

What a joy it is to be President of SI Largo! Thank you for your confidence and support.

As part of our RADICAL RECONSTRUCTION - beginning with Monday March 8 meeting and continuing with Monday April 12 meeting, we are combining our meetings with SI Holiday Isles. After Southern Region Conference April 29 – May 1 our members will be visiting different clubs in the area. We have standing invitations from SI Upper Pinellas, SI Tampa, Zonta International of Clearwater, and if I recall correctly, North Pinellas Woman's Club. This should give us all kinds of ideas on how we can help one another "improve the lives of women and girls in our local community". Perhaps these organizations might want to help with the "Community Campaign against Human Trafficking" or we can lend a helping hand with their important projects.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY TO PINELLAS VILLAGE SINGLE PARENTS!

Wednesday MAY 5 from 3:00 – 5:30 PM, the children of Pinellas Village will be ushered into their Community Building to pick out a Mother's Day gift for their single Mom (or Dad) with whom they reside at the Village. Have you started collecting gifts for them? We will need about 200 little gifts like candles, picture frames, bath sets, purses, jewelry, etc of about \$10 to \$15 value. (Don't forget some Dad things – 3 to 5 Dads could be living there with their children on May 5.) We also need wrapping paper and gift bags – and of course your help. Best Buy will be on hand again to help us, taking photos and developing them on the spot. Let President June know if you have some gifts to be picked up – or bring them to whatever meeting you will be attending. Call me at 727-688-0150 (Cell) or email JuneMWallace@gmail.com.



We are stocked with 20,000 "Loves me, Loves me Not" and 20,000 "Teen Dating Rights" Bookmarks. As we continue to combine our meetings with SI Holiday Isles and SI Upper Pinellas, we look forward to opportunities to share these bookmarks and perhaps together we can COVER PINELLAS COUNTY with these life altering and sometimes life saving tools.

Southern Region Conference every year is an absolute joy. I guess I may have missed two or three in my 24 years as a Soroptimist, not by choice. Each year I come home energized with a new appreciation of these strong, caring women of Soroptimist. This is a not-to-be-missed giant PJ party with Southern Region friends we get to see only once a year (twice a year when there is an SI or SIA Convention that I am able to attend). We already have two rooms reserved; each room has two double beds, a double sofa bed, and TWO bathrooms so I hope at least four others will join my daughter Donna and me. The rooms at Embassy Suites, Deerfield Beach (located right on the Beach) are a special low rate of \$151 per night and can be split up to 6 ways. We hope to arrive on Thursday evening in time for the Board Dinner at Oceans 234 Oceanfront Grill and drive back home on Sunday morning after the closing sessions. Both Friday and Saturday are filled with great opportunities. The full meal and Conference package is \$195 (LATE FEE OF \$20 AFTER APRIL 1.) Guests are welcome! You don't have to be a Soroptimist to come and enjoy the fellowship, the leadership training, and the great keynote speeches. Email President June at JuWalla@Verizon.net.





Once every 16 years we get to have the International Convention in our Federation of the Americas . Next year is our year. The previous two International Conventions were in Sydney , Australia (Federation of Southwest Pacific) and Glasgow , Scotland (Federation of Great Britain and Ireland). Please join us for this huge event. Member Jane Strong is originally from the area. Perhaps she will be our tour planner?