

SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL CLUB OF Enniskillen

Membership: Year 2017/18 Number: 36..... Year 2016/17 Number 34.....

Date: 28 February 2018.....

CLUB REPORT from March 2017 to February 2018

Please include dates of activities and brief bullet points under the following headings as appropriate)

Economic empowerment and sustainable opportunities for employment of women:

Coffee morning with Bring and Buy sale, and local garden visit raised monies for the Meru Garden Federation project.(27/ 5/17)

Education – formal and non formal learning opportunities:

Club talk by Rosie Cupples on her work in the field of young people’s mental health.

Awareness raised of current issues.(5/9/17)

Public Speaking Competition heat held and second place candidate attended Hillsborough final.(14/11/17)

Environmental sustainability:

Planned talk in May by local beekeeper Brian Dane on issues affecting beekeeping industry. (1/5/18)

Health and food security:

See also above.

Human Rights & Status of Women -eliminate violence against women and ensure participation in conflict

Club showing of “Honor Diaries” film raising awareness of issues surrounding forced marriage and honour based violence. (6/2/18)

Further assisted with Department of Justice questionnaires on Human Trafficking.

Talk by Betty Foy from local Women's Aid group on Elder abuse

Pre-loved handbag and accessories sale with White Ribbon Christmas tree and leaflets available highlighting White Ribbon campaign.(2/12/17)

International Goodwill & Understanding:

Continued financial support of Mums for Mums , Kindfund, Mary's Meals, Operation Rescue, Concern, with proposed donation to Sisters of Mercy.

Outstanding Achievements - including of members in your Club:

Club member Barbara Stuart completed a walk on the Great Wall of China to raise funds for Help for Heroes.

Club member Kathleen Murphy was nominated "most influential runner" at a local fun run!!

Recommendations to pass to other Clubs – Speakers/activities:

Honor Diaries film

Talk and question session on Soroptimist matters (especially for newer members)

Fun and Friendship

Visit to Garden of Celtic Saints in Irvinestown followed by meal together.3/6/17)

Meal together and talk by member Barbara Stuart on her Great Wall of China walk.(5/12/17)

Meal together with members reading selection of favourite poems.(January 18)

Chocolate making demonstration by former member Fiona Acheson 4/4/17)

Joint President Pat attended the Friendship Weekend in Ballinasloe.

Other

Talk by Bryony May on state of The Arts at local level.(3/10/17)

Talk and question and answer session by Joan Smyth on "All matters Soroptimist "(7/11/17)

Talk by local PSNI officer on online and communication security (6/6/17)

Continued success of Erne Carers group providing support for local Carers.

Six members attended North/South Conference in Londonderry.