

Wonderful Friendship Weekend in Krakow 20 - 21 May 2016

The weekend started on the Friday evening at the Town Hall.



The evening included local dignitaries praising the Krakow Club for its work and achievements as well as the President of SI Krakow welcoming guests.



Music entertainment was provided by the young musicians supported by the club and was excellent. Corinne met up with some old friends from the club including Roma who is a musician.



Following the formal speeches we enjoyed a glass of wine and nibbles whilst a painting was auctioned to raise funds. We were invited to dinner with club members but after a busy day visiting the salt mines we decided on a light supper at local restaurant so that we would be ready for the next day.

On the Saturday we met up at the local square for a walk and talk around Krakow. We met with the President before the walk as we split into 2 groups – for Polish and English.



The morning was very good and included some of the University buildings as well as visiting a couple of museums to hear about the history and famous residents of Krakow.



At the same time we got to know some of the others visiting Soroptimist's.



After a quick lunch we were ready for the afternoon tour of the city including the castle and cathedral. Once again the tour was given by a Soroptimist member, but one from a local Polish club who works as a guide of Krakow so was very informative as well as enjoyable. The weather throughout was lovely and warm and sunny.

Following the tours we then had a few minutes in the Square enjoying the local ice cream which was just what we needed after a busy day in the sunshine. It was then back to our apartment to get ready for the Gala Dinner.



The Gala Dinner was held at the Holiday Inn in Krakow so was easy walking distance. Not sure how far we walked during our visit but quite a few kilometres!

The evening started with 2 members of the Krakow Club talking through the PowerPoint presentation on the club's achievements, whilst everyone enjoyed their starters which were delicious.

The visiting guests then presented gifts to the President of the Krakow Club with Corinne starting in Polish with a clap of applause from everyone.



In the interval before the Birthday cake we enjoyed local traditional dancing. Corinne made us proud again by enjoying a dance!



Following the meal we had a pause which gave us a few moments for the Friendship certificate to be signed.



The weekend flew by and was very enjoyable. I would encourage all members to consider visiting our Friendship link clubs, as well as making new friends and enjoying the weekend it is a good way to see how other clubs work.

