

# SI Largo-MidPinellas

February 2010

## Newsletter

**"We will open the book. Its pages are blank. We are going to put words on them ourselves.  
The book is called Opportunity and its first chapter is the New Year."**

**---Edith Lovejoy Pierce**

"Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life. It turns what we have into enough or more. It can turn a meal into a feast, a house into a home and a stranger into a friend. Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today and creates a vision for our future."

---Melody Beattie

### **Upcoming Soroptimist Events"**

#### **Feb. 4: Program Meeting (Thursday)**

**6:00 – 6:30 PM - NETWORKING/SOCIAL/LIGHT REFRESHMENTS**

**6:30 – 7:30 - Program Soroptimist Orientation:**

**Woman's Opportunity Awards, Pinellas Village Mother's Day and Campaign  
against Human Trafficking – GLOBAL CLASSROOMS!**

#### **Feb 18 (Thurs) High Tea, 3 – 4 PM; Largo Medical Center's new Breast Institute**

**This Tea is only for members and guests of SI Largo and hosted by head surgeon who designed the facility for the greater comfort of breast patients!**

#### **March 6: (Saturday) WOMAN'S OPPORTUNITY AWARD LUNCHEON**

**March 24: (Wednesday) United Nations Assoc Global Classrooms; Opening Ceremony 9 AM; USF Tampa Marshall Center, Tampa Campus. Global Classrooms are Mock UN Sessions with over 500 Tampa Bay middle and high school students participating. Linda Smith, Former Congressman and founder of Shared Hope Int'l will be keynote speaker at the Opening Ceremony as well as at the UNA Luncheon that noon. Ms. Smith is author of "From Congress to the Brothel" and most recently "Renting Lacy"; she and two of her staff will be guests of SI Largo.**

**March 24: (Wednesday) Coffee & Dessert Reception for Linda Smith: Private home 123 Bayside Dr., Clearwater Beach. 7 – 9 PM. RSVP June Wallace 688-0150 (Cell)**

**April 29 – May 2, 2010 (Fri-Sun) Southern Region Conference, Boca Raton/Deerfield Beach, Embassy Suites Resort & Spa  
[Sr2010conference@gmail.com](mailto:Sr2010conference@gmail.com)**

**May 5: (Wed) Pinellas Village Mother's Day**

**June 5 (Sat) Joint Installation (SI Largo Hosting)**

**June 12 (Sat) SI Largo Annual Planning Meeting**

**July 7-10, 2010 (Wed – Sat) Soroptimist International of the Americas 41<sup>st</sup> Biennial Convention - Hilton Hotel, San Francisco, California.**

#### **Additional Dates to Remember:**

**October 15-16: SI Largo to Host Fri PM and Sat 8 AM – 3 PM District Meeting.**

**Dec 4 & 5, 2010: Train Weekend Fundraiser, Largo Central Park**

**Dec 8, 2010: Pinellas Village Secret Santa**

**July 10 – 14, 2011 – Soroptimist International Convention, Montreal, Quebec, Canada**

**February Community Events:**

**Feb 2 (Tues) 11:30 AM Women in Networking (WIN) luncheon meeting**  
RSVP to [Tammyandbrian@kw.com](mailto:Tammyandbrian@kw.com) Luncheon \$10; each attendee gets  
30 second commercial; Program: Human Trafficking Awareness  
Registration 11:30 AM

**Feb 7 (Sun) SUPERBOWL**

**Feb 8 (Mon) SI Holiday Isles Program Meeting; 5:30 PM; Treasure Island Yacht  
and Tennis Club, Treasure Island. Human Trafficking Awareness Program**

**Feb 25 (Thurs) St. Petersburg College Allstate Center "The Many Faces of Human  
Trafficking" free certificate course; 8 AM – 12 PM;**  
Training for Community Campaign Speakers Bureau 12:00 – 12:30 PM

**Birthdays:**

No February Birthdays?

*Soroptimist International  
Of  
Boca Raton/Deerfield Beach  
Invites YOU to the  
  
April 29-May 2, 2010  
84th Region Conference  
At  
Deerfield Beach Embassy Suites  
  
All Aboard!  
  
S. Leg a Sea  
  
Cruise Co-Captains: Cynthia Cummings & Lisa Jensen  
Come and Build Your Club's Legacy with  
Crewmembers from the Host Club  
Landlubbers Welcome!  
[www.soroptimist4women.org](http://www.soroptimist4women.org)*

**Mark Your Calendar**

Mark your calendar now, gather up your booty, arrange for a shipmate and start thinking about making your arrangements for transportation to attend the 84th Region Conference.

**We are excited about our speakers and activities.** Our Federation Guest will be Diane Thompson a member of the Butler County, Pennsylvania, Soroptimist club. She is a Past Governor of the North Atlantic Region and in 2009 she was a candidate for President-elect. Her workshop on Friday is entitled "Charting the Course for an Exceptional Cruise". She will discuss strategic leadership and planning. She will also be speaking on Saturday.

Nicole Simmons, Membership Director will be our second guest. She is new to Soroptimist and will present some fresh new ideas for membership in workshops on Friday and Saturday.

Keynote Speaker Captain Karen Baetzel, Navy retired, will be speaking to us about leadership gender issues and her experiences as a leader in the naval armed services.

We are pleased to be able to present to you the production "Body and Sold" which gives us a look into how victims are coerced into slavery and Human Trafficking. This will be followed by a forum with participation by our clubs on their awareness programs on Human Trafficking.