

## Hello From The President

### Upcoming

#### Meetings

**Oct. 8** - Home Décor and Design Collection  
*Outreach: Coat Drive and Collin County Committee on Aging*

**Nov. 12** - Informal Modeling – Holiday Fashions  
*Outreach: Sign up for Angel Tree/Salvation Army*

**Dec. 10** - Christmas Party & Ornament Exchange  
*Outreach: Food Pantry*

**Jan. 14** Healthy You! Cooper Clinic McKinney  
*Outreach: Teen Mothers of Preschoolers*

**Feb. 11** - Restaurants of McKinney  
*Outreach: Hope's Door*

**March 10** - Fashion Show  
*Outreach: Hope's Door*

**April 14** Landscaping a Beautiful Yard  
*Outreach: Relay for Life*

**May 14** - Food and Wine Pairings  
*Outreach: SPCA*

WOW! What a great meeting we had in September to start our 2007/2008 year. SRLA members enjoyed hearing from Jeff Blackard and his plans for the development of Adriatica. There are some really fantastic things coming up! I know I'm really excited to watch this village develop. We're all very fortunate to have such a unique project right in our backyards.

Additionally, Scott Anderson, attorney and counselor at law gave us information about estate planning. It was very enlightening and I know I need to make an appointment with him to be sure my affairs are in order!

Dr. Jennifer Buchanan was also at our meeting to share about her Croatian Gratitude Coins.

To purchase one, stop at her office in Adriatica or Windsor Jewelers. They are \$10 and that all goes to the Boys and Girls Club!

Additionally, the ladies of the Stonebridge Ranch Ladies Association showed how caring they are by donating personal hygiene items for the Samaritan Inn.

For our next meeting, professional Interior Decorator Lori Burke will open her store, Design Collection, to SRLA members only. Also, WHIM director, Debra Pope will speak. Design Collection, is located downtown McKinney on the Square at the corner of Tennessee and Virginia. [www.designcollection.org](http://www.designcollection.org)

I will look forward to seeing you there!

Wendy

### Did You Know...

#### THANKS YARD SALE HELPERS!!

A very special *thank you* for all your help with our record-setting fall sale!

Sharon Taylor, Jan Ferris, Elaine Coomber, Dee Quint, Connie Hollstein, Chris Wallace, Wendy Shelley, Janis Spear, Beth Thomas, Linda Devilleneuve, JoAnn Austin, Barb Jones, Nichol Everett Pat & Ken Thrasher, Loretta Anderson, Dee Dee Anderson, Malina Pack, Lisa Sandborn, Priscilla Vessel, Debra Pope, Lisa Sandborn, Taylor Watts and Erica Schumann

**It's still not too late to join SRLA** for our '07-'08 year! Either bring a check for \$50 made payable to SRLA to our next meeting or send your check to P.O. Box 1972 McKinney, TX 75070.

*We need boxes! Please collect copy paper boxes for holiday food delivery. For details, please see page 2.*

**WRAP PARTY ON OCTOBER 22! See Page 2 for info!**

**October Outreach Project ~ Coat Drive!** Please bring gently used-coats for men, women, and children to the October meeting at Design Collection. Check your closets for coats you aren't using anymore and ask your neighbor if she has any to donate. (You could even invite her to the meeting!) You will get extra door prize tickets for participating!

**On-going outreach projects: Cell Phones for Soldiers.** Please bring your old cell phones to any SRLA meeting for donation. Also, this from **Communities In Schools: Burks Elementary** is also looking for volunteers able to commit at least one hour per week (for a minimum period of 8 weeks). Are you retired and wanting to spend some time helping students? Everyone is welcome to volunteer! Contact: Eva Madera, CISDR Campus Manager @ Burks Elem.469-742-6230 or [emadera@mckinneyisd.net](mailto:emadera@mckinneyisd.net). **Food Pantry:** the Stonebridge HOA continues to advertise that SRLA seeks donations for the Food Pantry. We receive calls every couple weeks to pick up the food items and deliver to the pantry location in downtown McKinney.

#### **An Update On Last Month's Outreach to Samaritan Inn –**

Just wanted to let you all know that the volunteers working at the **Samaritan Inn** were so thankful for SRLA's donation of personal care items! They said our donation came at the perfect time and they were so pleased with how much there was! They couldn't have been more appreciative and enthusiastic! Nice people! Thanks again to all of you who donated!

*If you see a need in our community where SRLA could help, please contact Outreach Coordinator, Melanie Hedrick at [m.hedrick@sbcglobal.net](mailto:m.hedrick@sbcglobal.net) or 972-816-7205.*



#### **WRAP PARTY!**

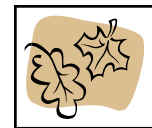
**Do you like wrapping presents? Or would you just would like an evening out with the ladies...**

Join us at JoAnn Austin's home at **1501 Berwick Drive, Monday, Oct. 22 at 6:30 PM** to decorate boxes for Collin County Committee on Aging's Thanksgiving food delivery. SRLA is wrapping the boxes in fall holiday paper. CCCA will fill the decorated boxes with Thanksgiving food items and deliver them to their clients in need. Please bring tape and a couple rolls of fall themed wrapping paper and maybe ribbon or stickers, etc. for decorating the boxes. Contact Melanie Hedrick with any questions, or to r.s.v.p. at [m.hedrick@sbcglobal.net](mailto:m.hedrick@sbcglobal.net) , 972-816-7205

PLEASE COLLECT COPY PAPER BOXES! If you have some, I'll pick them up from you! Thanks! ~Melanie

#### **FALL YARD SALE ... A GREAT SUCCESS!**

We are thankful to Stonebridge United Methodist Church for allowing SRLA to use their parking lot! This fall's sale was a huge success. In addition to the money earned selling parking spaces, SRLA took in an additional \$1,300 from donations and admission fees – that's \$500 more than in past years. The fall yard sale also had record participation with 110 spaces sold – the *most* ever sold for the *fall sale!*



Keep up with SRLA on the Web at [www.srla.us](http://www.srla.us) and learn more about this wonderful ladies organization!

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**Need A Great Sitter?**

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**Allison Brusa-**  
972-529-2859

**Alison Sheffer -**  
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**Elder Care/Weekend Care**  
**Nadya Patapoff (adult)**  
972-540-6354

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