



Glasgow City

**S.I. GLASGOW CITY CLUB NEWSLETTER**

**JANUARY 2017**

As always, it is a pleasure to welcome members to a New Year with best wishes for good health, happiness and being members of S.I. Glasgow City, another successful year of friendship.

### **SOCIAL EVENTS**

Session 2016-2017 commenced with a wonderful evening hosted by our Social Committee, but with direction and input from Christine Finlay, at the Bishopbriggs Golf Club. Club President Gwen Garner welcomed members to our Autumn Session. This opening dinner never fails to succeed in bringing together the true meaning of friendship and hospitality.



Social  
Convenor/Vice President Myrtle, President Gwen Garner, Christine and President Elect Madeleine celebrate at the Annual Bishopbriggs Golf Club dinner.

## CLUB ACTIVITIES

Continuing the theme of hospitality, President Gwen offered an evening of friendship to fellow Soroptimist members of S.I. Kirkintilloch and S.I. Paisley. Professor Barbara Graham, our guest speaker from the University of Strathclyde, Glasgow, informed us on the detail of the life of Edith Cavell encouraging us to revisit this information and perhaps learn more. Excellent homebaking, tea and coffee complemented the occasion.



*President Gwen welcoming our fellow Soroptimists, Liz Spence, Melanie Brickley, Region President Scotland South, S.I. Kirkintilloch and Membership Officer for SIGBI, Sue Williams, S.I. Paisley to our friendship evening.*

The aim of Soroptimist International is to transform the lives of women and girls and this is clearly demonstrated in the fine work carried out by President Gwen Garner and syllabus members providing an interesting and inspiring syllabus programme. The programme for this year is full of motivational speakers, covering a wide range of topics to inspire and steer us. Providing motivation and inspiration we received an update on the work of Vision Africa. This organisation is currently working with approximately 2000 children and young people across Kenya. Members were given the opportunity to purchase their handmade products.



Members of S.I Glasgow City exploring the hand made products from Kenya.

## MEMBERSHIP

Like all Soroptimist Clubs. S.I. Glasgow City is keen to welcome new members to our club. However, in this instance our new member, Sandra Smith, came pre-loaded with many years of experience having been a past member of S.I. Dunblane.



Sandra Smith welcomed by Bernadette Campbell, Membership Convener. We wish Sandra many happy years of membership.

Extending the hand of friendship, members Liz Jamieson, Myrtle Peterkin and Madeleine Campbell-Jewett attended a concert at the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland where Soroptimist members from France were performing in the group, 'Trio Sorop'.

Madeleine and Liz have continued their hospitality in meeting with the daughter of another French member, Marie-Charlotte, who is presently studying in Glasgow.

## **PROGRAMME ACTION**

Following on from I.P.P. Ann Finch's successful year (2015 -2016), President Gwen, Programme action Convenor, Beth Diamond and member Pat Campbell have



*Members of S.I. Glasgow City are commended for their generosity in providing gifts to 'TWT' project.*

continued to promote our contact with 'Tomorrows Women Today', supporting women re-offenders to reform their lives when returning to community and home settings. This successful Programme Action project has allowed many former offending women to become empowered through self-belief and self-development and the recognition that they can and do bring importance to society.

## **FUTURE CHANGES**

Moving through our Spring and Summer session promises to be equally active and interesting. Soroptimist International Great Britain & Ireland (SIGBI) encourage direction for change by inviting Clubs to reflect on a future growth plan, not just as local clubs but looking towards Region and SIGBI per se. With enthusiasm and imagination SI Glasgow City has among its members the skills to make change happen – lets look to the future!

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