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Suburbs, WA

Change of details:

- **Adelaide Torrens President**, Julie Black has changed her email address to blackjulie08@hotmail.com
- **Fleurieu Club President**, Ann Overall's telephone number should be (08) 8552 1667

Two clubs have simplified their names:

- **Zonta Club of Gawler Inc** is the new name for Gawler and Barossa Inc and
- **Zonta Club of Para District Inc** is the new name for Para District Area Inc.

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From the District Governor.....



Photo: D23 Governor Alison Martin (right) with Heidi v Leszczynski, District 28 Foundation Ambassador and a member of ZC Frankfurt II Rhein-Main in Germany during Heidi's flying visit to Perth after visiting her daughter in Wellington. Note the car registration—Ed!

Donations to the Zonta International Foundation

A big thank you to all the clubs who have sent their 1/3 service funds to D23 Treasurer Jasmine Koch. This has enabled our District to transfer US\$21,595 to the ZIF funds of your choice from donations of over A\$31,416. In some clubs individual members each made a small personal donation, thank you for your extra commitment. May I remind members that it is very easy for individual members to donate to any of our Zonta International Foundation funds via the ZI website using a credit card, with immediate acknowledgement via email!

Voluntary Dues Payments

Congratulations to members of District 23, we

have another gold star! As of 9th April our District had donated 72% of possible voluntary dues of US\$15 per member to ZI Headquarters. Thank you for understanding this request for a voluntary donation for administration of our international organisation. Acting ZI Executive Director, Judy Johnston recently wrote "The method of collecting voluntary dues in your district is truly a model. Thank you for your effort."

District Conference 25-27 September 2009

With just 5 months to go before the District Conference in Ballarat, I hope members have by now made travel and accommodation arrangements from the brochures sent to all clubs by Conference Chairman Hilary Pope last year. Like me, I hope you are looking forward to meeting new members or renewing friendships made at previous Conferences.

Club Presidents, you should be sure to arrive on **Thursday 24th September** in order to attend the Presidents' Reception.

Good news! We have just learnt that ZI Treasurer Gloria

Stootman Wristen will present ZI President Beryl Sten's message at our Conference and I am sure members will be eager to meet Gloria and thank her for the huge role she has taken on. This is your opportunity to ask questions about ZI!

Sale of Zonta Headquarters in Chicago

EXCELLENT NEWS!!! The long anticipated sale of the old Headquarters property is officially completed. The Zonta International Foundation Board has announced that the Randolph Street building was sold on 2 April 2009 with a sales price of \$2,050,000. In this down market for commercial real estate, we are very pleased with this result.

New District Brochure

Please contact your Area Director if you haven't received a bundle of the new District Brochures. My thanks to the District Board members and PR Chairman Melinda Young for the many hours spent updating the brochure to ensure this public document is professionally presented. Thanks also to D23 Photographer Sally Gordon for sharing her photos.

Updated D23 President's Handbook

To assist Club Presidents we have produced a CD of the documents in the **D23**

Handbook for Club Presidents, which also contains over 20 appendices of guidelines and policies. Many thanks to Lt. Gov. Jane Smith, Area 2 Director Cintra Amos and most of all to our wonderful D23 Secretary, Jo Wittorff for time spent updating these resources. Area Directors now have a CD for each Club President's use, which can be copied to a PC and is also to be printed.

Please ensure that the current documents in your President's Handbook File are removed and replaced with the updated printed documents contained on the CD.

Headquarters Move is now Complete

The move from Chicago city has seen another resignation of a long term staff member – Cathe Wood, Director of Development & Communications. Her enthusiasm, expertise and experience will be missed very much.

New Contact Details for Zonta International:

1211 West 22nd Street, Suite 900
Oak Brook, Illinois 60523 USA
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Fax: +1 630 928-1559

2008 ZI Bylaws and Other Documents

The complete **Zonta Governing Documents 2008** booklet (with lime green cover) has been posted by ZI to all Club Presidents in the January club mailing and is also available for all members to download from the ZI website. Just go to Member Resources/Manuals & Publications/2008 Governing Documents.

Zonta's Web Address – www.zonta.org is being redesigned

ZI has recently appointed Emily Yaeger as Communications Manager and we wish her well. In Emily's first emailed newsletter "Z is for Women" she wrote:

"Perhaps you have heard the rumours? Zonta.org is receiving a facelift. Due to the complicated nature of our website, and our

technological goals, it will take some time to plan and make the changes necessary to improve the current format. Please know that we are hard at work to make this happen, and we ask for your patience in making the transition as smooth as possible."

Emily advised that this will happen in 6-9 months and I'm sure this is music to your ears as sometimes it is difficult to negotiate and locate the required documents on our current ZI website.

Please take time to read the interesting articles from around the Zonta world on improving the status of women.

The Zontian Magazine

The International Board has made the decision to publish four Zontian magazines per biennium instead of the eight published in previous biennia. This glossy magazine is our public 'face' and is intended to be used more as an external tool with keynote articles showcasing our international achievements, awards etc. Items such as club news will be covered in the electronic PR newsletter, giving much quicker access to members across the world.

A thought: Those who can, do. Those who can do more, volunteer!

Alison Martin
District 23 Governor

D23 Yahoo Address

Are you sending copies of minutes, newsletters etc to your Area Director or the District Governor?

