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**Three Soroptimists from Tartu Club Go To Helsinki**

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You should have seen the happy faces of three Tartu Soroptimists when they hugged their Finnish Soroptimist friend in the friendship lounge.

Tartu Club in Estonia was started by Pirkko Vahervuori, the founder member of Helsinki-Erottaja Club and the honorary member of the Finnish Union. The Tartu Club has worked well. The first project was a clinic for young girls, the second was new equipment for the oldest school in Tartu, for example, tables, chairs, and sewing machines.

Tartu, Helsinki-Erottaja and Stockholm-Vaxholm Clubs are friendship link clubs. When the Convention was approaching, Helsinki Erottaja Club decided to offer the opportunity for two members of SI Tartu to take part in the Convention. We thought that this might be the only opportunity for years, that Tartu Club would be able to take part in an international Soroptimist event.

Part of the money for registration fees and social packages was collected by a musical afternoon in the home of one Helsinki-Erottaja club member. With this musical event we supported young musicians giving them an opportunity to show their talents.

Helsinki-Erottaja Club told its idea to the members of Stockholm-Vaxholm Club. They decided to pay to send one member of the Tartu Club to the Convention.

One can be sure that Ene, Kaja, and Mari will take our regards to their Tartu Club members.