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<p>Mrs. Jean Lovie</p>  <p>1989 – 1990</p>	<p>Medical Social Worker</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ Theme “Getting to Know Newcastle”</li> <li>□ We met with Northern Arts; the Northern Sinfonia; Northumbria Water; “Keeping Newcastle Clean”; Barnardo’s; Conrad House Cancer Care; Newcastle University (Town Planning); Town Teacher; ‘Primary Education in Newcastle’; and with the regional Kidney Transplant Unit.</li> <li>□ Mr. Brian Roycroft, Director of Social Services was our welcome Charter Dinner speaker.</li> <li>□ Through Coffee Mornings, a Wine and Cheese event and a Strawberry lunch, money was raised for Marta’s Educational Fund; Cancer Care; the Bayswater (63) Appeal; the Lima San Salvador Shanty Town Project and towards a visit by Westgate Hill School children to the Royal Ballet via the Hamlin Project.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ Federation Conference in Blackpool on “Women in Management”.</li> <li>□ Joan Freshwater from S.I. Carlisle led a workshop on ‘Working with the Media’.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ Margaret Thatcher : Prime Minister</li> <li>□ Nelson Mandela released from prison.</li> <li>□ Invention of worldwide web by Tim Bernard-Lee.</li> <li>□ Hubble telescope launched into space.</li> <li>□ Germany reunited after fall of Berlin Wall in 1989.</li> <li>□ Lech Waleska became 1<sup>st</sup> President of Poland.</li> </ul>


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<p>Miss Christine Tarling 1990 – 1991</p> 	<p>Occupational Therapist</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Theme for year: Quality of Life</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Member visited SI Gotenburg for their 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Christmas Meeting at Nuffield Hospital</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Annual Charter Dinner at St James Park, speaker Mrs. W. Tarling</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> SI Northern England flower bed at Gateshead Garden Festival</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Recycling of aluminum cans</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Banning of skoal bandits</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Charities supported: Hamlyn Project; Marta's Trust; Cheviot First School; Communication Aid; equipment for Calvert Trust; planted scented plants at Keilder in lieu of flowers at AGM.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Gift of tree from club to SI Carlisle for their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> New Constitution Part I</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Federation Conference in Jersey</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> John Major : Prime Minister</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Break-up of the Soviet Union on Christmas Day 1991 – Cold War officially ended.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Operation Desert Storm (1<sup>st</sup> Gulf War)</li> </ul>


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<p>Miss Dorothy Sisterson 1991 – 1992</p> 	<p>Senior Lecturer in Education</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ Underlying theme was “Friendship”.</li> <li>□ ‘Retired Member’s Group’ celebrated 21 years of its existence with a supper party at the Maritime Centre on Newcastle’s Quay-side with Northumbrian food provided by ‘Good Taste’.</li> <li>□ Focus on Friendship Links with visit to Gottenburg by President and Dr Mary Elder for their 40th Anniversary celebrations.</li> <li>□ Club raised money for ‘Save the Children’ and the ‘International Children’s Trust’ which helps educate children from villages in India, developing new agricultural skills which benefit their rural communities. Girls also developed sewing and craft skills and some of their craft products were sold to raise funds to help them.</li> <li>□ Club also supported Kenton Comprehensive School to develop a link with a school in Moscow. The students and teachers from Moscow came to visit our club and talked about the importance of this link for developing international and economic understanding.</li> <li>□ 54<sup>th</sup> Charter Dinner at Novotel, Newcastle upon Tyne – Guest speaker Ms Monica Shaw, Dean of Faculty of Social Sciences, Newcastle upon Tyne Polytechnic “The Role of Women in the 1990’s”.</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ John Major : Prime Minister</li> <li>□ Beginning of genocide in Bosnia.</li> <li>□ South Africa repealed its Apartheid Laws.</li> <li>□ Airlift of 14000 Jews from Ethiopia by Israel.</li> <li>□ Eruption of Mount Pinatubo, Philippines, killed 800 people.</li> <li>□ Copper Age Man found frozen in glazier.</li> </ul>