If so, please also send them to the Zonta District 23 Yahoo address at:

zontadistrict23@yahoo.com.au

Forward articles for the next edition of Newsflash to

carole.theobald@cormorant.com.au

before 5 June 2009

From D23 Secretary Jo Wittorff:

Please note that minutes, newsletters etc should not be emailed to the District Secretary and the District Yahoo email site.

Email to the D23 Yahoo email address only please.

New District Projects 2010-12

Clubs intending to propose a new District project for the next biennium at the Ballarat Conference are advised that submissions are due to the District Governor on the 30th June 2009.

Have you noticed the STARZ logo on the conference newsletters?

It is a very apt logo in this International Year of Astronomy!



Successful
Teamwork
Advocating women's
Rights through
Zonta

Look out for the call for conference papers that are coming out in May and be ready to register your place at Ballarat. Why not take advantage of some of those cheap air fares and book your flight today!

Let's aim for another record in District 23

Beryl McMillan
District Foundation Ambassador

In the past few biennia, District 23 has set records in our donations to the Zonta International Foundation. The exchange rate helped in the last biennium, when the record for the highest contribution from our District was set. We have also had an exemplary record in two of the past three biennia, **with every club in the District contributing to ZIF.**

Let's have each club plan to do that again this biennium to maintain our great record.

In 2006-2008, with Ronda Walker as our ZIF Ambassador, several clubs achieved another first, **with all or most of their members** making an **individual donation** to the Foundation. My challenge is for all clubs to do that during this biennium, that is, every individual Zontian to make a donation, no matter how small.

Yes, we are living in tough economic times, but I ask all Zontians to reflect



on how well we fare compared with two thirds of the people in the world who will probably never have the choice between a long black, flat white, macchiato, skinny cappuccino, hot chocolate, chai tea with soy *they will be lucky if they have clean water.*

My request is that every District 23 Zontian makes an individual donation, ranging from what you might spend on a coffee and a cake, to a meal or whatever you can spare.

ZIF has three international service

projects for which funds are being raised this biennium:

- Reduction of obstetric fistula in Liberia
- The safe cities project in Guatemala and El Salvador
- Prevention of mother to child HIV in Rwanda.

If every Zontian in the world donated the cost of just four cups of coffee, the total amount required to meet our goal for the project in Liberia would be raised!

Please talk about this proposal in your club, and let's have each of us, better off than two thirds of the world's population, commit to an individual donation.

Donations can be sent by club treasurers to District Treasurer Jasmine Koch using the form she has provided for listing individual amounts.

Young Women in Public Affairs Awards 2009

Bianca Heaney
D23 YWPA Coordinator

A total of 14 applications were submitted by Zonta Clubs for the Young Women in Public Affairs Award in our District this year. Well done!

In all, there were 40 applications submitted to the 14 Zonta Clubs.

The judges were very impressed by the quality of the applications and it was certainly a difficult task to choose one District recipient. All applicants demonstrated their desire to advance the status of women in their community and worldwide.

The application of our **District** winner will be sent to Zonta International Headquarters by 1 May 2009. The **announcement** of District and International recipients will be made on 1 July 2009.

Nominating Committee

Julie Wiltshire, Chairman
D23 Nominating Committee

In March, Club Presidents were sent the full District 23 Nominating information for 2010 – 2012 for District Officers and the Nominating Committee.

The Nominating Committee is seeking suitably qualified Zontians to stand for District 23 Board positions. Would all Zonta Clubs who believe they have members who qualify for positions on the District Board, please approach and encourage them to nominate.

We are seeking at least two candidates for each Board position

and five nominations for the District Nominating Committee.

The District Nominating Committee wishes to circulate to clubs a full slate of candidates at least 60 days prior to the September District 23 Conference in Ballarat.

For those Zontians interested in standing for a District position, please complete the relevant form (your club President was sent a form in early March) and post it together with a 5 cm x 7 cm photograph, to Julie Wiltshire, District Nominating Committee Chairman, PO Box 173, Richmond Tasmania 7025.

Closing date for nomination is 31st May 2009.

The following are the District 23 positions required:

- District Governor
- Lt. Governor
- Treasurer
- Area 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5 Directors
- Nominating Committee (3)

I look forward to receiving a large number of nominations in my post box by May 31st.

These days etiquette is considered old fashioned or outdated. Not many consider it important to send thank you cards or know which fork to use, and most do not know what R.S.V.P. really means!

E-mail and texting are the primary ways we all communicate and yes, it is fast but just like there are reasons why we acknowledge thanks and why we respond to invitations, there are etiquette manners. The following gives you a top 10 list of reminders when writing your next e-mail message:

Why do you need e-mail etiquette?

An organization needs to implement etiquette rules for the following three reasons:

Professionalism: by using proper e-mail language you will convey a professional image.

Efficiency: e-mails that get to the point are much more effective than poorly worded e-mails.

Protection from liability: awareness of e-mail risks will protect your organization from costly law suits.

1. Be concise and to the point

Do not make an e-mail longer than it needs to be. Remember that reading an e-mail is harder than reading printed communications, and a long e-mail can be very discouraging to read.

2. Use proper spelling, grammar, and punctuation

This is not only important because improper spelling, grammar and punctuation give a bad impression of your company, it is also important for conveying the message properly. E-mails with no full stops or commas are difficult to read and can sometimes even change the meaning of the text. And, if your program has a spell checking option, why not use it?

