

June 2016



President Jean's Message

'SI Perth has had yet another great few months - well done to every single member as everyone has played their part in their own way, working as a TEAM! And the kindnesses shown to those who have suffered illness, injury, relocation or bereavement, including myself, demonstrates all that is the best of SI Perth. We continue to recognise the service commitment of the longer-serving members, e.g. Jaye Telfer received her 35 year certificate and Nancy Scott is to be awarded Honorary Life Membership. Again, many thanks to Avril for producing this newsletter. Did you know that the Region Communications Officer congratulates SI Perth at every Region Council meeting, mentioning our newsletter, our website, our success in the Perthshire Advertiser and the fact that we have a Facebook page? Well done and thank you to Lesley Robinson & Avril plus our photographers Margaret Smith, Michelle Glencorse, Ann Bellingham and occasionally Lilian. And we won the Poster competition at the Scottish Joint Conference!

SI Perth has a lot to be proud of! The Programme Action work being done is focused and we're doing as much as we can locally & internationally with the number of members we have. Well done to all concerned and especially to Programme Action Officer, Lesley Chisholm. Let's keep up the good work!

As last year, my theme is 'TEAM - Together Everyone Achieves More' and if that is enacted this year as last, we can look forward to yet another successful year. Programme Action work will continue as will fundraising, with the main fundraiser being the week-long pop-up charity shop aided by the paper quizzes, the 200 Club and donations. You will recall my decision, given that the local charity Tayside Carers Support Project benefited financially & by raising their profile last year, I have chosen an international project as the President's charity, this year, i.e. Mary's Meals, as we all know it makes a major difference. And we will continue to raise the profile of SI Perth plus we hope to recruit more members to aid our work, some following the most successful Open Meeting as I am in the process of following them up! Please remember that every non-Soroptimist woman you know is a potential new member!

In conclusion, I am very proud to be part of TEAM SI Perth and look forward to yet more successes, more fun, more new members and of course more food & friendship! I hope you are enjoying being part of TEAM SI Perth!



Lilian's 80th Birthday
Afternoon Tea at
Huntingtower Hotel on 6th
May

**Celebrating
with
members**



Jaye Telford receiving
her Long Service Award
for 35 years with
SI Perth

**Nancy
Scott**

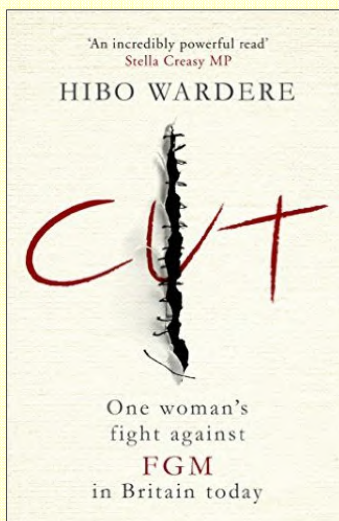


To be recognised with
Honorary Life
Membership

OPEN MEETING 10TH MAY



Our Open Meeting attracted a lot of visitors, potential members interested in the work we do. Amongst our displays were stalls with underwear for 'Smalls For All', goods for 'Starter Packs', recycling items, knitted items for the 'Balcraig Foundation' and toiletries for 'Women's Aid'.



F.G.M. Project Leader Lilian Murchison

A copy of the book 'Cut' by Hibo Wardere is to be bought by SI Perth for club members to borrow and read.

'Cut' is an autobiography of a woman who experienced cutting as a child and who tries to analyse the physiological effects on those involved.

Lilian highly recommends the book for anyone interested in this project.

The Club is also considering ways to support "International Day of Zero Tolerance for FGM" on 6th Feb 2017. One way we could do this is to sign up to a monthly subscription of £4 or more to "Womankind."

"Womankind" is a UK organisation working in 13 countries.

SI Perth AGM - 12th April



Presentation of cheque for £6,183 to Tayside Carers' Project.



Club Meeting
January 2016

Our speaker was
Amanda Pirie from
A.K. Bell Library
who gave us an
overview of Library
Resources and
Services



Donation to
SI Perth

Through Amanda,
A.K. Bell Library
donated 90 bags
to be given to the
children who will be
moving into Seema's
Children's Home in India

PROJECTS IN S. AFRICA AND INDIA SUPPORTED BY SI PERTH



The Enkuthazweni Garden Project run by
Jean Black



Seema's Children's Home Project
run by Avril Duncan

SCOTTISH CONFERENCE 23rd April



Lilian above and Avril on the right with the winning SI Perth poster in the Programme Action Poster Competition



Lesley, Pat and Avril enjoying the joint Conference at the Carnegie Conference Centre, Dunfermline

The Year to Come

Mary's Meals



President Jean's chosen charity for next year is **Mary's Meals**. Their **vision** is that every child receives one daily meal in their place of education and that all those who have more than they need, share with those who lack even the most basic things.

The first event being organised is a **Charity Shop** which will run from Friday 1st July to the 8th in Blairgowrie.

SCOTLAND NORTH 80th ANNIVERSARY

The region's 80th anniversary will be marked at the regional meeting on 3 September in St Andrews.

The Celebration

We will celebrate with lunch and birthday cake, and to allow longer for lunch and socialising, there will be just one speaker in the afternoon.

A memento

We will compile a small booklet reflecting club activities over the 80 years. Each member of region will receive a copy, with some extra ones being printed to use as promotional material.

The Programme Action

In addition to celebrating, clubs are being asked to contribute in a hands-on way:

- 1) To collect basic toiletries - e.g. soap and facecloth, toothbrush and toothpaste, comb and shampoo, though all toiletries would be welcome. These will be made into packs for women entering local women's refuges or using local women's centres, or on release from prison. For women's refuges we can also provide packs with children's toothbrushes.
- 2) To provide items such as colouring book, crayons or pencils, note book, stickers, etc. to go into activity packs for children, for use either in women's refuges or for children visiting parents in prison.

All of these items should be brought to the September meeting and they will be made up into appropriately labelled packs during the morning interactive session. Clubs are also asked to put forward a list of suitable recipient organisations in their area.