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<p>Mrs. Olive Kaer MBE (deceased) 1992 – 1993</p> 	<p>Company Director</p> <p>Awarded MBE in June 1991</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> The repayment of Treasury Stock £1,624 was put into a separate account in a Building Society, designated Housing Fund, to be re-invested at a later date.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Club Events: Gosforth Park Fashion Show; B &amp; P International Night; Christmas meal at Civic Centre; Mansion House Coffee Morning with Salvation Army attending.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Club joined with other Soroptimist Clubs to give a Reception at Newcastle's Guildhall for impoverished crews of Tall Ships providing parcels and hampers. Choir from Estonia provided entertainment</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Local Soroptimists arranged concert and cheese and wine evening in 48 hours which raised sufficient funds to support Tall Ship crews on their return journey.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Charter Dinner at Novotel.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Charities supported: Save the Children Fund; Marta's Fund; Kidney Research; Women's Refuge toiletries.; Cancer Care in the Community Nimbus mattresses donated).</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Friendship Link established with Estonia.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Federation Conference – Liverpool.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> John Major: Prime Minister</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Rodney King trial and aftermath – 3 Los Angeles police officers acquitted for beating of King led to devastating riots.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Raid on Branch Davidian compound in Waco – 4 agents and 6 cult members died in gun battle.</li> </ul>



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<p>Mrs. Ann Powell 1993 – 1994</p> 	<p>Podiatrist</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> President's charity - the Multiple Sclerosis Society</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> The Region of Northern England were involved in the Anti-landmine Campaign and raised funds to pay to train teachers in Sierra Leone.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Friendship Link SI Glasgow's 49<sup>th</sup> Anniversary attended for weekend. Friendship Link with SI Tallin started.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Started the 'Woman of the Year' Award and the club chose Alison Kay who started the 'People's Kitchen' as our nomination in 1993.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Charities supported: : Sightsavers; Children's International Trust; Marta's Fund; Salvation Army; People's Kitchen; Women's Refuge; Estonian Aid – link Westgate Road School with Killing-Nomme school.</li> </ul>	<p>Regional Campaign – HIV Awareness – Chang Mai Education Programme in Thailand.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> John Major : Prime Minister</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Exponential growth of internet.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> New York's Trade Centre bombed.</li> </ul>


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<p>Mrs. Christine Tomkins 1994 – 1995</p> 	<p>Head Teacher</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Theme for year - the needs of children and families.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> The Club supported the 'Bubble Appeal' charity based at the Newcastle General Hospital before it later moved to the Great North Children's Hospital at the Royal Victoria Infirmary.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> The guest speaker at our Annual Charter Dinner was Nancy Elliot O.B.E., the Primary Education Adviser for Newcastle Local Education Authority.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Charities supported: Estonian Aid; Glenda's Fund (replaced Marta's Fund); Baltic Sea Ferry Disaster Fund; Women's Refuge; People's Kitchen; International Children's Trust.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Supported Jim Cousins MP over closure of Post Offices.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Woman of the Year awarded to Florence Kirkby (Education theme).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> SIGBI Conference in Glasgow.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Region – Lobby for tax relief on Child Care costs and Members attended Land Mines Conference at Civic Centre.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> John Major : Prime Minister</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Nelson Mandela elected President of South Africa.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Channel Tunnel opened.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Genocide in Rwanda.</li> </ul>

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<p>Miss Lisa Kaer (deceased) 1995 – 1996</p> 	<p>Inspector of Nursing Homes</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ After visit to Estonia, her family home country, she made contact with the local school where the Club have sent English reading books for the children and held an annual essay writing competition for several years. The winner receives a bundle of books as a prize.</li> <li>□ Kate Adie, BBC Foreign Correspondent, was speaker at Annual Dinner.</li> <li>□ Charities supported: Alzheimer's Disease Society; Estonian Projects; Women's Refuge; Children's International Trust.</li> <li>□ Club Newsletter commenced.</li> <li>□ Woman in the Community awarded to Joyce Dalton.</li> </ul>  <p style="text-align: center;">Kate Adie and President Lisa</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ Region: Landmine demonstration – Carlisle; Regional Conference "Poverty through Women's Eyes"</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ John Major : Prime Minister</li> <li>□ Oklahoma City bombing by domestic terrorists – killed 168 people.</li> <li>□ OJ Simpson found not guilty of double murder – called trial of the century.</li> </ul>

