

SI-KAD News

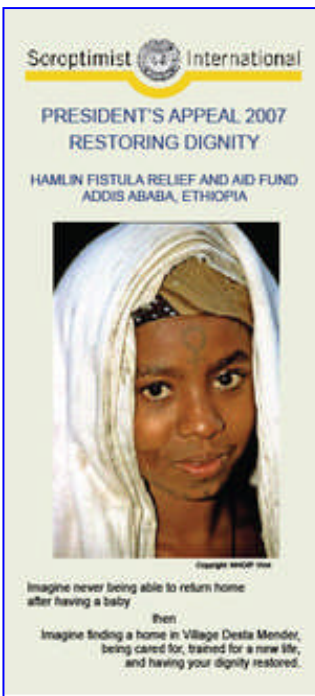


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Human Rights Day 10 Dec SI President's Appeal

International President 2007-2009,
Margaret Lobo - Perth, Western Australia



home within a few weeks. A number of women who cannot be completely cured and need ongoing medical care are supported in the Desta Mender Village, opened in 2002, where they also receive skills and vocational training. The Hospital relies on donations for the continuation and expansion of this vital work.

A fistula is an unnatural tear or hole between two organs. Obstructed labour can cause a fistula to the birth passage, bladder and sometimes the rectum. As a result a woman leaks urine constantly. Women suffering from fistula injuries experience rejection, separation, loneliness and shame. Whilst fistula injuries have largely disappeared from developed nations, the rate remains high in developing countries where many women have little or no access to medical care, are malnourished and marry at a young age. It is estimated that 8,000 women, in Ethiopia alone, suffer obstetric fistulae each year.

The Addis Ababa Fistula Hospital was set up by Drs Catherine and Reg Hamlin in 1974 to address an overwhelming need. Approximately 1,400 patients are now being treated each year with a success rate of 93%. Most are able to return

Photovoice

The acclaimed Photovoice exhibition, on display for two weeks at Karratha Library, was facilitated by Act Belong Commit - Mentally Healthy WA. Photovoice was about community engagement and reflecting the community through different eyes. SI-KAD's Philippa Ives participated in Photovoice. Her photo and the voice she gave to it, are shown below.

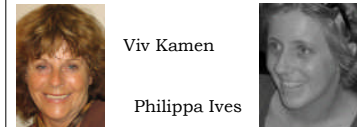
"KARRATHA WELCOME. On my arrival in Karratha, Soroptimist International Karratha and Districts made me feel instantly welcome and part of the community. This group of women are very important to enriching my life in the Pilbara."



L-R (top) Judy Wright, Val Maas, Jo Pritchard, Jenny Dynan (bottom) Nan Williams, Phyl Jones, Glen Slee



(L-R) Arran McOscar, Pernille Gray, and Sue Smalldon



Viv Kamen

Philippa Ives

Club Executive

President

Nan Williams

President Elect

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Membership/Extension Convener

Judy Wright

Programme/UN Liaison Convener

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Programme focus - 2008 goals

We will ensure that women and girls:

- Enjoy equity and equality
- Live in safe and healthy environments
- Have access to education
- Have leadership and practical skills

The goals are our blueprint for
Awareness, Advocacy and Action.

Readers for Roebourne

Many thanks to SI-Helena

Viv Kamen and Lyn Pearce review the books purchased for use at Roebourne Prison, in celebration of International Literacy Day-5 Sept; and Lyn flashes 'a couple of \$50's' from Helena Club to buy further appropriate reading material.



Contact Pernille Gray





PROJECT Sierra

A Family And A Future
Soroptimist International and
Hope and Homes for Children



International Project 2007-2011 "Project Sierra" is a four year partnership between Soroptimist International and Hope and Homes for Children which aims to raise over £1 ml (\$2ml US) to transform the lives of some of the most deprived women and children in the world. The involvement of every Soroptimist worldwide, working together, will help us achieve our goals. For more information visit www.projectSierra.org

Past International Project 2004-2007 "Project Independence" partnership between SI and Women for Women International - Soroptimists world wide raised over \$1.2ml US and provided more than 1,600 women survivors of war with rights awareness, leadership training, job skills, income generation support, direct aid and emotional support. Quoting an emphasis from SI International Convention presenter Dawn Marie Lemonds, "These aren't just words- the fact is that 25% of the women WE Sponsored in Rwanda are now elected leaders!"

Objectives of Soroptimism

To strive for:

- the advancement of the status of women,
- high ethical standards,
- human rights for all,
- equality, development and peace:

through International Goodwill and Understanding, and Friendship.

Soroptimist International is committed to:

service to local, national and international communities; and active participation in decision-making at all levels of society.



Left - Marie Salome Umutesi Kayinamura
SI-KAD **Project Independence** sister in Rwanda



and Right Erusaniya Kanyki
SI-KAD **Plan Australia** foster child in Uganda

SI-KAD Our official name is Soroptimist International of Karratha and Districts Inc, hence we use the acronym, SI-KAD. We're like the group of cycads that are renowned for survival in harsh semi-desert climates!

Dunny-money in good hands.



Viv Kamen, in Delhi, hands over SI-KAD Money for a Dunny cheque to Dr Pathak, founder Sulabh Intl.

Viv writes in part-"Well what can I say, Dr. Pathak and his team have just blown me away. It has been like talking to a humanitarian vision, it is just amazing to think what this man has achieved over the last 40 years. I must say Money for a Dunny would be the most worthwhile cause we could have committed ourselves to.

"If anyone is contemplating a trip to India definitely go for a tour around Sulabh it is just breathtaking. Yet there is still so much to achieve.

"Dr. Pathak is probably the first person in the world who has given the idea of obtaining biogas from the human excreta deposited in the public toilets. Today there are 160 BioGas plants in different states of India. It has been demonstrated by Dr. Pathak that in the absence of sewerage facilities, the best option for human waste disposal to be used in conjunction with large public toilets is the biogas plant. It has the added advantage of being a source of renewable energy which is lacking in the septic tank system.

"The biogas is used for cooking, lighting, electricity generation and body warming, and also fertilizer."



Welcome back to Karratha, past members (l-r) (PP) Shirley Simpson-Nicholls and Nina White

