

# District 23

# NEWS FLASH!

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## From the District Governor.....



D23 Governor Alison Martin with Zontians and friends at an Amelia Earhart dinner hosted by the Zonta Club of Perth Northern Suburbs at Jandakot Airport

### Happy New Year everyone!

Clubs may have recently celebrated Amelia Earhart's life with functions—perhaps as a fundraiser by viewing the film "Amelia" or a special breakfast or dinner event. These events are an ideal way to promote the Amelia Earhart Fellowship Fund and support women pursuing careers in aerospace-related sciences and engineering.

It was such a pleasure to

attend the Mornington Peninsula's Amelia Earhart breakfast and tour and especially to hear their inspirational speaker, Suzi Duncan, the founder of Wheelies with Wings. Suzi has just been recognised with an Order of Australia in the Australia Day honours list.

I was also able to enjoy a lovely evening at Jandakot Airport hosted by my own club of Perth Northern Suburbs.

As we welcome in the New Year we have the opportunity to join Zontians from around the globe at the International Convention in San Antonio, Texas, USA.

This is a great opportunity to catch up with overseas friends and also to make new Zonta friends.

At the Convention you will receive the latest information for the coming biennium. If you are a club delegate you

can use your Zonta club's vote to choose who to elect as the officers for biennium 2010 – 2012 and vote on proposals regarding changes of bylaws.

I am sure it will be another exciting Convention. Let's plan to meet in San Antonio on 25th June!

**ZI Convention 2010 in San Antonio Texas from 25-30 June**

**Call to Convention with Registration form is now online!**

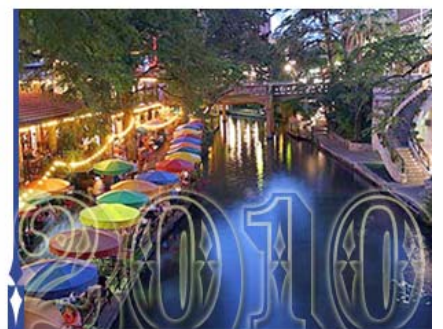
Go to [www.zonta.org](http://www.zonta.org) for the 2010 Convention link [www.zonta2010.com](http://www.zonta2010.com) for all information. Deadline for early registration is 1 April. You must have your **member number** for online registration.

Your ZI member number may be shown in your Club Member Directory, but if you do not know your member number, you can ask your Club President or Club Treasurer. It can also be received from



**60th Zonta International Convention**

**25-30 June 2010**



## From the District Governor continued

headquarters, but it takes 72 hours for them to send it to you!

The number of attendees booked at the Convention hotels affects Zonta's fees for the use of other rooms for the business of the Convention. Note: Rooms at the Convention hotels can only be booked **after members are registered** for the Convention.

Booking hotel rooms at either the Marriott San Antonio Rivercenter or Marriott Riverwalk Hotels must be booked online via the Convention registration button. Do not call these hotels for a reservation.

Check-in for hotels is 4pm. Other hotels/apartments can be booked through websites, travel agents and by direct phone.

Club Presidents are encouraged to report the club delegate (and alternate or proxy) via the online form. **The deadline is 15 May for reporting delegates.** If mailing your form please allow sufficient time to ensure it is received at headquarters by 15 May.

### Membership Enquiries via the ZI website

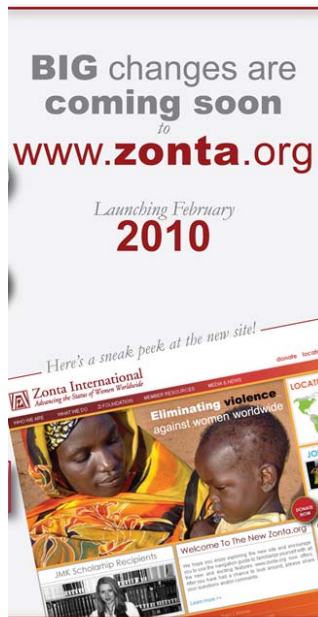
Lt. Governor Jane Smith and I frequently receive enquiries from headquarters from prospective members, who have enquired via the ZI website. The enquirer's details are emailed on to the appropriate Area Director who can assess which club is located nearest to the prospective member's address and send to that President.

