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SISEAP BULLETIN

Welcome to the February 2024 Bulletin

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT



**President
Christine Johnstone
2022-2024**



Have you made a new beginning promise this year, or a New Years resolution, did you promise to do something good, or start afresh with some difficult ‘thing’. Did your club conduct a planning day, or is yet to do so?

Did you take the time over the Holiday break to reflect on your year, was Soroptimist part of this reflection? We cannot make a change or a new beginning unless we look back and evaluate, our new beginning has to be free from the actions or thinking that got you there in the first place. Your new beginning has to be mindful of the past actions and recognition of what is required to implement that new beginning.

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Conference 2024 - Your Voice Our Future



You're invited to

SISEAP 2024 Conference
YOUR VOICE
OUR FUTURE



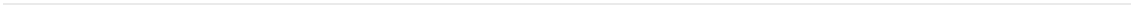
Fri 3 May – Sun 5 May 2024
 Tweed Heads / Gold Coast
 Australia



swpconferencechair@siswp.org
www.siseap.org



SISEAP CONFERENCE 2024 WEBPAGE



EARLY BIRD EXTENDED UNTIL 18 FEBRUARY

SUPPORT BEING OFFERED

DONATIONS SOUGHT

Message from Conference Chair - Ralda Forzin

Conference is a time for members to explore new ways of thinking and operating to best achieve our long-term goals. This is the first opportunity for members to meet face to face since 2016. In that time, we have faced many challenges and changes. The Federation has restructured and changed its name. We have introduced new membership categories and new methods of funding projects. However, our long-term goals and vision of gender equity through Education, Empowerment, and Empowering opportunities remain. We continue to seek to be an effective Global Voice for Women and conference offers members the opportunity to explore how best to achieve this. The conference aims to be an exciting mix of speakers, panels and workshops designed to raise member awareness and understanding of organisational change and to facilitate member participation, advocacy and action ongoing.

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Creative Arts Competition



Creative Arts Competition

A Federation wide Creative Arts Competition commences on the **1st of February**. The expanded competition this year also incorporates Poetry and Photography. This competition is open to students from ages 6 to 18. The **Creative**

Arts competition will enable students through visual arts to amplify their voice for change.

Click on image to Find Out More.

CLUB SECRETARY NEWS

Google Websites

Club, Regions or Countries who may have created a google website, are to be notified that Google have migrated all SISWP google website to their new sites platform, this migration was completed in January 2024.

Club, Region and Countries who had a classic version site will no longer have access to these sites, instead they will be available in the new Sites domain [New Sites](#). Site owners can review and publish these migrated drafts in New Sites if they haven't already. Until site owners publish these auto-migrated drafts, site viewers will see an error message when they visit the site URLs. Note that the Classic Sites versions are no longer available.

If you need to export data on the old sites for archive purposes please contact admin@siswp.org for assistance.

Company AGM, General & Federation Meetings

Information regarding the 2024 SISEAP company AGM, General Meeting and Federation Meeting. These meetings have been scheduled to be held on Friday 3 May 2024, the same day as the Federation conference, which begins on Friday at 6.30 pm. The AGM and general meeting will commence at 9.00 am. The Federation Meeting will commence at 12.30 pm until 4.30 pm. The Federation meeting will consist of general federation business, Best Practice Awards for Programme and Membership, and the National President reports. These meetings all require a quorum of members (clubs). Club representatives and silent observers are welcome at all meetings and you can register via the Federation Conference page. Click the link below.

Members are reminded that resolutions to the company constitution can be put forward by members as per clause 31 of the company constitution.

Constitution

3.1 Members' resolutions and statements

- 31.1 Members with at least 5% of the votes that may be cast on a resolution may give:
- 31.1.1 a written notice to the company of a resolution they propose to move at a general meeting (members' resolution), and/or
 - 31.1.2 a written request to the company that the company give all of its members a statement about a proposed resolution or any other matter that may properly be considered at a general meeting (members' statement).

Refer to the constitution for the full clause.

Members wishing to recommend changes to the bylaws.

By laws

3.2 Members, national presidents and committee convenors may recommend changes to these by-laws by sending their recommendations in writing to company headquarters for the attention of the directors. Such recommendations shall not be binding on the directors.

Members (clubs) will need to have their resolutions and or recommendations emailed to HQ hq@siswp.org and Federation Secretary swpsecretary2020@siswp.org by **4pm Sydney time (ADST) on 29 February** to allow for internal process and ready to distribute to members (clubs) late **March 2024**.

[REGISTER FOR MEETINGS HERE](#)



Programme Zone Coordinator

We are seeking an **expression of interest** from members to nominate for a 2-year term (2024 to 2026) as a **Programme Zone Coordinator**. The role and responsibility statement can be viewed below. The role involves supporting up to 35 clubs across the Federation with reporting on their actions. There is opportunity for progression, and participating regularly in some exciting events with the full programme team. If you are interested, please **complete**

the **CV Template** and email swpsecretary2020@siswp.org
Applications close 31 March 2024.

