

# Club Newsletter

## November 2020



Thank you Lynda for this photo

### *Programme Action Report*

- **Christmas Gifts**

There is still time to donate a gift or contribution for the 3 x refuges we support. Please drop your gift off with either Margaret Oldroyd (leave in porch) or Viv Pearson or with Helen Wells or myself.

Lynda Clifford. We are appealing for either adult or children's gifts. Whichever you opt for, please let me know about your donation and I can mark it off my master sheet. Please wrap the adult gifts but not the children's presents.

**\*Please gift/donate by 10th December if possible\***

Once donations are totted up, Sue McFarlane and Helen Wells have offered to go shopping on our behalf.

- **Women's Centre**

Viv is also collecting food for the boxes which the Centre distribute to their most vulnerable service users. Please drop off any donations to Viv. Seasonal treats especially welcome.

- **International President's Appeal – The Road to Equality**

Clare Copping kindly held another Aloe Vera evening on 11<sup>th</sup> November, donating 15% of orders to the above appeal. To date this has raised over £120. Thank you so much, Clare.

- **The power of networking**

One of Clare's friends, Kathy, who attended the Aloe Vera event has a background in fragrance and beauty. Upon hearing of our PA she offered to source a gift set for each of our refuge ladies, comprising perfume, body lotion and shower gel. Excellent. Well done Clare and Kathy.

- **Tree Planting**

We have set up a Tree Planting Committee! Members include Audrey, Affi, Mary, Sue W, Sue M, Lina & Perdita.

This month we met with Rachel Richards from Nottingham Wildlife Trust to organise the possibility of planting at FarmEco in Scriveton in the new year as well as working with other ladies groups to complement NottinghamCC & NottsCC Green canopy projects within our centenary year 2021 & beyond.

With the wonders of modern technology Lina set up an International meeting with



representatives from SI Karlsruhe (Virginia and Katarina), SI Eldoret (Winnie) & SI Freetown (Margaret and Monica) an experience in itself which gave us all a buzz. We shared what the different clubs are doing for the Centennial tree planting next year. The two African clubs were keen on the idea of planting fruit trees. For Karlsruhe a slightly different type of project, for example a specimen tree may be more

suitable. We will bear the discussions in mind when formulating future plans and see how we can co-ordinate an International “Planting Diary”.

### *Note from Ann Recycle 4 Charity*

Recycle 4 Charity is moving from collection envelopes to collecting boxes, because of increases in postage costs. *The current envelopes must not be used after the end of this year.*

However, the number of cartridges that they pay a donation for, has more than doubled. Their Wanted List now has more than 300 original and remanufactured ink cartridges eligible for donation meaning more money raised.

Donation values are now up to £2 per ink cartridge. They estimate the average donation will increase by 25%.



There will be a collection box available at club meetings, if you want to save your cartridges till we meet again.

Or, you can go onto the website [www.recycle4charity.co.uk](http://www.recycle4charity.co.uk), search for Soroptimist International Nottingham (or **Club reference C94117**) under causes and print off a pre-paid label or order your own box. Labels can be attached to small boxes and envelopes which can then be posted at your local Post Office.

Each consignment will need to generate a minimum donation value of £2 to qualify for a pre-paid label (price for each cartridge is available on the website).

We can now set up Public Collection Points which would raise funds and also raise awareness about Soroptimists. They could be in shops, offices, hairdressers, etc.

Club members could ask somewhere they go regularly to have a collection box. That member would then be responsible to keep checking the box and post off when full.

If the shop is willing to be a Public Collection Point then the site would be findable on the website (when someone searches for their nearest site) with opening hours and any instructions.

## *Exec Report*

The meeting welcomed Daphne Nicholl as our new Region Council Member. Lina has agreed to chair the meeting on 7 December when we hear about Janice Holmes's project about Bras in Gambia.

### • **Issues from Club Meetings and Events**

**2nd November – PA evening** It was agreed that this had been a really effective meeting in engaging all members' interest in project work.

### **16<sup>th</sup> November International Evening**

Sue W started the meeting with a large lit candle and a short version of the candle ceremony script was used. Mary Storrie, Rosie May Foundation told us about how the charity works. One pink TucTuc is now well known in and around Bingham where they have worked during lockdown. A pdf of the charity brochure is attached to this Newsletter. I know that Margaret sent it round, but please read it – the Trust did far more than Mary could talk about on the night. The Trust was sent a £50 donation.

- **7<sup>th</sup> December Janice Holmes, Bras Project in The Gambia** will be chaired by Lina Morgan. Janice has confirmed. It will be interesting to hear how she got on in The Gambia.
- **Finance**

The budget for donations to speakers was £150 and we have spent £250. A further £100 will be spent on the next two meetings (Rosie May Foundation and Bras for The Gambia). It was decided that The President's expenses budget of £150 (which had not been needed) should be transferred to reduce the shortfall

£243 has been transferred from unallocated PA to toilet twinning so that Sue McFarlane can go ahead and arrange for a second block.

39 Region calendars were bought and the money has been paid to Region for the Region-Wide fund for the Educating Girls in Nepal project.

