

Pauline's Report for February 2023

Soroptimist International news:

International President Maureen McGuire is heart broken by the devastation caused by earthquake in Turkey and Syria and for the loss of tens of thousands of lives and also for the loss of homes and businesses and livelihoods of whole communities including many Sisters in Turkey who have lost everything.

SI President Maureen Maguire is reaching out to our global membership about the disaster in Turkey and Syria.

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Soroptimist International Italia, SIE. On 6th February their AGILE WORK AND DESIGN THINKING was held - as part of their National Project "LEADERSHIP & MEMBERSHIP".



Members of Soroptimist International Murate

SI Italy also celebrated **its 173rd club – SI Murate** was chartered on 11th February 2023 in the presence of founding members and guests in a 3-day celebration. Members of the new club are pictured above.

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Soroptimists of SI Palm Springs SI of the Americas invite us to join them at their 2023 LIVE YOUR DREAM AWARDS. These remarkable women have overcome enormous personal obstacles in an effort to improve their lives through education and training. I should have some of their stories for the March Report.

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SI Greater St. Louis, SIA

Our 2023 80's Blacklight Bingo was a huge success with all the proceeds going to our Live The Dream Award recipients. Thank you to all who came along to help us. These included 14 local businesses and numerous Soroptimists and friends!!

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Members of Soroptimist International Wexford

SI Wexford, SIGBI. Our annual Public Speaking Competition is a cornerstone of Soroptimist and International activities across the country (IRELAND). It benefits girls from upper-secondary schools and is now entering its 42nd year. Local and regional heats are now over, and we have 8 finalists. The final competition is on 4th March 2023.

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SI Costa de Sol, Spain, SIE.

A gardening course for a small garden has begun by this club, taught by Antonia Nunez President of AHA Mijas. (AHA is “The Joy of the Andalusian Orchard” association who promote the sustainability of the planet and care for the environment).



This is the first of 5 workshops to learn how to garden in phase 1 and in times of terms of nature through to Phase 5 which we will look for in June.

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SI Sutton Coldfield. SIGBI.

Our soups and cakes luncheon was enjoyed by members – catch-up is always welcomed!! We thank everyone who was able to take part and raise money for our charity fund too. The soups were delicious served with crusty bread followed by tea coffee and cake. We raised £192. A big thank you to John and Marcia for opening up their home and hosting this event.

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