



Digital Newsletter of the website

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Welcome to the first digital letter of the Water Website of 2010!

SI/E President Eliane Lagasse continues the theme *Soroptimist go for Water* and more specific with *Safe Water for a Safe Life*. As she says: **'Water makes our Earth different from other planets. It is our best friend and our worst enemy.'**

We actualized the Water and Sanitation website of SI/Europe. You can now find there information about projects and events related to Water and Sanitation, Health, and Education.

- Still on the website is the **Project Exchange Pool (PEP)**

As you know PEP is like a bank where you find opportunities for linking projects, exchanging ideas for joint projects, offering and asking for help, and practicing Soroptimist solidarity.

Please note that projects for the PEP can only be submitted by Soroptimistclubs -- and not by organizations!! -- from developing countries and Eastern Europe. This means that clubs from Western European countries cannot submit PEP projects.

PEP projects are not only about water and sanitation but also about health and education.

- Also on the website is the **Experience Exchange Pool (EEP)**

The **EEP** is be managed in the same way as the **PEP**. The **EEP** will serve as a database where **competences** can be shared, where members can offer **services** and clubs can ask for **expertise**.

Many of our members want hands-on projects: the EEP gives you the opportunity to be part of a project **and make a difference with your own hands and skills for women and children.**



THE WORLD'S LONGEST TOILET QUEUE

is an official Guinness World Record attempt for a Toilet Queue in multiple locations across the world.

Let's break a World Record! Between **20 and 22 March 2010**, supporters across the world will attempt to set a world record for **'The World's Longest Toilet Queue'**.

All you need to do is get a group of people to queue in front of a toilet for 10 minutes.

Everything you need to know about organising a queue is in the [World's Longest Toilet Queue toolkit](#).

Join the Queue online at www.worldtoiletqueue.org

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Do you have great photos from a Toilet Queue or a Live Earth Run? Please send them to [Gerda Rosiers](#) or [Ina Stoppelberg](#) and we'll put them on the Water Website!



Six members of the Swiss SI Clubs **Bad Ragaz** and **Chur** accompanied Roswitha Ott, SI/E Project Manager Africa, on a journey to Mali. It is always a joy to listen to Roswitha's enthusiastic reports on projects in progress and new plans for the future, but it was a deeply touching experience to actually visit an African country and to see and hear what problems people, especially women and children, have to face on a daily basis.



This toilet block for a school with 600 pupils was financed by SI Club Ténéré Niamey (Niger). You can imagine that, when organising a queue, it must be one of the world's longest!

Eliane visited SI Club Ténéré Niamey (Niger)



An estimated 1.1 billion people rely on unsafe drinking-water sources. Therefore the theme of World Water Day 2010 will focus on raising awareness of water quality.

EVENT IDEAS on www.friendsofliveearth.org

Does your club sponsor a project in Afrika, Eastern Europe or somewhere else and are you in contact with the local club? Please tell others about your experiences! Send short reports and photo's to be placed on the Water Website to [Gerda Rosiers](#) or [Ina Stoppelberg](#).