Soroptimist News February 2021 out now

The February 2021 issue of Soroptimist News is out now.

Main features include the UN target of eliminating child abuse by 2030 plus looking forward to a more prosperous society. 2021 is Soroptimist International’s Centenary year, so there is a feature on our Centenary Tree Planting project. All trees planted by Soroptimist International Great Britain and Ireland (SIGBI) are now being recorded on a map.

New series: “Meet the Board, Up Close” - each issue this year will feature Board member interviews. Starting with President Johanna M Raffan MBE and Membership Director Chevonne Agana.

All the information on how to access the magazine is on the SIGBI Website, and we have created an Easy guide to installing and using the App. Download it now to get the most out of the App:

- Soroptimist News page on the SIGBI Website
- Easy guide to installing the using the Soroptimist News App

Soroptimist Centenary News

Soroptimist Centenary Toolkit 2021

The PR and Marketing Committee has produced a Centenary toolkit for use by Clubs throughout the year, with a social media graphic and messages for each month until October 2021, plus banners for Facebook, Twitter and your website.

Use the photoframe to post pictures of your members doing the #ChoosetoChallenge pose for International Women’s Day. If you don’t want to post pictures of members, then use our March graphic on this day.

Link all your social media posts to the Centenary this year, and let’s turn Facebook purple.

- Centenary Toolkit (log into the members’ area before using this link)

House of Lords Reception—Wednesday 14 July 2021 12.00-14.30 pm

Expressions of Interest requested—RSVP by 18 March 2021

This event will be a special celebration of the 100th Anniversary of Soroptimist International. The reception will be a light “bowl-food” networking lunch for 200 people with a glass of champagne for the toast. Tickets will be £65/head. RSVP by 18 March to Joanne Voller joanne@sigbi.org. Read the letter from President Johanna M Raffan MBE carefully for full details of how to register your interest. COVID-19 We are monitoring the COVID-19 situation closely and if it looks as if the event will be unable to go ahead in this format on 14 July we will of course keep everyone informed. Please direct any queries to Joanne Voller.

- Letter of invitation to House of Lords Reception from President Johanna M Raffan MBE
- Visit the Centenary website for more information

Planting Trees for a Brilliant Future

Are you having problems as a Club finding a way to plant trees locally, but still want to get involved?

Read the update below from the Plant Trees team, which gives lots of advice on how to support tree planting without doing the planting yourselves.

- Plant Trees for a Brilliant Future update

#WhoIsShe? Update—February 2021

We have just passed the halfway point in our #WhoIsShe? monthly showcases of members both past and present who have each, in their own way, made a positive difference for women and girls.

Liz Batten gives an update on the campaign, and news about a 6 ‘O’ virtual event in March.

- #WhoIsShe? Update—February 2021
Photo of the Month—January 2021

Congratulations to our January 2021 Photo of the Month winner, SI Southend on Sea and District.

Here are the 6 squares they made for the Southend YMCA’s ‘Get 2020 Wrapped Up, Find Your Voice, Community Quilt’ they look fabulous.

UKPAC Member Resources Page

Don’t forget to check the UK Programme Action Committee (UKPAC) member resources page for items relevant only to members.

Recently added are a series of reports by all the member organisations of 6’O’. For full details of 6’O’ and to read the reports visit the members’ area before using the link below:

- UKPAC Member Resources Page

Commission on the Status of Women 65

Final reminder: if you want to register for CSW 65, 15-26 March 2021 then you need to do so by the Indico website by 22 February 2021.

Registration for the NGO parallel events is on the NGO CSW65 website.

Read Kay Richmond’s letter below, which contains all links.

- Letter from Director of Programme re CSW 65

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Weblinks

- Letter to UK COP 26 Leadership Team
- NGO Social Development Committee Civil Society Declaration
- Fairtrade Fortnight—22 February to 7 March 2021
- New Invitation on the Invitations page