

Dear SIGBI Club Members,

Warm greetings everyone. What a great honor to deliver my message on this very auspicious occasion of the 90th Annual SIGBI Federation Conference in Edinburgh. It is indeed a privilege to be part of such a momentous occasion, especially as it coincides with the SIGBI Granite Jubilee. I extend my heartiest congratulations and look forward to celebrating this special occasion with SIGBI members and other SI sisters. The SIGBI conference is a vital event for the Soroptimist community, fostering unity, learning, and progress in their mission to improve the lives of women and girls in all their diversity. The SIGBI Conference holds a special place in my heart, as this will be my third, having attended your conference in Belfast and London, where a slot was allocated to hold the ceremonial handover of the SI President's Chain of Office by then President Maureen Maguire to me. I am ever so grateful for that kind gesture. I look forward to attending the Conference as it not only celebrates the remarkable journey of SIGBI but also the commendable work by your 5000 members in 17 countries. It also offers a platform of connectivity and inspiration to further our collective efforts towards creating a brighter future for women and girls worldwide. Empowering women and girls is a crucial mission encompassing social, economic, and educational dimensions. To do this effectively through advocacy and project work requires us to undertake skills development and leadership training and the conference will play a key role in helping us to become more informed and inspired.

Warm regards and in Sisterhood  
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