

Club Newsletter

January 2020

Programme Action Update January 2020

This is really a follow-up from last Monday's meeting. Thank you to all who contributed in any way.

Toilet twinning. Having raised £129 at the Silent Auction evening, we are now in a position to go ahead with this project. We have already agreed that our first twinings will be with one of the ladies' toilets at the Breast Cancer Care Unit at the City Hospital, and one with the ladies' toilet near the Machicado Suite in Willoughby Hall. The votes for countries with which to twin were pretty well spread but two countries each received more votes than the others, so we will go with those - Malawi and Tanzania. I will now make these applications and will let you know when we have the certificates. I hope we can expand this project. An individual toilet will cost £60 but £240 would support a whole school toilet block.

As you know, following on from Bournemouth Conference, we have decided, as a Region, to pursue the **Domestic Violence Court observation** project introduced to us by SI Newcastle. A date for a steering group, comprising mainly Club PAOs, has been fixed for later this month. I will be attending as SI Nottingham's PAO and will let you all know when there is further progress. Thank you to those of you who expressed an interest in being part of this project. I do need to stress that we are planning only to be court observers - no legal requirement and no previous legal experience is expected. There will be training on what to observe and what recommendations for change will be made, if any, from the whole Region to Police and Courts. You can find further information on the SIGBI website, Bournemouth Conference Best Practice Awards.

We agreed to continue to make donations of pants and thick black tights for girls at George Spencer School. If you wish to donate, please bring these items to a Club meeting.

We will make up the Welcome Packs on 2nd March. I will bring the donations lists to Club in advance.

As mentioned at the Club meeting on Monday, we have received a request from We R Here to be part of their 'Valentine' fundraising. If you have any thoughts on this, please do let me know. A copy of the flyer is attached.

The 3-year Federation Project (Empowering Girls in Nepal) is now underway and we have added £150 to our previous contribution. Thank you to Pat for selling her mince pies to raise this.

The PA Committee will meet on Monday 27th January. We will report our discussions/agreements to you.

Thank you for your support. *Barbara*

Margaret's Moment

- **Club Programme May 2020 – April 2021**

Thanks to those who have already given ideas for the next Club Programme. Work continues on this, which is nearly finalised. However, Exec is always open to suggestions, which can be acted on at a future date. If you have any such suggestions, then please let Margaret have them by email, phone or in person.

Region

The next Region Meeting will be held on **Saturday 21st March 2020** at the Link Hotel New Ashby Road Loughborough LE11 4EX.

The Speaker will be District Judge Peter Veips.

The cost is £21 payable in advance with cheques made payable to SIMER. This includes a hot or cold buffet lunch

If anyone wishes to go they should let me have their name and cheque not later than Monday 2nd March.

Peer groups are Membership and Programme Action.

Perdita

Membership and Social

Membership



We welcome Helen on the left and Sue on the right to the club. Here they are receiving their badges and Certificates from Perdita, with Sue our membership secretary looking on.

Abbreviations:

Some more jargon explained for all our new or nearly new members. All these are abbreviations we mention from time to time and will gradually make sense.

SI Nottingham Club Year	Runs from May to April. The Club's financial year runs 1st February to 31st January - this is so the accounts can be independently verified and then included in the Annual Report for our AGM in April.
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PA – Programme Action	<p>Programme of Action – the work we do. It is the main reason for the Club’s existence and our unique selling point is the focus on women and girls.</p> <p>The work of all the clubs in SIGBI is collated on its PA Database and forwarded to Soroptimist International (SI). The world-wide work by Soroptimists is recognised by the UN and ensures the NGO (See below) consultative status of SI at the United Nations.</p>
Federations	<p>SI of the Americas (SIA) SI Europe (SIE) SI of Great Britain and Ireland (SIGBI) SI of South West Pacific (SISWP)</p>
ECOSOC	<p>United Nations Economic and Social Council recognises 500 Non-Governmental region Organisations (NGOs) throughout the world and gives consultative status to a few. Both SI and SIGBI have this status. This is reviewed every 4 years and depends on the reported work of SI members.</p>

Social

- Joint Soroptimists' Spring Social Evening for Nottingham, Mansfield, Lincoln & The Dukeries Clubs

You are cordially invited to join with the Nottingham Soroptimists for a Springtime Social evening on: Tuesday 21st April 6.30 - 8.30pm

At Carriages Cafe, Newark Castle Station

Just a reminder to keep your diary free!

DIVA SUNDAY 8 MARCH 2020

<The Limelight Orchestra>

Nottingham
<Royal Concert Hall>
08.03.20

Diva brings together a 50 piece orchestra to perform music from iconic female singers including <Barbra Streisand, Diana Ross, Mariah Carey, Lizzo, Kylie Minogue, Beyonce> and many more.

Nottingham Women's Centre
LIMELIGHT

TICKETS from £19.50
TRCH Box Office 0115 989 5555
trch.co.uk/whats-on/diva

THEATRE ROYAL ROYAL CONCERT HALL

Proceeds supporting Nottingham Women's Centre on International Women's Day

Celebrating international Women’s Day, funds are being raised for the Nottingham Women’s Centre at the DIVA Concert, 7.30pm on March 8th at the Royal Concert Hall Nottingham. Come along and bring your friends for an evening of special music.

If you are interested in going, please let Viv know asap, in case there are enough to make a party booking



- Birthdays

According to my list, there are no Birthdays in February or March, if that is wrong, please let me know.

Dates for your Diary

- Programme for January to April 2020 confirmed.

Mon 3rd Feb	Discussion of Subscription and Club Planning Chair: Ann Collin
Mon 17 th Feb	Speaker from Emmanuel House Chair: Sue Warriner
Mon 2nd March	Programme Action Evening (including making up welcome packs) Chair: Barbara McDonald
Mon 16 th March	<i>Charter Anniversary Dinner, Beeston Fields Golf Club</i>
Sat 21 st March	<i>Region Meeting, Link Hotel, Loughborough</i>
Mon 6 th April	My Job talk: Lisa Barrett; Club business Chair: Perdita Harvey
Mon 20 th April	Annual General Meeting Chairs: Ann Collin and Margaret Oldroyd

And Finally,

A reminder of the very successful Silent Auction at Viv's



Enough Money was raised to twin two toilets as a start.

And Finally Finally

We R Here posted this on our Facebook Page today (Tues 28th Jan)

This #Charity Tuesday we'd like to thank our supporters Nottingham Soroptimists for all their hard work keeping our garden looking lovely and making it such a peaceful space for service users. Thank you! ❤️



Wishing you all a Very Happy New Year and Decade.

Let us hope it will be a successful one for Soroptimism world-wide.

Audrey