

**Mail fra Gratiela Popa, SI Slatina - juni 2018.**

In connection with our joint project "Promoting soroptimism through club projects", we present you some soroptimist actions on our club's projects through which our club members promote soroptimism.

As we have designed the project of promoting the soroptimist values, we use every soroptimist activity as a good opportunity to offer soroptimist badges to the teachers, the educational counsellors and the school psychologists. In the attached pictures, you will notice the illustration of this ideas.

Also, the partnership forms we have made with the school institutions in Olt County, including the Olt School Inspectorate, contain the necessary contact details with our club. In recent years, the coverage of each soroptimist action has become the rule and not the exception. Therefore, in our community, we are very well known. The idea of giving soroptimist badges to female partners is very good. We hope to see results as a consequence of these actions.

As you know, our club participates in the project of our union "Teenage Mothers". In 2017 our club started the project "Sexual education of young girls for informing on specific diseases and for pregnancy prevention for underage girls" in collaboration with SI Arendal Grimstad club in Norway. Our club has informed this club that the project mentioned above will run together with the project of our union "Teenage Mothers", because they both have common goals. Moreover, as soon as our club became part of the union project, we have not asked the Norwegian club any expense for posters and informative material because we receive them from our union. Of course after the project "Teenage Mothers" was approved and has received funding, we informed also our union about all the issues. We conclude that our collaboration is excellent from all points of view.

Concerning the project approach to the **promotion of soroptimism** as well as the strategy chosen for this project we present the following soroptimist actions:

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A. "The attraction of students towards reading through cultural animated methods, based on the children's creative potential development."

As you know we carry out this project together the soroptimist Danish members.

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All "martisors" have been worked on in our joint project on attracting children to reading. On the card we attached the ~~martisor~~were the soroptimist logo .

B. We want to inform you that on May 8, 2018, we have launched a new action in "Teenage Mothers" and ~~Sexual Education~~projects. The activity held at the "Petre Pandrea" Theoretical High School in town Bals.

This theoretical high school is one of the most famous in our county. Unfortunately, it does not have an amphitheatre. here were the two events in the project on the same day. Of course there was a great effort for the project specialists and for our soroptimist team. High school leaders asked us to organize such conferences for boys and of course we will do so.

We want to tell you that our doctor in the project is exceptional in terms of student dialogue. Every time she opens new interesting topics for pupils. For example, in these two conferences, he talked about sexual transmission of TB. Romania is ranked first in Europe as the incidence of TB in the population. The doctor insisted a lot on the methods of sexual protection, explaining that sexually affecting both the boys. He gave as an example cervical cancer that also has a male variant. In a discussion between our doctor and the members of our club, she told us that it would be very necessary to share the preservatives of the conference participants. She said that in this way the impact of the conference is special. *"At least symbolically, it would have a big impact on the audience,"* she explained.

The link is: [OLT TV - Soroptimistele fac educa ie sexual în coli](#)

C. We inform you about the last two actions on "Teenage Mothers" and +Sexual Education+projects, which took place in another high schools in Slatina: "P.S.Aurelian" National College, county Olt.

On May 23, 2018, a sexual education activity held at P.S.Aurelian National College.

Only the girls attended this conference. Teachers, school counsellor and school psychologist and some parents were present. As we have always noticed, students were very interested in the proposed theme.

One of our club colleagues had the idea of giving empty papers to students for putting the questions to the doctor and the school psychologist. So under anonymity, students have the courage to address many questions about sensitive issues that they would not have addressed directly because of inhibition. They said in the interview that they have no courage to address such a questions their mothers or school psychologists about these topics.

The activity took place in the school amphitheatre.

This is a link to this conference.

<http://www.oltv.ro/olt-tv-new/educatie/2018/05/25/promoveaza-educatia-sexuala-in-scoala>

Our members also offered to woman badges with the soroptimist logo.

On behalf of all members of the club, on behalf of the Olt County Library, I want thank you for the financial help without which these activities would not have taken place on such a large scale.

Please send many greetings to all Danish soroptimist members.

Warm regards,

Gratiela