

# District 23

# NEWS FLASH!

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## District Governor Alison Martin

ZC of Perth Northern  
Suburbs, WA

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in this edition, please see  
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## From the District Governor.....



Alison Martin, District 23  
Governor

### Changeovers

Congratulations to all new Presidents and Club Board members on your election to office. I hope you are all enjoying your new role. It is most important that your past President has given you the President's Handbook – complete with recently distributed CD. Please make sure this Handbook contains the updated documents from the CD; these are your most essential papers!

### 2009 Young Women in Public Affairs Award

Thank you to clubs who submitted applications for the YWPA award to **Bianca Heaney**, YWPA D23 Coordinator. Bianca has advised clubs of the District 23 recipient, **Ditza Teng**, who has been presented with her certificate and will shortly receive a bank draft from Headquarters. This year's District recipients had the extra task of completing forms for the USA tax authorities before

HQ could arrange issue of their cheques/bank drafts.

### 2009 Jane M Klausman Women in Business Scholarship

The D23 Coordinator **Karen Groves** has advised that the judging of the District 23 JMK Scholarship has been completed and the recipient is **Angela Sawyer**, whose application will now be sent to Headquarters for international judging. The recipient's application was received as a combined Area 3 application through the University of Western Australia. It would be fabulous for more clubs to publicise this award through the many universities and accounting firms who would probably have contact with undergraduates in universities in each State.

### Honorary Membership of District 23

Some club Minutes refer to **Her Excellency Ms Quentin Bryce** as accepting "Honorary Membership of Zonta International" or "Honorary Zonta Club Membership". Whilst we look forward to our GG being honoured as a Zonta International Honorary Member, in

truth she was offered and

accepted Honorary Membership of **District 23**. Wouldn't it be great to receive the news of her ZI honorary member in the future!

### Breast Cushion Publicity

Congratulations to Zonta Club of Adelaide! Well done in achieving an interview on ABC Stateline SA on the club's Breast Cushion project (see p9). Area Directors will have forwarded the following link to clubs for all members to read the text <http://www.abc.net.au/stateline/sa/content/2006/s2598118.htm>.

### Annual Reports

Thank you to all clubs who have sent their Annual Report to me. It is wonderful to read about the projects completed by your committees, interesting events held, and inspiring guest speakers. The reports illustrate that we have some very creative members!

### District 23 Conference 2011

As you will all have heard from your Area Director, the District 23 Board voted to accept the submission by the **ZC of Melbourne on Yarra to host the 2011 Conference in Melbourne**. We are very grateful to ZI



## From the District Governor continued

President-Elect Dianne Curtis who notified us that she has selected **7-9 October 2011** for the District 23 Conference, which will not clash with the AFL Grand Final!

### 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary logo

Clubs and Districts are permitted to use the ZI 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary logo which can be downloaded from the ZI website, **but only until 31 December 2009.**



So please keep this in mind when using on newsletters, flyers and other publicity.

### ZI website coming!

Past ZI President Val Sarah reports: “**Shilpi Kumar** is the new in-house webmaster, and is building the new website on the existing IMIS system. She is a graphic designer, so will have the required skills to create a website which is stylish, up-to-date, and user-friendly.” Her experience will soon bear fruit and it promises to be a website we can all look forward to *delving* into for news, resources and PR purposes!

### International Projects & Awards

It is rewarding to see some newsletters and club meetings drawing attention to the international service projects funded by donations from clubs and individual members to the Zonta International Foundation.

At some club meetings they have a “Zonta Awareness” slot (5 minutes) to remind members of the wonderful international projects and awards which we support by giving 1/3 of service funds raised. You will find a lot of information and reports on our 2008-10 Service Projects and ZISVAW projects on the ZI website.

### International Committees – appointments and changes

ZI President Beryl Sten has advised the following appointments/changes to international committees decided during the Board Meetings in June, which is published on the ZI website.

- **Jane Wilson O-Brien**, of District 24 will take over as the Chairman of the Organization, Membership and Classification committee and Sally Bean, Past Governor of District 6, will join as a new member of this Committee.
- **Elisabeth Kofler Shuman**, member of the ZC of New York, is appointed member of the UN Committee in New York.
- **Patricia Palm**, who has served during two biennia as ZI Parliamentarian (you may remember Patti at the Melbourne Convention), is appointed member of the Bylaws and Resolutions Committee.
- **Judy Johnston**, who has served as ZI Acting Executive Director, is appointed member of the Public Relations and Communications Committee.
- **Ida K Koutstaal** is appointed member of the ZI Foundation

Finance Committee.

- **Jacqueline Beaudry**, Past Governor of District 6, is appointed Chairman of the ZI Foundation Development Committee.