It is most important that Presidents ask their membership committee to contact the enquirer **without delay**, when this information is received from their Area Director.

It is also necessary to complete the Club President Response form and send it back to me so that I can keep headquarters informed on the result. Presidents, if you receive one of these enquiries please respond to Jane and me ASAP.

### Other International News

- Big changes are coming to the ZI website! A **new website** is to be launched in February with a new



Check out the 'teaser' page on the ZI web site by logging into the Member Resources tab.

design which is fresh, clear and contemporary, with user-friendly navigation and site map. It will provide:

- Improved visibility of our international service and advocacy efforts to highlight what Zonta International is doing to promote women's rights.
- Improved visibility of our international award programs.
- A simple online donation form to make giving to the Foundation quick and easy.
- There will be **no footprint of service** at the San Antonio Texas Convention.
- The International Board has appointed Past International President (PIP) Margit Webjörn to Chair the 2008-10 **International Bylaws & Resolutions Committee** to replace Jutta Semler and also Ulla Ljungh-Hoff as an additional member of the committee.
- International Directors are **reviewing all manuals and policies.**

- By donating your service dollars to the **Rose Fund** the International Board can use the money for whatever project or program needs it most.
- **Minimum membership** to organise a new club – 20 decided, but 25 desirable.
- 31 May 2009 **consolidated financial statements** of ZI and ZIF to be distributed in the next club mailing.
- **Conflict of Interest Policy** adopted and refers to **all** levels at ZI.
- **Legal confirmation** that ZI can limit eligible applicants for scholarships to women.

Best wishes to all members for 2010 for all that you do to improve the lives of women locally and internationally, be they impoverished or gifted.

**Y' ALL HAVE A GREAT DAY NOW!**

Alison Martin

### LATE NEWS! AE Fellow on Mission to International Space Station



Amelia Earhart Fellow (1994-1995), **Naoko Yamazaki**, prepares to lift off from Houston for a two-week flight as a Japanese crew member of the Atlantis on 18 March 2010.

During this important mission, the Atlantis is to carry equipment and materials for the International Space Station and Yamazaki will be responsible for operating a robotic arm.

Zonta has given 531 awards to women from 49 countries

Last year there were 41 entrants from 14 clubs in District 23

Has your Club nominated a YWPA Recipient for 2010?

**ENTRIES CLOSE 1 APRIL 2010**



Since 1990, the Zonta International Young Women in Public Affairs (YWPA) Program has encouraged more young women to participate in public and political life by recognizing a commitment to the volunteer sector, evidence of volunteer leadership achievements and a dedication to the advancement of the status of women.

At our District 23 Conference in Ballarat last year, two YWPA award recipients made outstanding presentations and they highlighted the fact that we have some very amazing and committed young women in our community.

If your club has not yet nominated a YWPA Recipient for 2010, it is not too late to do so. Check the guidelines on the website [www.zonta.org](http://www.zonta.org).

**How is the YWPA Award Program supported?**

Young Women in Public Affairs Awards are made possible by generous contributions to the Zonta International Foundation Young Women in Public Affairs Fund.

The Zonta International Foundation provides awards of US\$1,000 for each District recipient and US\$3,000 for each of the five International recipients. Zonta Clubs and Districts may provide additional awards.

**Important steps to take before you send in your club's YWPA recipient's application form for 2010**

- Ensure that the YWPA Award Application form is the correct one for **2010**.
- Applications received on last year's form (2009) will not be accepted by Zonta International. It would be very disappointing to find out you have a winner but the award could not be presented because the application was on the wrong form.
- The Application Cover Sheet for Clubs must also be attached with the application. Check the website [www.zonta.org](http://www.zonta.org) for the correct forms.

For further information contact District 23 YWPA Coordinator Bianca Heaney.

