

Questions and Answers

Midland Arden Regional Meeting 11th September 2021

Regional Officers look forward to meeting members at the September Regional meeting. As this will be the first time we have met together for some time, the Q and A detailed below will hopefully act as a memory jogger for our regular attendees and provide some background for first time attendees.

Q. What about Covid – is it safe to meet?

A. The meeting arrangements will comply with all Government and Public Health Guidance on managing Covid risk. Full details of the measures in place to protect our health will be issued prior to the meeting. Please remember it is your personal choice to attend.

Q. What does the meeting charge cover?

A. The £25 meeting charge covers the cost of hiring the venue and equipment, tea and coffee on arrival and a two-course buffet lunch.

Q. How do I book my place at the meeting?

A. Please do this through your Club. A booking form has been sent to all Club Secretaries by Regional Treasurer Andrea. Numbers attending from each Club are required by Friday, 20th August.

Q. What if the Government guidance changes and we cannot meet in person?

A. The meeting will be held via Zoom.

Q. What about the booking conditions if we cannot meet – will I get my money back?

A. The meeting caterers require two weeks' notice of numbers attending – the booking will not be confirmed if there is any uncertainty about Covid restrictions preventing the meeting going ahead.

Q. What is the start and finish time of the meeting?

A. The meeting starts at 10am and finishes at 1pm when lunch will be served. The venue will be open from 8.30am if you have a stall that you wish to set up. Coffee will be served from 9.30am.

Q. What are the parking arrangements?

A. There is ample free parking near to the venue.

Q. I have mobility restrictions – is the venue suitable?

A. The building is adapted – if you have any specific concerns or questions, please contact Rose Hutchinson on 07399164577 or by email rose.hutchinson@icloud.com who will be pleased to help.

Q. I am a new member; this will be my first Regional Meeting – what should I expect?

A. You can expect a very warm welcome and experience being truly motivated by meeting other Soroptimists and hearing about other Club's Programme Action work. The meetings are very enjoyable, and an opportunity to make new contacts and friends. Also, there will be no charge for your first meeting.

Q. Will there be a raffle?

A. Yes, there will be a raffle with proceeds being donated to the SIGBI Diamond Education Grant – Federation President Johanna's charity. Tickets will be a £1 each and for sale at the meeting.

Q. I am a member of SI Solihull and we are the host club for the meeting – what is required?

A. Regional Secretary Janice has sent details of the requested support required to your Club Secretary Christine. Thank you for your help in making sure the meeting runs smoothly.

Q. Will the Regional Post Box be available?

A. Yes, the Regional Post Box for distributing any notices to other Regional Clubs will be available. Please ensure that someone from your Club remembers to collect your post.

Q. Will sale tables be available?

A. Yes at a charge of £5 per table – please ensure your Club orders on the booking form and the table will be ready and available for you on the day.

Q. How do I let Clubs know that we are having a sale table and the goods on sale?

A. Please send a short description of items for sale or even a photograph to Regional Secretary Janice and details will be circulated to all attendees prior to the meeting.

Q. Our Clubs wish to collect (non – financial) donations to our charity at the meeting – what are the arrangements?

A. To help ensure all attendees can bring donations please let Regional Secretary Janice know details of what items you are collecting. Janice will collate details and circulate to all attendees. Please remember It is some time since we last met, it will also help first time attendees if advanced details of items being collected are known.

Q. Where can I find out details of the Programme Action Awards?

A. Regional Programme Action Officer Denise has met with and sent details to your Club Programme Action Officer. There are also details on the [regional website](#).

Q. Who decides the winning Programme Action project?

A. All attendees at the Regional Meeting will have a vote (but not for their own Club!).

Q. I am interested in joining the Regional Committee – where can I find more information?

A. Fantastic news! You will receive a warm welcome from other Regional Offices and lots of support. Please contact Rose Hutchinson, Regional Development Officer, on 07399164577. There are also details on the [regional website](#).

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