A Year in the Life of Soroptomist International Midland Arden Region 2019 - 2020



Midland Arden Clubs



Midland Arden is made up of 10 Clubs:

- Bromsgrove and Redditch
- Coventry
- Hereford and District
- Kenilworth and District
- Kidderminster and District

- Rugby
- Solihull and District
- Stourbridge and District
- Stratford-upon-Avon and District
- Worcester and District

Programme Action is at the heart of what we do

Federation President Isobel

SI Solihull and District





SI Central Birmingham

We said goodbye to Central Birmingham. The Club was formed on 24 October 1928, the sixth Club to be formed in the UK.





Our Federation, Regional and Past Regional President



Remembrance Sunday Wreath National Memorial Arboretum





A snapshot of our Programme Action activities over the last 12 months

Sit back and enjoy ©



March Regional Meeting International Women's Day -

Each for Equal



Dame Vera Baird QC

Formerly:

- Police and Crime Commissioner for Northumbria
- Association of Police and Crime Commissioners' national lead for supporting victims.
- Ministry of Justice Minister
- Solicitor General
- Member of Parliament
- Criminal Barrister and QC

The Victims' Commissioner for England and Wales

The role of the Victims' Commissioner, as defined in s49 Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act 2004 is to:

- Promote the role of victims and witnesses
- Encourage good practice in the treatment of victims and witnesses
- And to keep under review the operation of the Victims' Code
- Inspired us at our March Meeting



SI Stourbridge and District



Literary Dinner
"Chain Gang November 2019"



SI Stourbridge & District Pre-Covid Activities

BIG CURRY NIGHT; THE WOMEN'S REFUGE



OUR 'GANG' IN BOURNEMOUTH



VISITING HONORARY MEMBER MARION – 100 YRS old in 2021



SI KENILWORTH & DISTRICT - PRESIDENT GILL SCHOFIELD





Workshop with Warwickshire Refuge about how to respond appropriately to someone admitting they are being abused



SI Bromsgrove and Redditich January Annual Quiz

SI Coventry 2019-2020



Fund raising to enable the septic tank to be connected & sanitary ware for 27 destitute women in Thanal House, Kerela, India through Health Help International (HHI)

Fund raising and promotion of

Fund raising and promotion of Soroptimism for HHI at Finham and Earlsdon Festivals Tesco Christmas
Bag Packing for
HHI

Other fund raiser for HHI was monthly coffee mornings





Curry Evening for Empowering girls in Nepal

£410

£1500



Delivery of
Assemblies
at Finham 2
Comprehensive
School
'Love me Love
me not'
project

Other PAC work

- Signing petitions
- Training for abuse trial observations
- Distribution of SI Coventry leaflets Donations to following charities
- International President Appeal £89
- Purple Community Fund £140 & ring pulls
- Mehru Garden £185
- Benevolent Fund £53.75
- Kairos £90.50
- Hope Coventry £100
- 4 collections of Food, toiletries and Christmas and Mothers Day gifts & £70 for Coventry Haven Women's Refuge

Presidents Challenge Make something for Easter to make us smile!





Club members watch "Even When I Fall" – a story of trafficking survivors 1st March 2020 – Raised Funds for Gilgall And Karma Nirvana

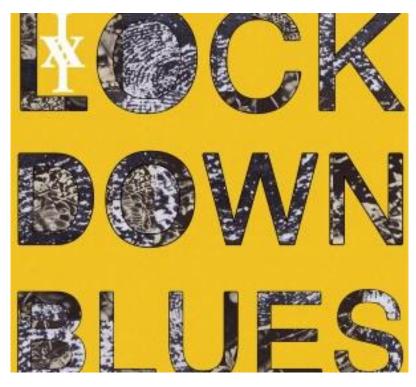




Solihull Soroptimists have been maintaining the flower beds at Widney Manor station since 2006.

SI Stratford upon Avon Each for Equal on International Women's Day



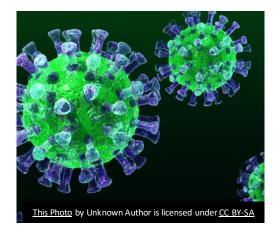








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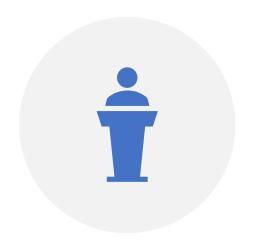
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PRESIDENT ROSE IN ACTION





