



Soroptipool

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A SPEAKER'S NIGHT WITH A DIFFERENCE



The evening was attended by Lord Mayor and Mayoress Concepcion. Ann was made an Honorary member of S.I. Liverpool. In her speech she promised to support our vision and mission, and also to help us in our activities as much as possible.

Claire then spoke to us about her experience living with Endometriosis. She encouraged us to raise the awareness wherever many girls and women are still living with the dreadful condition. It was a very informative evening.

A NIGHT OF FUN AND LAUGHTER-the "S-FACTOR"

SI South Lancashire members got together for a "S Factor Concert. It showcased the hidden talents of different clubs.

Liverpool highlighted the work of women during the second world war and showed the audience how to "Boogie Woogie".

What a night!!!



FRIENDSHIP WEEKEND



Our sisters and partners arrived from Cologne on Friday and met sisters from Liverpool for a meal where the formalities such as speeches and exchange of presents were carried out. The Saturday started with a tour of the Town Hall, followed by the Museums, an afternoon tea with a talk about the Tall Ships and we finished up touring a Tall ship. It was a

tiring day which was finished up with a lovely meal. On Sunday our visitors were treated to a local dish of "scouse" for the afternoon lunch. The whole weekend reinforced our friendship.

SOROPTIMISTS MAKING A DIFFERENCE



On a pleasant autumn Saturday afternoon, Sue Woods, Judith Harris and Ann Mercer met a group of local residents to assist in the planting of hardy bushes and spring bulbs at Mossley Hill Railway station. This followed a lengthy process involving local councillor Richard Kemp who helped to secure funding for the purchase of the plants and meetings with members of staff from Northern Rail and Merseyrail culminating in the planting to make visits to the station a much more pleasant experience for travellers through the station. The Soroptimists will continue to support the project by way of maintenance and re-planting as and

when necessary. Members of the public can keep up to date with the project and add comments if they wish, by signing in to 'Streetlife', the community social forum either on the website or Facebook .

CHRISTMAS DINNER WITH A SPECIAL 'S' FACTOR



SI Liverpool members with partners and friends enjoyed a lovely afternoon at the Childwall Golf Club on the 13th of December. Liverpool's Lord Mayor, Lady Mayoress and Club members from other Soroptimist clubs enjoyed good food and company. We had a special Christmas adaptation of Snow White and the seven Dwarfs. Thanks to Gill and her team of actresses for putting on such a funny show on. The meal was delicious and a

special thanks to the staff at the Golf Club for a good spread. We finished up singing the 'Twelve days of Christmas', with actions, always a highlight of the afternoon.

Helping out at Christmas

Members of the Violence and Conflict group delivered Xmas presents to centre 56 nursery in Kirkdale in time for Christmas. Four of the mums were at a coffee morning and were happy to pose for a photo with three centre managers. All were very grateful!

The gifts (shown below, stacked up in an office) were of 20 books for the nursery children, 29 selection boxes for the after -



school children and 32 toiletry gift sets (for the children to give to their mums). We also added biscuits, coffee and tea to help out at the mum's meetings.

The nursery children were out following the snowflake trail in the city centre but some of the mums had turned their weekly coffee morning into a Christmas celebration and seeing Sue, Eileen and Dorcas turn up with all these gifts was the icing on the cake! The nursery children had

left us a delightful homemade thank you card. So much white glitter had been used that a very Christmassy snow storm burst out of the envelope all over us!

Many thanks to Sue who volunteered to shop, to Ann who hosted wrapping the presents and to Gill who sourced the books for us.Happy Christmas!

Dates to Note:

Jan 11-Exec. Meeting

Jan 13-New Year Party Night

Jan 27- Club Meeting

Jan 30- *Coffee Morning*

Feb 5- *Charity Lunch-Liverpool Marina*

Feb 8-Exec. Meeting

Feb 21- Charter lunch –Childwall Golf club

Feb 24-Club meeting

Mar 9- *Speaker Meeting-Clarins Pamper Night*

Mar 12- *Regional Meeting, Leigh*

Mar 14-Exec meeting

Mar 19- *Public Speaking Competition*

Mar 23- Club Meeting

April 8- Alternative GN Ladies Day, Liner Hotel

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