



Tess Hogan joined the Cork Soroptimist International in 1985. Since then she has been the most loyal and committed member any club could have.

She must hold the record for attending all International and Federation Conferences since she joined and only missed one North /South Conference due to a family event.

She strives to keep Soroptimist Republic of Ireland to the fore. She has led the way in ensuring Soroptimist values are recognised within the organisation but more importantly outside the organisation.

Tess has held many National Officer posts:

- ✓ Extension & Membership
- ✓ Programme Action
- ✓ Organisation & Development
- ✓ National President 1995/96

Along with the above she has been President of the Cork Club on four occasions and has held all positions in the club.

It is in her service to others that Tess excels, she was involved in setting up Caring for Carers. This organisation was unique in Ireland as it was the first to recognise the work of carers and developed a Carers Charter. Tess was the National Secretary for many years until the organisation merged with Family Carers. She remained a Board member with Family Carers.

Closer to home Tess is the Chairperson of the Welfare Committee of Skiddy Homes. She organises visits to and outings for the elderly residents and has done this valuable work for many years.

Having a very caring nature Tess began the practice of visiting Soroptimist members who are in hospital or in nursing homes. This is greatly appreciated by the recipients.

In her working life Tess trained in the Nursing profession and also took a degree in Laboratory Science, which brought her to the position of Pathology Manager in The South Infirmary Victoria University Hospital. She was recognised by the City of Cork for her work and contribution to the health of the city.

In nominating Tess it is important that her dedication to clubs all over Ireland should be recognised. Not only has she encouraged clubs but she has given uncountable hours of support to individual members. A highly respected and much-loved Soroptimist, it is our pleasure and honour to nominate Tess Hogan.

Kind regards,  
Theresa McCarthy  
Bandon & District Soroptimist International