



SOROPTIMIST INDY METRO

JANUARY 2015

Member of the Month Careth Flash



I was introduced to Soroptimism at a very early age. My mom was a founding member of the first SI club in Jamaica. As a child I thought it was just about tea parties and fundraising dinners. It was much later that I realized all the good causes that were being funded by those tea parties.

My first conference (I was a guest) really opened my eyes to the impact of Soroptimism around the world. I finally became a member when SI metro was chartered.

I moved to Indy in 1995 when my husband was transferred from San Francisco with United Airlines. We have one daughter, with whom Careth is pictured above.

My passion is art and travel. I love Soroptimism because it gives me an opportunity to make a difference in the lives of others, another passion of mine.

When I'm not traveling I work as a high school art educator.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Birthdays:

January 25 Audrea Perry

January Business Meeting

Date: Monday, January 5
Time: 6:00 pm
Place: Southeast Community Svcs.
 901 S. Shelby St.
 Indpls 46203
Theme: New Beginnings
 Wildtree Freezer Meal Preparation
 (See Jess'
 Email from Dec. 30)

February Business Meeting

Date: Monday, February 2
Time: 6:00 pm
Place: Southeast Community Svcs.
 901 S. Shelby St.
 Indpls 46203

Midwestern Region Spring Conference

Date: April 24 – 26
PLACE: Crown Plaza Hotel MILWAUKEE, WI
HOSTED BY: SI OF MILWAUKEE AND SI OF
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Soroptimist International 20th Annual Convention

Date: July 9 – 12
Place: Istanbul, Turkey
For More Information, and to register, go to:
<http://www.si-istanbul2015.org>



Club Award Winners Named:

Live Your Dream Award

(education & training award for women)

Brittany Vinson will graduate from Brown Mackie College in 2015 with a degree in Practical Nursing. She is 27 and a single mother with a 7 year old and 2-year-old twins. Brittany is now working as a CNA and has been motivated to get her degree both by her desire to provide more stability for her children and by her love for nursing.

Violet Richardson Award

(for high school girl who volunteers)

Katherine Yeager is 17 and volunteers weekly as a tutor for one Preschool and one Kindergarten girl at Tabernacle Presbyterian Church. She will receive a cash award of \$250 and her organization will receive \$150.

Candy and Nuts On Hand

Geneva Taylor reports that we have many choices of candy and nuts available for purchase or sale. Following is our current inventory:

- 1- pecan halves
- 2- pecan pieces
- 4- deluxe mixed nuts
- 2- roasted almonds
- 1- natural almonds
- 2- whole cashews
- 1- pistachios
- 1- honey roasted cashews
- 2- daybreak berry mix
- 2- spicy party mix
- 3- milk chocolate cashews
- 1- dark chocolate cranberries
- 2- dark chocolate bridge mix (mixed nuts)
- 2- milk chocolate covered almonds
- 2- milk chocolate malt balls
- 2- milk chocolate pecans
- 4- gummi bears
- 2- milk chocolate peanuts
- 1- box of pecan clusters (turtles)
- 1- box of mint meltaways

Contact Geneva to arrange to purchase any of the above.

How did members spend their holidays?



Geneva Taylor: I went to Chicago to throw my parents a 50th anniversary party. My mom, also a Soroptimist, and my dad, a Soroptimist "mister", had over 60 guests, young and old, including his best man and his wife of 50 years. We had a fun time!

Careth Flash: I spent Christmas with my family in Kissame near Orlando FL. Eleven of us enjoyed a warm Christmas





Jessica Davis: I traveled to Michigan and Elkhart, Indiana for the holidays. Spent my birthday in Frankenmuth at Bronners, the world's largest Christmas store.

Jaye Gaddis: I had my daughter and son and their families over all day for Christmas. My sister and her family came over for lunch. The 4 grandchildren had a GREAT Christmas. They loved everything Santa brought them. It was a day filled with food, fun, gifts, laughter and a lot of love. The Gaddis' always enjoy the Holidays. It is our family time.



Mary Shelby: I visited the Detroit area. On December 10 I attended the SI of Grosse Pointe Christmas party where I saw old friends and met a number of new members. On December 14 I spent the day with my sister Jean's family.

Tiffany Harris: My holiday was great! It started with my final trip of the year to Los Angeles to see Stevie Wonder in concert with my husband and sister (see pictures). The concert was the weekend before Christmas and was to benefit Stevie Wonder's annual "House Full of Toys" event.

The good times continued on Christmas with spending the day with my younger brother and my Sister's 2 Pomeranian Shitzus. I've had my brother and the dogs since mid-November while my sister was in Tech school for the Air Force; and they stayed through the holidays as my sister welcomed her husband home from his contractor role in Afghanistan. We started the morning with opening presents and dressing the dogs in their Christmas outfits (see picture). The day ended with spending time with friends.



The good times continued for the New Year with my sister and her husband coming to town (Houston). We spent New Year's Eve at a good friends house where my husband and I have spent the last 2 NYE's. This was the first New Year's in a very long time that I've spent with my brother and my sister and now our husbands. It was a memorable time and I was blessed to be around amazing friends and family. The holidays officially ended yesterday (Saturday, January 3) with my sister leaving (my brother left on New Year's Day). My husband and I now have an empty house, but it was a real joy having a very full house in our home to celebrate the holidays.