elect BJ**

each one of you.

We are heading into the end of a great year. We have accomplished so much and we have so much more to do. Our Tampa Club is amazing, and we thank all of you for your participation and

support of your board. This is our club and it takes all of us to be successful.

Always remember Tampa, "We are One"

*BJ and Cathy*



### *Special points of interest:*

- 2018 Christmas Family
- 2019 Southern Region Conference
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## 2018 Christmas Family

Thank you to Cathy for finding our deserving family this year. Thank you also to Maxon Victor and Satera Smith at the Centre for Girls. They were the Christmas Elves who got Santa's list for us!! The Rutlands are our Christmas Family. The family consists of Mom, Nicole Rutland; Kearra Roberts, 13 years old, and Raziyah Roberts, 11 years old. The girls are described as extremely polite and kind. They both attend The Centre for Girls. Recently, Nicole has been caring for her Grandfather. He recently passed away and the family lost the roof over their heads. The Family has been provided lodging in a hotel. There is some uncertainty connected with this set up: so, at this point, we will stay with gifts that are easily transportable. Mom, Nicole, does have a car. Nicole is very grateful for any assistance we can give to her family during this holiday season.

As you look at this list, please also consider, a gas or grocery card. These would also be a welcome addition. Please call me with your ideas and to let me know what you'd like to contribute. (Phone 813-220-2959) I know you lead very busy lives; we'd like to offer the wonderful experience of delivering the bounty to more of you. This year we'll be bringing all of the treasures to the Center for Girls on December 17<sup>th</sup>. This experience will cause Joy to overflow in your tummy, toes, and heart. [Click here to see the list.](#)

Love to all. Enjoy this wonderful Season!!!

Sandy

## Christmas Party!!

Sandy Gallogly will be hosting our annual Christmas party on Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup> @ 11:30 am.

*Sandy's Address: 6112 Galleon Way,  
Tampa, 33615*

This party is a potluck. Sandy will be making ham and/or meatballs and spaghetti. Please bring *a dish, a wrapped ornament and the gifts for the Christmas family.* Also, you may want to bring any tape, scissors, boxes, gift bags, labels and wrapping paper you may need.



## Service Projects

### Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup> @ The Spring

Day of Service Volunteering at the Donation Center of The Spring on 209 N Willow Ave. We have the morning shift of the 8<sup>th</sup> of December and need to be there at 9am until 12pm.

You will need to wear closed toed shoes and bring ID as we have to sign in and if you want bring a bottle of water/juice they

have a frig where you can store it. We'll assist in sorting items, neatening the store, and help with incoming donations on the dock. If you can come please email me.

~ Smooches, Greta

### Monday, December 17<sup>th</sup> @ Manhattan Baptist Church

We will be handing out stockings and "Feeding the Homeless" beginning at 11:00 am.

The church is located at 4300 S. Manhattan Ave., Tampa.

## November Events



On Saturday, November 17th, SI Pinellas and SI Tampa met at Mobbly Beach Park for their annual joint picnic.

## 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.

*December 10th is  
Human Rights Day*

## Save the Date

### 93rd Southern Region Conference

Make a Wish on a Soroptimist Star for the Dreams of Women & Girls

May 3 - 5, 2019  
Lake Buena Vista Embassy Suites  
Orlando



**Orange Day** ~ 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 25<sup>th</sup> of each month. To bring awareness to the community, we will hold board meetings on the 25<sup>th</sup> of each month. The board meeting will begin at 5:30pm followed by a social hour. All members are encouraged to attend!

## President' Appeal

SI President Mariet Verhoef-Cohen's President Appeal is Women, Water & Leadership, which supports projects that educate, empower and enable women and girls with respect to water management resources and water-related careers. To date, SIA members and clubs have donated over \$60,000 to the appeal.

The appeal will raise money from all four federations to support five projects on five continents. There is currently one project in Africa and one in Europe. Below you can click on the links for update regarding Mwioko Women's Group, Kenya (improving the economic and social livelihood of women), and WeWash, Bulgaria (reshaping the lives of unemployed and low-income women and girls by increasing employability):

[Mwioko Women's Group, Kenya](#)

[WeWash, Bulgaria](#)

On December 15th, please consider making donation to the President's Appeal. Monies, checks or cash, will be collected at the Christmas Party.

## Human Rights Day

Human Rights Day is observed each year on December 10th. In 1948 the United Nations General Assembly adopted the [Universal Declaration of Human Rights](#). This year will mark the [70th anniversary](#) of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, a milestone document that proclaimed the inalienable rights which everyone is inherently entitled to as a human being -- regardless of race, color, religion, sex,

language, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status. It is the most translated document in the world, available in more than 500 languages.

For more information [click here](#).



## Human Trafficking Awareness



According to Dictionary.com, human trafficking is defined as the illegal practice of procuring or trading human beings for the purpose of prostitution, forced labor or other forms of exploitation.

January is Human Trafficking Awareness month. Florida has one of the highest incidences of human trafficking in the county.

For more information on human trafficking in Florida, visit the Florida Coalition for Human Trafficking [website](#).

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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:

### [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  
our name out there.

MAKE A WISH ON A  
SOROPTIMIST  
STAR  
FOR THE DREAMS  
OF WOMEN &  
GIRLS!

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE  
**2019 SOUTHERN REGION CONFERENCE!**  
MAY 3-5, 2019  
ORLANDO, FLORIDA  
Lake Buena Vista **EMBASSY SUITES HOTEL**  
Arrive early and stay late for the same **GREAT PRICE!**

The hotel has been **COMPLETELY RENOVATED** and includes  
a beautiful **NEW SPA!**  
**COME JOIN THE FUN!**