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<p>Mrs. Vivienne Singleton 1996 – 1997</p> 	<p>Bookmaker Head of Care at a Residential Home for the Elderly</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> President had a special interest in vulnerable people.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> She developed links with the Joseph Cowen Healthcare Centre in Wilfred Street, Byker which provided the only primary health care for homeless people on Tyneside.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> The Club started to make regular donations of women's clothing; toiletries and beverages.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Funds were also raised to help improve both the services (by the development of women's groups) and the building facilities.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> President also obtained grants to help the Centre through her Trade Union links.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Lobbied Newcastle Central MP on sexual exploitation of children abroad by UK subjects and the influence of tobacco advertising on children.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Friendship links: visited Munich, Gotenberg, Ballymena and Tallin; meeting with SI Glasgow West at Dryburgh Abbey Hotel.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Diplomas and book prizes awarded to students in Estonian School.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Lobbied "What women want" campaign – walk in safety through the streets.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Charities supported: Byker Bridge Housing Association for the Homeless; Marta and Glenda's Fund (Guatamala); Estonian project (school and hospital); Women's Refuge; Marie Curie Cancer Care.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Woman in the community awarded to Dr Kathleen Clark (for her work at the NGH and in Nepal).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Federation Conference in Harrogate.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Regional focus ; Wellness for all approaching the millennium"</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Region project – education of young girls in Sierra Leone.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> SIAM project, Romania and School for education and prostitutes in India.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> SI Tynemouth and SI Whitley Bay merged.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Soroptimists International celebrated its Diamond Jubilee. Northern England Region marked the event in October with a Gala Concert in King's Hall, University of Newcastle upon Tyne and an evening Dinner at Chester-le-Street in County Durham's Cricket Cub.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> John Major : Prime Minister</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> First cloned mammal – Dolly the Sheep.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Centennial Olympic Park in Atlanta bombed during Olympic Games.</li> </ul>



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<p>Ms. Catherine Waller 1997 – 1998</p> 	<p>Senior Lecturer in Nursing</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ Diamond Jubilee Celebrations weekend: Reception (Friday), Dinner at Newcastle Civic Centre (Saturday) and Service in St Nicholas' Cathedral (Sunday). Members welcomed from Munich, Gotenberg, Ballymena, Glasgow west and Gelsenkirchen.</li> <li>□ Agreed to terminate agreement with Glenda's Fund as the Ashville Club in North Carolina had closed and there was no way of ensuring funds would reach Glenda.</li> <li>□ Charities supported: The Girls Jubilee Fund supporting girls in 6th form; Estonia projects (awarded book prize).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ Federation - The Way Forward consultation – update of SI objectives discussed.</li> <li>□ Compilation of history for 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary for Region.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ Tony Blair : Prime Minister</li> <li>□ Death of Princess Diana.</li> <li>□ Hong Kong returned to China after years in British Crown Colony.</li> <li>□ Hale-Bopp comet became visible.</li> <li>□ Pathfinder sent back images from Mars.</li> <li>□ Mad Cow disease in Britain.</li> <li>□ Tiger Woods won Masters Golf Tournament.</li> <li>□ First Harry Potted book on shelves.</li> </ul>

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<p>Miss Margaret Ayton 1998 – 1999</p> 	<p>Health Authority – Nurse Adviser</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ Theme for year was ‘partnerships and consolidation’.</li> <li>□ Club activities included two Charity Fun Quizzes at the BBC Centre; a visit from the Federation Friendship Link Coordinator; contribution to a regional exhibition (50th Anniversary) in Newcastle City Library; responses to two City of Newcastle consultations including the City Centre Action Plan.</li> <li>□ The children's essay competition with the school in Estonia continued.</li> <li>□ A joint outing with S.I..Glasgow West was held at Dryburgh Abbey in the Borders.</li> <li>□ The annual Charter celebration was changed to a Lunch. S.I.Gateshead members were invited to join S.I.Newcastle upon Tyne following the closure of their club in 1999.</li> <li>□ The President's Charity was the Newcastle Healthy City Project.</li> <li>□ Other Charities supported included St Oswald's Hospice; Glenda's Fund for her Education in Guatemala; the Women's Refuge; MacMillan Nurses; Newcastle Society for the Blind; the Peoples' Kitchen; the purchase of an Aqua Box; the Kosovo Appeal; Breast Cancer Awareness; the Marie Curie Fund and the Teachers Boxes for Sierra Leone.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ In May, Northern England Soroptimists gathered at St Peter's Campus, University of Sunderland, for the Region's 50<sup>th</sup> annual conference.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ Tony Blair : Prime Minister</li> <li>□ Columbine High School massacre. Killing spree took lives of 15 including 2 teenage shooters.</li> <li>□ Impeachment of Bill Clinton but no conviction.</li> <li>□ India and Pakistan tested nuclear weapons. 1999</li> <li>□ Death of John f Kennedy Jr, wife and sister, when small plane crashed into Atlantic off Martha's Vineyard</li> <li>□ Introduction of the Euro.</li> <li>□ World concerned about the Y2K bug at turn of millennium.</li> <li>□ Panama got Panama Canal back.</li> </ul>