

Soroptimist Times

September 2017

Charity Lunch

A carvery lunch was held at the Quayside Grill in September to raise funds for President Dorothy's chosen charity, Sickle Cell Anaemia.



The event aimed to raise awareness of the condition and its effect on sufferers and their families. The invited special guests were The keynote speaker Anya Ndukwe, Chair of the Sickle Cell Support group, and Regional President Margaret Molyneux. The lunch was well supported by club members, family and friends. Everyone gave generously to support for the raffle.

A presentation and talk from Anya triggered many questions and networking amongst those present. Anya's talk was well received and she is looking forward to visiting a club meeting. Anya and Margaret were thanked for supporting this event and flowers were presented to both.



Coffee morning

A Coffee Morning was also held on the 3rd of June at Geraldine's home to support the President's Charity. Family and friends enjoyed cakes, drinks and good company. Activities included raffles, tombola and the sale of our very own cookery books. The Chair from the Sickle Cell support group was present with

leaflets and information. The morning was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended and President Dorothy thanked everyone for their support and contributions to a worthy charity. She added that she was grateful for the support of Geraldine and her husband in allowing this event to take place. Gifts were presented to Geraldine and her husband in appreciation.



Liverpool Bowls into third place



Our bowling team (pictured left) have had a busy and successful season. This year they had great fun playing in the Soroptimist Bowling League against SI Southport, Crosby, Leigh and Widnes .

Congratulations to Margaret, Mary, Nora and Dorothy who reached the finals after winning their individual matches. Other clubs represented came from Crosby, Leigh, Liverpool, and Southport. Norah was the only member of our team who got to the next round. The day started with rain and those who played got quite wet. Luckily everyone was sensible and came with their waterproof clothing! Our Regional Federation

President provided a canopy for observing members and those recording points for the bowlers. Congratulations to Leigh who were the overall winners. Crosby was second, Liverpool third, Southport fourth and Widnes fifth.

We would like to take this opportunity in thanking our Regional President Margaret Molyneux and our sister Soroptimists from SI Leigh for hosting this event. We also thank the wonderful Liverpool team, photographer Dorcas and Anne Pagendam for organising our use of Calderfield Green.

Pictured right are members of SI Liverpool and SI Southport, enjoying hospitality in the evening sunshine, after a close scoring match. What a great way to make new friends!

Everyone enjoyed the day and we look forward to next year's final. (Let's hope we have some sunny weather.)



Bowling Captain

Crosby dinner



President Dorothy of SI Liverpool and her husband was invited by President Annette and members of SI Crosby to celebrate their 79th Anniversary Charter Dinner on the 19th of May.

The event took place at West Lancashire Golf Club. President Dorothy was asked to respond on behalf of the guests. The response was delivered as a double act by the President and her husband Professor Zack-Williams who has researched the area of women in Science and Engineering. He complimented the work of the club in the successful conference with this theme, held for local schools 2016. The evening was enjoyed by all.

President Dorothy is pictured with Vice President Dorcas.

Friendship!

In July Liverpool 'Soroptimists' went to Cologne to help our friendship club celebrate their 60th year.

Thirteen Liverpool members and some partners visited to share in the celebration of their 60 years Charter. We were fortunate to have past President Joan and member Ann Mercer to help in the planning and organization of this trip. For some of us it was our first time travelling to Germany.



We all looked forward to meeting our sister Soroptimists again and enjoyed the interesting programme of events planned for us. The male members of our party were kept busy with visits in Cologne including the lovely Cathedral, the Chocolate factory, beer tasting and the Cologne council. They thoroughly enjoyed the tours.

The Sixtieth Anniversary celebration consisted of a Champagne reception and Gala dinner with an Anniversary programme. We were delighted to have a very talented entertainer who had a fantastic singing voice. All enjoyed dancing to her wonderful music.



On the day of departure members attended a 'Friendship and Understanding' event at the Cologne Chocolate Museum. Soroptimists from around the world celebrated friendship with music and refreshments.

President Dorothy presented President Christiane with a gift from SI Liverpool, a lovely watercolour painting of the Liverpool waterfront. This was painted by talented club member Ann Clayton.

Miniature copies for all club members were also welcomed. Liverpool members welcomed gifts and their delicious chocolate.

Welcome to our latest club members!

In July we warmly welcomed our two latest members who enrolled during the club meeting. We wish Debra and Sue many happy years of friendship and service.



Multi faith service



President Dorothy and members of our club took part in the SI South Lancashire multi faith service, in July.

The service celebrated Soroptimism and the work we do. It was followed by refreshments.

President Dorothy is pictured doing a reading during the service.

New Members lunch

Four of our new members are pictured at the regional welcome lunch at Statham Lodge in September. Following a lovely meal, we were addressed by Barbara Dixon from the Management Board, who spoke about the role SIGBI plays at the UN and her passion for our project work.

This was followed by the presentations for the Bowls competition, with the club cup going to SI Leigh and the individual cup to Gail from SI Leigh. SI Crosby received a plaque as runners-up.

Finally, the Rose Bowl was awarded to SI Ramsbottom for their partnership work with a local school. A very enjoyable afternoon!



Dates to note

Oct 9th **Executive Meeting** 7pm

Oct 14th **Coffee Morning** at Mossley Hill Church 10.30-12.30

Oct 22nd **Regional President's Lunch**

Oct 25th **Club Meeting** 7pm

Oct 26-28th **Federation Conference, Cardiff**

Nov 12th **Remembrance Sunday**

Nov 13th **Executive Meeting** 7pm

Nov 22nd **Club Meeting** 7pm

Nov 25th **Regional Council and Prog.Action Meeting, Leigh**

Dec 8-10 **Visit to Edinburgh for their 90th Charter weekend**

Dec 10th **International Xmas Lunch** 12.30 for 1.00 pm , Childwall Golf Club
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Jan 8th **Executive Meeting** 7pm

Jan 10th **New Year Get together**

Jan 24th **Club Meeting** 7pm