3. Answer swiftly

People send an e-mail because they wish to receive a quick response. If they did not want a quick response they would send a letter or a fax. Therefore, each e-mail should be replied to within 24 hours, and preferably within the same working day. If the e-mail is complicated, just send an e-mail back saying that you have received it and that you will get back to the sender. This will put the person's mind at rest.

4. Do not write in CAPITALS

IF YOU WRITE IN CAPITALS, IT SEEMS AS IF YOU ARE SHOUTING. This can be highly annoying and might trigger an unwanted response in the form of a flame mail. Therefore, try not to send any e-mail text in capitals.

5. Read the e-mail before you send it

A lot of people don't bother to read an e-mail before they send it out, as can be seen from the many spelling and grammar mistakes contained in e-mails. Apart from this, reading your e-mail through the eyes of the recipient will help you send a more effective message and avoid misunderstandings and inappropriate comments.

6. Do not use e-mail to discuss confidential information

Sending an e-mail is like sending a postcard. If you don't want your e-mail to be displayed on a bulletin board, don't send it. Moreover, never make any libelous, sexist, or racially discriminating comments in e-mails, even if they are meant to be a joke.

7. Use a meaningful subject line

Try to use a subject that is meaningful to the recipient as well as yourself. For instance, when you send an email to a company requesting information about a product, it is better to mention

the actual name of the product; e.g. "Product A information" than to just say "product information" or the company's name in the subject.

8. Avoid using URGENT and IMPORTANT

Even more so than the high-priority option, you must at all times try to avoid these types of words in an email or subject line. Only use this if it is a really, really urgent or important message.

9. Avoid long sentences

Try to keep your sentences to a maximum of 15-20 words. E-mail is meant to be a quick medium and requires a different kind of writing than letters. Also take care not to send e-mails that are too long. If a person receives an e-mail that looks like a dissertation, chances are that he or she will not even attempt to read it!

10. Don't reply to spam

By replying to spam or by unsubscribing, you are confirming that your e-mail address is "live." Confirming this will only generate even more spam. Therefore, just hit the delete button or use e-mail software to remove spam automatically.

P.S. R.S.V.P. means in French "Please respond," and you need to respond even if you are NOT attending an event—not just for Yes!

What's new on the D23 website?

Two useful organisation charts have recently been uploaded. These are great tools for explaining Zonta to newer members:

*Basic structure of ZI
and*

D23 Who's Who
are now available from the Office Bearers and Committee Chairmen page.

Visit

www.zontadistrict23.org.au

Submissions for hosting the 2011 District 23 Conference due by 31 May

Submissions from Clubs or an Area who wish to be part of the exciting prospect of hosting the next Conference are to be sent to the District Governor. Our next conference could be on the Mornington Peninsula, the Swan Valley or Barossa Valley, the possibilities are endless!

Unsure of the process for this? The Guidelines to Hosting a District 23 Conference can be found in the D23 President's Handbook, or you can contact D23 Secretary, Jo Wittorff, who will email this to you. Don't delay; submissions are welcomed as soon as ready.

Jane M Klausman Women in Business Scholarships 2009

Karen Groves
Jane M Klausman Coordinator.

The search for applicants for this award should be well under way by now. In January 2009, I wrote to all Area Directors and Club Presidents to launch this year's award. I am assuming that they have passed on the enclosed materials to those in the Areas or clubs who are responsible for processing applicants.

I attached the relevant materials downloaded from the ZI website. For those who wish to go to the ZI website, they need to log in to "Member Resources", go to "International Scholarships and Awards" and select "JMK Scholarships". If any of the coordinators in the Areas or clubs need assistance with acquiring the application form, the guidelines, the evaluation criteria or background information and statistics on the scholarship, please contact me!

The important dates to remember are:

Award application is updated on ZI website Promotion of award by Areas and clubs in District 23	1 January
Applications received by clubs Selection of club recipient by club selection committee – if needed	1 June
Applications received by D23 Coordinator Selection of District 23 recipient by District selection committee	1 July
Application of District 23 recipient received by District Governor Attachment of DG coversheet and posting of application to ZI	1 August
Applications from Districts received by ZI. Selection of 12 ZI scholarship recipients	1 September
Announcement of 12 ZI JMK Scholarship recipients	15 October

Please be encouraged to promote this award in your clubs and Areas – remember how exciting it was to congratulate Chloe Jarratt, nominated by the Zonta Club of Bendigo, who was one of the 12 ZI JMK Scholarship winners last year!

My contact details are:
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D23 Jane M Klausman Women in Business Scholarship
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Breaking News...Breaking News... Yarri Wada Puppet Project

Karen Groves
Yarri Wada Puppet Project

As News Flash goes to print, news from the Kimberley is of the stunning success of the first program conducted last week in the Mowanjum Women's Centre of the "Monorngungga – Stepping Forward with Pride" Program – the first initiative of the Yarri Wada – "Many Dreamings" – Puppet Project.

Angela Fisher, Child Health Nurse in the Kimberley Public Health Unit and one of the Program Leaders of this Project, said that the teenage girl participants in the program were totally engrossed and delighted in the intensive health education content of the course.

A late change of plan saw the 6 component parts of the course run over 6 days of the recent school

holidays, rather than over 6 consecutive weeks, capturing the early enthusiasm and maintaining the momentum.

