



**Celebrating 60 years  
of  
South East England  
Region  
1959 - 2019**

## Regalia worn by Regional President

- White horse of Kent
- Martlets from East and West Sussex
- Ermine from Surrey
- Tudor Rose from Hampshire
- Fleur-de-lis from Dorset
- 3 blue lines represents water that surrounds the area

Designed by Miss Diana MacDonald from Medway (first President) and made by Highleys of Chatham in October 1959





Kathleen Henshaw was  
Regional President  
1962-63

Established Henshaw  
weekend which was an  
informal weekend of  
friendship held annually.

Organised alternatively  
by South East and  
Southern England  
Regions for members  
from both



Celeste Muir (Regional President 1976-77) with Margaret Anderson





Regional  
President  
Christine Fulton  
(1991-92)



Daphne Whitmore



Alison Skinner



Christine Fulton



# Henshaw

# Weekend 1992

Janet Garnons-Williams  
and Liz Duckworth



Sue Greener and  
Angela Phillips



President Janet presenting  
Liz Sandwell with President Elect  
Chain of Office



Incoming Regional President Janet  
Garnons-Williams at Liverpool (1992)



Regional President Janet

Regional President  
Janet Garnons-  
Williams (1992–93)  
with SI Tunbridge  
Wells Club  
President Sue  
Greener at a club  
meeting.



Regional President Janet Garnons-Williams attended  
SI Bexley's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 1993



Regional President Liz Sandwell (1993-94) with Catherine Broughton





Regional President Catherine Broughton (1995-96) with husband Tom



Regional President Catherine Broughton with Janet, Maureen, Daphne etc attend retreat at Aylesford Priory (1996)

# The SI "DUTCH DASH" - *£5 and just 24 hours to get to Arnhem!*



*Left to right: Hitching a ride to five regions, the SI Croydon "Happy Hitchhikers" team, Joan Chapman, Pat Dale and Sheila Eustace in blue European T-shirts and Dutch bonnets loaned by the Netherlands Embassy. (Photo: reproduced by the kind permission of the Croydon Advertiser Group)*

Joan Chapman,  
Pat Dale and  
Sheila Eustace  
from SI Croydon  
hitching a ride  
on their Dutch  
dash in 1996

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Past Regional President Sue Lambert (1996-97)  
at Bournemouth Conference (1998)



Regional President Maureen Keppler and SISEE members  
at Conference (1998)

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Regional President Elect  
Liz Duckworth with  
Jane O'Leary at  
Regional meeting  
in 1999





Regional President Penny Veness at Durban Conference in 2001 with Past Presidents from L to R: Christine Fulton, Anne Hudson, Janet Garnons-Williams, Catherine Broughton, Penny, Ann Greenfield and Maureen Keppler

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OF SOUTH EAST ENGLAND



## Safe and Sure

A "quick wins" agenda for  
Britain's railways

Proposals by a Rail Safety Task Force  
October 2002

Mary Dalman – 'from something dreadful locally through PA work to a positive experience taken nationally...'





June Bridgeman with members of Task force with Good Practice Award in Programme area of Environment at Regional meeting in 2002. The Award had been presented by Federation President Joan Smyth at the SIGBI Conference in Belfast.

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Team Excellence Initiative pilot held at '63' with Sue Greener, Catherine Broughton and Jane Barnes from South East England (2002)





Outgoing President Mary Stratton and Incoming Regional President Jane O'Leary (Barnes) Belfast Conference 2003

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# Chat-line Soroptimist Quilt in aid of 'Limbs for Life' comes to South East England Region (2004)



Regional President  
Jane O'Leary (Barnes)  
with Incoming President  
Pat Dale

Federation Conference  
2004





Incoming President Pat and Incoming Federation President Janet Garnons-Williams - Conference 2004



Federation President Janet and Regional President Pat  
with recipients of first 25 year long service badges  
Region meeting 2005

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President Janet with  
President Pat presenting  
Celeste Muir, Jan Day  
and Jo Spencer from  
SI Ashford with long  
service badges





Janet and Pat with SI East Grinstead President Anne Richards and long serving member Joan Leslie - 2005

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Eastbourne President Mary Stratton and club members with **Women inspiring action, transforming lives** long service badges from Federation President Janet - 2005



Pat and Janet with SI Haywards Heath members receiving long service badges – Region 2005

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Pat and Janet with Anne Hudson at Region in 2005  
accompanied by SI Lewes Club President Topsy Hughes

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Celebrating.....



