President’s message 2019/20

Following our Annual General Meeting the President’s message would normally mark the start of her new year in office. This year things are different as our whole team is remaining in office for a second year to allow time for our President Elect Sue Stringer to recover from recent surgery.

Last year was a very special one for our Club as we celebrated 80 years of service both locally and internationally. Our theme was ‘Shaped by our past – working for our future’ and we fulfilled our aim of looking back at and celebrating our history whilst we embraced the changes needed to enable a club like ours to operate and flourish in the 21st century. Check out this website and our Facebook posts and see what we are all busy doing.

Our theme for this year is ‘Moving Forward’ and in the first month since the AGM we have certainly been active. A few members flew to Guernsey in early May to visit our Friendship Link club and took part in their Liberation Day celebrations. Four members attended our Regional Conference in Preston where an excellent range of speakers addressed the theme of Breaking Barriers.

Project work remains at the heart of what we do as Soroptimists and during 2019 our Federation President is focussing on mental health during her year in office and in support of this in May we held our annual plant sale to raise funds for Alzheimer’s Awareness.

At the start of out 80th year we recognised that many people were interested in what we do but could not commit to full membership, so we invited them to join our free supporter’s club known as our 80 for 80 group. Each subscriber receives an e-mailed quarterly newsletter and can unsubscribe at any time. For more information contact us on [sorops1stockport@gmail.com](mailto:sorops1stockport@gmail.com). A new addition is available in June.

We are always keen to welcome new members who are interested in what we do and would love to here for hear from anyone who would like to join us.

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