



FRIENDSHIP WITHOUT BORDERS

Welcome to the Open Heart – Open Door Community!

History

This exchange program established in 1995 by Heidrun Konrad , president of SI of Europe 2003-2005 has proved to be successful. Today Soroptimists from all over the world are involved in this program.

Logo

Friendship and especially friendship without borders is one of the pillars of Soroptimism. It keeps SI alive and attractive. Friendship and International Goodwill and Understanding are also essential for fulfillment of our objectives, the other pillar of Soroptimism.

Open Heart – Open Door brings friendship and professionalism together.

Liaison Officer

Let me introduce myself. I have been a Soroptimist since 1978. I was President of the Union of Soroptimist clubs in The Netherlands, Surinam and Curaçao, 2000-2002.

After my presidency I represented the Netherlands Union as Governor.

In my club, SI Club Hilversum, I was active on the board and for years now I have been Friendship link coordinator of four clubs.

I also keep the archives of both my club and the Union.

It is a challenge for me to extend the number of participants in the Federations. I know from experience how important and colorful the Soroptimist membership can become through contacts with other Soroptimists.

Open Heart – Open Door program offers five options

1. Home Hospitality:	to one or two Soroptimists or a couple
2. Contact Person:	guide in one's own town
3. Exchange Visit:	on a professional level
4. Home-Exchange:	You and your exchange partner will stay at each other's homes for a certain period by mutual agreement
5. Youth Exchange Programme for Young Relatives, <i>e.g. daughter/son, niece/nephew, grandchild.</i>	

The registration form can be obtained by email hkhknapgo@upcmail.nl but is also available on the website European Federation: www.soroptimisteurope.org The website will be used to pass on information in the future.

Please note: *Participants have to contact partners themselves*

If you are acquainted with Soroptimists who could be interested to join Open Heart - Open Door, inform them about this program. For more information please contact me by mail.

Open Heart – Open Door will open the worldwide Soroptimist horizon!

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Liaison Officer

