

Nisha Ghosh

Nisha joined SI Poona in 2002, where she was Secretary and briefly Programme Action Chairperson. In 2009, with 5 others, she mooted the idea of another Club in Pune city. This took shape as SI Pune Metro East, chartered in January 2010, with Nisha as the Founder President. She mentored new members and initiated projects, winning a Best Practice Award at the Federation Conference 11 months after the Charter. In 2020, the Club completed 10 successful years. In the interim years she held posts within the Club and at Regional level.

Elected as Federation Friendship Link Coordinator in 2012, Nisha became the first Indian in that post. She raised the profile of the post and increased the connectivity of Link Clubs within the Soroptimist world. She stressed that women's power developed through friendship was essential to the fundamentals of Soroptimism. She then moved on as Assistant Programme Director at SIGBI Federation in 2016, working on Violence and Conflict Resolution, and later on the Peace component of the 5 P's of the UN Sustainable Development Goals. In October 2020 Nisha was elected SIGBI Director of PR & Marketing.



As a Soroptimist she has displayed passion and commitment in working for women and girls in every post she has held. Her deep understanding of the organization goes into mentoring members and bringing a creative leadership to the roles she has held. In 2013, she made a presentation to the Advocacy Officer at the UNODC in Geneva, and presentations for CSW59 and CSW61 at New York. Both were well received, as were her presentations at conferences both in India and overseas.

As a qualified and experienced journalist, Nisha has brought her writing skills to the Soroptimist table for blogs, newsletters and presentations. She has worked with electronic media (Delhi Television Centre) and has made documentary films, 4 for Soroptimists, all of which have been viewed by an international Soroptimist gathering. For over 40 years she has romanced with the written word through blogs, articles in print media, book editing, script writing and content for websites. She taught English to foreign and Indian students and at language summer camps for school children. She briefly worked as an Education Consultant with Newspaper in Education and with a relocation company. Since 2005 she has travelled extensively, making Soroptimist connections in every place she visited.

Nisha Ghosh was born on 25th May 1950 in Jammu, India, where her father was posted at the All India Radio. Her family moved to the Indian side of the subcontinent after Partition in 1947. She is one of three siblings. She went to convent schools run by the Irish nuns in Kashmir and Delhi. She did Bachelors and Masters degrees in English from Miranda House, the prestigious college in Delhi, and holds a Diploma in Journalism.

Despite personal setback - loss of her first-born special needs child whom she home cared for 26 years - she has rebooted her life. Determination to achieve against all odds has been her mantra. She is mother to a son and grandmother to 2 young children.