News has spread fast about the course and Angela says they have unleashed a "snow storm" (somewhat of an anachronism given the Kimberley climate at this time of the year) and not only are other communities requesting the course, but teenagers have been presenting at an increased rate for sexual health checks.

There will be DVD footage, photos, art works and reports of the program available to record the success of this first stage of the Yarri Wada Puppet Project.

So, well done to all clubs in District 23 who are supporting this Project! The "Zonta Mob" – as we are called – is making a difference!



The March edition of the Yarri Wada News described the Monorngungga Stepping Forward with Pride Program—download your copy by following the link from the district projects page at our D23 website: www.zontadistrict23.org.au

2009 District 23 Conference

Ballarat, Victoria, 25th – 27th September
Mercure Ballarat Hotel and Convention Centre
(Formerly called Doherty's Ballarat Lodge)

Visit www.zontadistrict23.org.au to download the latest Conference Newsletter

The suffering resulting from the horrific bushfires in Victoria is still almost too much to comprehend and our hearts and thoughts have gone out to those affected.

Clubs across Areas 1 and 4 have had varied responses, many deciding that in view of the overwhelming response of the public to the Bushfire Appeal, they would delay any action at this time.

There will be many ongoing issues to address in the rebuilding of these devastated communities and it is felt that a project/s will emerge as part of this process in which all clubs who wish can participate to assist women and their families. Sympathy and offers of support were received from Zonta clubs in New Zealand and across Australia as well as messages from Zonta International.

In Area 1, the ZC of Frankston responded immediately to the crisis in Kinglake where they had direct contact with the community centre.

They provided many essential items, both personal and practical and were able to do that using their own



Photos above are taken from the Hume Highway near Wallan, Victoria

resources. We commend them on their ability to take immediate action to assist with necessities that were in very short supply. They have continued to provide support in this way and are in regular contact with the Kinglake community.

In Area 4, many communities were also shattered by the fires and the recovery process is only just beginning.

A drop in-centre has been set up by Anglicare in Eaglehawk (ourplace@impulse.net.au) recognising that individuals needed a different type of support on top of the official support. No one leaves this busy drop in centre without having had a cuppa and chat as well as something practical to take away with them.

It is interesting to hear what "ordinary" things are so missed: recipe books, novels, sewing kits – how we take everything for granted!

Women from the smaller rural communities have expressed their devastation at losing their gardens. New growth brings hope and rebuilding gardens would contribute in small but important ways to bring some colour into their lives.

Every little drop in the ocean will help these people – let us not forget them too quickly. We are happy to address any queries you may have.

Area 1 Report

Melbourne and Eastern Victoria

Faye Juetz, Area 1 Director

Clubs in Area 1 are conducting their usual fundraising activities – sausage sizzles seem to be very popular and it's not even winter yet! Movie and theatre nights are also very good for steady income.

Interesting guest speakers have included topics ranging from volunteering in India, the Woodley school flying program, respite care for children and how to tell when people are lying!

The author of "The Truth about Lies" is an expert in cognitive and behavioural interviewing and detecting deception and is a regular on the international public speaking circuit. Melbourne's West was very

fortunate to engage him and all present were captivated by his entertaining and insightful presentation.

There are some issues in engaging applicants for awards, in particular Young Women in Public Affairs, and not all clubs have success in getting the information to the right people in schools. I invite clubs to share your successful experiences!

Area 1 had also decided to try for a combined Jane Klausman Award this year, but has now deferred it to 2010. Most clubs also have their local awards, with reviews taking place at this time of year.

Congratulations to all new office bearers and well done to all the "old" ones. I am looking forward to attending your meetings in the next few weeks.

Travelling to Victoria in August?

The Zonta Club of Mornington Peninsula Inc. will be celebrating its 25th birthday on Thursday 20th August.

Zonta Club of Adelaide Turns 40!

The Zonta Club of Adelaide celebrated its 40th Birthday with a sumptuous High Tea at the Hilton Hotel on Sunday 19 April.

The occasion was greatly enjoyed by both past and present members. Charter members, especially Heide Taylor, were honoured for being responsible for bringing the presence of Zonta International to Area 2, expanding by a domino effect throughout South Australia and into the Northern Territory.

Guests were entertained by a continual projection of photographs from our archives which made many very nostalgic! We were honoured to have the presence of Lt Governor Jane Smith to join our festivities - the celebration was a most happy and friendly affair with an opportunity to renew old friendships.



Dr Heide Taylor cutting the Anniversary Cake

Noarlunga Southern Vales Bowls 'em Over

The Noarlunga Southern Vales Club held a Twilight Lawn Bowling Night in late February, organised by Barbara Baldock. The weather was perfect and attendance was great. This has become an annual event, with some groups returning every year, and we were also pleased to welcome members of the Adelaide Hills Club. The Happy Valley Bowls Club generously donates their greens, BBQ and kitchen facilities for the evening, and we are all starting to become adept at using the commercial dishwasher! With each year we are constantly refining our catering and organisational skills.

There was a raffle, and spot prizes for poor performance (rather than

exceptional performance) as, for most attendees, this is their one and only bowling function. However, chasing the bowls just adds to the enjoyment, as does re-interpreting the rules every year - but we do have plenty of expertise on hand for those seriously bewildered! This event is a lot of fun and a very successful fundraiser.