**General Arguments in Favour of the YWPA Program**

- It is the only **international** program, which can be **actively** worked on by **every** Zonta Club in the world. In every community there is at least one high school or organisation with the required age group.
- It is the only Zonta International program for the "**pre-university** or **pre-college** (16-20)" age group.
- It considers and awards young women not for their academic or sporting achievements, but for their commitment to others, their extra voluntary work and leadership in their schools and their communities.
- It encourages them to also pursue leadership and involvement in the future, in their communities, in public affairs or in politics.
- It gives girl students the opportunity to work/research on issues like internationalism and the status of women in their country and worldwide, which they might not have done without this program.
- It thus encourages them to pursue these issues in the future and to try to influence the advancement of women's equality etc.
- It offers the possibility, to inform young women **before** they leave school, that there is an **international** organization and NGO, called "Zonta International", whose mission it is to advance the Status of Women and which may be interesting for them to join later.
- It offers marvellous opportunities for PR for Zonta International - its mission and its different projects and programs to reach this mission – on the local, District and International level.
- **It is one of the best programs we have in Zonta International:** All Zonta Clubs in the world can work on it as a **club-project**, and at the same time they are involved in an **international project**, which offers **awards** (from the Zonta International Foundation!) **to all District Recipients** and to the **five best as International Recipients!**

KEY YWPA DATES	DEADLINE
Club recipient is selected and application is received by District 23 YWPA Co-Coordinator <b>BEFORE</b>	<b>1 April 2010</b>
District recipient selected and application received by Zonta International Headquarters	<b>1 May 2010</b>
Announcement of District and International recipients	<b>1 July 2010</b>

# Women of Haiti need our support— How will Zonta respond?

Beryl Sten  
President  
Zonta International

Relief organizations around the world have taken swift action to help the Haitian people recover from the devastating effects of the earthquake, providing rescue services and support for survivors.

The infrastructure needs of the country – reconstruction of roads, people's homes, hospitals – are demanding, and the international community is providing the resources to meet these needs and the humanitarian needs of the people of Haiti.

Zonta International reiterates its sincere concern for the people of Haiti; however, Zonta is not a relief organization and is not set up to manage complex and strategic coordination efforts, nor do any funds exist to be used for disaster relief and emergencies.

The recovery and rebuilding process in Haiti will, however, be a long one.

The Zonta International Board has begun discussions with UNIFEM about a project that will be in place after the immediate need for help has decreased.



Beryl Sten Zonta International President

In the aftermath of the earthquake, when law and order is not functioning, women and girls are at risk to be victims of all kinds of violence, including adult crime, increased juvenile crime, trafficking into labor or sexual exploitation.

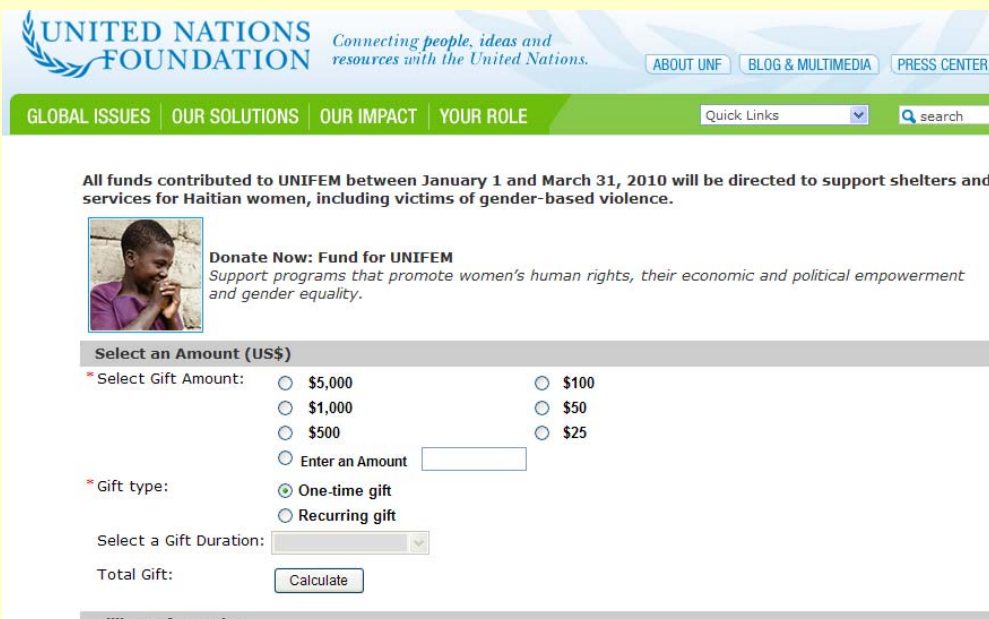
As a strategic partner of UNIFEM, Zonta is working on a project which will both meet Zonta's mission and objects and address the issue of violence against women in the aftermath of the earthquake.

