



SIE Centennial Newsletter n° 1

A Bright Past

On June 21st 1921, the historic first meeting of the Members Committee met at the Hotel Oakland to officially launch the first Soroptimist club (Soroptimist Club of Alameda County)

The core group met once a week and in three short months they had gathered the support of 80 women in Alameda County, California, which was the number stipulated as minimum to form a charter club

The presentation of the Charter and the officer installation ceremony for the Soroptimist Club of Alameda County took place in formal style at the Hotel Oakland on **October 3rd 1921** in Oakland, California.

The First Project



One of the major projects undertaken by the Oakland Club concerned the environment with legislative advocacy to **“Save the Redwoods”**– the great ancient trees which were being felled unmercifully. Soroptimists lobbied the legislature, took on the powerful lumber companies, and gained public support for the project.

A Brilliant Future

Let’s celebrate 100 years—get involved in the great campaigns organised by the 100th Anniversary Committee.

Have you nominated anyone yet for 100 years-100 Soroptimists?

We are creating a website under the motto *“We stand up for Women for 100 years - SIE celebrates 100 years – 100 Soroptimists”*, and we need your input to fill this website with life. I’m sure that many clubs have a standout Soroptimist who has made a difference to her club, Union or community. Please write about her in no more than 500 words and send your nominations by September 30, 2020 to the following address: SIEcongress2021@soroptimisteurope.org. From all the entries, we will select the 100 women who best personify our ideals. Let’s commemorate the SI Centenary by celebrating our members!

Some suggestions for selection:

- someone who is a particular role model in terms of her profession or achievement
- someone who has made an extraordinary contribution to her community
- someone who embodies our values or has changed the lives of women and girls in a unique way.



IN 1921 SAVING TREES WAS THE FIRST ACTION TAKEN BY SOROPTIMISTS

100 years later Planting Trees for a Brilliant Future is the theme for our Centennial Campaign **#PlantTrees**.

GET INVOLVED!!!!

Soroptimist members, Clubs, Unions within SIE

1 tree, 10 trees, 100 trees, ... 1000 trees, it doesn't matter, it is all about planting trees and visibility!

Please support this fabulous Campaign to **#PlantTrees for a Brilliant Future**.

PLANT TREES

Find out what is necessary in your region, where to find information and expertise for projects big and small on varied topics:

Establishing a woodland

What type of trees to plant dependant on climate?

Where and when to plant for best result

Tree Planting techniques

Where to get free trees

How to engage locally

WORKING TOGETHER

Work locally with community groups, guides, schools, businesses and Local Councils

Work Globally with Friendship Links

SHARING INFORMATION

Contact us by email SIECongress2021@soroptimisteurope.org

- Share projects and information
- The projects will be published on the Centenary Website
- Send us photos of your campaigns,
Share through Program Directors and Program Director Assistants



The SIE Congress to be held in Kraków, Poland, 2nd - 4th July 2021, is an event where we can all celebrate and bring a due tribute to the history and growth of our organisation throughout the 100 years.

During the Congress weekend, and possibly after the SIE event, we have the opportunity to share, with other Soroptimist sisters and with the wider public, facts and information about the history and achievements of our fantastic worldwide organisation. We can show and talk about our Best Practices, about amazing accomplishments made on the road to Women's Equality and Empowerment and about wonderful members in our clubs and unions.

The Centenary Committee will put up an Event Wall that will display posters where SIE Soroptimists from Unions and Single Clubs can present a part of their history, their present engagements and their view on the future.

Therefore, we kindly request you to join in the 100 years of Soroptimist celebrations and contribute to the Event Wall with a poster.

You will receive the Guidelines and the Template by email **soon**.

Centenary Website and Facebook Page

The website will be On-Line very soon and the Facebook is already active.

Centennial Award 2021

During the European SI Congress in Krakow, Poland, the SIE Board decided to award a **Centennial Award** during this celebration. A price of 5,000, - € accompanied by a very nice statuette.

We invite you to fill in the application following guidelines, that will be send to you by email. Application form will be on the Centenary Website **very soon**.