

December 2021

Dear Soroptimist Friends

In Växjö, Lister, Herning, Dresden and Luzern

An other Corona-year has put our meeting activities on hold. Some meetings have been canceled and some have been kept outdoors.

The most interesting outdoor-meeting was held in August on the Old Cemetery in Helsinki. There are some very old and very interesting tombs that our member, Päivi Hovi-Wasastjerna, Doctor of Arts pointed out for us. Quite a number of very famous Finns are buried there. What Päivi particularly pointed out for us were some tombs with stones that are master pieces of famous sculptors. It was an interesting art exhibition walking in a park with birds singing in the beautiful summer afternoon.

Despite of Corona The Girl's Day (Nov. 11th) was arranged as planned after the success two years ago. Our members Paula Aaltonen, Maria Juusela were the principals from our club and many other sisters were helping with the arrangements. Enclosed please find Paula's words about the event:

In 2019 all Finnish capital area clubs arranged together a significant event on International Girls' Day (Nov 11), in Science Center Heureka. Our Club Kauniainen-Grankulla was also actively involved. There were app. 800 upper grade students with their teachers getting to know different companies and other employers working on STEM area (STEM standing for Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics). The event was extremely appreciated by all different stakeholders – and even rewarded with Best Practice Award by Soroptimist European level organization! Due to the great success the organizing team decided already in 2019 that the event would sure be arranged again in 2021. As we know, the world turned out to be quite different in 2021 due to corona pandemic. The team organizing the event though did not take pandemic as an obstacle for the event, but as a challenge

to be solved – with help of technology! The whole event was very much with same concept and amount of participants as first time in 2019, but now everything in remote mode, via teams-meetings and video connection. The team was prepared for some hiccups with such a large group of people in different locations and several overlapping teams-sessions – but amazingly, all went very smoothly! Let's see if there will be again similar Girls' Day Event in 2023. Twice already makes it almost a tradition already, doesn't it?

With this TOP of our events this year we

All members of our club wish you all a
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

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