On this week's board agenda is, among many matters, the 2010 – 2012 ZISVAW proposals from the

President-Elect. The Board has decided to recommend a ZISVAW project in support of the women of Haiti. This proposed project will be brought to the Convention in San Antonio for voting as laid out in the international bylaws.

For those Zontians or Zonta clubs who may wish to make a more immediate personal or club contribution to the relief efforts, we **encourage you to support UNIFEM's efforts to provide urgently needed services for the protection of women and their families**, specifically the rebuilding of women's shelters and the expanded provision of emergency services for women. Donations can be made online at [https://secure.globalproblems-globalsolutions.org/site/Donation2?df\\_id=1960&1960.donation=form1](https://secure.globalproblems-globalsolutions.org/site/Donation2?df_id=1960&1960.donation=form1).

If you make a donation to UNIFEM's relief efforts, please inform UNIFEM that the donation is from a Zontian or Zonta club and notify Zonta International Headquarters via e-mail at [advocacy@zonta.org](mailto:advocacy@zonta.org). All donations to UNIFEM will be counted as an action in the SAY NO – UNITE to End Violence Against Women



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All funds contributed to UNIFEM between January 1 and March 31, 2010 will be directed to support shelters and services for Haitian women, including victims of gender-based violence.

**Donate Now: Fund for UNIFEM**  
Support programs that promote women's human rights, their economic and political empowerment and gender equality.

Select an Amount (US\$)

\* Select Gift Amount:  \$5,000  \$100  
 \$1,000  \$50  
 \$500  \$25  
 Enter an Amount

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Your donation can make a difference to someone TODAY!

It is so easy to make a donation on line through UNIFEM.

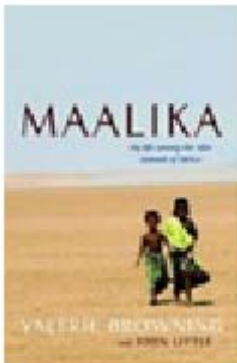
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# Birthing Kit Report

Julie Monis-Ivett  
D22, 23 and 24  
Birthing Kit Project Coordinator

While the project had its usual rest over Christmas the Birthing Kit Foundation Board has been kept busy doing the preparation for our big PR push in February for our AusAID Community Call 2 Action proposal.

Filming has started on our 10 minute documentary movie. We learned that Valerie Browning, an Australian nurse, who runs our newest training program in the Tigray region of Ethiopia was coming to Sydney and managed to grab a day from her, flying her to Adelaide with her daughter Aisha for a few minutes of filming.



Some may recognise her name as the subject of a novel 'Maalika' about her life amongst the Afar

tribal people, the poverty she lives in, her marriage to an Afar tribesman and her incredible courage and determination to cross deserts to help these people – a formidable woman and an excellent read.

The Information folder is developing well and almost ready for the printers. It is very exciting as we are working with an eco-friendly company. As a responsible Foundation we are trying to minimise our carbon footprint with a recycled cardboard cover and no plastic sheeting.

The new website we have talked about for a year, is having the last finishing touches for all the banking processes for secure online payments. I would like to take this opportunity to thank past Zontian Christine Sweeney who created our initial website with media studies TAFE students, as it has served us well.

The BKFA board have decided they will work towards

accreditation to secure 5 year funding from AusAID.

We are planning to make 95,000 kits this year. Remember 30,000 can be made in association with a school or tertiary institution at only \$1 each – so book this sooner to take advantage of the reduced contribution. All other kits will be at \$2 each.

By late February we expect the Information folders will reach you.

Please take advantage of this opportunity to book a place in your local mall to talk about the Millennium Development Goals and the Birthing Kit Project and also showcase your wonderful Zonta club and its many projects.

