

President Ann Jackson

NATIONAL PRESIDENT 2005 - 2006



The Change of Insignia ceremony at Federation Conference, Nottingham, 28-30 Oct. 2005, Carmel Schmidt now past National President handed over her Chain of Office to Ann Jackson, S.I. Cork, the new National President, S.I.R.O.I.



Ann Jackson was installed as National President, S.I. Republic of Ireland on the 29th October 2005 at Federation Conference, Nottingham.

National President Ann's theme for the year is **'Together in Service and Friendship'**. She has chosen this theme because friendship is at the very core of what soroptimism is about. Soroptimist clubs are first and foremost Friendship Clubs and this friendship is extended from each club through the Friendship Links Programme and by its very nature, Service is an integral part of Friendship. Our predecessors had a unique and wonderful commitment to Service and Friendship and today we follow in their footsteps, giving freely of our time and skills.

Ann Dawson is the Federation President, 2005 - 2006 and her theme is **'Take your dreams and make them happen'**. The Northern Ireland regional President 2005 - 2006 is Rita Allen and her theme for the year is **'Sisters in Action'**. All three themes compliment each other and National President, Ann Jackson's aim for the coming year is that 'Together in Friendship and Service' and in partnership with all members and with our 'Sisters in Action' in Northern Ireland, we can renew and commit ourselves to our Soroptimist Ideals and national & global projects and 'Make our Dreams Happen'.

National President Ann would encourage clubs to evaluate what we are currently doing to envision the future and to communicate this vision in a way that attracts and excites new members. This demands that every Soroptimist takes appropriate responsibility for the office or task to which they are assigned. National President Ann will support all club projects and will be delighted to accept invitations to all club functions. She feels that communication is very important at all levels, from grass roots to the top and she extends a warm

welcome to all members and guests to the North-South Joint Conference in Rochestown Park Hotel, Cork on the 19th-21st May 2006. Ann has a busy year ahead of her including hosting the Joint North South Conference, May 2006.

**Joint North South Conference at the
Rochestown Park Hotel in Cork, May 2006.**