

SI Liverpool

Newsletter September 2021

Welcome to our September newsletter! We have had such a busy few months, but achieved such a lot! Hope you enjoy reading our articles whilst reminiscing about the events we have hosted and organisations we have helped over these past few months.



#WhoIsShe Congratulations

to our member **Maud Carpenter OBE** who is being celebrated for our centenary as one of some hundred women who have made a difference.

We are proud of her!



Who is She! Our newest addition to the #WhoIsShe campaign is Maud Carpenter OBE. You can read all about her on the SIGBI webpage but a couple of funny stories or Maud say - During **The Blitz** of the Second World War, she would reputedly stand on the roof of the Playhouse yelling "Don't bomb my theatre. Don't bomb my theatre". She once scolded **Anthony Hopkins** when he turned up at the theatre wearing jeans and an open neck shirt, instead of dressing formally.



Coffee Morning

We had a fabulous turn out at our Coffee Morning at Mossley Hill church raising funds for the Dianne Oxberry Trust. The fair-trade hamper was greatly received by the winner! Tea and coffees were drunk by all and lots of sweet treats bought and great prizes won on the tombola. Thank you to all who donated towards the event.

The total raised was: £800.00

New Members

Over the summer we have had the pleasure of welcoming four new members to the group. Aileen, Julia, Layla, & Mary. Soon we will all be able to meet face to face rather than just over zoom, then we can celebrate properly! Welcome to the club, we are so happy that you have joined.



Breathe Easy

Dorcas and her husband travelled to Nigeria to launch Breathe Easy as a Non Governmental Organisation in Nigeria. They sent this message: "We donated inhalers, Peak Flows, Nebulizers, and Volumatics to four hospitals and individual patients. The patients were so grateful because they couldn't get some inhalers there and if they are available, they are very expensive. Although it was very tiring and exhausting it was worth it as we were touching lives."



Refugee Women Connect Donations

Another event in which you were all incredibly generous was when we collected toiletries and cleaning products for the women in Liverpool who are supported by Refugee Women Connect. Annette and Layla went around the city collecting all the donations which were

then delivered to Comfort who works for Refugee Women Connect and she will be coming to speak to our club in November.

Domestic Abuse Refuge - Clothes Donations

We received a great amount of clothes donations for the Domestic Abuse refuge which were delivered to Morecrofts solicitors in Woolton Village so they could be taken to the refuge. Two trips with the car boot full of boxes and bags filled with clothes were delivered. Donations came from members and their friends and family. All these clothes have been greatly received and will help so many in need.



Charity Afternoon Teas

Thank you to everyone who hosted an afternoon tea to raise funds for the presidents charity, and all who have attended. The afternoon teas have been a wonderful success, full of laughs, great conversation and delicious cakes and tea.



Freedom Bus

At the end of May, Annette organised for the Freedom Bus to come to the city again to raise awareness of Human Trafficking and Modern Slavery. The bus stopped outside car washes and massage parlours, then went to meet the Police Crime Commissioner at the Anglican Cathedral, ending the day at the International Slavery Museum.



Ironman Triathlon

Our amazing member Sharon completed a full Ironman Triathlon and then a half Ironman. She came second in her age group, and she is now first in her age category in the whole of the country and thirteenth in the whole wide world!!!!!! Amazing! All the money she raised from completing the half Ironman will be going to the presidents charity.

President Debra and Cllr Mary Rasmusson

Our President Debra was invited to meet with Liverpool's Mayor Cllr Mary Rasmusson at the Town Hall just before we came out of lockdown.



Friendship Links

As well as our current friendship link with Cologne, Germany 🇩🇪 Dorothy has created a new friendships links for us with Toronto, Canada 🇨🇦 and we also have a local friendship link with Chester.

5 Year Project

This summer, President Debra announced that with our 100 centenary anniversary just five years away, we will celebrate by starting a 5 Year Project which will be completed in 2026. President Debra has been collecting the ideas for the 5 year project and the club members will decide which project to take forward before Christmas.

Social Media figures:

Over the past three months the number of people following us has increased are:

- Instagram: June - 416, July - 430, August - **454**
- Twitter: June - 542, July - 546, August - **563**
- Facebook: June - 516, July - 519, August - **522**

Some of the stories on social media from SI clubs around the world include SI Batangas City, Philippines who have raised funds to get a laptop so they can easily monitor covid cases in the city.

Another story is from SI Austria who have a group of their members who are walking the 'Road to Equality' for 100 days for the 100th Anniversary of Soroptimist International.



Dates for your Diary:

SEPT

- 7th - Coffee Together 11am-noon at The Aigburth Carvery L19 9DN
- 11th - Regional PAC (10.30am) Council (1 pm) Leigh by ZOOM
- 14th - Exec.meeting 7pm
- 19th - New Member's and Awards Lunch, Statham Lodge, Lymm WA13 9BP -12.00 for 1.00pm
- 29th - CLUB meeting and Buffet LIVERPOOL CRICKET CLUB 6.30pm

OCT:

- 2-3rd - SI Centenary Celebration Conference ZOOM
- 12th - Exec. meeting 7pm Zoom
- 13th - Hot Pot Supper 6.30 for 7pm Liverpool Cricket Club L19 3QF
- 27th - CLUB meeting Liverpool Cricket Club
- 29-30 - SIGBI Conference (Virtual) Llandudno

NOV:

- 9th - Exec.meeting 7pm Zoom
- 24th - CLUB meeting 7pm Liverpool Cricket Club

DEC:

- 4th - Regional PAC (am) Council (pm) Leigh
- 12th - International Human Rights Lunch at Woolton Golf Club 12 for 1pm

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FEB 25th/26th - 95th Charter Celebrations

MAY 7th - South Lancashire Regional Conference, Radisson Hotel, Liverpool