

November/December 2015

I know this is a little late for the November blog, but I am sure you will all appreciate that it has been a busy time with Conference in Glasgow.

What a brilliant time we had, excellent speakers who motivated us all and sparked off immediate action from the members, and a superb Programme Day, thanks in the main to my predecessor Susan Biggs.

So many of the club projects were worthy of nomination for an award and it is always difficult to choose just one finalist, so congratulations to all winners and nominees.

The new Federation project ticks all the boxes and I look forward to hearing all that goes on in support of it after the launch next year which will occur on International Women's day, a few days before the SIGBI delegation heads off to CSW in New York.

There are still a few places left if anyone wants to go to CSW , but applications need to be in by the end of this month. It is an amazing experience and a chance for us to be seen and heard; linking with many other NGO's who have similar agenda's. Preparation is already well underway with much communication between SI Federations, especially our own Pat Black as International Director of Advocacy, UNCSW alliance, UN women and Zonta.

We really do need to take on board the Sustainable Development Goals and at least try to fit them to our programme work a little more closely, so I urge you all to make yourselves familiar with them and don't forget I am happy to come to any meetings to discuss Programme Action with you all.

There will be no December Blog this year, so may I take this opportunity of wishing you all a very Happy Christmas & New Year. 2016 will be a very busy year for Soroptimists, with the launch of the new SIGBI Project Meru Women's Garden Project, so have a good break and come back refreshed and revitalised for the year ahead.

In friendship,

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