

Pauline's Report for March 2023

International News:

SI Manchester, SIGBI President Sue welcomed members, guests and friends to their 97th Charter lunch. Barbara Blaber MD of ACT4FRIKA presented the toast to Soroptimist International and Denise Parker of SI South Lancashire gave the response. Guest speaker was Lorraine Worseley-Carter, High Sheriff of Greater Manchester. There were Soroptimist members from 10 other clubs present.

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SI Manchester SIGBI. Their speaker this month was Petra from Medaille Trust who provide refuge and freedom to victims of modern day slavery (also called trafficking?) and supporting them as they rebuild their lives. Petra also talked about the MOVING ON PROJECT and the VICTIM VOICES PROJECT which trains staff to gather evidence which is admissible in court to support prosecution of modern slavery perpetrators.

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SI Glasgow City SIGBI

as in previous years members of our club support Marie Curie's Daffodil Appeal in Glasgow and this year £1095 Pounds was raised.

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SI Kirkcaldy SIGBI. Four club members organised a stall at the International Women's Day event hosted by the Fife Centre for Equalities. SI Kirkcaldy was chartered in 1953. "They are a small active group and still going strong". Members - pictured below - meet at the Dean Park Hotel between September and May at 7 pm on the 2nd and 4th Mondays.



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SI Palm Springs; SI the Americas wished everyone an Irish blessing on St. Patrick's Day,
March 17th



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WINDOW TO SOROPTIMIST WORLDWIDE CSW67 2023 New York. This online meeting was introduced by International President Maureen McGuire who stressed the need for women to engage in water solutions for a sustainable future and the need for indigenous knowledge in addressing the global water crisis that massively affects women and girls. I noticed in today's Advertiser *that today 22nd March is World Water Day. (Several weeks ago I noticed that it was International Dog biscuit Day. !!!)*

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SI De Fort De France - I thought what a fabulous name. I Googled a map which looked like this club was in County Martinique in France on the North Atlantic Ocean. Then I clicked on to another map and yes it is in the North Atlantic but not in France. **De Fort de France** is a city in the French Island of Martinique in the Bahamas.



Soroptimist Club de Fort de France

**Bye for now
Stay well and keep on being amazing
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