Alice Springs ZClub Members of the Alice Springs ZClub from ANZAC Hill High and Middle School have been volunteering in partnership with Red Cross on a regular basis, most recently assisting with the Red Cross Market Stand earlier this month to sell donated books. Proceeds go to helping the most vulnerable people in the community and to assisting the Red Cross national response to tragedies such as the recent bushfires in Victoria.

Current and past ZClub members have also commenced a Breakfast Club program with the Red Cross serving breakfast at the Yeperenye Primary School. A call from the Red Cross Volunteering Coordinator Alice Knight was full of praise for the exceptional enthusiasm of the ZClub members who will continue with this program throughout the rest of the term.

UNIFEM Breakfast in Port Lincoln

The Zonta Club of Port Lincoln held its second UNIFEM breakfast and Women of Achievement awards on Saturday 7th March at the Port Lincoln Hotel. A maximum crowd gathered to hear Ivana Rapajic-Moran speak about her life and the foundation she established to provide an education for children in poverty stricken areas. Ivana lives in Adelaide with her young daughter



L-R Jane Smith, Ivana Rapajic-Moran and President Thelma Harvey

and is a member of the Premier's Council for Women. Ivana was a very inspiring speaker, keeping everyone engrossed in her story. The Women of Achievement were also very inspiring, achieving in areas such as women's health, education, service to women, the handicapped and regional affairs. All members of the club combined to create an excellent event under the leadership of United Nations chair, Jane Smith.

Congratulations to Thelma Harvey

President of Port Lincoln Club on being awarded the *Jean Brewer Award* for 2009, presented by the School Libraries Association of South Australia, in recognition of 'Outstanding Service to Teacher Librarianship'. Well done Thelma.

Darwin Marches for International Women's Day

President Carolyn Richards of the Darwin Club led the Zonta contingent at the Darwin International Women's Day March. The March was organised by the UN Association NT Branch and was the first one held in Darwin. It was headed by the NT Administrator's wife Mrs Tess Pauline, Minister for Women Mandirri McCarthy, Senator Trish Crossin, the Anti Discrimination Commissioner Lisa Coffey and the Deputy Mayor. Banners were carried by all, and the event was most successful.

Fleurieu Club Biennial

Needlework Exhibition The Zonta Club of Fleurieu Peninsula held its 9th Biennial Needlework Exhibition over the warm and sunny Australia Day long weekend. The exhibition took a new form this year as "The Art of the Needle Trail".

The official opening on the Friday night was a gala event and, after drinks and nibbles the exhibition was opened by Jan Pengelly, the wife of the local Member for Finnis.

A fantastic hat parade followed with fabulous creations by Miss Jayne and her pupils and some of our Zonta members acted as models. Each was greeted with great applause and much fun was had by audience and models alike.

Area 2 Report continued

The Art of the Needle Trail began in the gardens in the centre of Victor Harbor, with the main exhibition of around 200 entries of quilting, knitting and embroidery, as well as all types of needlework. The standard was outstanding and everyone admired the quality and design.

The RSL hall housed stalls and refreshments, and four local fabric and quilting shops opened their doors as part of the Trail where there were classes and exhibitions. The Fleurieu Quilters also had an exhibition in the Old School House.

On the Saturday morning the club joined the stalls in the Victor Harbor Farmers' Market and served a sausage sizzle and pancakes.

These were much appreciated by locals and visitors alike and the stall was a great start to the Trail. Coordinator Joan Tainton reported that over 500 hundred people enjoyed the exhibition, which was a fantastic success and raised a substantial sum for our Zonta projects.

Zonta Club of Adelaide Hills presented the Highway Rock with Chocolate Rush at The Highway on Anzac Highway, featuring our very own Marilyn Little and Joy O'Hazy, on drums and bass guitar respectively. About 100 members, with family and friends danced the night away to some great hits from the 60's 70's and 80's. At one point, there was no one sitting down, as everyone was dancing! That must be a first at any dance!

The Highway provided really delicious nibbles throughout the night, so no one went hungry. There was a huge bar, tables to sit at - allowing lots of chatting between numbers. The dance was so enjoyable, the club is considering holding the same event again later this year.



Area 2 workshop—an encounter with Zonta

*Cintra Amos,
Area 2 Director*

The Area 2 Workshop was hosted by the Zonta Club of Fleurieu at the very impressive Victor Harbor Civic Centre on Encounter Bay, 50 kilometres from Adelaide. There was a record attendance of around 75 Zontians, with at least 18 first timers. Area 2 Director Cintra Amos opened the Workshop and all were warmly welcomed by their dynamic, young Mayoress, Mary-Lou Corcoran. District Governor Alison Martin gave a current overview of Zonta International and District 23 then our first keynote speaker, District LAA Chair Kay Poustie OAM, gave an excellent presentation on "Advocacy through Service", which everyone found most enlightening.

Legislative Awareness & Advocacy is a new Zonta standing committee and, in the words of one delegate, "Kay de-mystified the area of advocacy by putting a difficult topic into simple language." Kay and Alison also launched the new District "Advocacy and Legislative Awareness Information Kit" hot off the press, which will be a very useful tool to assist our advocacy efforts.