Please take photos and records of these events as we will need feedback to go to AusAID to show how successful the PR exercise has been.

Thank you for your support.

# Zonta International Foundation Update

Beryl Sten  
President, Zonta International

Thanks to the generosity and commitment of Zontians worldwide, Zonta International is making a difference in the lives of women in need around the globe.

The projects funded by the Foundation are producing real results and positive changes in the lives of the women we serve and the communities we reach.

The “ending violence against women through community action” project in **Cambodia** has successfully reached out to more than 10,000 women and men in the community, helping to raise awareness of existing laws regarding violence against women and the legal rights of victims of violence.

In **Egypt and Syria**, survivors of violence are recovering from the incidences of violence in their lives and seeking justice as they receive the medical, psychosocial and legal services they need.

In **Rwanda**, more than 650 pregnant women have received PMTCT (prevention of mother-to-child transmission) services to prevent the spread of HIV to their children. Twenty-six of the forty-five babies born to HIV infected mothers were tested at six weeks, and all of the tests were negative.

The Fistula Project in **Liberia** was able to perform surgeries for nearly 180 patients with an 89% success rate, and 33 women received rehabilitation and

reintegration services before returning to their communities.

Our ability to continue to provide life-changing and life-saving support and services to women in need depends on your continued generosity.

Thank you in advance for your continued support of the Zonta International Foundation.

There are a number of ways you can support the Foundation

- Make a donation on line to the Zonta International Foundation.
- Remember a friend, family member or colleague on a special occasion with a tribute gift to the Foundation.

End of year functions were enjoyed by members, family and friends and ranged from dress-up dinners to picnics in the gardens to breakfast at the Werribee Zoo.

**Melbourne's West** decided to visit the meerkats, 2 of which were sponsored by the proceeds of the 2009 Areas 1 & 4 Workshop. I can report that they and their vast extended family are doing exceedingly well and provided great entertainment for the diners!

Zoo CEO Jenny Gray is still in the Zonta loop, and I passed on our congratulations on the birth of the little girl elephant. To follow her progress and soon vote on a name, this is the website: [www.zoo.org.au/babyelephant/babynews](http://www.zoo.org.au/babyelephant/babynews).



From: <http://www.zoo.org.au/MelbourneZoo>

Area 1 clubs have had success with publicity and PR in recent times, a difficult task in metropolitan Melbourne.

**ZC Frankston and ZC Mornington** were very pleased to secure a Zonta column in the Frankston Times, a circulation of 90,000 each month. I had forwarded to me from another source a promotional flyer about council activity "Hot Art for Cool Kids" where the Zonta Club of Frankston logo featured prominently as a sponsor. NETWORKING WORKS!

**Waverley** reports an increase in membership enquiries following ads in newspapers and **Melbourne on Yarra** has advertised meetings and a seminar.

Representing Area 1, I am now part of many predominantly women's networks which may come in handy. The Victorian Women's Link Project has concluded and the video story will be completed next week. It was hard work but successfully achieved its objectives and there may be further benefits to Zonta members. A more detailed report later.

Funds raised primarily from Area 1 have been promised to FIREFOXES. After regular contact with the group it was decided that after 7<sup>th</sup> February, we will arrange the presentation and possibly some publicity as well.

Zonta roses are very much on the agenda and the next stage will be to find out where/when would be appropriate before following up proposals from Area 2.

Talking of networking, I was very fortunate to gain a spot in the Advocacy workshop run by the Public Interest Advocacy Centre and sponsored by Zonta District 24 in several States. A dozen more young women have heard the "Zonta spiel". The workshop was great and put into perspective the levels of advocacy – I also heard the definition of advocacy vs lobbying!

In addition, I was invited to a local Rotary Club to promote the virtues of being involved with the birthing kit program. It was a successful visit and I await further developments.

Several clubs have recently been

reviewing how they operate in times where key factors are critical to their ability to carry out Zonta's mission. Sharing the workload, the ability to fundraise, streamlining procedures to enthuse and attract members are just a few. Some have surveyed members and Melbourne's West went a step further and dedicated a meeting run by a professional facilitator to prioritise goals for the next months.



