



SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL NORTHERN ENGLAND

Action Points from Regional Council Meeting

Held on Saturday 18 November 2023

General points

- Discuss and share some of the issues from President Jan's verbal Report from the SIGBI Conference in London. This can be found on the SINE website.
- Share President Jan's message and her action plan for the year which is **"Thrive and Prosper: Everyone, Everywhere"**. This message will be on the SINE website.

Share the following list of challenges which SIGBI have set for all clubs:

- Send at least one PFRF posted by your club every month – with photographs.
- Don't forget to record volunteer hours on the PFRFs. These are useful in discussions with UN and other agencies.
- Register and make use of the Hub.
- Increase Membership in your Club by one this coming year.

Share the following challenges which President Jan would like Clubs to complete: -

- Send at least one item/article to Bethan for inclusion on the website before the next meeting to promote our social media.
- Anything which you would post to social media is probably relevant for our website.
- Is there anyone in your club who has been a Soroptimist for 25, 30, 40, 50 years or more between November 2023 and November 2024? If so, please let Secretary Joan and President Jan know.
- The PA focus was Planet on 18/11/23. Notes from the PA session will be sent to clubs and will be available on the SINE website.
- The focus for the remaining meetings are: People at March meeting; Prosperity in June and Peace in September.
- Homework in preparation for the March meeting: gather information about a significant/famous woman, past or present, who originates from the area in which your club is situated.
- SIGBI modernisation information has been sent out very recently - please read them and talk about it in Clubs.
- *A number of people asked for a face to face meeting for March rather than a Zoom meeting Hexham Abbey has been booked provisionally. Please discuss this in your clubs and let Secretary Joan and President Jan know your club's preference by the end of January 2024.*

Other Regional Items:

- Membership Officer encourages us to "**Blow our own Trumpet**" and SIGBI's message was to be "**Loud and Proud**"
- mobile 0797 052 0920 email janekatsambis@gmail.com
- O and D Officer Rosemary has requested Clubs to forward their Development Plans to her.
- Website Admin. Bethan asks you to explore the recently updated website and give her feedback please - email bethan_hillgorst@btinternet.com
- Please send any items for inclusion on the website to Bethan
- Regional Safeguarding Officer has sent out a reminder about the National Safeguarding Adults week has been held on 22-24 November 2023 and can be found on the website
- <https://www.anncrafttrust.org/safeguarding-adults-week-2023-key-themes-safeguarding-yourself-and-others/>

SIGBI Modernisation

- The FAQ and some updated sheets have been circulated to members.
- SIGBI 's next step is to hold a number of webinars which any Club member may attend to give you the opportunity of asking further questions if you wish.
The dates and times of these meeting are:

Wednesday 6 December 2023 19.00 hrs (UK time)

Saturday 9 December 2023 14.00 hrs (UK time)

Sunday 10 December 2023 14.00 hrs (UK time)

Tuesday 12 December 2023 19.00 hrs (UK time)

There is no difference between one meeting and another as any questions about the proposals may be asked in any meeting. The meetings will be put up on The Hub for you to register or, if that is not possible for you please call the HQ office on 0161 480 7686 to register your interest in attending

In Friendship

Joan Secretary SINE