

## June 2018 President's Blog

By SIGBI President Sue Biggs

Hello, the President is back with June's monthly message. I do hope that you have enjoyed hearing from the different members of the Federation Management Board about their roles and the work they are carrying out on behalf of the membership.

The reason I asked the other directors to pitch in this year is because it is important to me to show the members and the general web browser that the women helping to run this organisation are all a team. We each need to play our part so that Soroptimist International Great Britain and Ireland moves forward in the right direction. This is true at whatever level you are in the organisation. We all have a part to play.

I hope that by now you have all bought your SIGBI shopping bags and that they are in use. Just this morning I toddled off to the supermarket, David in tow with my bags. The cashier and the woman behind me in the queue both asked me about the bags, saying they thought the strapline was excellent in this day and age. This gave me an opportunity to carry out the "elevator pitch" to both women and give them my Club card.

On a different note since I last wrote this message I have been travelling the length and breadth of the United Kingdom and Ireland meeting Soroptimists.

I have visited four Regions and one National Association; spoken at seven significant Charter events at Clubs; said Grace at the House of Lords lunch for Number 63 and spoken at the All Ireland Conference in Killarney.

*(Pictured L-R: 4 Regions Dinner, SI The Fylde's 80th, SI Stourbridge at Midland Arden Regional Afternoon Tea)*



At each and every one of these events I have felt the friendship and sisterhood of our Soroptimist network. I have received such kindness that at times it has taken my breath away and these are memories I will always cherish. Above are a few of the photos which were taken at the events. I know that several Soroptimists have photographs as well and I would really appreciate seeing them, including the video of me attempting traditional Irish dancing when I was in Killarney!!!

In friendship

Sue Biggs

SIGBI President 2018-2019