

*Soroptimist International Club Szombathely
Colonia Savaria Egyesület*



Dear Sisters,

We would like to make the 5th anniversary of our club in 2019 memorable by celebrating together with other Soroptimist clubs. Thus, we are launching a Europe-wide event series starting in Saint Martin's hometown.

Based on St Martin's 21st Century Cultural Heritage, the project is organised with the motto:

"Take a step on the road of help" - because the road connects us and takes us to those who are in need.

The honour of the bishop has lived in Szombathely, his hometown, for almost 1700 years and it has spread all over the world.

To celebrate the 5th anniversary of our club, we would like to connect the Soroptimist clubs of 5 European towns with a joint walk on the European Cultural Route from Szombathely to Tours which has been declared the European Cultural Route by the European Commission in 2005. The five 'stations' we have chosen are: Szombathely-Bratislava-Ljubljana-Milan-Tours.

The project has been initiated by Christine Peer, Soroptimist International - Representative United Nations Vienna, and is being organised with the contribution of Dr. Edit Szivás, the counsellor of the United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO).

As a first event, in November 2018, a 20-km walk was organised from Szombathely with many Soroptimists from Austria and Hungary, and on 5th October 2019 we plan to organise the next tour from Bratislava – Pozsony in Hungarian – on the historical European Cultural Route of St. Martin (the date might change, it is not confirmed yet.) Our sisters in Bratislava, together with us, are kindly inviting you to the event this autumn.

In 2020, we are planning to include your 'Town of St. Martin' as the next venue: you can join the event series by organizing a 20-km walk starting from Ljubljana, of course, we are ready to walk with you. We would be happy to visit you at an arranged date to discuss details of the event, or/and welcome you in Szombathely as well.

We are looking forward to walking with you.

Warm regards,

Hajbáné Varga Lívía
President 2018/2020