

Jennifer Vince

born 1949

Educated at the girls' grammar school in High Wycombe, Jenny was a year younger than her classmates due to her facility with languages in particular. She completed four A-levels including Russian by age of 17.

Her interest in languages continued through her career, enabling her to work flexibly as a translator while raising two children, and subsequently to develop international business interests.

Jenny joined Soroptimists at club level in 1993, and has since held positions as Club President (High Wycombe and Oxford), Regional President (London Chilterns 2003-4), Federation President (2014-15) alongside various officer roles supporting the 63 Club and the Benevolent Fund.

Her career combined an interest in medicine, with a passion for international travel. Beginning as a product manager for G D Searle, she travelled through the US and concluded that helicopter travel was an experience best not repeated! She later moved to working for a Swiss medical devices company (Solco), running their UK operations, and spending a considerable amount of her time in Basle where both her French and German skills served her well.

It was ultimately in running her own business that Jenny was most comfortable, leading Rochford Medical to become a market-leader in the field of IVF supplies for clinics and hospitals. In addition to providing high-quality laboratory products, Jenny co-ordinated regular symposia for clinicians throughout the UK and Ireland, to share expertise and further the field of IVF.

While Club President of High Wycombe Soroptimists, Jenny was part of the establishment of an elderly care centre on Mauritius, which had a friendship link with the club. This was no small achievement for all those involved, and Jenny took great pleasure in visiting the new centre on Mauritius when it opened.

Early retirement from the commercial world enabled Jenny to give more of her energy and experience into senior roles within Soroptimism. Her tenure on the management committee of "63" included fundraising lunches at the House of Lords, as well as a visit from Camilla, Duchess of Cornwall.

Jenny's year as Federation President saw her visiting projects in Jamaica, Barbados, Trinidad and Tobago. She greatly enjoyed the Caribbean Network Conference in Turks and Caicos, where shared perspectives brought new insight for everyone attending. Other visits within that year including time with the clubs of



Pune, Mumbai, Chennai and Kolkata. These visits with their generous hospitality and warmth have continued to grow the friendship links across the miles.

The Federation Conference over which Jenny presided was in Glasgow (2015) and was honoured by a visit from HRH The Princess Royal, Princess Anne. She spoke of her work with Save the Children, which resonated deeply with all the charitable work Soroptimists have committed to further the cause of girls and women across the globe.

Jenny continues to hold positions within Soroptimism including the Benevolent Fund committee. In her spare moments, she enjoys learning about art and ceramics, and spending time with her grandchildren.