

SIGBI News Briefing

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This Newsletter is for all SIGBI Club Members and is emailed by SIGBI HQ to Club Secretaries on the 1st and 3rd Friday of every month



Club Photo of the Month—July 2016

Congratulations to Soroptimists from Gandhara, Pakistan, pictured here with Director Without Portfolio Talat Pasha, drinking tea in their personalised SIGBI Mugs.

What a fantastic idea! Well done ladies!

SI Board Meeting 8-10 September 2016

The Soroptimist International Board Meeting will take place at **Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge** from Thursday 8 September 2016 to Saturday 10 September 2016.

A limited number of Silent Observer places are available for Members interested in experiencing an SI Board meeting. Please note attendance is completely self-funded.

Places will be allocated on a "first come, first served" basis. If you would like to find out more, please contact Gina Coad at SIGBI HQ – hq@sigbi.org.

Updates to SIGBI Website

There will be some major changes to the SIGBI Website taking place over the next couple of weeks, which will make navigation around the site easier and make it more attractive to non-Members, so do look out for these.

The current public area will be streamlined so that only information of interest to potential Members will be included, and the call to Join Us will be very prominent.

The Members' area will undergo a major change in having a new, attractive Home Page that will NOT be password protected. In fact the only pages that Members will need to log in to see will be the Membership and Programme Databases, and a few pages that contain sensitive information.

Full details will be shared in the next mailings.

SIGBI 2017 Diaries

The SIGBI 2017 diaries are now available from SIGBI HQ. All pre-orders have been processed and will be dispatched within the next week.

Please note: As the conference will be held in Malta this year, there will be no SIGBI Shop at Conference, so delegates will not be able to purchase the 2017 diaries at Conference.

In order to avoid disappointment, please place your order now by contacting Joanne Voller – joanne@sigbi.org, or completing the order form below:

- [SIGBI Order Form \(now includes diaries\)](#)

SIGBI News and Events:

- [SIGBI President's Blog](#)
- [SIGBI Programme Director's Blog](#)
- [Programme Action Magazine \(PAM\) – August 2016](#)
- [Global Voice Newsletter – June/July 2016](#)

UN Publishes Report from SI

Soroptimist International have had a report published on the United Nations website as part of the **UN High-Level Political Forum (HLPF) on Sustainable Development 2016** which took place in July.

SI Representatives were extremely active during this forum, ensuring that SI's voice was being heard on all issues raised. You can read full details and access all the links you need from the SIGBI Website:

- [United Nations HLPF News Item on SIGBI Website](#)

Development Day Reading 3 Sept 2016

Good News! Thanks to the excellent response to the recent special mailing, the Club Development Day in Reading is definitely going ahead as scheduled.

It is not too late to Register, as the closing date is 19 August 2016. Don't miss out on this excellent opportunity. We have received some fantastic feedback from the event in Manchester, and one (new) Member was so enthused that she wrote a blog about it, which you can read on the SIGBI Website:

- [Member's Blog about the Manchester Development Day](#)
- [Book your place at Reading \(log into the Members' area before using this link\)](#)

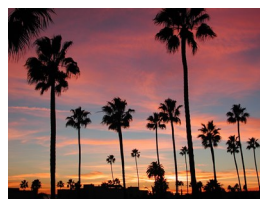
Meru Women's Garden Project



An attractive lapel badge has been produced by SI Canterbury for the Meru Women's Garden Project, and all proceeds will go to the project. See the flyer below for more information and how to order:

- [SIGBI Day of Action Flickr Album](#)
- [Lapel Badge Flyer](#)

Grant of Friendship—April 2017



A new grant of Friendship to the Camino Real Region, California, has been added to the SIGBI Website. Please check out the page for details (**log into the Members' area before clicking the link**):

- [Grants of Friendship Page](#)

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