### *Audrey's Moment!*

#### **MEETING ON 15 FEBRUARY 2021**

#### **A WOMAN WHO INSPIRES ME**

**The aim of this meeting is for as many members as possible to contribute and discuss unusual or lesser known women who they think have been outstanding in their various fields.**

#### **HOW WILL IT WORK? If you would like to participate:**

1. Think of a woman who really interests/inspires you. The women can be from modern time or historical – I have one of each in mind – hard to choose!
2. Could you tell club members about her in 5 minutes?
3. Let me know by **Monday 18 January** who you would like to talk about.

This gives me time to find out how many members are participating; I will then know how long each you will have. I can also check any duplicate women (ie. Two of you have chosen the same woman).

4. Once I have contacted you, you can prepare what you want to say, if you want any help let me know.
5. Presentations can be a talk, or short IT presentation if you are used to doing these. If you would like me to help in the presentation, please say so.

PS the Internet is a good source of info, eg. Wikipedia

## *Region*

Perdita has reached the end of her second term as Region Council Representative. The Committee expressed its warm thanks to Perdita for all the work she has done in this role. Daphne Nicholl has agreed to replace her at the start of the Region year in November. She accompanies Sue Goodley who stays on.

- **Report from Virtual Region Midland East Region Meeting 14th November 2020 by Sue Goodley**

President Kam Britland welcomed everyone to her first meeting as president and stated how proud she was to represent our organisation, thanking Past President Jasmit for her work to pull us all together during a difficult period.

The speakers SIGBI President Johanna Raffan and Jane Walker from Purple Community Fund, also Elaine Clarke, President SI Midland Arden and Anne Rogers, President Elect SI Midland Arden.

Kam also thanked Jacqui Purnell for helping with the technology and hosting the meeting, also thanked were Anne and Janet Spence who were standing down as Secretary and Dinner Secretary after working tirelessly over many years. New officers are:- Elaine McDonald, Secretary, Steph McHugh, Treasurer; Jo Holdway President Elect; Jill Anderson Safeguarding Officer.

Kam told us she came to the UK over 40 years ago and has worked in Local Government for over 30 years. Soroptimism part of her life 17 years. Her objectives in this centenary year are Building Back Better for the future and maintaining our core values.

The Aims and Objectives were read and Roll Call. 5 apologies and there were 71 members on screen.

President Elect Jo Holdway of SI Buxton gave a small address saying she was born in Manchester and now has lived in Buxton, her career was in music and, following retirement, she gained a qualification in garden design.

Jo is honoured to be President Elect and her theme for her year is SOH, it stands for 'Seeds of Hope'. Jo intends to continue with tree planting. She has started planning her programme and has approached possible speakers.

Finance: Steph McHugh: Steph highlighted the calendar sales resulting **£1,690** raised for 'Empowering Girls in Nepal'. Clubs were thanked for their support of the calendar. SIMER is looking at alternative ways to ensure there is no requirement to increase the regional levy.

Programme Action: Helen Everett:- Helen highlighted that members are welcome to attend UKPAC meetings as observers. The next meeting is on January 30th, 2021 – let Helen know if you want to observe.

UKPAC minutes will go onto SIGBI website in the Members section.

Safeguarding: Jill Anderson Jill was appointed to the role in June. She is a member of SI Lincoln having worked within a health setting.

Next Council meeting will take place on Saturday 6th March via Zoom.

Also attached to the Newsletter is a survey form which the SIMER would like completing by members to help them improve their meetings.

## *Social - Christmas party*

Hi Everyone,

The Social group met to discuss our very different Christmas party this year. All sorts of ideas were pondered, and of them all we chose these plus a few Christmassy readings:

Have with you a glass of something – non-alcoholic or alcoholic, it matters not, and also any food, nibbles you would like at such an occasion.

Find a cracker, or tape two decorated loo rolls together, so we can all pull our crackers together. Don't forget that out of every cracker comes a paper hat! Let us see some really Christmassy ones/ Christmas jumpers/ antlers/ earrings!

During the time together we will have charades – we need you to volunteer to do a charade. It has to be something that can be understood from a position seated in front of your computer/ tablet. Irene is providing an audio description for those on the telephone.

Volunteers asap – names to Viv, thanks.

We would love volunteers also to choose a poem/ reading, not too long, and read it on the night. Again, we can't fit everyone in, but will pick from your offers.

As we end with a fun quiz about the season, save a drop in the bottom of your glass, so that we can end the evening in friendship looking forward to 2021, when we may be able to meet together again.

**And for after Christmas:**

- Photography on a theme. E.g. winter, with photos emailed to Ann to be displayed and voted on.
- Critique of a film or programme watched by us all.

Best wishes

Viv, Ann, Helen, Irene, Sue G, Sue L and Sue W.



## *- Birthdays in December*

**December** Perdita Harvey 20<sup>th</sup> Mavis Press 30<sup>th</sup>

**January** Irene Brown 14<sup>th</sup> Sue Goodley 16<sup>th</sup> Clare Copping 25<sup>th</sup>

### *Dates for your Diary*

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December.** Janice Holmes on her project Bras in Gambia

**Monday 16 December** Christmas Celebration (See above)

**Monday 4 January.** Presentation of Journalist Award entries for 2019 and choosing a winner

**Monday 18 January.** Getting to know you Sue Woollett and Lina Morgan and Programme Action

**Keep well and Safe**

*Audrey*