



HISTORY HIGHLIGHTS OF SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF COVENTRY

- 192? Coventry Ladies Venture Club formed with 18 members, the eleventh Venture Club in England.
- March 1929 Coventry Venture Club became Soroptimist International of Coventry, the 50th Soroptimist Club in the world.
- 1935 Coventry's 'Daughter Club' set up at Leamington and Warwick.
- 1937/38 'Flats Fund' set up as a first step in providing accommodation for women of limited means.
- 1938 Coventry's second 'Daughter Club' set up in Rugby.
- 1939-45 Coventry members were much involved in helping with local problems especially after the Blitz on Coventry in 1940.
- June 1940 Coventry's third 'Daughter Club' set up in Nuneaton – sadly no longer in existence.
- 1945 Dalton Road property purchased, with aid of monetary gifts from SI Winnipeg, Canada, and loans from club members, and opened as 'Soroptimist House'.
- 1960/61 Use of Christian names introduced among members, and hats and gloves no longer needed to be worn.
- 1969 A fourth 'Daughter Club', Kenilworth and District, was chartered to celebrate Coventry's 40th birthday.
- 1981 Soroptimist House donated to the Church Housing Association.
- 1989 60th Anniversary with Miss Muriel Carter, first President of the Club, visiting from Australia aged 92.
- 2009 80th Anniversary celebrations
- SI Coventry has enjoyed Friendship Links with clubs in:
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| Akeja, Africa | Madurai, India |
| Arnhem, Netherlands | St Etienne, France |
| Cork, Ireland | White Rock, USA (sadly now ceased) |
| Deakin, Australia | Winnipeg, Canada (sadly now ceased) |
| Dresden, Germany | |