...Soroptimist  
long service

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President Janet presenting members of SI Croydon with their long service badges

Ethel French was Regional President (1982-83)





Edwina Currie presented President Lillian Gould with Daphne Whitmore  
Rosebowl Award for Medway's work on Zisize project in South Africa  
(2005)

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November 2005  
**Soroptimist**  
news

**TOGETHER WE  
ARE STRONG**  
CONFERENCE SPECIAL!



**Federation  
President Janet  
and  
George Alegiah  
Nottingham Conference  
2005**



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Change of Insignia - Pat Dale to Denise  
Staplehurst - Federation Conference 2005

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Soroptimist International had recognised the work SISEE had made in developing 'Virtual Club' concept.

Federation President Janet presenting Regional President Pat with the Certificate as part of Extraordinary Extension Efforts (2005)

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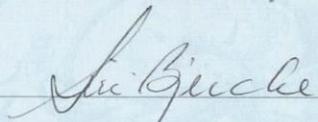
*Extraordinary Extension Efforts*  
*Innovative Membership, Extension and Retention ideas*

**Soroptimist International Congratulates**

SI of Great Britain and Ireland

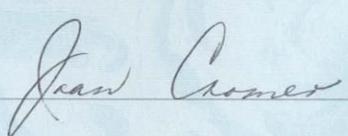
**South East Region, UK**

**“Virtual Clubs”** The Federation Management Board approved the concept of virtual clubs and the funding of a Pilot Study to begin this year. Virtual members will be full members of SI complying with the Constitution, paying full dues and engaged in Programme action. They will hold an annual meeting and a limited number of face-to-face meetings. The software has the potential to become a useful membership tool and will be particularly helpful for members whose work requires them to travel extensively or those who may be disabled to remain active members 'on line'.



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Siri Bjercke  
Extension Chairman, Soroptimist International  
2003-2005



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Dr. Joan Cromer  
President, Soroptimist International  
2003-2005





Regional President Denise Staplehurst with Pat Dale at Regional meeting



Denise at Federation Conference

# Ashford President with Jo Spencer at Region displaying quilt Jo made from old ties





Regional President Ann Reeves with Past President  
Denise and President Elect Angela Howe - Conference 2006

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# SISEE Team compete in Dragonboat Race 2006



	CREW NAME	ROUND 1	ROUND 2
33	HISSING SISSING BOATS	00:52.28	
34	HOT HOPPERS	00:50.22	
35	BLAMING MAEVELS	00:45.94	
36	MISTIV TRAPPOS	00:53.03	
37	SKOOLS OUT	01:00.51	
38	SOROPS	01:03.27	
39	IN-VEST	00:55.84	
40	BRALTON BUCCANEERS	01:02.26	
41	INTO THE BLUE	00:49.23	
42	RESERVOIR DOGS	00:49.66	
43	GOLD LION		
44	KOOL KATS		
45	LAST MINUTE ROW		
46	OUT OF AFRICA		
	RUSSAR DARE DEVILS		
	IN THE CLASS		
	INVINCIBLES		
	ACTIVE HEROES		
	SEE		



Regional President Angela and Jan Doyle  
at Federation Conference in Harrogate 2007

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Incoming Regional  
President Jan Doyle  
at Barbados 2008

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Federation President Carwen presents SI Canterbury  
with Daphne Whitmore Rosebowl Award in 2009

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SI Medway President Jenny Dvorak with Regional President Jan Day at Federation Conference Cardiff 2009

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Medway Soroptimists at the 'Bras in the Bay' event at Federation Conference in Cardiff (2009)

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Regional President Margaret Bush (2011-12)  
attends SI Medway's Fashion show in June 2012

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## Grant of Friendship

Ioana Clumac a  
Soroptimist from  
Moldova at a  
Regional meeting  
in 2012

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Regional President Angela Edwards (2012-13) with Ann Reeves welcomes new members to their first Regional meeting

