

SIGBI President's November 2017 Blog



Congratulations to all those who worked so hard to ensure that the Cardiff Conference was such a success. Also congratulations to Ann who has been the President over the past 12 months. She has done an excellent job in charge, well done.

So now it is my turn to wear the Presidential chain and chair the Federation Management Board for the next 12 months. In my inaugural address I spoke about the need to empower and enable ourselves to thrive. We have to empower and allow ourselves to think differently about how we operate. We have to enable ourselves to pass the enjoyment of Soroptimism onto others. We need to remember why we first became a Soroptimist, what made us decide that this was the organisation for us, what keeps us attending meetings? At the heart of this desire are the Clubs and the Membership. We must empower and enable ourselves to develop our Clubs, our Membership offers and our meetings. The Growing our Brand workshops are doing just that. The resurgence is starting, long may it continue.

We need to enable ourselves to be kind to each other. It is never going to be possible for us all to like or get on with absolutely everyone else. We are all different but we must remember that we are proud of our high ethical standards. We need to enable ourselves to be tolerant of each other's differences. We can all learn from each other. We are never too old or too stuck in our ways to learn something new. We all have something to offer however large or small. We must remember that. We need to focus on new and different ways of carrying out what we do as well as still using the tried and tested methods. We are all able to learn from one another.

I feel very strongly that whatever role we play in the organisation we are all working equally towards a common goal of educating, empowering and enabling women and girls to reach their potential. Over the coming year I am going to have many opportunities to meet Soroptimists as I travel around the Federation. I am looking forward so much to that.

Yours in friendship

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