After morning tea Vice Area 2 Director Deb Sykes gave an entertaining talk on her addiction to



L-R: DG Alison Martin, Area 2 Director Cintra Amos, President of Fleurieu Club Ann Overall, President Elect of Fleurieu Club Carol Youles and Lt Governor Jane Smith



Area 2 Workshop delegates pose with a huge Zonta flag



Area 2 Workshop plenary session

roses. She showed a beautiful Powerpoint® presentation on the 600+ roses she grows in Port Lincoln and related the many ways in which they have been used for Zonta activities. We then received updates on our three District Service Projects and D23 Coordinator Anna Siebert brought us up to date on ZISVAW. Lt Governor Jane Smith presented a stimulating segment on "Membership Matters" and we were treated to the South Australian debut of the fabulous new District Brochure!

During lunch there was much animated camaraderie and plenty of time to meet or renew friendships with Zontians from other clubs. After lunch "Club Round-up" focused on how clubs relate to their local communities, with each club sharing their highlights. This was followed by our second keynote speaker Dr Fiona Verity, associate professor at Flinders University Faculty of Social Sciences, who presented a lively and fascinating session on "Community Capacity Building" with clubs breaking into groups to explore this diverse topic and how it can relate to Zonta. Kaye Fletcher, a Fleurieu Zontian, gave us a lighthearted account of her

Area 2 workshop continued

experience as a funeral director, and we discovered that this rather serious profession is definitely not without its more amusing moments.

Before Cintra Amos closed the Workshop, Alison Martin brought us up to date on the exciting plans for the Ballarat Conference and encouraged members to attend. Everyone then adjourned to the atrium area to enjoy some great Fleurieu wines and delicious nibbles.

Many Zontians stayed overnight in Victor Harbor and enjoyed more fellowship at a local seafront restaurant, meeting again next morning for a very convivial breakfast at the Victor Harbor Winery Produce Market.

Feedback from the Workshop Evaluation Forms was extremely positive. It was an interesting, interactive, busy, fulfilling and fun day, with a great sense of unity.

Workshops are invaluable opportunities not only to learn more about Zonta but also to forge relationships with others who share your aspirations and vision for women worldwide.

The organisation of the event by the Fleurieu Club was outstanding and my heartfelt thanks go to President Ann Overall and her team for their efficiency and hard work, and trust everyone returned home energised with renewed enthusiasm for Zonta's mission.

Area 3 Report

Western Australia

Judy Tennant
Area 3 Director

International Women's Day was celebrated throughout Area 3 with representatives from all six Clubs attending at least one function or activity in the lead up to 8th of March. It was very pleasing for me to see such wonderful fellowship taking place as Area 3 Zontians worked together to get the message of Zonta out in the public arena.

Many Zontians attended events held in the City throughout the week including the *Lunch Box List* function at the Hyatt Hotel which has for many years been one of the major events celebrating International Women's Day in Western Australia.

For the first time, the metropolitan Zonta Clubs marketed themselves with all three Clubs sharing an information stand at the event. This function is great for profiling Zonta as it is attended by about 700 women – 500 of whom are schoolgirls. The event featured a small careers Expo, where the girls can mingle among the displays and talk to women 'mentors' about

starting out with their careers. Displays included services offered by various universities and resource companies. The Zonta stand caused quite a stir with many school girls being fascinated by the birthing kits. In many schools, the girls have to undertake community service activities and many wanted to help with birthing kit assembly days. The young Women in Public Affairs Award was also promoted to the girls.

The Department for Communities hosted a special International Women's Day event on Sunday 8 March, themed "*Sharing the Caring for the Future*". The event, held at Perth Central TAFE in East Perth, consisted of an Indigenous Celebration Program, a community Expo, and a variety of workshops. Once again, metro Zonta Clubs joined together to maintain an information booth for displaying Zonta's work and members distributed information about Zonta projects.

The *Zonta Club of Bunbury* celebrated the Day with an IWD breakfast on Sunday 8 March featuring guest speaker, the Mayor of Mandurah, Paddi Creevey (also a Zontian). The day was also celebrated by the *Zonta Club of Dunsborough* with guest speaker, Sue Giles of the Dunsborough Fire Brigade.

West Australian of the Year 2009
Over 50 Zontians and friends gathered at the historic WA Rowing

Club for a special breakfast with the Western Australian of the Year 2009, Dr Penny Flett. Host Club President, Carole Theobald of the Zonta Club of Perth introduced Penny, however she really didn't need a big introduction as Penny is also a proud member of the Zonta Club of Perth.

Dr Flett's area of expertise is aged care, and no one has the ability like Penny, to make the topic of "Getting Old, Ageing and Old People" sound so appealing. The breakfast also featured some puzzles to challenge the mind!



Everyone got into the spirit of the puzzles at the breakfast event, even speaker, Penny Flett (standing)

A big night of celebration was held in late February when the *Zonta Club of Swan Hills* held its 10th birthday anniversary with a Rock n' Roll event in a picturesque setting, among citrus trees and alpacas, beside the Swan River. Guests sat on the lawns, eating their picnics and dancing to the music of the 60s and 70s.



L-R: Mary Gurgone (Perth Club) with the Hon Robyn McSweeney, WA Minister for Women's Interests who visited the Zonta stand at the TAFE event.

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There were raffles and a silent auction featuring everything from golf days to pamper packs. A huge birthday cake was cut by previous Presidents of the Swan Hills Club and shared amongst the audience.

