Soroptimist News May 2021—out now

Do take time to read the May 2021, which is now 16 pages. This bumper issue contains news on the Generation Equality Forum, Friendship Links, two more Board Member interviews, the three SIGBI charities, news of the Centenary Exhibition and more.

Full details of how to access the page-turner and the App are on the SIGBI Website. Full instructions on how to install and use the App are given in the guide below.

More pages mean that future issues will contain more Club News, which was a main request arising from the recent Soroptimist News & SIGBI News Briefing survey.

Do share the magazine link with your friends, family and partners to let people know what Soroptimists are doing to improve the lives of women and girls.

- Soroptimist News (website)
- Guide for installing and using the App

World Environment Day Toolkit

World Environment Day is on 5 June 2021. We have produced some images that you can use on social media, plus there are links to a carbon footprint calculator, lesson plans for teachers (share them with your local school) and a video to share.

- Special Days Toolkits page (log into the members area before using this link)
- World Environment Day video

SIGBI Centenary Video—share during Membership Month

Don’t forget to keep sharing the SIGBI Centenary Video during May (Membership Month) to promote the work of our Organisation.

Show it at your events which include your prospective members.

- SIGBI Centenary Video

Trustees to the Emergency Relief Fund Required

SIGBI Ltd is looking for two Trustees for the Emergency Relief Fund. The closing date for applications is 11 June 2021. Full details are in President Elect, Cathy Cottridge’s letter below, and links to the ERF Constitution, Protocol and Trustee Role Specification are also included:

- President Elect Cathy Cottridge’s letter re ERF Trustees
- Emergency Relief Fund Constitution
- Emergency Relief Fund Protocol
- Emergency Relief Fund Trustee Role Specification

Photo of the Month—April 2021

Congratulations Norwich Soroptimists, our April Photo of the Month winners. Here are all the Easter chicks filled with a chocolate egg that they knit for a local primary school, as part of the 100 for 100 challenge. We’re sure the children were delighted to receive them.

Reorganisation of Members Area

The members’ area of the website has now been reorganised into the SIGBI Directors’ areas. A new sitemap is below.

The Directors are now reviewing their areas so there may be some further minor changes to come. We hope that it is now easier for you to find the information you need.

- SIGBI Website Site Map

Weblinks

- International Day of Families—15 May 2021
- SIGBI donates $3,000 to the WHO COVID 19 Solidarity Response Fund
- Invitations Page (new invitations)
Events

SI 100 Year Birthday Event—1-3 October 2021
SI President, Sharon Fisher, personally invites each and every member to attend the online SI 100 Year Birthday Event, 1-3 October 2021. Registration is now OPEN, book before 14 June 2021 you can take advantage of the special Early Bird price of only $40. Don’t miss the opportunity of attending this once in a lifetime event. Details are on the SIGBI Website:

- **SI 100 Year Birthday Event**

Tree Planting Webinar May 2021—recorded broadcast
Listen to John Tucker, Director of Woodland Creation & Outreach, Woodland Trust share his passion for all things trees and discuss some of the most challenging questions about climate change and tree planting for the future. John is a Chartered forester with 40 years forestry and arboriculture experience.

- **Listen to the webinar**

Programme/Membership/Growth Webinar 24 April 2021
A summary report of the webinar, as well as the recordings and presentations, is now available from the Programme/Membership Webinar that took place on 24 April 2021. Log into the members’ area of the SIGBI Website and follow the link below (note the link has changed since the last SIGBI News Briefing):

- **Programme & Membership Webinar 24 April 2021**

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Centenary Envelopes
Don’t forget to order your Commemorative envelopes and stamps, which have been developed with our images and logos and celebrate 100 years since the founding of the very first Soroptimist club in Oakland, California in 1921. These are limited editions of 500 per design, which will become collector’s items. Similar Commemorative envelopes have increased considerably in value over time. Priced at £12.50 plus P&P.

**Envelope 1 – ‘The World’**
This confirms the presence of Soroptimists worldwide now and depicts ‘The Road to Equality’ campaign for gender equality. The reverse details a historical timeline of the continuing development of the organisation.

**Envelope 2 – ‘The Hotel’**
This commemorates the first Soroptimist members and their meeting place in California. The reverse records some of the worldwide projects completed in recent years.

There are inserts in both envelopes explaining the history of the Soroptimists and their involvement in worldwide events such as World War II and alliances with the United Nations and UNICEF.

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