Congratulations and a bouquet of Zonta roses to Mornington Peninsula Club who will celebrate 25 Years of Zonta Service to their Community, and Zonta World on August 20<sup>th</sup>. A big thank you to all members for your commitment to Zonta and women of the world.



Shoot for the moon. Even if you miss it will land you among the StarZ!

It takes the power of one to conceive an idea, but it takes *teamwork* to bring it to fruition.

I look forward to welcoming and meeting you in Ballarat for the District 23 Conference where we will celebrate ...

*Successful  
Teamwork  
Advocating women's  
Rights through  
Zonta.*

Alison Martin

## 10<sup>th</sup> Biennial District 23 Conference

September 25-27, 2009

Mercure Ballarat

Hotel & Convention Centre,  
Ballarat, Victoria



Successful  
Teamwork  
Advocating women's  
Rights through  
Zonta

Visit the District 23 Website,  
[www.zontadistrict23.org](http://www.zontadistrict23.org)  
for more conference information.

### Zonta International Honorary Member Corazon Aquino Dies

Former Philippines Republic President and Zonta International Honorary Member **Corazon Aquino** died early Saturday, August 1, 2009 in Manila.

Aquino, a beloved democracy icon who swept away a dictator and inspired non-violent resistance to autocratic rule, was the keynote speaker at the Zonta International Convention in Hong Kong in 1992.

On November 8, 1919, Marian de Forest gathered a group of like minded women who held prominent roles in the professional world at the Hotel Statler in Buffalo, New York to form the Zonta Club of Buffalo. Zonta was founded and thrived under the inspirational leadership of Ms. De Forest as President of the Zonta Club of Buffalo and second President of the Confederation of Zonta Clubs, comprised of nine clubs, which later became Zonta International with the incorporation of Toronto in 1927.



In one of her early speeches Marian explained, “Zonta stands for the highest standards in the business and professional world, seeks cooperation rather than competition, and considers the Golden Rule not only good ethics but good business”.

The Marian de Forest Membership and Classification Manual is as relevant today as it was in 1919! It can be downloaded at <http://www.zonta.org>, then click on Member Resources>Membership Recruitment and Retention>Manual.

The manual defines how the club OMC (Organization Membership Committee) Chairman and the committee can ensure success in the club’s membership goals. It focuses on the aspects of membership development and classification as well the precise steps to retain and recruit Zontians.

The following are 10 excerpts from the manual that will help you as you work on your upcoming membership goals for our new fiscal year:

- In the 1929 booklet “Why Classification?” it states: “A classified club such as Zonta seeks not quantity of membership, but the highest quality and greatest variety in the business and professional life of the community in which it exists, making it an honor to be chosen as the most worthwhile representative of a classification.”
- Every club member is considered a member of the club OMC Committee, always on the lookout for potential members.
- It is better to give the proposed member a clear picture of what is expected of a member; then you will know you have a Zontian committed to the ZI ideals.
- Recruiting involves enthusiasm.
- To be invited to membership, a candidate shall be actively engaged in or have experience in a recognized business or profession in a decision-making capacity.
- Members tend to stay in a club if they feel welcome and enjoy

the friendship of other members. Only if members work together to recruit and retain members will the club be successful.

- No one person can be responsible for the success or failure of a ZI club.
- When a member resigns, it is suggested that a letter of acknowledging the resignation be sent with a brief questionnaire for the Zontian to complete. (See manual for a sample.)
- The contents of international and district newsletters should be read and discussed at club meetings.
- Annual reminders are important. At the commencement of each ZI year, all members should receive a summary of their responsibilities including dues for the upcoming year, attendance and club committee participation.

This is a brief sample of the information that will help your clubs achieve your goals of membership and, most important, retain your current members. I encourage all of you, in particular the leadership of each club, to take a look at the Marian de Forest Membership Manual and see how easy membership can be if we return to our own history!

To read more about Ms. de Forest’s very interesting and prolific life you can read her biography on <http://www.zonta.org/site/DocServer/MariandeForestBiography.pdf?docID=701>

## District 23 Website

- Are you experienced in the Adobe Dreamweaver program—or willing to learn
- Do you want to take up the challenge of ensuring our website is up to date and relevant documents are uploaded?

For more information on this very important role please contact the District Governor via [alison.martin@telstra.com](mailto:alison.martin@telstra.com).



# Z Club and Golden Z Club Report

Debbie Schmidt  
Z Clubs and Golden Z Clubs

## **Zonta Club of Alice Springs – Anzac Hill High School**

The Z Club at Anzac Hill High School is the longest running of our Z Clubs. It works closely with the Red Cross on a number of activities including running a Breakfast Club that provides breakfast for students at a local primary school.

