May is Membership Month

Happy Membership Month! As we all know, this is the month in the Soroptimist Calendar where we channel our energies into building, expanding and celebrating our membership.

As we kick off this month, Chevonne Agana, Membership Director, brings you up to date with our plans for the month, including the Each One Bring One campaign and celebrating our Centenary Soroptimists.

Read Chevonne’s letter below for full details, and download our Each One Bring One poster to share with your Club Members. There is also a guidance checklist for holding a membership event:

- Letter re Membership Month
- Guidelines for holding a membership event
- Each One—Bring One poster

Weblinks

- SIGBI President’s May 2021 message
- SIGBI Membership Director’s May 2021 message
- SIGBI Donates £1,000 to the Red Cross for the coronavirus crisis in India
- New SIGBI Statue at the National Memorial Arboretum
- World Day for Safety and Health at Work
- Invitations page (new invitations have been added)

How to take great photos on your phone

The PR and Marketing team are working on a number of guidance documents to help members publicise their activities and events.

Naina Shah has produced the document below on how to produce that perfect picture using your phone, for use on social media, websites and for Soroptimist News.

- Taking Photographs on your Smartphone

Reorganisation of SIGBI Website Members Area

A number of members have told us that information in the Members’ Area of the website is hard to find.

With this in mind, we are reorganizing the information under the headings of the five Directors (Membership, Programme, PR & Marketing, Finance, Governance) to make it easier to locate the information you are looking for. Each Director will have overall responsibility for their section.

This reorganization will take place w/c 17 May 2021. It will not result in any downtime, but you may find that things are moving around when you are in the members’ area.

We will re-issue the site map in the SIGBI News Briefing of 21 May 2021.

Safeguarding Mailbox

A new designated mailbox has been set up specifically for safeguarding queries.

This is currently being monitored by Acting Safeguarding Officer, Shirley Jones, and will be used by the new Designated Safeguarding Officer when elected.

- safeguarding@sigbi.org

2nd Call for Nominations

There are still two Federation vacancies to fill for the coming Federation Year: Designated Safeguarding Officer and HR Liaison.

Details of these posts are in the letter below.

Early next week, Clubs will receive two ballot papers for the nominations that have been received—SIGBI President Elect (one nomination) and APD Partnerships (two nominations).

Please note that a video has been submitted with the President Elect nomination.

- 2nd Call for Nominations Letter
- President Elect nominee, Ruth Healey, video
Events

Programme/Membership/Growth Webinar 24 April 2021

Recordings and presentations are 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:

- Programme & Membership Webinar 24 April 2021

Recordings/presentations from UKPAC Study Day

Recordings and presentations are now available from the UKPAC Study Day on 17 April 2021. Only the morning sessions took place, owing to His Royal Highness Prince Philip’s funeral, so the afternoon session has been rescheduled for 3 July 2021:

- UKPAC Study Day 2021

Tree Planting Webinar May 2021—recorded broadcast

This is not an invitation to a live webinar. It is a recording that will be available from Saturday 8 May 2021 on the Tree Planting Webinars page of the Centenary Website.

Watch 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.

- Tree Planting Webinar page on Centenary Website

SIGBI has recorded 18,533 trees planted on our Tree Planting Map.

Share the news.

Joint North/South Ireland Conference—22 May 2021 @ 10.00 BST

Regional President Melanie and National Association President Mary warmly invite you to join them at their Joint North South Conference (virtually) on Saturday 22 May 2021 at 10.00am. The flyer below gives details and how to register, and the full programme is also below:

- Joint North/South Irish Conference flyer
- Programme for North/South Ireland Conference

SIGBI 2022 Diary—pre-order now for delivery in August 2021

You can now pre-order your 2022 SIGBI Diaries, for delivery in August 2021. The prices are (all plus P&P):

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