Anastasia Maslij, from Perth Northern Suburbs, presented Swan Hills President, Sheila Watters, with a lovely bouquet of 10 yellow roses and Perth Club President,



L-R: Carole Theobald, Judy Tennant, Sheila Watters and Anastasia Maslij at Swan Hills 10th Birthday celebrations

Carole Theobald presented her with a card from the membership.

Planning is well underway for the Area 3 Workshop being held in Mandurah on 23 May and hosted by the Zonta Club of Bunbury. All members are being encouraged to attend and to bring along at least one first timer.

All Clubs in Area 3 are making plans for their Annual General meetings and Changeover dinners to be held

Area 4 Report

Western and Northern Victoria

Judith Rothe, Area 4 Director

We belong to an amazing Organisation advancing the Status of Women Worldwide. Easter and School holidays are over and the Areas 1, 4 & 5 Workshop & Training Day "Learn to Lead with Interaction" is nearly here. Thank you for registering for the workshop organised by Area 4 this year. It will be very special with Area 5 from Tasmania joining us again after many years. Our seven clubs have been extremely busy with IWD and now the club Nominating Committees have been pro active forming their slate of Officers and Directors for the Annual meetings ahead. Best wishes to the new boards for an exciting year in Zonta.

Zonta Club Of Albury/Wodonga

The members have accepted an invitation to be part of the D23 Conference in September 2009. A roster has been set up for the club to volunteer for "Meals on wheels". Funds have been donated for pamper bags and toiletries for women escaping domestic violence and the next Birthing Kits workshop is in progress. The handover dinner is to be held on the 10th May 2009.

Zonta Club Of Ballarat

The 10th D23 Biennial Conference will be held in Ballarat on September 25-27, 2009 at the Mercure Ballarat Hotel and Convention Centre. The theme is STARZ "Successful teamwork advocating womens' rights through Zonta". President Hilary Pope hosts our conference committee monthly meetings in her home with enthusiasm and purpose.

In regard to the "Gold Museum Exhibition", a morning tea for representatives of the organisations which sponsored the exhibition will be presented with Certificates of Appreciation. An Album will be presented to the Historical Society and another will be put in the archive collection at the Library.

The Club's changeover dinner is to be held on the 28th May 2009.

Zonta Club Of Bendigo

The International Women's Dinner was held on Tuesday March 3, 2009 with Nicole Livingstone as the guest speaker. It was a great success with all the proceeds going to Ovarian Cancer Research.

"Vale" Margaret Cook. Members of the club were saddened to hear of the recent death of Charter member Margaret Cook. Margaret was a tireless worker and valued member of the Club since its founding in 1980.

A new member's information night was held in early April to encourage interested women to consider attending functions and to learn of the wonderful work our service club has to offer.

Ann Horrocks has been working with "Our Place" a place of hope for the Fire Recovery, (see Bushfire report on page 6).

The club has decided to assist with the freight for the "Bras" to be sent to Fiji/PNG and Tonga/Vanuata.

The AGM and installation of new board members will be held on the 5th May 2009.

Zonta Club Of Geelong

The three year Afghanistan project "Reach Out" is a partnership with the Matthew Flinders Secondary Girls' College. Students fundraise and send items to their Sister School in The Panjo District of Afghanistan.

Funds are raised annually for the Corio Bay Senior College "Young Parents Access Program". It assists young parents to return to School to complete VCE studies.

The 30th birthday dinner was a wonderful night of fellowship and memories. Val Sarah AM PIP was the excellent guest speaker for the night. It was a most enjoyable night sharing dinner and conversation with my nominator Heather Ruffin, who is a past Zontian from Kyneton and Geelong.



L-R: DG Alison Martin, President ZC Geelong Jane Adornetto and A4 Director Judith Rothe at the Geelong 30th anniversary dinner.

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Zonta Club Of Kyneton

The International Women's Day dinner was a huge success. Eleven prizes were donated for the raffle and the proceeds are to be donated to the Bushfire affected women in the immediate area.

Congratulations!

Kyneton is the host club for the Areas 1, 4 & 5 Workshop and Training Day on May 2nd 2009. The members have offered to perform various tasks during the day to support their club and Area 4. An updated "Who's Who" has been printed for all members.

A new members' information night is

to be held on Tuesday 28th April 2009 and the annual Young Women's Breakfast for students of the Macedon Ranges Colleges will be an educational, informative and networking morning for the girls.

Zonta Club Of Melton

A very busy club with a Mother's Day Fashion Parade and afternoon tea on April 26th with all proceeds going to the D23 Birthing kits project. The IWD dinner was presented at a very modern winery that was a little difficult to find but definitely worthwhile. A very professional speaker Paula Constant presented "Slow Journey South", a book she has written about her amazing

journey in Africa. April 6th was the Annual Meeting and all positions were accepted except President elect. Congratulations.

Zonta Club Of Wangaratta

A lawn bowls social evening was enjoyed by all. Twelve new breast cushions were made at the latest working bee for this most worthwhile D23 project. The IWD Breakfast was an exceptional morning of speakers, breakfast and networking amongst students and teachers from the surrounding Colleges. The mentors were abundant and proved to be a most enthusiastic and inspiring group of women as they networked with their young protégés.

