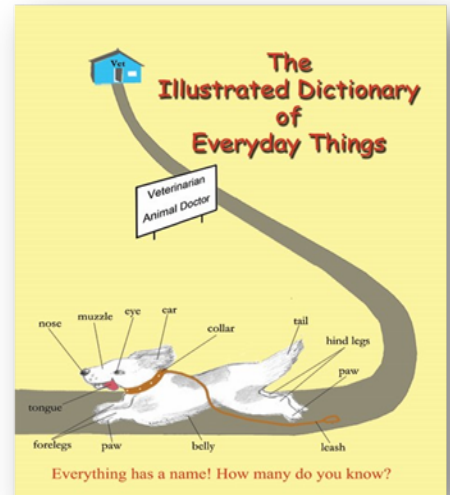


2018 South Atlantic Region Spring Conference Project Facilitated by SI/Mid-Atlantic Online:  
Providing copies of *The Illustrated Dictionary of Everyday Things*  
for children in the Wimauma, FL community

SI/Mid-Atlantic Online is collecting donations for immigrant children in 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> grade who are part of the Wimauma, Florida community. They come from non-English speaking homes with few resources in an impoverished community. One of our members, June Wallace, has served Wimauma Matters Collaborative as its facilitator since 2013. She has seen how this dictionary makes a difference for the students.

Of the 3rd grade students attending the two public elementary schools in Wimauma, FL, an average of only 22% of students pass the minimum base level 3rd grade reading exam. Is it any wonder these children are at high-risk of joining one of the five gangs with national and international ties now in Wimauma or of becoming victims of child sex trafficking?

Janet Caruthers has created *The Illustrated Dictionary of Everyday Things*. She is an education specialist with more than 30 years in the classroom and served as an Academic Intervention Specialist. She normally sells this dictionary for \$12.99 in a minimum quantity of 20, but has offered a special price for this project of \$6.00 per book purchased during Spring Conference and a no-minimum-quantity online order capability for SAR members who cannot attend but wish to contribute. You and your club, its location and the Soroptimist logo will be included on a bookplate provided for each copy of the dictionary.



**SPRING CONFERENCE PROJECT SUMMARY**

- ❖ SI/MAO Spring Conference attendees will be collecting contributions (cash or check) of \$6 per dictionary from members in the Region to be used toward the purchase of a children's illustrated dictionary. An online ordering capability will be available to SAR members not attending Conference at <http://www.makereadingfirst.com/Soroptimist.html> to order one or more copies of the dictionary.
  - Online orders should be sent to: June Wallace 1922 Sifield Greens Way, Sun City Center, FL 33573
- ❖ Here is a copy of the template for a bookplate sticker that will be affixed to the inside of the cover of each child's "Illustrated Dictionary of Everyday Things" and we encourage you to add your name and the State in which you live; it was also have the Soroptimist logo:
  - There are many people who care about your future. Some of those people are your friends and family. But there are others who you don't know, who live near and far. The person who purchased this Dictionary for you and sends best wishes for your success is \_\_\_\_\_ of SI/\_\_\_\_\_, in \_\_\_\_\_. This book is sent to you with hopes for you to do well in school so that one day, when you are grown, you will be able to do the same for another child who needs your best wishes.
- ❖ Recipients will be 2nd and 3rd grade non-English speaking children in the Wimauma community in Florida, where the children are from immigrant homes, impoverished, without resources and may not even have electricity in their homes (thus, no internet, computers, etc.). The dictionaries are part of a Vocabulary Intervention Curriculum being used with these children from non-English-speaking homes who struggle in the public school system.
- ❖ Contact for this project in the SI/Mid-Atlantic Online club is June Wallace, facilitator for the "Wimauma Matters" Collaborative [JuneMWallace@gmail.com](mailto:JuneMWallace@gmail.com) and at Spring Conference, contact Pat Witt, LouAnne Hunnicutt or Laura Jones.