

A warm golden glow and crisp leaves suggests Autumn has arrived.

By way of introduction to our Autumn Newsletter it is fitting to welcome President Ann Finch our Club President of 2015-2016. It seems no time since Immediate Past President, Fiona Murphy, passed over the President's chain on the 22nd April at our AGM. A time for celebration, in itself, but with more to follow.



Incoming President Ann receives chain from Immediate Past President Fiona Murphy

In July many members enjoyed a summer outing to Largs organised by our social committee and former member, Mae Collier, now living in Largs.



Members' visit to Largs

The **International Convention** was held in Istanbul 9th -11th July and in support of our fellow club member and S.I. International President, Ann Garvie, four members of S.I. Glasgow City attended the

convention. They were delighted to listen to and celebrate the success of IPP Ann's personal project that of 'See Solar, Cook Solar' and to listen to speeches very ably presented by finalists of Ann's nominated 'Public Speaking' award.



S.I. President Ann Garvie, Club President Ann Finch, Heather Thomas and SSR President Bernadette Campbell join in celebration in Istanbul.



S.I. President Ann Garvie's 'Public Speaking' Competition - 5 young finalist present their winning speeches in Istanbul.

Afternoon Tea Celebration

On return to Glasgow, in recognition of the completion of S.I. International President Ann's term of office a 'not so surprise Afternoon Tea' hosted jointly by S.I. Glasgow City and Scotland South Region was held in the Millennium Hotel, Glasgow.

IPP Ann in the company of her invited guest Anne Ainsworth and 106 members from across Scotland, England and Belgium took the opportunity to share some of the 'highs and lows' of her experience in office.



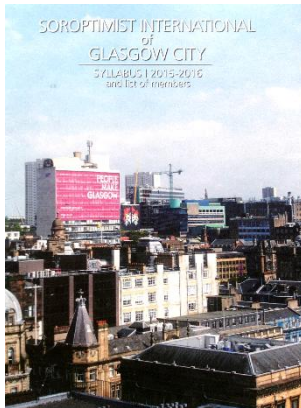
IPP Ann Garvie shares some of her experiences in office

For some members this was a second opportunity to witness the completion of office of a S.I. International President, from Glasgow, the first being Catherine Salt of Glasgow South Club, 1981-1983.

Club Activities

As is normal at this time of year, our club syllabus was distributed to members listing dates and events taking place, members' contact details and other snippets of useful information.

Like previous years, the syllabus was printed and the front cover designed by David Norwood. Our syllabus covers never cease to attract attention when in use.



Thank you David!

One of the **highlights of this year's syllabus** is that on the 12th December, club members will have the opportunity to attend 'Stagecoach Theatre Arts Fundraising Day' at the Cooper Institute, Glasgow. Profits raised from this event will be donated to a charity chosen by President Ann.

Club Visitors

Margaret Mowat of SI Hamilton visited New York in June of this year to attend the Commission on Status for Women (CSW59). Glasgow City Club was delighted to invite Margaret to speak at a club meeting, updating on the details of this conference.



P.A. Convener Beth Diamond introduces visitor speaker, Margaret Mowat, of SI Hamilton

Membership

Glasgow City Club has been fortunate in continuing to attract new members. This has been achieved not only by personal introduction but in May 2015 a S.I. stall was set up at the annual 'Friends of the River Kelvin' (FORK) event, organised by Moira Ord and supported by club members. Our membership convener, Sheilah McMorris contacted those who expressed an interest at the event and through this President Ann was delighted to introduce, as a new member, Tahitia McCabe, ironically a former recipient of S.I. sponsorship during her attendance at university.



Tahitia receiving her membership badge from Club President Ann

SIGBI Conference, Glasgow SECC, 05 November - 07 November 2015

Glasgow City is of course the host city for this year's SIGBI Conference. Preparations are now 'at their peak' as the conference dates draw closer. Many members of Glasgow City Club have volunteered to steward at conference, so this will indeed be a busy few days for all.

As with all Conferences we look forward to the International Flag Ceremony, entertainment, speeches from our key note speakers and sharing the friendship of many members from near and far.