



# PAM

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### International Women's Day March 8<sup>th</sup> 2010



Many events being planned so do get involved.

- In partnership with Women for Women International (our partners on Project Independence) a bridge event planned. Wearing white, women will stand on bridges and show solidarity

with women all over the world who are demanding peaceful resolution to conflict.

- With Save the Children, again wearing white, planned events to raise awareness about maternal and infant mortality issues.

With the Million Women Campaign, a march planned in Birmingham on March 6<sup>th</sup> to demonstrate about domestic violence.

So wherever you are try and get involved in some activity to show that we both care and are prepared to stand up for what we believe.

And you never know, it might get you that publicity you all want for our organization.

### DON'T FORGET TO TELL US WHAT YOU HAVE DONE!

**WAGGS:** Our International President Hanne is driving forward the partnership with WAGGS (World Association of Girl Guides and Scouts).

It is their 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Why don't you seek out the association in your area and write to them to congratulate them on their centenary.



**SI Long Term Project:** Six proposals for the theme for us to choose from are going to the SI board meeting in mid February. So watch this space for more news on how it to be taken forward.

**SI Programme Director for the Long Term Project** Reilly Dempsey has been appointed and will be joining the staff at SI HQ on March 15<sup>th</sup>  
**Hilary Ratcliffe SIGBI Programme Director**

### HAITIAN EARTHQUAKE – PLEASE HELP

To date, it is believed that at least 150,000 people have died in the Haitian Earthquake and more than 200,000 have been injured. Reports from the devastated country continue to claim that aid is still not getting through fast enough, and women in particular struggle to access what little there is. In the chaotic aftermath, there have been frequent reports of sexual violence and rape towards them.

**SI Port au Prince (SIE)** members are still missing after the earthquake. £2,000 has been sent from the SIGBI Emergency Relief Fund as well as letters of sympathy from the Presidents of SI/A and SIGBI.

Clubs can contribute to SI/E's Appeal but have to pay a £20 bank charge for sterling and £10 for euro payments. (<http://www.soroptimisteurope.org>) Our partners, UNICEF and Save the Children, are helping and these may be a possibility for clubs to assist.

There is the main disaster helpline:

[www.dec.org.uk](http://www.dec.org.uk)

Clubs can also send:

Shelter Boxes [www.shelterbox.org](http://www.shelterbox.org)

Aqua Boxes [www.aquabox.org](http://www.aquabox.org)

WaterAid [www.worldonwaterworks.org](http://www.worldonwaterworks.org) and

medical aid (<http://www.redcross.co.uk>).

Clubs may wish to contribute on an ongoing basis to the above. These help to meet Objective 7 "Meet the needs of women and girls during and after armed conflicts and disasters".

**Judi Chaddock APD International Goodwill & Understanding (Acting)**

### ROSES a poem by Jo Freya



With Valentines day approaching **Jane Slatter from London Chilterns Region** has circulated this poignant poem to remind us all that life is not a bed of roses and the day is not always good for everyone. You can read it in the Chairmen's message section of the **UKPAC** website [www.soroptimist-ukpac.org](http://www.soroptimist-ukpac.org) **Judi Chaddock APD Human Rights and the Status of Women**

### FAIR TRADE FORTNIGHT. Take part in the Fairtrade Foundation's biggest campaign of the year!

Have you made your plans for 'THE BIG SWAP'? There are plenty of ideas, resources and merchandise available online at [www.fairtrade.org.uk](http://www.fairtrade.org.uk). Every swap you make to a Fair Trade product will be proof that you want producers in the developing world to get a fairer deal. I would like stories and pictures from clubs of Fair Trade events as soon as possible before April 1<sup>st</sup> to go in Mays' edition of Soroptimist News.

### HAVE THE BEST FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT EVER!

**Sue Challoner APD Economic & Social Development**





### WHAT SERVICES SHOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE TO MALE SURVIVORS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE?

Recently, it was reported that a woman's refuge in Weymouth was being

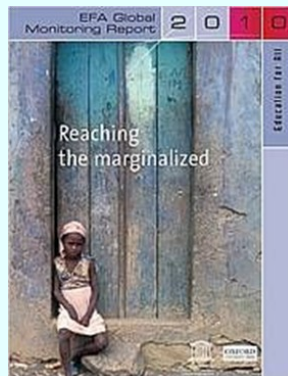
closed so that the local authority can redirect money into domestic violence services such as community outreach services that support men as well as women. But are the needs of men who have survived domestic violence the same as those of women? Official statistics reveal that rates of domestic violence against men are only slightly lower than those against women. But some front-line workers dispute these figures saying men who report themselves as victims of domestic violence often turn out to be primary perpetrators. Damian Carnell from Nottingham Domestic Violence Forum and Mark Brooks from Mankind say that provision for men should be stepped up and research shows that separate provision should be made.

**Judi Chaddock APD**  
*Human Rights & the Status of Women*

### Launch of the 2010 Education for All Global Monitoring Report

This important UN report 'Reaching the Marginalized' was launched by Ban Ki-Moon in New York on the 19<sup>th</sup> January. To learn more about this report please go to the 'Our Work' section of the SIGBI website. Click on Programme Team then click on education to find a direct link to the education section of the UNESCO website. The press release found there gives a good idea of what is contained in the report.

**Helen Owen**  
*APD Education*



### For the 100<sup>th</sup> year of International Women's Day on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2010 the White Ribbon Alliance are asking women across the world to wear something white and come together in solidarity and celebration.

All around the world WRA members and maternal health champions will be holding dinner parties or similar events and celebrating with friends.

You can add your voice to this important celebration and help build the growing pressure for change – and for more resources for women's health – by signing up to the White Ribbon Alliance and pledging to hold your own dinner party in aid of the global campaign to stop the needless deaths of women in childbirth. For more information go to: [www.millionmums.org](http://www.millionmums.org) **Rita Allen APD Health**

# The Great Soroptimist Tea Party

**75 for 75** To celebrate our 75th anniversary partnership WaterAid is delighted to launch our flagship fundraising event The Great Soroptimist Tea Party!

On or around World Water Day on the 22nd March 2010, we are asking clubs across the UK to organise a tea party to raise funds for WaterAid. If this isn't your cup of tea, how about a coffee morning, a garden party or a cheese and wine evening? Whatever takes your fancy, WaterAid would be delighted to have you involved!

To request your free fundraising resources and learn about other ways in which you can get involved. Visit: [http://www.wateraid.org/uk/get\\_involved/community\\_groups\\_professional\\_groups](http://www.wateraid.org/uk/get_involved/community_groups_professional_groups)

**Ruth Dodd APD Environment**



### PAM and YOU!

The Programme Action Magazine (**PAM**) is for all members and its' aim is to keep you informed and up to date with all areas of programme work. In turn, members of the Team - Programme Director Hilary

Ratcliffe and six Assistant Programme Directors (APDs) would like **YOU** to keep us up to date by sending short reports and /or photographs of your project work that we can include in future issues of PAM.

The Team have first call on the space each month. After that we try to fit in anything sent by others. If there is no space left one month then articles are held over for future issues.

We like articles to be short and direct , between 200 and 250 words – no longer! If they are too long they will be returned for editing. If you have a photograph (jpeg only) to go with your article, please ensure it is clearly named and send it as a separate attachment. If you have just a photograph (jpeg only) that illustrates your work please send that accompanied by a short caption.

Send your articles and photos to any member of the Programme Team or to [helenmowen@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:helenmowen@yahoo.co.uk) during the last week of any month and we will do our very best to include them in future issues of **PAM. The Programme Team**



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