



**Soroptimist**  
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# NEWSLETTER

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HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OUR MEMBERS

## President Jean's Message

I hope you had a merry Christmas with family & friends and I wish you a happy, healthy, productive & successful 2016, both individually and as part of Team SI Perth!

This is a reflective time of the year and on reflection, we have lost loved ones and friends whom we will miss and think of often; we have seen many suffer from ill health, either themselves or those they care for and hopefully we have been able to help one way or another; we have cemented friendships and made new friends by working together and hopefully shown all how much we care for them. We all need others in our lives.

I have been overwhelmed with friendship, kindnesses, understanding, caring support both personally and as a Soroptimist and I count my blessings that you are all in my life and that I am part of Team SI Perth. Thank you!

We must now look to the future as there is still so much to do locally & internationally and I look forward to working together with you as: **Together Everyone Achieves More!**



[Opening Event at Dalmore Inn, Blairgowrie](#)  
Members enjoyed a wonderful Afternoon Tea with guests and past members. Even the sun put in an appearance!



## SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL ANNUAL CONFERENCE GLASGOW - NOVEMBER 2015

HRH Princess Royal was a guest speaker at Conference on Friday 6th November.



The Clyde Auditorium (Armadillo) at the SECC in Glasgow—venue for the Conference



## MERU WOMEN'S GARDEN PROJECT 2016—2019 CHOSEN AT CONFERENCE AS SIGBI 3-YEAR PROJECT Put forward by SI Canterbury



Meru District is in Tigania East with a population of 136,000. 90% live in rural areas, with HIV/AIDS prevalent in the region. Meru Women's Garden Project will support some of the poorest women-led households in Kenya, and is entirely focussed on providing opportunities to women and girls who may never otherwise be given the chance to earn an income, and gives them status within their community.



## CLUB MEETINGS & EVENTS



October Club Meeting  
Anne Robinson and President Jean with Speaker  
Anne Findlay at the Women's Centre, Mill Street



Members of SI Perth were joined by family and friends to do a sponsored walk round the North Inch in Perth on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October. We were walking to raise awareness of the Mary's

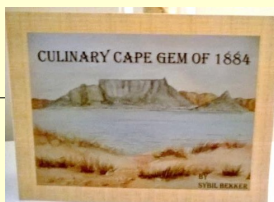
Meals charity (we gave our leaflets and told people what the charity did) and will be donating the money raised to the charity. Mary's Meals are now feeding 1,035,637 of the world's poorest children every day they attend school. Their simple but effective approach has gathered momentum and today they serve children across Africa, Asia, the Caribbean and South America. They also support a home for young people with HIV who were abandoned as children in Romania.

December Club Meeting  
Our Christmas Meal At the Royal George Hotel



### THIS IS MY STORY Sybil Galbraith 2015

I was on the road to discover "who am I?" when I inherited the handwritten in Dutch recipe book of my Great Granny dated 1884. I delved into the social history of her era in the Cape Province and by translating the Dutch recipes my book was the result - "CULINARY CAPE GEM OF 1884"



Members were saddened to hear of the loss of one of our Honorary members, Jean Macintyre on Monday 11th January. On 31st Dec., whilst in Tay Ward in PRI, a small afternoon tea party took place to celebrate Jean's 90th birthday (picture above). A number of SI Perth members were present. Jean will be much missed by us all.



Our SI Perth friend, Marion Ross (wearing the Soroptimist vest) with Lesley C & President Jean at the Bric a Brac Stall in Alyth Town Hall. They raised the wonderful sum of £143.



Marion has been hard at work again! She has a group of knitters, some housebound, some widowed, all of whom like to keep busy and do something for others, some of whom she supplies wool to - and President Jean now has 104 baby cardigans/tops, 2 pairs booties, 3 small blankets and 30 baby hats in her study! She met with some of the knitters and spread the word about SI Perth & Soroptimism.

## STARTER PACKS



Members collected household goods and bedding which was handed over to Starter Packs in October. Alison kindly allowed her house to be used for collecting and sorting the items.

## SI SCOTLAND NORTH REGIONAL MEETING IN PERTH ON 28th NOVEMBER 2015



A warm welcome from Mary and Pamela



Regional President Jean chairing the meeting



Selling Raffle Tickets are Anne and Michelle



Pat Carruthers receiving a Mahonia "Charity" with the Region's thanks. Pat has held office at Club, Region and Soroptimist International level.



Jean pictured with speakers and entertainer.