

Pauline's Report for August 2021.

SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL NEWS.

S.I. Europe welcomes and congratulates its newly elected Board Members for 2021/2022.

Carolien Demey SIE President (SI Belgium)
Hildis Karlsdottir SIE President-elect (SI Iceland)
Anna Wszelacznska SIE Immediate Past President (SI Poland)
Maria Isobel Mendez Pereira – SIE Treasurer (SI Portugal)
Sabine Mach SIE Secretary General (SI Austria)
Dominique Babel SIE Vice-President (SI France)
Nicoletta Morelli Magnini SIE Vice-President (SI Italy)
Nilgun Pakkan SIE Vice-President (SI Turkey)
Mihalla Aquelius SIE Vice-President (SI Sweden)

There are another 18 names of Soroptimists on this Board. If you are really interested tell me and I will type them for you in the next Pauline's Report. I kept on doing this **because I was fascinated with their fabulous names**, including the Polish zeds, and also the **first 9 are from 9 different countries**. I was a bit surprised that Iceland belongs to SI Europe. Perhaps they will transfer to the Federation of America one day? The Board members probably all have two languages! Their own plus English?

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SI Drogheda, Ireland have run a successful national Public Speaking Competition which was won by Regina White from Loreto School, Cavan. The city of Drogheda is situated north of Dublin on the Irish Sea coast and the club has a beach cleaning project every second Saturday of the month. They have recently welcomed their new president, Margaret Geraghty via Zoom for the next 2 years, and have said a "big thank you to their IPP Siobhan Matthews for her hard work and enthusiasm over the last 2 years".

Pictured is *Regina White*.



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SI Sigatoka, Fiji has just delivered 50 packs of essential food to the Red Zone Province. I am afraid the Covid19 news in Fiji is a worry. The news up to yesterday (22nd July) is they have had 19,352 Covid19 cases, 4,233 recovered and 125 deaths and today's news is another 1091 new cases and 21 deaths.

News from Indonesia worries me too. I actually sent an email to **Isla Winarto (SI Jakarta)** a month ago asking if she and her sister and her mother are OK and so far I have had no answer.

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SI Khartoum, Sudan is a brand new club just chartered and is our first club in this country. President of our new Federation of Africa Connie Mutunhu was present for this big occasion and our Soroptimist International President Sharon Fisher (SI Canada) sent a big welcome to the new club. There are 22 new founding Soroptimist members, and their first project was to plant 1000 trees. That is a lot of trees and I think we Soroptimists of Adelaide, South Australia could tell them they are a pretty terrific Soroptimist club hey!
Pictured is *SI Sudan President, Sulafa Abdalla*.



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The SIGBI Conference happened on 29th July when they also celebrated 100 years of International Soroptimism. This event had been planned to take place at **Llandudno, Wales.** I mentioned this seaside town in my report for July 2021.
Due to Covid 19 SIGBI decided to “bring Llandudno to you”.

The 4 guest speakers were:

1. Dr. Anne-Marie Imafidon
2. Rebecca Salter
3. Dr. Carina Tyrell
4. Dr. Asha de Vos

They all have so many university degrees and awards and honours I think you might like to Google these speakers; they are all amazingly interesting.

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The next International Convention is in Dublin, Ireland in 2023 - perhaps we will all be vaccinated by then and some of us might fly off and BE THERE!

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Soroptimists all over the world are planting trees to celebrate 100 years of Soroptimist International.

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Bye for now. Stay well and keep on being amazing.
Pauline Nutt, SI Adelaide