

The International Peace Marathon, Kigali/Rwanda To Union Presidents and Presidents of Single Clubs - February 2009

Dear Presidents,

The date of the 5th international marathon of Peace in Kigali is approaching and this 5th edition will be celebrated on May 24th. I remind you that the peace marathon was an initiative of SI/E in the frame of the SI/E project “Women building Peace“. The peace marathon of Kigali attracts every year more and more people from all over the world and we Soroptimists should be very proud of it and must not stop promoting it, we are the ones that instigated it.

To celebrate its 5th Anniversary more emphasise than ever will be on entertainment and special travel arrangements before and after the run to see this beautiful country of 1000 hills and to visit Soroptimist projects. SI/E's President Mariet Verhoef-Cohen will attend the celebration in Kigali and will visit the Soroptimist projects and so will many other Soroptimists from Europe.



We are in daily contact with the Rwandan Soroptimists and they are very certain that the unrest in the neighbouring country of Congo will not have any effect on the security of people in Rwanda, that those attending the 5th Marathon will be as safe as those participating in the four previous marathons. When travelling anywhere in the world you can always buy an insurance that will refund you if the unthinkable happens and you can not go due to political reasons, so you can do so now if you want to be sure.

Dear Presidents, I am hoping that you will support this wonderful project by making sure that all Soroptimists and the marathon organization in your country know about the Peace Marathon and that your country will be presented in Kigali. The Peace Marathon is a good PR for us, we must let the media know of it and that we are supporting it. We need to do our utmost to make sure the marathon will continue and we remain a partner. Last but not least the women and children of Rwanda need our support.

For more information about the Peace Marathon visit the website www.kigalimarathon.com
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Warm regards,
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