Regional Events Cancelled 2020







PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION MARCH

CHANGE OF INSIGNIA APRIL

PROGRAMME ACTION AWARDS SEPTEMBER

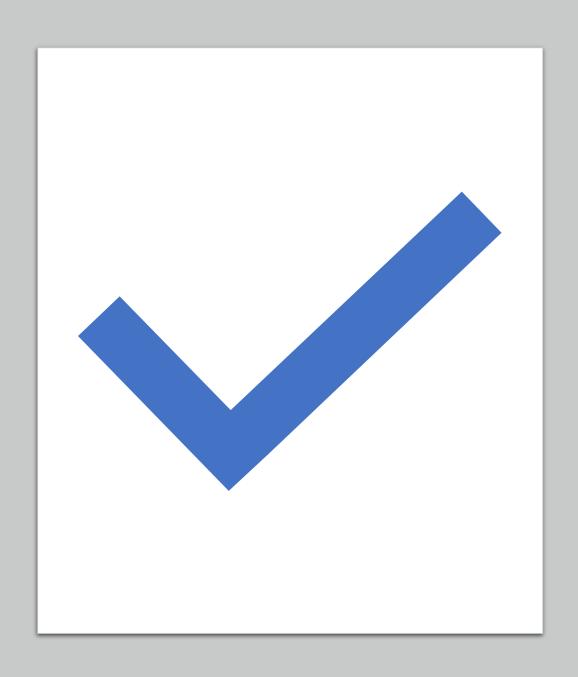






SOROPTIMISTS 'SEIZED THE OPPORTUNITY' AND WE GOT TECHNICAL!

GoToMeeting



Programme Action Work continued

SI Stourbridge & District- Post Covid Activities

- BALLOON RACE
- SILENT AUCTION
- MASK MAKING
- THE WOMEN'S REFUGE
- ENVIRONMENT QUIZ
- WOMEN'S GLOBAL HEALTH QUIZ
- SHOW & TELL
- MONTHLY BOOK CLUB



SI Coventry Apr 2020-Sept 2020



2 collections of food & toiletries & drawing materials for children and £572.90 donated to Coventry Haven Women's Refuge. We have already started our 3rd collection to be donated at the end of September.



Collection of Ring pulls for Purple Community Fund And 5 p's for the Benevolent Fund

A small selection of the knitted baby jackets, dresses and nighties for HHI and an orphanage in Malawi





Taking part in a Zoom Panel Discussion organised by SI Madurai looking at 'Climate change in your city' with clubs across the world.

Other PAC work

- Joining Zoom discussion run by Mandy Sanghera on 'Think global, act local looking at tackling inequalities and leaving no one behind'
- Joining Zoom run by Coventry Women's Partnership 'The impact of Covid 19 on women in Coventry'
- Taking part in 3 SIGBI webinars 'How we can get the most out of our own website.

Donations to:

- National Arboretum appeal £45
- Empowering Girls in Nepal £55
- Taking part in 'The Big Story' Sue's sponsorship raised £1000
- Coventry Haven £572.90
 Letters sent to Coventry, Bedworth, Nuneaton and Kenilworth MP's re Domestic Abuse Bill

Today is our Day of Action. We are highlighting how we are staying connected to our local community here at SI Kenilworth and District by supporting our local Foodbank. #SoroptimistsConnect @SoroptimistSIGBI

Because of Covid 19 –

- Our Club can't meet for dinner.
- By donating our dinner money we've raised £670 to give to the local Foodbank.
- So other people can have dinner.





Face Masks Reducing the spread of Covid



Members donating supper club costs etc



Solihull & District

£325 – to buy school clothes





£245 to support women at the Drop In

Helping Hands – Food Bank £135



Sewing Scrubs and Laundry Bags for Scrubs



Sponsored Walk to raise awareness and raise funds

"Stop the Traffik".















#Unlock the Doors, supporting the charity Justice and Care to remember those in Slavery who even after lock down will not be free







SI Stratford upon Avon - Socially distanced hospital gardening has continued throughout the pandemic





When will we be able to meet again?



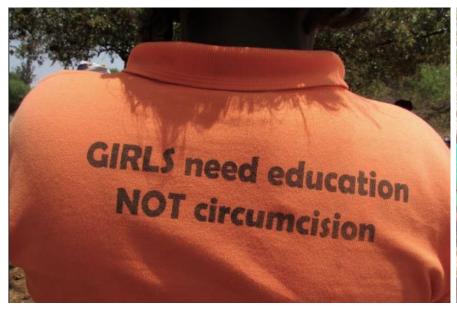
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Our campaigns continue

We said goodbye to 'Meru' Our Federation Project 2016-19









EMPOWERINGGIRLS IN NEPAL

- A PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN -







The Road to Equality

SI PRESIDENT'S APPEAL 2019 - 2021



A BIG THANK YOU AND WELL DONE TO ALL MIDLAND ARDEN REGION SOROPTIMISTS

WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE TO THE LIVES OF WOMEN AND GIRLS AROUND THE WORLD AND HAVE FUN DOING SO!







Looking forward to our Centennial in 2021