Beverley Sutherland Smith in her edible garden. From: <http://www.Beverleysutherlandsmith.com.au>

To celebrate the 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Zonta International, Beverley Sutherland Smith opened her gardens on the day. It was very hot and being a working day, many Zontians could not attend, but those who did enjoyed the gardens and the delicious food.

The usual successful day was organized by the **Mornington and Frankston** clubs to celebrate Amelia Earhart in January. They manage to keep the spark each year by providing great guest speakers and varied activities to follow.

Members of **Melbourne on Yarra** seem to have a penchant for dressing up lately – they dressed in red and donated to "Go Red for Women" (heart health) and to celebrate United Nations day, dressed in national costumes and shared travel experiences.

There has been much sadness and loss in Zonta Area 1 clubs in the latter part of 2009 and early 2010. Members have been ill, and there have been bereavements of members and family. We extend our sympathy to all affected and hope you find strength in knowing your loss is acknowledged by all of us.

**Clare and Districts Club** continues to find projects to keep members busy.

In November, December and January local Zontians were involved in several initiatives.

They approved donations to a young athlete to help with her participation in the SAPSASA national team and pledged funds to the Clare Skate Park for new equipment - the park is a popular facility for local youth, including many young girls.

Also in November members and friends assembled 20 Pamper Packs, filled with donated luxury and personal items and wrapped in a quality fluffy towel, which were distributed to Clare's Uniting Care Wesley office.



Assembling pamper packs (from left) member Juliette Ninnes, friends and prospective members Paddy Strang and Deb Keleher with members Jane Long and Barb Reinke.

Pamper Packs are given to women who have left home as a result of domestic violence or who find themselves homeless for other reasons. Packs were also given to the Saddleworth Salvation Army volunteers who support women in need.

Coupled with the Pamper Pack assembly, a group of members spent a creative evening making "Little Friends" - these popular fridge magnets were designed by one of the club's members and are figures made with quality beads. They are becoming a significant and ongoing fundraiser for the club.

Members again donated items, cheerfully wrapped and ribboned, for the Vine Christian Church to distribute at their annual Christmas



Busy beading Little Friends were (from left) prospective new member Clare Andrews and members Tracy Vandeppeer (who was the creator of the concept) and Bev Gum.

Dinner for isolated members of the regional community.

In December the club participated in the Clare Christmas Tree display as an awareness raising exercise. A tree was placed in the display and sparsely decorated, with visitors invited to fill out a tag with the name of a woman they wished to honour, and tie it on the tree. When the initially tag-free tree was taken down after the three-day display, hundreds of women had been remembered. The tags will be put together as a collage and displayed at future events.

And on Australia Day members and friends decorated the site of the Clare township's Australia Day celebrations in the park and helped, together with all local service clubs, serve breakfast to hundreds of community members and visitors.



Serving Australia Day breakfasts at Clare are (from left) prospective member Myriam Bultsma, Rotarian Margaret Kimber and Zontian Graciella Dorey.

**Alice Springs Club** held an informal Amelia Earhart luncheon in January at the Royal Flying Doctor Service, which was enjoyed by members and friends. At the lunch the club

presented the proceeds of their Fashion Parade last October to the Alice Springs Women's Shelter.



President Emma Moore (right) presenting the cheque to Director of Alice Springs Women's Shelter, Dale Wakefield.

**Gawler Club** held a ceremony to announce four new "white ribbon ambassadors": Mr Tony Piccolo MP, Lions President Eric Filmer, Gawler Heath Service Fatherhood and Community worker Aaron Phillips and Kiwanian Bruce Townsend were nominated by the Zonta Club of Gawler and presented at an event at Conversations Café as the new Ambassadors.



At the White Ribbon event were (from left) new Ambassadors Aaron Phillips, Eric Filmer, Tony Piccolo, and Bruce Townsend with event organiser Maggi Gregory.

These men are all active in their communities and have taken on the challenge to help reduce violence against women. In a media release, Mr Piccolo said he was pleased to be asked to be an Ambassador and congratulated the local Zonta club for their initiative.