[Roles and Responsibility Statement](#)

[CV Template](#)



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MEMBERSHIP NEWS



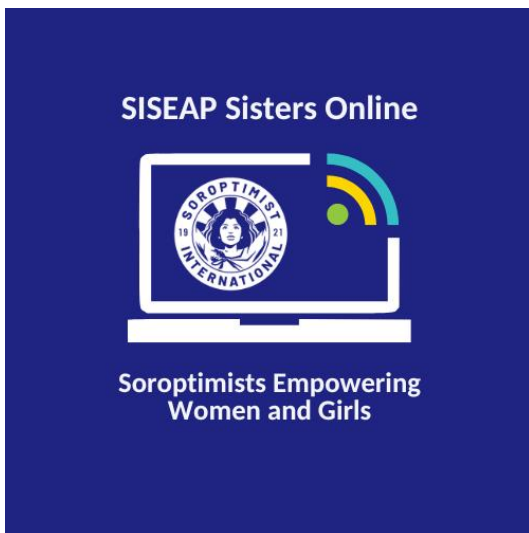
Membership Best Practice Awards

Clubs are invited to celebrate their membership initiatives and successes. Nominations will be sought in 1 February and 1 March Bulletin with a close off date of **25 March 2024**. The Awards will be presented at the Federation meeting prior to the SISEAP conference on Friday 3 May 2024, Gold Coast.



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Club Charters



SISEAP Sisters Online

Congratulations to SISEAP Online Community Co-ordinator, Kim Hainsworth for developing the community to the point of charter. SISEAP Sisters Online, Soroptimists Empowering Women and Girls, will charter on **24 February 2024 at 11am AEDT.**

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SI Pearl of the Orient

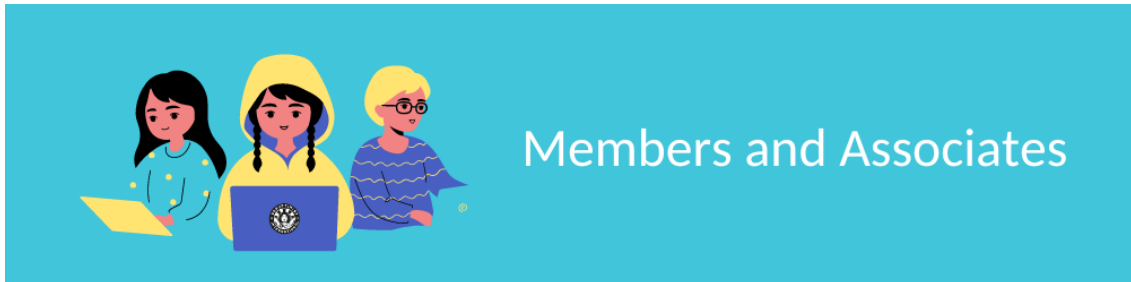
We are very pleased to announce the Charter of a new Club as follows:

Club Name: SI Pearl of the Orient
Country: Malaysia
Charter Date: 23 March 2024

Click on image to Find Out More.



Member Information



Clarification on Membership:
Options for a club member who is moving away from her club, and wants to stay a Soroptimist include:

1. Takes up Linked membership and remains member of your club
2. Transfers to another club that is closer to her
3. Joins the online club

Clarification regarding Associates:
Associates are not members of your club. They are Associates i.e. Supporters of the Federation's work. None of the money they pay goes to the club or region or national

association. They will be guests for anything the club does. They will not have a membership number or access to the members area of the website. They can only be involved if a club invites them - as you would any other guest. It is up to the individual to register online as an Associate, it does not come through the club (because they are not members).

Click on image to Find Out More

Membership Resources

Club Leadership Roles

Information available to support those taking up Club leadership roles. Remember members must be logged into our website first to access the resources in the links below.

[Read Club Leadership Handbook Here](#)

[Watch The Webinar On The Role Of Secretary and Treasurer](#)



PROGRAMME NEWS



Programme

Team

Announcements

The Programme Team is proud to announce the appointment of **Cesarina Gigante** in the **SISEAP Programme Communications** role from May 2024. There is a desire for greater

professionalism in formal programme presentations and other communications for our external audiences about the work we do across our Federation. This role will enhance our credibility because we need to professionally present our valuable work.

Furthermore, we are pleased to appoint **Anne Allen** in the role of **Programme Database Support** as a specialist role to ensure that our SISEAP project performance management system is accurate and transparent, and easy to use for all clubs.

COMMUNICATIONS & EVENTS



SI Youth Forum

JOIN THE GLOBAL VOICE OF YOUNG SOROPTIMISTS

WHAT?

The SI Youth Forum is a community that was established in 2023 for young Soroptimists (aged 40 years and under) to engage with one another at the international level by sharing ideas, advocating for change, and organising inter-Federation projects.

HOW?

Register here:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/c/bymwq9wd>

WHEN?

Register by 31 March 2024.

"As young people, it is our time now to steer change for a brighter future" -
Ayushi, SI, India

The SI Youth Forum, initiated under Past President Maureen, encourages more young Soroptimists to join. Since its announcement last December, there's been a significant influx of interested members.

[REGISTER HERE](#)

Contact Us

HEADQUARTERS

LEADERSHIP TEAM



The *eBulletin* includes stories and documents you can also find on the [SISEAP website](#).

Copy for the next edition of the eBulletin is required by **25 February 2024**.

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