

“Women inspiring action, transforming lives.”

GARSTANG SOROPTIMISTS - *Small club big achievements!*

“SEND A COW”

For the last ten years or so we have been supporting a charity called “Send a Cow” where funds are used to provide an animal – cow, goat, or chicken, to a family to help them to become self-sufficient. The Send A Cow web-site highlights the knock on effect of this initiative.

WATER AID

Regular readers may remember that our North West Region has Water Aid as its charity for 2015/16. On hearing that the government was offering matched funding for this charity by a set deadline, our club decided to send in our present total of £588.00 which will be converted to £1,176.00. I look forward to giving you the grand total raised by all the clubs in the North West, by the end of the year.

WELCOME

At our February meeting we were pleased to give a very warm welcome to Louise, our newest member of Soroptimist International Garstang.

ROSE BOWL TROPHY

Our business meeting also involved some planning! Every year our Regional President sets a challenge for clubs to compete for the Rose Bowl Trophy. This year every club has been given the task of making a sensory cushion, when these have been judged, in June, and the Trophy awarded, they will all go to a dementia centre in Blackburn. Pictures will be on our website!

DIAMONDS ARE FOREVER!

Next month the speaker at our social meeting is Mr David Rhodes who will take us on a diamond journey from mine to design!

INTERNATIONAL WOMENS DAY - Tuesday 8th March: A little back ground information.

International Women’s Day first emerged from the activities of Labour movements at the turn of the twentieth century in North America and across Europe. Since those early years, International Women’s Day has assumed a new global dimension for women in developed and developing countries alike. The 2016 theme for International Women’s Day is “Planet 50-50 by 2030: Step It Up for Gender Equality”. Visit [www. ‘International Women’s Day’](http://www.‘International Women’s Day’) for further info:

SOROPTIMIST EGGHEADS WIN - Supports Mary’s Meals

S.I. Ramsbottom used some of their £9,000.00 win last year to sponsor Domomo Primary school in Northern Malawi. This school has 450 pupils and the sponsorship money will feed every child for a whole year.

Membership Concern

Recently I heard that there are still some people who think that you need a special personal invitation to join Soroptimist International. This criteria was consigned to the history books several years ago and is definitely not the case today.

This is all the invitation you need! If you would like to share in our work, come and join us, please ring this number or contact us through our website and you will be most welcome.