**CELEBRATION 100 – YEARS FOR THE SOROPTIMISME 1921 - 2021**

**”We stand up for women in 100 years”**

**SI Ringsted, Denmark has chosen Karen Inger Callisen – a member since 1984.**

**She accepted the choice on the condition using her motto: ”Nobody can do everything – all people can do something”!**

**In SI Ringsted she is a member in the ”ENV – group” to try to follow the trace of sustainability (to-day some of ”UN’s 2030 – World – Goals”), and green nature.**

**”Danish Plant a Tree”, wanted in 1989: Whole Denmark to make local committees..**

**Karen Inger Callisen formed in collaboration with local players a committee: ”Plant a tree, Ringsted”,where a soroptimist allways is the chairman. SI Ringsted - 40 years jubilee - suddenly was very well-known.**

**The aim was:”RINGSTED MUCH MORE GREEN & PRETTY – all people should be GREEN = the trees are INDISPENSASIBLE”!**

**The first tree was planted in 1989 followed by many green activities, often proposed by SI Ringsted:**

**In 1991 Ringsted Town celebrated 550 years jubilee, and all newborn babies got a ”Tree of Paradize” to plant.**

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**In 1999 by our 50 – jubilee a ”Drinking – Fountain” was donated by SI Ringsted to the town = ”Without water, no trees, animals or people”.**

**1999: In 14 institutions young children planted an oaktree for the new millenium.**

**In 2000 a book was published with 2000 poems, from children: ”What to wish for the new century”.**

**In 2003 a ”GREEN PAMPHLET” was created in SI Ringsted:**

**”The Tour in the Trees of Ringsted – a nature-guide for children and adults with a quiz on the trees in Ringsted”. ”Read, Learn, Guess” – importance between trees and life - used at schools. Guided tours in Ringsted.**

**SI Ringsted was honoured by receiving ”Best Practise Award in Environment 2004 – 2005” from SIE.**

**Ringsted local commitee wished to plant 160 trees in 8 groups:**

**The result after 10 years was:**

**RINGSTED**

**Start with a R – finish with a D**

**2010 the RINGSTED TREE was inaugurated -**

**”A green present to the citizens of Ringsted, on the municipality of Ringsted area”.**

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**”RINGSTED TREE” is the only one in Denmark – in the World!? The municipality has by laws said, that : The ”RINGSTED TREE” shall exist in all future.**

**In 2009 – SI Ringsted - 60 jubilee with 3 subjects:**

**”ENVIRONMENT” - ”GREEN” - ”MOTION”:**

 **1 Reusable bags produced with Soroptimist-logo, sold at**

 **COP 15 in Copenhagen.Used on SIE- CONGRESS in Denmark**

 **2 Planting a tree,**

 ***3* ”Walk the World to stop hunger”**

**Trafficking - SI Ringsted has participated for several years.100 men put their signature to:”STOP violence to Women”. Denmark’s oldest ”Women Refuge” is supported by SI Ringsted.**

**2019 – 70 – years jubilee. SI Ringsted had sown bags from advertizing banners. Usually just burnt!**

***Some lectures in SI Ringsted concerning environment:***

 ***Plastic Change,* *Waste Treatment and Recycling of Plastic,* *Suncells – Light to Africa, Energy – to the future*, *Sustainable Rainwater – project, Plastic to debate.***

**Dnejropetrovsk in Ukraine – our Friendship Club visited DK year 2000; the travel was payed by the Democracy – Fond.**

**2015: Article in ”Ringstedbogen” 2015 about ”Plant a**

**tree”(K.I.Callisen)**

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**Karen Inger Callisen has been PR – manager and webmaster for many years.**

**In her job as ergonomist/ physiotherapist has she received the European Price for Work Environment at the Guggenheim Museum, Bilbao.**

**She was invited to SIE - Vichy France,study at the University Cavilam**

**SI Ringsted DK is proud to nominate Karen Inger Callisen to present celebration for SI Danmark for 100 years for the Soroptimisme**

**1921 – 2021**

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