



SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL SWITZERLAND

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Dear Soroptimists – Dear Interested Friends!

"We'll stay tuned!" say the club sisters of the Soroptimist Clubs in Ukraine and tell us about their diverse projects. Their will to keep up is contagious and encourages us not to give up. However, the fatigue is perceptible on all sides. It threatens hope. This makes our financial and mental support all the more important. In this newsletter, Soroptimists on site also report on their support projects that give survival a chance. They don't give up. Let's not give up and hope for a fast end! We don't want to abandon women. With the donations, we strengthen them and strengthen their strength to implement the projects on site.

Catherine Schuppli, President SI Union Switzerland 2023 - 2024
News from the Club SI Chernihiv

The five active SI Clubs Kiev, Lviv, Chernihiv, Dnepropetrovsk and Ushgorod in Ukraine sporadically tell us about their everyday lives. Today we learn more about Club Chernihiv.

In Ukraine, autumn is also the time of jubilees. At the beginning of November, the SI Kiyev Club celebrates its thirtieth anniversary, for which we congratulate you. In the following report, we learn about the 10th anniversary of the Soroptimists in Chernihiv and their engagement.

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Svitlana Kamyshna, President of the Club SI Chernihiv reports:

It is very nice that you think of us and take an interest in our situation and our needs. Below we describe our situation in Ukraine and in Chernihiv for you.

The worst thing is the continuation of the war. We are all very tired of all the experiences, sufferings and losses that happen every day. We lose family members, friends, acquaintances and strangers. It is very difficult, and we all dream of peace, of tranquility, of consolation. When do sirens stop wailing in the middle of the night? When can we sleep through the night? Of course, everyone suffers in terms of health and psychological. We are very exhausted. Many suffer from fear, especially those Ukrainians living in the war zone.

Recently, here in Chernihiv, a rocket hit the historic city theater. Many people were injured, our acquaintances died, including a six-year-old girl. Windows and roofs collapsed.

Plans for the future?

It is difficult to make plans for the future as long as the war continues. We live from one day to the next. No one knows if the next morning will come, or if a rocket will destroy everyone tomorrow – forever.

Our projects give us hope!

Whatever happens, we worked on our projects all year. This is very important to us. In this way, we help, are committed and are thus involved in what is happening.

We used the money received from SIE for the benefit of the children's hospital and the maternity clinic to buy medical supplies. A village school has been renovated and equipped with furniture, with computers. Didactic material for the psychological support of women and children, teachers and parents could be distributed.

Our next goal would be to support the military hospital, which has too few medical supplies. There is a lack of transport trolleys, crutches, free hands, medical gurneys, etc. There are a lot of wounded people and these things are desperately needed.



In the air-raid shelter instead of the anniversary celebration

At the beginning of October, we wanted to celebrate our 10th anniversary. Unfortunately, we spent the time in shelters instead of celebrating the anniversary with our sisters.

They are there, the dreams of peace, to become reality!

We dream of peace. We dream and hope that the horror will soon be over. And we can invite all our dear sisters to the greatest feast over the victory of the enemy.

Embrace everyone, Soroptimists, sisters of Europe, Switzerland and the world. We are the best women who carry the light of love and peace!

With warm greetings from our club sisters and the president of the club Chernihiv Svitlana Kamyshna. October 6, 2023.

Chernihiv, a city of 285,821 inhabitants, is located two hours by bus northeast of Kiev. Unfortunately, on August 19, both the university and the theater had been bombed. Seven people died and many were injured.

Sina Stiffler und Ursula Jutzi maintain contacts with the clubs in Ukraine. Ursula Jutzi re-established contact with Club Chernihiv and translated Svitlana's report from English.

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Our Christmas promotion!



Once again, a set of 5 Christmas cards with different motifs, designed by Ukrainian artists, can be ordered from our shop at the price of SFr. 20 from the beginning of November.

Subjects of Cards!

On our website www.swiss-soroptimist.ch/solidaritaet-ukraine you will find further actual short-news about the war in Ukraine!

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We are looking forward to echoes of this news from Ukraine 17!

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