

## PROGRAMME FOCUS REPORT FORM

FEDERATION: SI/Europe

NEW PROJECT/PROGRAMME                    X  
CONTINUING PROJECT/PROGRAMME  
FUNDRAISING

The core purpose of Soroptimist International is to advance human rights and the status of women. In order to do this, clubs undertake service projects in their communities that improve the lives of women and girls. In order to track the success in achieving the core purpose, SI clubs are asked to submit programme focus reports on their successful club projects. Once completed, forward to:

Union and/or Federation Coordinator : **Human Rights Coordinator SI/Belgium and SI/E**

### Part I. Identification

Date: August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2005

Club Name **ANTWERPEN**

Union/Region: BELGIUM

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Project Title: **CARILLON CONCERT AND RECEPTION AT THE TOWNHALL IN HONOUR OF 100 YEARS VROUWENRAAD (COUNCIL OF WOMEN IN BELGIUM)**

Project Partnerships: Vrouwenraad (Dutchspeaking Council of Women in Belgium)

Target Group: **Town Hall officials and members of the 40 women organisations of the Council of Women**

### Part II:

Programme of Service Area\* (Check the box/boxes that best describes your project): \*Details overleaf.

**Human Rights/Status of Women:**  
**Health:**

**Education:**  
**Environment:**

**Economic and Social Development:**  
**International Goodwill and Understanding:**

### Describe your project

(1) **What you did**, (2) **Why you did it**, (3) **How you did it**, (4) **Results and recommendations**

(1) In cooperation with the "Vrouwenraad", Club Antwerpen organised a reception at the Town Hall of Antwerp in honour of the "100 years anniversary of the Council of Women in Belgium"; the reception was followed by a concert on the carillon of the O.L.Vrouw Cathedral.

A lady carillonneur, Liesbeth Janssens, presented a programme around women composers and well known arias and songs on women.

At the Town Hall, the members were received by loco burgomaster Ludo Van Campenhout who in his address honoured the women movement for their role in the progress and advancement of the position of women in society. Francy Vanderwildt, President of the "Vrouwenraad", in her address honoured the pioneers of the Council of Women in Belgium; club president Bea Rabe in her address honoured the skilful and thorough research work of the study department of the "Vrouwenraad", on economic, social, financial, fiscal, political level and mentioned the many propositions for change of law the "Vrouwenraad" had made.

A reception was offered by the Town Hall and a memorial etch was presented to the "Vrouwenraad". Later on at the open windows of the Town Hall, the participants could listen to the carillon concert on the tower of the nearby Cathedral.

(2) To honour the work of the "Vrouwenraad" and the pioneers of the Council of Women of Belgium and to draw the attention of the Antwerp Town Hall officials on the important work done by the "Vrouwenraad".

(3) In cooperation with the "Vrouwenraad", the Town Hall officials were addressed.

(4) Attention of Town Hall officials was drawn to the work of the "Vrouwenraad" and of Soroptimist International.

Project Costs: none      Estimated number of Hours Spent: 10 hours