

SI Adelaide October meeting



Our October meeting was a combination Business and Planning meeting.

However, before all of that, Maria Hagias from Central Domestic Violence Service, gave us an update on the Zahra Foundation, which has exceeded all expectations. Maria talked about the trial training program which they've recently run and gave an outline of plans for 2016. Following that, we made our presentation of Home Essentials, which we've done for several years now. These items help women re establish a home after leaving violent relationship.

Those in the photo above, were the energetic ones who helped Maria load up her car. It's a bit of a hoot really, there's hardly room for Maria once the job's done!!!



Food is of course an essential for a night such as this, so we enjoyed a casual meal of pizza and salad, fruit and a glass of champagne. Thanks to Marrion, Denise, Gabrielle, Pippa and Lesley who all brought food and to Pauline, who brought champagne. Thanks to Jean who organised supper.

Next on the agenda was for Acting President Donna to induct our new member Elissa Croker, who first heard of Soroptimist International when she lived in Townsville. She noticed "Soroptimist Park", googled and read extensively about us and now she's in Adelaide and has become a member of SI Adelaide.

Welcome Elissa.

The main focus of the remainder of the evening was to plan for 2016. So with Libby at the laptop, we went through dates, commitments and suggested speakers, to compile what looks like an interesting program.

Planning sounds like hard work, but we were in good spirits as we welcomed our President Sharon back to the club, following her leave. Several members returned from travelling. Pauline from her trip to Italy, Donna from her travels in America, Pippa was back from Canada and Pat Ellis also returned from a trip to the U.S.

It was like all the family coming home.