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**UN Service at St Giles' Cathedral
Sunday 21st October 2018**

The Service was attended by three of the UNHS interns who gave readings, one reading by Katie was from the Preamble to the Charter of the UN. The other two addressed the subject of the sermon - water, resources, life and hope. All, it was noted, are embodied in the UN Sustainable Development Goals.



L to R: Claire LeBlanc, Katie McLean, Matthew Mungai.
Photo taken in St Giles' Cathedral.

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Poppies

Club members have sent 114 poppies to support the project at Liberton Kirk. Over 14,000 have been received from around the globe, from people ranging from 3 – 96 years. See information sent as a separate attachment with this newsletter. See also SIEnna 172.

Cranston Street Hostel

Christmas presents for the women who are in Cranston Street Hostel will be collected again this year.

Alison has confirmed that they would appreciate items such as hats, scarves, gloves and umbrellas.

As always, please wrap them in cheerful paper. *Ed.*

Forward Planning:

1st-6th September 2019: A group of 18 – 20 Soroptimists from SI Winterthur, Switzerland will be in Scotland and hope to spend one day in Edinburgh and meet up with some of our members. So, include this possibility in your thoughts next year. *Ed.*

Dates for Your Diary

- 2018**
- Oct. 24 Sandra Howell, Finance Director, Heriot Watt University, "A Woman working in Kosovo during the conflict."
 - 25-27 SIGBI Federation Conf. Liverpool
 - Nov. 14 Business Meeting
 - 28 tbc
 - Dec. 12 Social
- 2019**
- Jan. 9 SI President's Appeal
 - Feb. 13 Business Meeting

SI Edinburgh Minutes of Business Meeting 10th October 2018
At Edinburgh Central Youth Hostel

Welcome: President Gari welcomed members and guests.

Vision and Mission: this was read by Anna.

3S Fund recipients:

1. Tristan presented his English teaching experiences from nursery to senior level on returning from a year in Pana, Amnat Charoen, Thailand with Project Trust. For International Women's Day he set the students a challenge to record the most famous women, with some interesting replies.
2. Rosy who led a group of Guides and Rangers to Lesotho, Africa for two weeks in partnership with Girlguiding Lesotho. They used the medium of singing and dancing to encourage leadership.

Present: President Dr Gari (in the chair) plus 12 members.

Apologies: were received from 6 members (Morag, Alison, Dorothy, Myint Su, Edith, Carolyn)

Correspondence:

Election of SIGBI Director of Programme: There were three candidates.

Kay Richmond was unanimously proposed by SI Members. 13 votes **For**, 0 **abstentions**, 0 **against**.

SIGBI Assistant Programme Director, Economic Empowerment 2018-2020: There was only one nomination. Members agreed to support Carol Infanti's nomination.

Prize Offer: Christine is to decline an offer of a prize package from a book club subscription service.

Forthcoming events:

SI Girvan 60th Anniversary Luncheon: 3rd November at 12.30 at Woodland Bay Hotel cost £25.

SI Glasgow City 17th November at 2.30 PM: Gordon Cree and Cheryl Forbes presenting a Matinee Cabaret in aid of Mary's Meals.

My Mind is Free: theatre production about Human Trafficking: Various dates

www.mymindisfree.com/book-tickets

SISS Region Executive: invitation to be silent Observer at the next Region Executive meeting Tuesday 16th October at 7 PM.

Treasurer:

1. Edinburgh Central Youth Hostel will not accept cheques. Myint Su had established that only HQ will accept cheques. She asked permission, and club members agreed, to send one cheque of £720 to Youth Hostel HQ to cover the cost of the venue until June 2019.
2. Christine enquired if the September speaker had been paid. **(post meeting note: subsequently £20 has been sent to the Royal Blind School. Ed.)**

SIGBI Conference 2018: Members agreed Pat will be the voting delegate on behalf of SI Edinburgh members. Christine to send back the form by 12th October.

Resolutions for Programme Action at SIGBI Conference:

1. All clubs and Countries within the Federation lobby their Governments to support initiatives to address climate change and its impact in their respective counties. *The club members agreed to support the motion.*
2. All clubs and Countries within in the Federation lobby their Governments and relevant institutions to review and amend the eligibility criteria for access to concessional financing for Caribbean Small Island Developing States (SIDS), and to take all appropriate action to encourage economic and social justice for Caribbean SIDS. *The club members agreed to support the motion.*

SIGBI Project for 2019-2022. There were four proposals. After discussion the club members agreed to support the **HEAL, Mayuge** project in Uganda.

SIGBI AGM Conference Resolutions:

1. Changes to constitution in line with SI and SIGBI changes: *agreed to support.*
 2. Clarification of Link Membership: *agreed to support.*
 3. Proposed £2 increase in SIGBI fees for bands 1-3.
 4. Proposed £2 increase in SIGBI fees for band 4.
- Agreed the Voting delegate to use her discretion for resolutions 3 and 4.*

AOCB:

Christmas Social: Volunteer to arrange this will be discussed at next business meeting.

Presents for Cranston Street women's hostel: to be discussed at next business meeting.

Proposed visit of Eva and 18-20 Soroptimists from SI Winterthur, Switzerland. This is planned for September 1st-6th 2019. They wish to meet up for tea. It was agreed to respond positively.

Date of next meeting - Speaker Meeting: 24th October at 7.30 PM at ECYH.

Date of next Business Meeting: 14th November at 7.30 PM at ECYH.

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Items for SIEnna 174 should be sent, to the editor by 17th November 2018

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