Area 5 Report

Tasmania

Georgie Hutchinson
Area 5 Director

Service

Despite some clubs having quite small numbers of members, Zonta Clubs in Area 5 continue to demonstrate commitment and service. *Hobart* and *Hobart East* enjoyed their "sew, stuff and chat" sessions providing Breast Cushions mostly in the South of the state. *Queenborough* assembled more birthing kits with *Hobart* recently assembling 600 birthing kits with the assistance of the Salvation Army Corps at Clarence.

Hobart East Zontians, Margaret Bird and Jill Taylor have worked diligently to secure a candidate for nomination for District 23's YWPA award.

Launceston has continued with its Royal Flying Doctors Award and *Devonport* has established the inaugural Zonta Women's Achievement award at the Devonport Polytechnic to be awarded to a woman who has overcome difficult circumstances in order to achieve her diploma.

Always in high demand, *Launceston* and *Devonport* once again made shortbread and Xmas puddings for Christmas, with hard-earned, handsome profits being dispersed to projects advancing the status of women within their communities. *Launceston* has a new project of

interest, the adoption of a child in Malawi.

Legislative Awareness and Advocacy

Recently *Queenborough* assisted the Huon Domestic Violence Service by donating goods. *Devonport* provided Easter baskets to support Warrawee, a North West Coast women's shelter.

Credibility and Visibility

The highly celebrated Material Girl Art Exhibition has this year again drawn over 100 fantastic entries from women artists around the state. The theme of this year's exhibition is Global Woman, with artists representing their ideas through varied media and high quality art works.

At the recent opening at Poimena Art Gallery in Launceston, two

Area 5 Zonta International awards were presented: Highly Commended to Jennifer Bishop for Let's Dance and the Young Emerging Artist to Brooke Atkins.

It is thrilling that all five Area 5 clubs collaborate to support this worthwhile and highly acclaimed exhibition which is co-sponsored by Rio Tinto and promoted and supported by Tasmanian Regional Arts.

The exhibition tours the state over the course of the year. The Zonta International logo features in all promotional material, and Zonta District 23 brochures are readily available for interested art enthusiasts at all venues.

The highly successful Fashion Parade held by the Zonta Club of *Devonport* in November raised



Jennifer Bishop, winner of the Highly Commended art work of Material Girl chats with Launceston President, Carol Fuller.



Carol Fuller and Georgie Hutchinson appreciate the work of the Emerging Artist, Brooke Atkins.

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significant funds which, combined with funds from *Launceston*, went to refurbishing a "Zonta Room" at Spurr Wing in Launceston. This home is a "home away from home" for patients and families who travel from rural areas to Launceston General Hospital for treatment.

Five *Hobart East* members (wearing their Zonta badges, of course!) attended the IWD breakfast held at the Grand Chancellor where they enjoyed listening to guest speaker Geraldine Doogue.

On January 26, *Launceston* hosted yet another fabulous Jazz in the Gardens overlooking the picturesque Tamar River at the beautiful property of Zontian, Vicki Gee. *Devonport* Zontians supported the Mersey Maidens team at the recent Relay for Life at Penguin, proudly wearing their Zonta t shirts and displaying a Zonta International banner.

Membership

Falling membership continues to be a concern for most Area 5 clubs, with the exception of *Devonport*, which has continued to grow and develop under the strong leadership of President Lynn Whittle.

Considerable discussion at the recent Presidents' meeting addressed the issue of membership in a pro-active manner, and it is pleasing to note the resilience and dedication of members within clubs of low numbers. *Queenborough* is holding a fellowship theatre evening at the Playhouse on April 24, and on June 1, *Hobart* has Lisa Singh MP as guest speaker at their dinner meeting at the Mecure.

An invitation is extended to all Area 5 Zontians and why not bring along a guest? There have been a number of resignations at *Launceston*, but President Carol Fuller is optimistic of some prospective new members and the club being able to move forward.

Financial

All clubs have made fiscal adjustments in lieu of Zonta International increases in fees, and one third of service funds raised were sent to ZIF.

Governance

Congratulations to the Zonta Club of *Queenborough* on its 10th Anniversary which will be celebrated in May!

Members representing all five Area 5 Zonta clubs will be travelling to Melbourne on May 2 for the combined Area 1, 4 and 5 Workshop where they will be involved in training and development in Zonta ideals and practices. Many of these participants are first-timers which augers well for the future of Zonta in Area 5. We are excited by the offer from Area 1 and 4 to combine with them at this workshop and grateful for the support given by the District 23 Board.

Diary Dates

Date	Event
30 April	Club Officers for D23 Directory to District Secretary
1 May	Club Annual Report Form to Area Director
1 May	ZI Club Officer Report Form to ZI Headquarters and D23 Secretary
31 May	Closing date for nomination of D23 Officers and Nominating Committee for 2010-2012
1 June	District and International Dues to D23 Treasurer
1 June	Jane M Klausman Scholarship applications to be received by Clubs
1 June	Current Club Membership List to D23 Governor, Lt Governor, Treasurer and Secretary
30 June	District Project proposals for 2010-2012 to be submitted to District Governor
1 July	Jane M Klausman Scholarship applications to be received by D23 Coordinator, Karen Groves
1 July	Announcement of Zonta International and District Young Women in Public Affairs awards
24 September	President's Reception on the eve of the D23 Conference in Ballarat
25-27 September	District 23 Conference, Mercure Ballarat Hotel and Convention Centre
15 October	Announcement of Zonta International and District Jane M Klausman Women in Business Scholarship recipients