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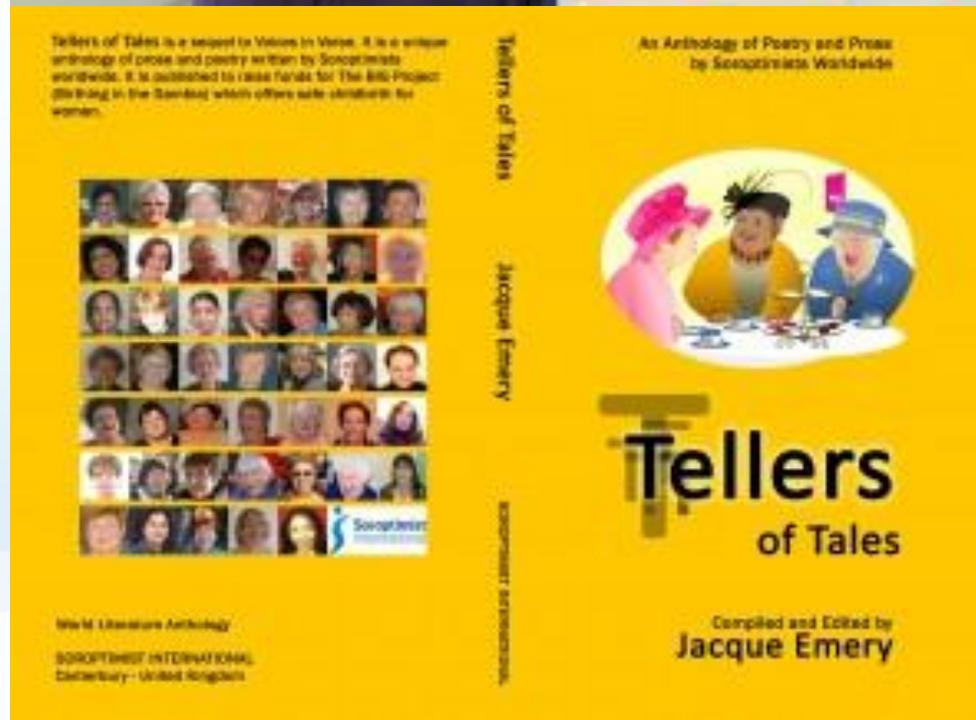
Regional President Hilary Rowberry with President Jenny Jones  
at Domestic Abuse March and Church Service at Rochester  
(2012)



# Soroptimists wearing Red for Endometriosis Awareness at Federation Conference - Gateshead in 2013



- Regional President Jacque Emery (2013-14) with publication 'Teller of Tales' along with 'Voices in Verse'.
- Raised thousands of pounds for Soroptimist global causes including the 'Big Project'.
- Jacque Emery Writing Award established in 2017



## SI Canterbury winning vote for Meru Women's Garden Project Glasgow Conference 2015





**SISEE**  
**Merchandising**  
**1997 - 2016**



**'Pink by the Pool'**  
**Federation Conference Malta 2016**

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Susie Forbes and new  
Regional President Carol  
celebrating after their  
Change of Insignia at  
Federation Conference  
Malta 2016



President Carol with Julie  
Turner SI East Grinstead  
in Malta presenting with  
Long Service Certificate



Regional President Jane Webb with Federation President Sue Biggs and Outgoing President Carol Infanti – Cardiff (2017) **Women inspiring action,  
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Signed  
Susan Beag  
President of Soroptmist International Great Britain and Ireland 2017-2019

Past Regional  
President Angela  
Edwards winning  
raffle prize at  
Meru Fundraiser  
Lunch  
February 2018





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London Beach present cheque to President Sue and Region President Jane at Meru Lunch 2018

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Jennifer visiting with SI Medway



Jennifer at home with SI Canterbury



16 Past Regional Presidents from (1986 – 2017) attended a reunion lunch at Godstone in 2017

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South East England members  
at Federation Conference Cardiff 2017

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End Violence  
Against  
Women  
December  
2017





SI Tunbridge Wells celebrating the Suffragettes 100 years of the Women's Vote



Regional Relay President Team with I tor : Jan Doyle, Jane Barnes, Carol Infanti and Jane Webb (2018-19)

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