



**Soroptimist
International
Perth & Kinross**

NEWSLETTER

September 2015



MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT, JEAN CAMPBELL

"I am delighted to take on the role as President of Soroptimist International Perth - a vibrant Club which 'delivers'!"

The theme this year is ***Together Everyone Achieves More, i.e., TEAM***

Team SI Perth has achieved much over its 81 years and continues to achieve. Programme Action is the title of the work we do as Soroptimists, locally, nationally & internationally and we 'deliver' by teamwork, working together as Club members, working together with other Clubs' members and working in partnership or supporting non-Soroptimists with their work. All making a difference!

Through working together I have been delighted to get to know members better, to feel the friendship and have the fun, all as we promise our new members! All members, long-serving & new, must feel included as part of TEAM SI Perth. The members are the Club and also the custodians of the Club. The Club's future is in our hands and we must take this responsibility seriously, to ensure we build on the solid platform of the last 80 plus years' work.

As Members of Team SI Perth, we share ideas, we share the workload, we care for each other and we care for others in the local community and the world-wide community.

In addition to all the work we do and all the projects we support, I have nominated the Tayside Carers Support Project - a local project which supports unpaid carers of someone with a mental illness - as my chosen charity for this year. Team SI Perth can give service by awareness raising regarding what a carer is and what support is available for them and also provide some much needed funds to enable the TCSP to support, educate & enable carers to carry on caring.

Taking on the role of President and being part of Team SI Perth is an honour."



**SI Perth members
attending SI
Scotland North
meeting and
SI EASTER
ROSS'S
40th Anniversary
Lunch**



LONG SERVICE AWARDS



Mary 30 years

Margaret 25 years



A warm welcome to our newest members



Terri and Michelle who supported SI Dundee's Wateraid Walk across the Forth Road Bridge

OUR PROJECTS FOR 2015/2016

Women Inspiring Action, Transforming Lives

Disability Sports
African Project Works
Accept & Respect Campaign
FGM— Female Genital Mutilation
MDS—Modern Day Slavery & Trafficking
OWLS—One Stop Women's Learning Service
WOW—Windows on the World
Collecting & Recycling
Books Aloud



Pillowcase Dresses - See Page 3 for more pictures and



Members of SI Pune, one of our Friendship Links, at their Annual Charter



CHARITY SHOP NO. 2 IN BLAIRGOWRIE

Together, both Charity Shops, organised by Jean, raised over **£6,700 for our charities**



SYBIL AND KATE AT THIS YEAR'S AGM



Sybil was our Speaker and gave an interesting talk on Liqueurs from South Africa - with tasting of course!

KIRKING OF THE COUNCIL WITH PROVOST LIZ GRANT



SI DAY OF ACTION



Members took part in our Knitting and Sewing Bee which we enjoyed so much we did it three times! In all, 50 pillow-slip dresses were made for girls in Africa and many colourful squares were knitted, to be made into blankets by the recipients themselves (See picture of dresses on Page 2)



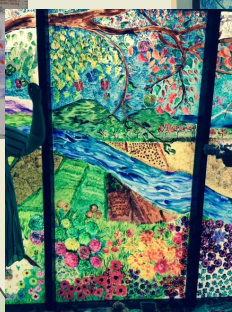
These exquisite table centres were made by **Jaye**. They are about 3 feet in diameter and were knitted using four needles. The stitches and patterns are so delicate, the centres look like lace.



There were four originally, depicting the Shamrock of N. Ireland, the Thistle of Scotland, the Daffodil of Wales and the Rose of England. Jaye also knitted the tiny dolls' clothes. The front one measures about 2" wide.



SUMMER
OUTING TO
ABERNETHY
MUSEUM



OWLS—PAINTING THE
WINDOW IN THE NEW
PREMISES IN MILL



SMALLS FOR
ALL—HANDING
OVER BRAS AND
PANTS
OUTSIDE



MEMBERS
WHO CLIMBED TO
THE TOP OF THE



VIEW FROM



Thanks to you all, we collected 141 pants and 83 bras to hand over to Smalls for All on Sat. 8th Aug. That makes an amazing amount we have collected over the past year. So well done everyone! Smalls for All distributes underwear to women and children in Africa, to those living in orphanages, slums, IDP camps as well as providing underwear to those in hospital suffering from conditions like Fistula.

The Sponsored Walk on 8th Aug. could have pushed the number of articles collected since 2010 to over 100,000!!! In addition Smalls for All support 31 girls through education in school and university in Kenya and Uganda and in September will take over the education programme for 350 preschool children in Malawi.