



Seaside News

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Soroptimist International Blackpool & District

Women inspiring action
transforming lives

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



I would like to wish all of you a happy and healthy New Year. Thank you very much for the donations you have sent in lieu of Christmas cards.

The Coronavirus has certainly changed all our lives. I am hoping that with the current lockdown we can reduce the spread and once individuals have been vaccinated it will allow us hopefully to meet up sometime during 2021.

Whatever happens I know we will come through this together through friendship and support of one another.

Christine

PROGRAMME ACTION NEWS

Recent news from Marcia included an update on the Domestic Abuse Bill following its second reading in the House of Lords.

“The Bishop of Gloucester expressed strong support for our proposed new statutory defences and Baroness Kennedy gave a brilliant speech. In response, Baroness Williams, confirmed the government’s opposition to the proposals and reiterated that they will keep the matter under review”.

Marcia also sent news on SI Lancaster’s FGM project.

Members of SI Lancaster have supported Beyond FGM since 2011 and have made bracelets each year to be sent to Kenya. No bracelets have been sent this year because of Covid.

In October a request for financial help was received from Beyond FGM as fundraising has not been possible this year due to Covid and the lack of money meant that there was doubt that the Alternative Rites Training and Ceremonies would be able to take place. The club sent a donation of £770 to Beyond FGM.

The Alternative Rites Ceremonies did take place in November/December 2020 in Pokot in Kenya. It states that over the 5 days of the Training and ceremonies the numbers taking part were 30 Leaders, 70 women and birth attendants, 20 elders, 45 young men, 200 girls.



A new project for 2021, collecting ring pulls from drinks cans for Purple Community Fund a charity who help to eradicate poverty in the Philippines and Tanzania.

More information can be found at: www.p-c-f.org

FRIENDSHIP LINK NEWS

President Christine has received news from SI Jersey with regard to a newspaper article about Rozelle Sutherland an honorary life member of the club. Rozelle is featured on the SI website in the WhoIsShe project as part of the 100th celebrations.

Rozelle joined Jersey club in 1968, she was President in 1974 and 1983. She identified a need for a womens’ refuge and in 1983 began a campaign to establish one. The refuge was opened in 1988. Rozelle secured government funding and sought financial support from local businesses and was also involved in the recruitment and management of staff.

In 2010 Rozelle was awarded an MBE for services to victims of domestic abuse in recognition of her work to set up Jersey’s womens’ refuge.

More information on the SIGBI Centenary Website can be found at the address below:

<https://sigbi.org/soroptimistocentenary2021/a-brilliant/showcasing-one-hundred-soroptimists-for-the-centenary-100-4-100/whoishe-soroptimists-for-the-centenary/>

NEALS YARD

Message from Pam... I am happy to hold any online zoom parties for you and your friends/families if required, or anyone can order products direct via: <https://uk.nyrorganic.com/shop/pamelaswain>

There is currently a winter sale at the moment with special Winter bundles

- A0640 Clean Hands - £26 bundle price
- A0641 Bee Lovely Favourites - £26 bundle price
- A0642 Aromatic Bathing Ritual - £20 bundle price
- A0643 Refresh & Revive - £29 bundle price
- A0644 Soothing Duo - £17.50 bundle price
- A0646 Supercharge Your Senses - £15 bundle price
- A0649 Scrub Superheroes - £36 bundle price

Pam is still planning to donate part of her commission on any sales made to Sorops or their friends/families until 21st March to the Club, for the Blue Skies donation in memory of Janet.

