

Pauline's Report for July 2021

Back in March/April I told you that Dymocks Glenelg were looking to find the book **The Slave Across the Street written by Theresa Flores**. They emailed me a couple of days ago and I have picked it up. In her Acknowledgments author Theresa mentions **Soroptimist International** "for their mission to help women and girls have a better life and awarding me for my work". Also at the end of her book under Resources **Soroptimist International** is again mentioned together with the **SI website**. More - when I have read it.

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Our club's **72nd Birthday High Tea at the Mayfair Hotel** (especially the glass of French champagne) was very pleasant indeed and Allison and I were very happy to be there, and lovely to meet our newest member - Sarah – in person. Welcome again Sarah.

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Because you all receive online monthly copies of the **SISWP Bulletin** and also **the Span** I avoid mentioning these in this report; you don't need to read anything twice. But this time I would like to mention, **Soroptimist Leigh Ellwood-Brown** a Queensland Soroptimist who is our new **International Director of Advocacy** for 2022-2023 - a big job - and she is a former SISWP Federation President. We all know that? Yes. What I didn't know is that she is a big deal in the Diamond, Gems and Custom Designed Jewellery Industry as a Gemmologist! Very interesting so if you didn't read it all you might like to go back to the Bulletin and click on to **"Read more"**. I admit there are times when I don't actually click on Read more either, but this time I did.

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Allison and I have been invited to the **40th birthday of SI Murray Bridge** in August. I am really looking forward to seeing my old Soroptimist friends. (there was no mention of French champagne)

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My friend Giancarla from SI Italy has sent her best wishes to all her Soroptimist friends in the United States of America for the 4th of July. (noticed on my Facebook)

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News from International clubs:

SI Llandudno Page, Wales, UK - chartered in 1963. This club appeared on my Facebook during May when the members were having a very pleasant Morning Coffee in the Park. They were pictured all sitting in comfortable chairs

correctly apart - Covidly. It was the first time the members of this Welsh club had met their new member Kelli in person, as all their SI meetings have been under Zoom conditions. Llandudno Pwllheli is a Welsh resort town of approximately 22,000 citizens situated on the coast overlooking the Irish Sea.

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The SI Federation of Europe has extended congratulations to two of their clubs who are celebrating birthdays (1) **SI Nahetal-Bad Sobernheim (Germany)** 20 years, and (2) **SI Belfort, France** for 65 years.

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SI Los Angeles congratulates Commissioner Annette Nance-Holt who is the first black woman to lead the Chicago Fire Department.

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The SI Region of the Golden West has sent best wishes to **SI Palm Springs** for their 40th birthday. There are lots of palm trees in Palm Springs. I checked. Last month, June, the incoming SI Palm Springs President for 2021/2022 Connie Cameron was installed into office, together with all the new officers, by the Region of the Golden West Governor, Laurie Scott Moses.

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SI Sunderland which is situated on the East coast of Northern England is offering a free history class of Female Protest and Suffrage. Women in the UK were offered the vote in 1918 but only if they were over 30 and only if they owned property. All women in the UK over the age of 21 were offered the vote in 1928 – 33 years after us. (Yes. I know)

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