

SI Liverpool

Newsletter January 2022

Welcome to our January newsletter and Happy New Year! We hope you had a wonderful Christmas and hope this year is full of peace, laughter and blessings for you and your loved ones.

Hot Pot Supper

We had a great number of people come to the hot pot supper with friends and family. Everyone had a lovely time with delicious food and great funds were raised for the Dianne Oxberry Trust. £*** was raised through this event. Thank you to everyone who came along to support.



First Hybrid Meeting

We had our first hybrid meeting which was a great success, some minor issues to sort out but for our first ever hybrid meeting it was excellent!

SIGBI Llandudno Conference

Dorcas was sworn in as Regional President, Congratulations Dorcas we are extremely proud of you and we hope you enjoy the role, we are sure you will be excellent.

Annette gave a workshop about Human Trafficking, Trafficking during Covid and Online Safety.



Theatre Visit - Riverdance

A great time was had by all as a group of our members went to see the performance of Riverdance at the Empire Theatre as well as a lovely meal at The Quarter restaurant which is opposite Blackburn House.

Refugee Women Connect Donations

We delivered a number of bags of toiletries and cleaning products for the women in Liverpool who are supported by Refugee Women Connect. Annette delivered the donations to Comforts home who works for Refugee Women Connect.



Domestic Abuse Refuge - Clothes Donations

We delivered another boot full of clothes for the Domestic Abuse refuge which were delivered to Morecrofts solicitors in Woolton Village so they could be taken to the refuge. Donations came from members and their friends and family. All these clothes have been greatly received and will help so many in need.

A21 Walk for Freedom

Some of our members and members from SI Warrington came and joined the A21 Walk for Freedom in October to coincide with Anti-Trafficking Day. We had a successful walk, through the city and along the waterfront. Thank you to all those who joined the walk, over 50 people walked for freedom.



Remembrance Sunday Events

President Debra attended the Anglican Cathedral Remembrance Service and also attended at St Georges Hall Cenotaph to lay a wreath on behalf of SI Liverpool.

Coffee Morning / Table Sale

The coffee morning at the end of November went ahead even though a strong storm tried to stop us. Thank you to everyone who came to support, donated items, helped on the day and to set-up. It was a great event and lots of goodies including cakes and cookies snapped up in time for Christmas.



Photo of the month - Walk for Freedom

In November we were awarded with the title of Photo of the Month - Deb Oulton from SI Crosby thought it was such a powerful photo of the three graces behind everyone who took part in the global walk for freedom, that she entered it on our behalf and we won!

Photo of the Month—November 2021



16 Days of Action to Eliminate Violence against Women

This year we started our 16 days of action by having our monthly club meeting with us all wearing orange, whether we were online or in person. The Lord Mayor also join our meeting and we welcomed new members into the club.

We gave £35 to St Brides Church on Percy Street to have our own Christmas tree which we decorated in orange tinsel, snowflakes and all the UN Women graphics for the 16 days of action. The church runs numerous drop-in's, food banks and services for hundreds of asylum seekers who live in the area so it was a great opportunity to raise awareness.





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What is a better gift to give this Christmas than knowledge and time to women most at risk of ovarian cancer?

Please help us in 2022 to reach 100,000 women across the North West and beyond.

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17 views

Dianne Oxberry Trust

President Debra was asked by the Dianne Oxberry Trust to do a short recording about why she chose them to be her charity and the importance of their to her and our club. The video was posted online for the world to hear about the amazing work of the trust and also a chance for everyone to see President Debra and hear about SI Liverpool.

Book Club at the Food Pantry

The books received for the Greenhouse Project Food Pantry has been going from strength to strength. The books go to people who may have a low income, and may not be buying many books for their children. The pantry is not a charity, not a food bank. Anyone can join. They pay £3.50 and receive approx £12-£15 worth of goods. Ours includes meat and fruit and veg. Thank you to all who have donated books so far. They are focusing on books for aged birth to approx 11 years. If it does go well, they'll need a constant supply. Maybe extend to another venue?



United Nations International Lunch

The lunch was held at Woolton Golf Club and we had a lovely afternoon in a beautiful room for the event. The afternoon consisted of readings, a raffle, a presentation to Dorcas of a brooch and earrings as she is now regional president, and a delicious meal and drinks, not to mention the grand piano which was set up and played throughout the event. Thank you to everyone who attended.



In other News:

Before Christmas we gave:

- £300 worth of gifts to female Care Leavers for their Christmas stockings
- 48 gifts for the Children and Five Families centre in Speke
- Bags of bras, socks and knickers were kindly donated for the women in Styal Prison



Obituary for Geraldine Poole

It was with enormous sadness that members learned of the death of much loved and respected member Geraldine on 30th November 2021. Even though Geraldine had been unwell for some months, it was still a shock. Geraldine had been an active club member, serving on the exec even as recently as 2020. She made a big impact on the club's programme work around the environment and education, herself having been a lecturer for many years. Geraldine was also a trustee for Imagine Mental Health and the Kanti Hospital in Nepal and she brought a wealth of experience to the club. Geraldine served as club President from 1994-95, having joined the club in 1990. Her charity that year was The Roy Castle Foundation. Geraldine placed great value on friendship links with Soroptimists elsewhere, especially SI Cologne where she made several visits and hosted members in return.

Geraldine will be very much missed and we send our condolences and best wishes to her husband Gerry and family.



2022 Dates for your Diary:

JANUARY

11th - Executive Meeting

26th - Club Meeting

29th - UKPAC Regional Reporting – Modern Day Slavery (Zoom)

FEBRUARY

6th - International Day of Zero Tolerance to Female Genital Mutilation

8th - Executive Meeting

11th - International Day of Women and Girls in Science

23rd - Club Meeting

27th - 95th Club Charter Celebrations

MARCH

3rd - World Wildlife Day

8th - Club Meeting / International Women's Day

20th - International Day of Happiness

21st - International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination / International Day of Forests

23rd - Club Meeting

24th - International Day for the Right to the Truth concerning Gross Human Rights Violations and for the Dignity of Victims

25th - International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade

26th - UKPAC and Regional Reporting

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