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August – **Pinellas Village Back to School:** Club purchased **Scientific Calculators** for all students who required them. This month marked the beginning of **Pinellas Village new resident “Welcome Home Baskets”** consisting of laundry baskets filled with cleaning supplies. Baskets furnished this month provided enough for new residents from June, July, and August.

August - **Project Education:** This project will provide **needs for elementary schools, one on each of the three southernmost impoverished islands in the Philippines** and primarily funded thus far by donations solicited by members. Four boxes of shoes, school uniforms, and school supplies were shipped; \$820 was sent to purchase meals for undernourished children and an internet connection, and a long barrel typewriter donated & shipped for school admin.

September – **Train Weekend Club’s fundraiser** netted about \$1,200.

September – Club donated \$150 worth of **diapers to Pinellas Village.**

September – The club contributed \$200 to **Pinellas Village Teens involved in community service** outside the Pinellas Village community (**at Pinellas Hope and Tent City**) and have been cooking meals in the Community Room as fundraisers for a trip to Busch Gardens. The club’s contribution allowed all ten of these “PV Titians” to go to Busch Gardens.

September – Club donated \$1000 toward 29 year old **President Shireen Lackey’s trip to Paris as one of three young delegates to UN’s Human Rights Conference representing 90,000 Soroptimist Internationally.**

October - **“Invite a Friend” meeting** featured President Shireen’s Power Point presentation of the Human Rights Conference.

October – The **third printing** of 25,000 **“Loves me, Loves me Not” Bookmarks** was funded by the club in connection with the ongoing **Campaign against Domestic Violence.**

October – **Project Education:** Two more boxes were shipped.

October - **Women Vets Trauma Recovery Room at Bay Pines** was put on hold. A High Tea fundraiser set for October 12 at Largo Cultural Center was also put on hold until the Veterans Administration finds a suitable room. Project focus was to be a “Sanctuary” Room at Bay Pines; also a meditation garden. Club’s focus may temporarily change to comfort bags in collaboration with service organizations such as Zonta, GFWC, vet’s service organizations, etc.

November – A **\$500 Pinellas Village Emergency Fund** was set aside and \$200 of that disbursed to Caseworker to help residents in crisis.

November - **Golf tournament at Bayou Club – fundraiser for Project: Education** raised over \$2,000. The Club also reached out to other organizations in the community to obtain funding for the Project. **SunTrust Bank** donated over \$1,400 to **Project Education**, in the form of a 7 month CD at 4%.

November - **“Live Your Dream” goal cards** were printed and many distributed to Pinellas Village. These cards are business card size to allow them to be carried and easily accessible to reinforce goals and three steps to attain the goals.

November - **Visitor, Bente Clement, from Fouesnant, France**, attended meeting gave talk about herself or her club.

December – Holiday “Pot Luck” gathering at member Linda Feldman’s home.

December 10: Human Right’s Day Club members donated to Soroptimist International President’s Appeal, helping restore dignity to women with obstetric fistula.

December - **Pinellas Village Secret Santa** – As we have done each year since Chartering, our club provided an assortment of gifts for the children to choose from, wrapped those gifts, took a picture of each child, and provided supplies and assistance for each child to create a greeting card for their PV Parent.

December - After Secret Santa, **Pinellas Village Teens (Titians)** cooked dinner for Soroptimists and Friends of Soroptimist who had helped with the event. This was done as a thank you for the club’s support.

December - also marked the printing and distribution of 10,000 “**Teen Dating Rights**” bookmarks as part of **Campaign against Domestic Violence**.

January - Meeting Speaker was Kitty Rawson, Community Relations Specialist for Family Resources “**You&Me.WE**” program. Connection was made with member Laura Butler, Well Being Specialist for **US Army Medical Reserves** for a program for those at the local facility.

January – **Gloria West-Lawson of Fostering Hope Florida**, Charter member gave an update on the project; this Charity is seeking a facility in Pinellas Park and will give us another update when local help is needed.

January - Club had printed “**Keeping Women Safe at Work**” Z fold cards as part of our ongoing **Campaign against Domestic Violence**.

January - **Largo Police Chief Aradi** donated \$100 toward printing of **Domestic Violence initiatives**.

January – Two members trained for the **Volunteer Income Tax Assistance** program this tax season. IRS is to set up new site at Pinellas Village.

January - Eleven more boxes were packed and shipped to the elementary school in the Philippines as part of **Project Education**.

February – Members of **Zonta International** attended meeting. Our clubs have agreed to help each other with Community Service Projects whenever possible.

February - Club purchased table at **Largo Chamber Women in Business Expo**, Largo Cultural Center and **won the Best in Show Table Award** giving the club a free table for next year’s Expo.

February - Club was awarded **fundraiser November 7 & 8 Train weekend** at Largo Central Park.

February - **Biznet** donated a **photocopy machine, laser jet printer, commercial coffee maker, 3 tables and 10 oak captain’s chairs** to our club to be distributed to 501c3s we felt could most benefit from receiving them. Photocopy machine and coffee maker are being used by RCS; tables and chairs were given to three families coming out of transitional housing. Club is using the printer in an effort to cut printing costs.

February - Club to receive **20% discount on Chamber dues** next year due to new member recruitment.

February & March - Club received massive **donations of designer clothes** from St. Paul United Methodist Church Rummage Sale, a teacher at Bayside High, and a private donor to be distributed to places we felt would benefit most.

Donations were taken to **Pinellas Village, Women on the Way, the new “Dollars for Scholars” thrift shop at St. Pete College and to Clothes to Kids.**

March – **Women’s Opportunity Award** held as Sunday afternoon High Tea; **\$1,000 cash grant** awarded to Tiffany Peterson.

April - **Palms of Largo Gift Basket raffled** as fund raiser netted \$151 and **Garage Sale**, Largo Community Center netted \$36.

April - Member Millie Cortez, June Wallace, and Rayshall Poinsette were Club Delegates at **Southern Region Annual Conference in Huntsville, AL.**

May – Annual **Pinellas Village Mother’s Day Event** was aided by **Best Buy Team.**