**Darwin Club's** immediate past President, Carolyn Richards was acknowledged by the Sunday

## Area 2 Report continued



Territorian as number 35 in the 120 most powerful people in the Territory!

The citation next to the photo reads that *the Ombudsman's reports are now feared by the powers that be. Hugely unpopular with police, which doesn't seem to worry her one bit!*

**Darwin Club** also hosted its fifth Zonta White Ribbon Day Breakfast on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2009, to raise awareness for the elimination of violence against women.



*All set up and ready to go! Rosemary Day and Mary Pocock at the reception desk*

President Pam MacLeod said the attendance at the breakfast was the best yet with more men in particular supporting the campaign's breakfast than ever before. Pam challenged all males present to attend again in 2010 but to each bring 5 males with them.

ABC Radio personality, Richard Margetson compered the event ensuring that it ran smoothly on the day.

The Commander of Northern Command, Commodore David Gwyther, gave the keynote address at the breakfast, which he themed 'respect', " He said it was a day for reflection on the unfortunate

circumstances of those experiencing domestic violence and abuse but also a day for action:

- For those abusing women to stop.
- For those being abused to seek help.
- For those who know of these circumstances to not stand by and let it happen.

Acting Commissioner Wernham invited all men to sign up to the National campaign by signing a pledge to never commit, excuse or stay silent about such violence.



*Zontians at WRD Breakfast L-R Mary Pocock, Rosemary Day, Pam MacLeod, Maryanne Grey, Kate Laurence, Mary O'Brien. Love the shirts—Editor!*

Among the guests was a good contingent of WRD Ambassadors, Police and Defence personnel.

In 2009 the Zonta Club of Darwin worked in collaboration with NT Police who were a great asset in providing media releases leading up to and on White Ribbon Day and also the Office of Women's Policy, both of whom provided sponsorship for the event. The result of this was a visually splendid setting with black



*Darwin's White Ribbon Breakfast*

chair covers wrapped with white bows, the venue staff got into the act too when they realized that the white ceiling drapes from an event the previous weekend would be perfect for the breakfast, leaving them in place.

The committee was not going to let an opportunity pass and on the afternoon of the 2009 event buoyed



*Breakfast under the Moreton Bay fig trees*

by the success of the morning's event tentatively booked a speaker for the 2010 breakfast.

**Adelaide Flinders & Adelaide Clubs** again combined for a casual Amelia Earhart Breakfast in the Park held in the Botanic Park on a



*L-R: Heide Taylor, Sabine Nehls (from Germany) and A2 Director, Cintra Amos*

wonderful warm summer's day.

Brekkie consisted of fruit, Danish pastries, bread and cheeses and champagne—all under the wonderful old Moreton Bay fig trees.

Over 100 people attended including a guest from Germany —Sabine Nehls—who works with Zonta in Berlin and with her husband, brought greetings, news and information from Germany. Sabine had been a member of the German parliament for 8 years, and head of department in the ministry for women, work & social affairs, and now continues in a voluntary role. She remarked how friendly and relaxed our functions were compared to those in Germany!!

Money raised from the breakfast is given to support the Amelia Earhart Fellowships.

It has been a mixed time for Area 3—the sadness of the death of WA pioneer Zontian, Yvonne Roberts from the **Perth Club** (see below) mixed with the joy of some great fellowship events.

**Perth Northern Suburbs** Amelia Earhart dinner at Jandakot Airport was a lovely afternoon/evening.



2nd left Anne Markey (Perth NS) shows her raffle prize of a voucher for a flight to Rottneest

Everyone enjoyed watching the planes at this busiest airport in Australia. Great food and great company! It was very special to have Swan Hills member, Carla Fasano at the event as she is a three times recipient of an Amelia Earhart Scholarship!



L-R: Swan Hills President, Sheila Watters with Swan Hills Zontian Carla Fasano—a former recipient of 3 Amelia Earhart Fellowship awards!

**Bunbury** started the year with a Sunday in the Park at Myalup Vines, tasting wines and enjoying live entertainment among shady trees.



R-L: Charlie and Nan Martella enjoy Sonia's colourful dancing!



