

STATE OF THE NETWORK



INTRODUCING NEW SSN LEADERS

Amber Eisele (TN) Board Secretary

Amber became involved with the Straight Spouse Network in 2004 after her husband of 18 years came out. She has re-married (another Straight Spouse) and between them they have 5 children/step-children. Amber wants to give back to the organization that has done much to help her and her husband. She hopes to raise awareness so that no one feels isolated upon having a spouse come out.



Daphne Selvaraj (IL) Board Member

Daphne has been involved with SSN since 2006, shortly after discovering her husband's true sexual orientation. Currently she is the facilitator for Chicago's F2F groups, as well as a supportive presence for many newbies during that difficult time when they discover their spouse's sexual orientation is not what was previously assumed. Daphne has also been a liaison between local Straight Spouse Network F2F groups and local PFLAG groups. She has worked in an architecture firm for many years. Before that, she had internships at Leo Burnett and various local radio and TV stations, worked in a psychologist's office, and held jobs in the retail and hospitality industries.



Cathy "Frappy" Wos (FL) Communications Director

Cathy found out her spouse was gay in 1999, and they stayed together as a couple for two years. They separated in 2001 and were divorced in 2002. They did not have children, but remain friendly today. Cathy began working for the Straight Spouse Network as a volunteer in 2002. She joined the Staff in 2007 as a Communications Assistant. She has also served as Project Manager for a grant that the Straight Spouse Network received to reach underserved populations and helped compile our Group Facilitators' Manual. In 2009, she was promoted to Communications Director.

HELPING SSN THE FAST AND EASY WAY By Cathy W (FL)

Helping SSN doesn't have to cost you a ton of money or time.

Using GoodSearch is FREE and can take you only 30 seconds a day. In July SSN made a little less than \$10 from GoodSearch. This afternoon I GoodSearched a virtual calculator and did a little math: If 200 people use GoodSearch just TWO TIMES a day, we can raise almost \$125 in a month!

Two searches on the Internet take less time than flossing your teeth, but both can make you feel like you've done something good. It can be for something you look up all the

time or it can be an answer to a burning question you have. The site is run by Yahoo, so it's just like if you were searching the web at Yahoo.com. Every penny adds up and can be used to help SSN. So, be sure to go to www.goodsearch.com. Once you're there, type "Straight Spouse Network" in the box where it says "Enter your charity here." Now you're ready to search.

You can also shop and raise more money for SSN. More than 900 of the top Internet retailers including eBay, Target, Apple, Expedia and more have joined forces with GoodShop.com to donate part of every



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Searching and shopping together virtually, SSN can raise \$1500 a year in less time than it took you to read this article! Thanks for all your help and support.