

Soroptimist International of Glasgow City Club

Programme Action Update meeting

In October, the Programme Action Committee presented the club with three alternatives, taken from the SIGBI PA report, for continuing work in the future. A presentation was given on each theme and the club were asked to vote for their preferred option. The decision by a large majority was to investigate the problems of women and prison. The PA committee took this further and decided to concentrate on two topics: The Justice System and why women go to prison and Aftercare of women prisoners and their families. Members will be asked in February to decide which topic group to join. Women and prison is an SSR hot topic. For further information see the club PA reports.

SIGBI Conference, Gateshead



SI Glasgow city members enjoyed a well organised conference in November in Gateshead. The presence of International President Ann and of SSR president Ruth made us feel proud. We gathered with many others to wear red for Endometriosis Research.



And we were happy to see Ruth installed as SSR President.



The daytime sessions were thought provoking and the evening entertainment was excellent. As always, we met new and old friends from other clubs. For more information, the Soroptimist magazine and web site give a very full account.

A Taste of India Update

Funds raised at the Taste of India evening reported in the last issue, supported a visit by 22 members of the Trefoil Guild to Sangam in India, one of 4 International Centres for



Girl Guides and Scouts. Seven of the party came back to the club in November to tell us of their trip. The opportunity was taken to provide a Taste of India , much appreciated by club members.

Prince and Princess of Wales Hospice

Rhona Baillie from the hospice told us of the plans for a new hospice in Bellahouston park. This is an ambitious project and still requires several million pounds in funds. Several of our members have been closely associated in raising funds for the hospice for some years

Green Issues

Baillie Nina Baker attended our January meeting and discussed waste management-reduce, reuse, recycle. She was able to give us information about current and future plans for this in Glasgow. It was interesting to hear how different councils are managing these problems.

Civic Reception for International President Ann

To honour International President Ann, a Civic reception was held in the magnificent surroundings of the City Chambers in Glasgow. Soroptimists from Scotland South Region and further afield joined members of SI Glasgow City in the Satinwood Room.



Baillie Margo Clark welcomed the company on behalf of the City and emphasised the importance of IP Ann's international role. Also in attendance was the Deacon Convenor of Trades House, second citizen of Glasgow. IP Ann replied and thanked many individuals who had supported her in



Soroptimism.

President Bernadette gave the vote of thanks.



We had the inevitable quiz on Robert Burns which yielded average results. The trials of Mrs Shanter were related by Christine



Burns Supper

On the 25th January we celebrated a Burns Supper at Aileen Bingham's house. We were welcomed by a piper



It was a special birthday for Jean Ross-ninety years young- and she had a special cake. Flowers were presented to our hostess and our special member.

and then, in warmth and comfort, the haggis was addressed by Frances, gutted and enjoyed.



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