Chris and Marilyn Hardwick In their Zonta aprons

The gourmet hampers were a hit as was the sausage sizzle! Chris and Marilyn Hardwick looked very professional in their Zonta aprons!

**Swan Hills** is gearing up for its major fundraiser—a Hot February Night on 13th February with **Peel Region** getting the shotgun ready to start its Annual Golf Day on Sunday 14th February. **Dunsborough** is in planning mode for its International Women's Day dinner where the club's Scholarship of Excellence award will be presented.

The year is off to a busy start!

## Farewell to a Fine Zontian



Yvonne Roberts—a fine Zontian

It was with great sadness that we learned in January of the death of Yvonne Roberts.

Yvonne was a charter and current member of the Zonta Club of Perth, 'mother' to the Zonta Club of Perth Northern Suburbs, co-founder of the present clubs in Bunbury and

Dunsborough and previous clubs in South of Perth and Darling Range.

She was a 'quiet achiever', just getting on with tasks as required. She was formerly the Executive Director of the YWCA in Perth - so in both her professional and private life she was committed to helping others.

She was proud to belong to a truly international organisation and through her efforts in establishing clubs, hundreds of women in WA have had the benefit of Zonta membership and through them, thousands of women at home and abroad have had their lives touched by Zonta.

Yvonne was a very private person. At a beautiful, friendly memorial morning tea to celebrate her life, the room was packed with friends

who were all surprised to learn from her cousin that she had been an air hostess for the maximum of five years permitted at the time, a PA to Keith Murdoch (Rupert's father) and, at one time, had commenced nursing training!

Yvonne was very independent and 'did not want to put anyone out'.

She also worked and volunteered with SPELD helping people with specific learning difficulties such as dyslexia.

Yvonne lived through some pioneering times, made a great contribution to so many people's lives in WA and will be sadly missed.



Yvonne as an air hostess

It is now 2010 and a New Year is ahead of us to work together to improve the lives of so many women and girls locally and worldwide.

Let us meet each other in fun and fellowship and support our Area 4 IWD dinners, awards night and IWD breakfasts in March 2010.

We are combining with Area 1 for our Area 1 and 4 Workshop again this year on May 15, 2010. We worked together extremely well in 2009 and I am sure we will do so again to make this year's workshop another great success.



The photo is of Jenny Gray (CEO ZOOS, Victoria), the guest speaker at our 2009 Area 1, 4 & 5 Workshop. Jenny is the Bendigo and Kyneton IWD dinner speaker for 2010.

As we have been in limbo during the festive season but with most clubs meeting again and planning their year ahead, I will note forthcoming dates as an Area 4 planner for you to refer to.

Remember that our aim is to increase our membership for the 2008-2010 biennium and by working together for our Clubs and Area 4, and I am sure we will accomplish our goal.

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for the next edition of  
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before 4 April 2010

## Area 4 Calendar

### February 2010

#### Meetings

Melton	Monday	1
Bendigo	Tuesday	2
Geelong	Wednesday	3
Wangaratta	Thursday	4
Albury/Wodonga	Monday	15
Kyneton	Wednesday	24
Ballarat	Thursday	25
<b>D23 2011 Conference meeting,</b> Amora Hotel, Richmond	Wednesday	10

### March 2010

#### IWD Dinners

Bendigo	Tuesday	2
Kyneton	Wednesday	3
Melton	Thursday	11
Ballarat	Thursday	11

#### Awards Dinner

Geelong	Wednesday	3
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#### IWD Breakfasts

Albury/Wodonga	Thursday	4
Wangaratta	Thursday	4

### April 2010

District 23 Board Meeting, Adelaide	Friday	16-18
<b>Board:</b> DG Alison Martin, LG Jane Smith, Treasurer Jasmine Koch, Area 1 Director Faye Juetz, Area 2 Director Cintra Amos, Area 3 Director Judy Tennant, Area 4 Director Judy Rothe and Area 5 Director Georgie Hutchinson, Secretary Jo Wittorff.		

### May 2010

<b>Area 1 &amp; 4 Workshop,</b> Melbourne (venue TBA)	Saturday	15
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### June 2010

<b>Zonta International Convention</b> San Antonio Texas.	Friday	25 – 30
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