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Member/Hospice Nurse Bobbie Grunz collected our costume jewelry and three large suitcases with wheels were filled and taken, by Florida Suncoast Hospice Nurses, to Soweto, South Africa Hospice thrift shops. Funds from the sale of our used costume jewelry will be used to buy basic food, clean linens, and medicine for the many Hospice AIDS patients. Bobbie reported on the conditions, lack of basic needs, and horrific death toll this civil war genocide has caused in South Africa.

We netted \$1100 from Train Weekend Sept 2 & 3, 2006.

The District II meeting was held in Orlando at the Holiday Inn Altamonte Springs on October 6th and 7th.

We purchased 20,000 domestic violence bookmarks in English and 5,000 in Spanish for a total cost of \$900 (\$100 set up & \$800 printing). Soroptimist member, Largo Mayor Pat Gerard funded our purchase of display boxes for the bookmarks and business card holders for our purple “You Deserve to be Safe” Domestic Violence Hotline Cards. The Domestic Violence Hotline Cards were paid for by Largo Police Chief Lester Aradi. We had an excellent article in the St. Petersburg Times and also in the Largo Leader. An article also appeared in the November/December 2006 Tampa Bay Magazine.

In observance of November 25th International Day to End Domestic Violence, we presented the Workplace Campaign against Domestic Violence on November 14, 2006 at Largo Chamber luncheon. The hope is to have all Largo Chamber members put the purple “Hotline” cards and the bookmarks in their break rooms or places of business.

December, 2006 – Our second successful “Secret Santa” at Pinellas Village!

March 8, 2007 we held our annual Women’s Opportunity Award Luncheon at Cypress Palms and our first place winner, Audrey Lopez, went on to be Region Winner with a \$5,000 additional grant.

The Clothesline Project was held in Largo Central Park on March 17, 2007 and St. Petersburg Times reported the event on the front page of the Largo Times section.

On March 24, we assisted with the Resource Center for Women’s Dreamscape Auction. We also donated three gift baskets to sell at the Auction for the benefit of the Resource Center.

March 24 was also Largo’s Day of Good Deeds; several of our members participated.

Website has been transferred to June’s son in Georgia to maintain, with the only cost being that of the unavoidable website domain annual fees.

The days of our meetings was changed from Wednesday’s to Monday’s in our brochures, in the Largo Leader, library, and on the Federation web site.

May 4 – 6, 2007 several members attended Southern Region Conference in Key Largo, FL. Audrey Lopez was our guest and we were honored to learn she had received the Region Women’s Opportunity Award.

May, 2007 – Mother’s Day Celebration at Pinellas Village – very similar to our Secret Santa event.