

To Midland Arden Region Club Presidents and Secretaries

Please see below a request from Anne MacDonald Conference 2021 Chair:

“Conference Sponsorship Calling all Regions/National Associations

As part of our focus on young people and our theme ‘Believe to Achieve’ the Conference Committee would like to propose that Regions & National Associations consider sponsoring one or two young women (ages 15 – 20) to attend Conference this year.

The benefits of this might be:

A raised awareness among young people about Soroptimist International

Encouragement to develop School/University/e-clubs

Potential for local publicity/press releases

We will leave it to you to decide on how you select the most suitable young women.

Please use the Online Guest Registration Link (<https://register.sigbi.org/non-membervirtual-conference-registration-2021/>) to register anyone under this scheme and include their full details when making your payment. I

If any guidance is required with regard to this proposal please do not hesitate to contact the Committee via our website (<https://sigbi.org/llandudno2021/contact-us/>).”

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I am pleased to advise that Regional Funds are available to support this request and enable two Clubs within our Region to sponsor a young woman.

Regional Officers considered the fairest way to do this was to select randomly (names out of a hat) a list of Clubs that Sponsorship should be offered to. The results are as follows:

- 1 Stratford upon Avon – the Club have confirmed that they will not take up the offer.
- 2 Kidderminster
- 3 Rugby
- 4 Bromsgrove
- 5 Stourbridge
- 6 Herford
- 7 Coventry
- 8 Kenilworth
- 9 Worcester
- 10 Solihull

As Stratford Upon Avon Club has advised that they do not have a young woman to sponsor, Rugby Club now has the offer of funding.

I hope the above list is clear and I would ask that the Clubs who currently have the offer of funding that they decide as quickly as possible if they are likely to use the offer, and if not let Region – Andrea Kingston Regional Treasurer and the next Club on the list know.

Elaine Clarke -Regional President