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On behalf of SI Silkeborg, Denmark, we hereby nominate our member Ulla Krogh to be part of the 100 women to celebrate 'We stand up for Women for 100 years'.

### **Introduction**

Ulla Krogh became a member of our club in 1997 and has since been a very committed member and of the heart soroptimist in the sense that you can find all the soroptimist ideals in her daily behaviour.

### **Soroptimist projects**

Ulla has over the years developed and initiated many successful projects. Of the recent years' projects we would like to highlight the following;

#### **Water tower and water pipes to a village in Gambia**

Ulla travels to Gambia at least once a year to follow up on all our other projects there. She has raised money from Danish soroptimist clubs to finance a water tower in connection with a newly digged well in Kabekel, Gambia. She ordered the material for the tower, and when the tower was raised, she made an agreement with the head of the village on the men of the village digging the ditches for the water pipes for free and with SI Banjul on checking the work. Now women and girls of the village instead of spending time and strength on fetching water they grow vegetables. The clean water and the improved diet have replaced the previous semi-annual worming course for children with greater attendance at school and improved learning.

#### **Education in Gambia**

Our club has for many years paid school fees for two girls in primary school and 1 young woman in a skills centre, and privately, Ulla herself finances another girl in primary school. Furthermore, our club pay for two girls in SOS Children's Villages. Every year when in Gambia, Ulla visits the schools and talk with the children and the teachers. And she also takes the children out to the shore and makes them a lovely bathing experience, as most of the children never have seen the ocean before.

Ulla has from shoe stores in Denmark collected free shoes from latest season, brought them to Gambia and handed them out to girls. In Gambia you have to wear shoes to be allowed to go to school.

#### **Projects in other countries**

Ulla has also initiated and implemented health projects in Nepal in three villages, which have been very successful and she has for many years been a member of a regional group of soroptimist clubs working to support women and children in Romania.

**Our local community**

Ulla Initiated and has been very engaged in establishing network for battered women when they moved out of the shelter, and for refugee women by cooking and eating together and going on excursions to Danish sights.

**Moneymaking**

Ulla participates in making money ex. arranging flea markets, pick and preserve berries for sale and being active in revenue-generating events.

**Extension**

In all her years as a soroptimist she has been active in recruiting new members to our club.

Yours Sincerely

on behalf of SI Silkeborg, Denmark

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