

Federation Conference, Bournemouth

OCTOBER 2004

At the very impressive Change of Insignia ceremony at Federation Conference, Bournemouth, Catherine O'Sullivan, Past National President S.I.R.O.I. passed on the Chain of office to Carmel Schmidt, the new National President.



Former National President Catherine O'Sullivan, Willa Robinson Regional President Northern Ireland and Carmel Schmidt, National President S.I.R.O.I.



National President Carmel Schmidt with Tess Hogan S.I. Cork, National Extension & Membership Officer.



National President Carmel with her husband Richard.



National President Carmel Schmidt with President S.I. Drogheda, Ann Cannon & members of the Drogheda club at the Federation Conference, Bournemouth.

Joint North South Conference

DERRY, MAY 2005

Soroptimist from all over the world gathered in the Everglades Hotel, Derry in May to attend the 39th. Annual Joint Conference of Soroptimist International Republic of Ireland and Soroptimist International of Northern Ireland.

The Conference's twin themes were 'Beyond the Horizon' and 'Caring for these who cared for us'. Apart from Carmel Schmidt, National President, S.I.R.O.I. and Willa Robinson, Regional President, S.I. Northern Ireland, four officers from Federation attended including Federation President Janet Garnons-Williams, who addressed the Gala Dinner on Sat. evening. Also present were Past International President Hilary Page, and Past Federation President Joan Smyth.

The dinner was also attended by Chairman of Omagh District Council, Cllr. Sean Clarke. The Worshipful Mayor of Derry, Cllr Gearoid O'Hara held a Civic Reception in the Guildhall, Derry.



Left to Right: Sister Eileen McLoughlin speaker, Sir Kenneth Bloomfield, Lady Bloomfield, Willa Robinson regional President N.I., Carmel Schmidt National President R.O.I., and Hilary Page.