



## Southern Region GOVERNOR'S UPDATE

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### *From Pat's Pen*

If you did not attend the **88th Southern Region Conference in Nashville** May 1-4, **you missed out** on many worthwhile workshops; getting to "meet and greet" all of your current and future Soroptimist friends; the installation of new officers; the fun evening at **The Wild Horse Saloon**; as well as being a part of all that is Soroptimist!

Our guest speaker, Derri Smith, Executive Director, End Slavery Tennessee, gave us insight on human trafficking issues and what is being done to raise awareness and stop the demand for sex trafficking.

**The Embassy Suites Airport Hotel** was the backdrop for the Conference, offering spacious meeting rooms and great food!

The evaluation forms you completed indicate that you were

very pleased with the Conference and looking forward to next year's conference.

**Region Conference Chair Yvette Doherty and her Conference Committee** did a great job making Conference a great and memorable time!

A **BIG THANK YOU** goes to the **SI Music City Nashville club** members whose hard work made Region Conference a fun and exciting time for all of us!

A big change was made at Region Conference: **Districts III and IV** are now combined and will be named District III. This was due to having only 3 clubs in each District. The combined **new District III** (with 6 clubs) will offer more sharing of ideas and how to's at District meetings as well as being more cost effective for Southern Region.

Please mark your calendars now for **April 30 - May 4, 2015** for next year's Region Conference. And where will next year's Region Conference be held? You will be **CRUISING to Cozumel, Mexico!** Yes, that is correct. Details will be mailed to you soon.

Thank you for your support and service during the 2012-2014 biennium! **"Be the change you wish to see in the world!"**

*Governor Pat*



**THANK YOU, SOUTHERN REGION!**

As I prepare to leave office, I want to thank you for the opportunity to have served as your Governor for the 2012-2014 biennium! What a wonderful group of talented, creative, and giving women you are! I am so proud to be part of Southern Region and to have had the chance to visit and meet most of you throughout my travels these past two years. It has been an honor and a privilege to have served you and Southern Region. **Thank you for two wonderful years I will never forget!**

## WHERE WILL REGION CONFERENCE 2015 BE HELD?

### A Royal Carribean CRUISE to Cozumel, Mexico!

Please mark your calendars now for **April 30—May 4, 2015** for next year's Region Conference. And where will next year's Region Conference be held? **Southern Region Conference in 2015 will be a CRUISE to Cozumel, Mexico!** Yes, a **CRUISE!** Region Conference will be held onboard **ROYAL CARIBBEAN'S BRILLIANCE OF THE SEAS** star cruise liner! A deposit of \$100/per person to reserve your place on the **CRUISE** will be required by September 1, 2014. More specific details about the **CRUISE**, including full pricing details; deposit and payment information; ship amenities available; multiple roommates per room opportunities (limited quantity available—so act fast!); and more will be mailed to you soon so be watching your mailbox for this important information.

Check to make sure your Passport is up-to-date (also it must have an expiration date of no later than November 15, 2015—per Homeland Security) and get your bags packed for a wonderful cruise, great friendship and a **GREAT Southern Region Conference in 2015!**

## NEW SOUTHERN REGION OFFICERS INSTALLED

### Congratulations to your Region officers for 2014-2016!

Southern Region's officers for the upcoming 2014-2016 biennium were elected and installed at the 88th Southern Region Conference. Your new officers will take office on July 1, 2014. They are:

**Governor** - Terri Pettengill, SI Stuart

**Governor-Elect** - Denise Held, SI Homestead

**Treasurer** - Cynthia Cummings, SI Boca Raton-Deerfield Beach

**Secretary** - Ruth Davis, SI St. Lucie

**District I Director** - Mariela Montgomery, SI Boca Raton-Deerfield Beach

**District II Director** - Diana Hawkes-Williams, SI St. Lucie

**District III Director** - Caroline Williams, SI Tuscaloosa

## ALICIA ZACHMAN EMERGING LEADER AWARD

**CONGRATULATIONS!** to **Michelle Strawser, SI Tampa**—recipient of the **2014 Alicia Zachman Emerging Leader Award!** Michelle is one of our younger members and exemplifies what this award is all about. Her enthusiasm, innovative ideas, and service-oriented attitude is a tribute to her family (she is a 3rd generation Soroptimist!), her club, and Southern Region. This award recognizes and nurtures leadership skills in Soroptimists who are committed to our mission but have not yet held a leadership position beyond the club level. Way to go, Michelle!

## DATES TO REMEMBER

**SIA Convention 2014**

**July 23-26, 2014**

**Vancouver, B.C., Canada**

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**SI Convention**

**July 9-12, 2015**

**Istanbul, Turkey**

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**SIA Convention 2016**

**Orlando, FL**

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