

Club Newsletter

February 2020

Programme Action Update February 2020

Another month has passed, and we have moved on with some agreed projects, as well as having new projects to look forward to.

Toilet twinning. Two toilets have been twinned as agreed.

The Midland East Region have agreed to pursue the **Domestic Violence Court observation** project introduced to us at Conference. The Region steering group met on 29th January and agreed the next steps in this process. Subsequently I have been in touch with Nottinghamshire Constabulary and received approval and a named contact for us to go ahead. Those members of Nottingham Club who have expressed a wish to be part of this project will be kept up to date but it is probably unlikely that we will start in any meaningful way for a few months, as there will be training for all volunteers across the Region.

Contributions of pants and thick black tights are still required at **George Spencer School**. If you wish to donate, please bring these items to a Club meeting.

In addition, and following the presentation by **Emmanuel House**, we have been asked to donate dark-coloured, size 6 to 12, pants, tights, leggings for the women who come to their shelter. Following the presentation, we were offered the opportunity to visit Emmanuel House. Six members expressed an interest and I am awaiting a date for the visit.



Thank you to all who have pledged items for the **Welcome Packs**. We will make up these Packs on 2nd March. I have invited staff from the 3 Refuges to join us at the meeting.

Margaret O and I had an interesting couple of hours at **We R Here's** 'Valentine' event. We met up again with some of Hilary's team as well as local councillors and clients.

At the PA Committee meeting on 27th January, we discussed a number of possibilities for **fundraising**, including hiring the Lace Market Theatre, an Evaluation event, and a quiz. Again, these events will need to be coordinated and I will discuss with you at the next Club meeting.

A further note with information was received from Dennis Tulley the next day:

Dear Barbara, Please pass on our thanks to everyone concerned for their welcome and hospitality at your meeting last night. We were delighted to be there. Some information was asked for which I list below:

People asked about donations. Items that would be useful to donate are underwear for women: dark, comfortable and sizes 6-12.

<http://www.emmanuelhouse.org.uk> is the website address that provides more information about Emmanuel House. This includes information about volunteering.

The telephone number for the Street Outreach Team is **0800 066 5356**. This number can be contacted anytime if someone has a concern about a person they see rough sleeping or begging.

<http://www.nottinghamcvs.co.uk/freemeals.html> is the website where the free food outlets are listed. I also attach a copy. (See attachment to Newsletter).

<https://www.helpoutnottingham.co.uk/> is a website that provides information about a range of services and organisations in Nottingham working with people who are homeless.”

Barbara

Margaret's Moment

- **New Link Club**

There is exciting news that our new Friendship Link with El Doret in Kenya has been formally agreed and started on 1st February. We will be sending a copy of our annual report to El Doret to give them a flavour of the club and what we do. It will be very interesting to see how we can work together.

- **Information on 'No. 63 in London**

Number 63 – Our Soroptimist Home in London. Number 63 is a Soroptimist owned, small hotel on Bayswater Road and overlooking Kensington Gardens. It is open to all but offers an especially warm welcome to members and their family and friends.

If you have meetings in London, there are two meeting rooms. All details can be found on the website www.number63.co.uk.

Lina: - Link Clubs Officer

We have received an invitation from Club Twente to a Friendship weekend that is being organized by one of their Friendship Link Clubs Budapest. This will be from 15th to 17th May 2020. They have block booked rooms at the hotel Lanchid in Buda and would like to know by the end of March who would be joining them. Please contact me if you need further information.

Membership - a New Member



We were pleased to welcome Sue as a member at our meeting on the 20th Feb.

Audrey