## **Zonta Club of Melbourne's West – Mt St Joseph Girl's College**

This club has been quiet for 2009, however members are getting organised again with Birthing Kit Assembly days and fundraising activities being organised for late in Term 3 and Term 4.

## **Zonta Club of Bendigo – Girton Grammar School**

Current membership is 20-25 girls predominantly in years 7-10. The girls meet fortnightly. Fundraising this year has been through a Term 2 social when the Z Club sold drinks and snacks. The money raised will go towards several projects.

The girls will also help the Bendigo Zonta Club with packing the Birthing Kits in September and will assist with the Open Gardens and Zonta Christmas Market in November, as well as undertaking other activities within their school.

## **Golden Z Clubs**

There have also been two Golden Z Clubs in recent years, one at Victoria University and one at Queens College in Melbourne, however my understanding is that these clubs are not currently active.

## **New Clubs**

There is a possibility of two new clubs being chartered this year which is an exciting prospect. I would like to thank those clubs involved in chartering new clubs as it is time consuming and members are to be commended.

Our Z Club/Golden Z Club members of today could be our Zontians of the future.

# Angela Sawyer—the winner of the 2009 Jane M Klausman Women in Business Scholarship in District 23

Karen Groves  
D23 Coordinator,  
Jane M Klausman  
Women in Business Scholarship

The selection process has been completed and I am happy to announce the results. There were three nominations received again this year – thank you to the Zonta Club of Bendigo, the Zonta Club of Adelaide Flinders and Area 3 for supporting this award.

Angela Sawyer, the Area 3 nomination, has been selected as this year's District 23 winner of the Jane M Klausman Women in Business Scholarship.

She is currently studying at the University of WA, doing a combined degree in the faculties of Life and Physical Sciences and Economics and Commerce. Her major fields of study are Corporate Finance, International Business, Economics, Money and Banking as well as Anatomy, Human Biology and Physiology. Upon completion of her studies, Angela wishes to be employed in the finance or banking area.

She stated that "the research and analytical skills obtained from the (science) degree will be a vital asset to any career in business".

She believes that women are under-represented in both the science and business worlds and is determined to make a difference through her contributions in her future career. Angela's academic achievements have placed her in the top 5% of students in these courses.

Angela has worked for a financial software and investment research company during her university studies, which has given her additional focus and experience in planning her future. As a portfolio representative with the company, she has shown an advanced understanding of complex taxation issues and developed excellent process skills, enhancing customer experience with the company.

In her spare time, she is working towards the Silver Standard of the Duke of Edinburgh Award, is studying French at TAFE and undertakes leadership activities with her church and Pathfinders, an outdoors youth group.

Congratulations to Angela – her application forms have now been sent to Zonta International for consideration for one of the twelve ZI awards.

## **Note for your diary!**

Planning holidays in Victoria next year? Why not join members of the

**Zonta Club of Frankston**  
for their  
**30<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebrations**  
on

Sunday 6th June 2010

at the

Peninsula Golf Club,  
Frankston

12.00 pm for 12.30 pm

Three course lunch

Cost \$45

Drinks at bar prices

RSVP before

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2010 to

PO Box 550, Frankston 3199

or call

Colleen Wheeler (03) 9789 2532

# Young Women in Public Affairs Awards District 23 Recipient 2009

Bianca Heaney  
D23 YWPA Coordinator.

Congratulations to Ditzza Teng who has been chosen as the District 23 recipient of the YWPA Award for 2009. Ditzza was nominated by the Zonta Club of Perth Northern Suburbs. The club members must also be congratulated as they run an excellent program and members are very committed to ensure it's ongoing success. Well done to all of you.



DG Alison Martin presented Ditzza Teng with the D23 YWPA Award at a special Gala Dinner hosted by the Zonta Club of Perth Northern Suburbs

The D23 Evaluating Committee members were very impressed with the number of outstanding applications received. They would also like to thank the clubs for running this wonderful program and providing the opportunity for young women to be recognised within their communities.

Ditzza Teng was chosen for many reasons and in particular for her volunteer leadership achievements and dedication to the advancement of the status of women. Ditzza's dream is to become a paediatrician on completing her study of medicine at the University of Western Australia. Once she has achieved this she hopes to travel to disadvantaged countries and provide medical assistance.

She is actively involved in community work and with organisations such as Young Christian Students, World Vision, Make Poverty History, Anglicare and Firstlight.



She enjoys working with children and hopes to make a difference in their life by getting more involved with programs run at her church. Working with volunteer organisations has also given her the opportunity to see the difference these organisations can make to many lives.

As a student at Morley Senior High School she was a House Captain in 2008, Peer Support Leader in 2006-07, Peer Mediator 2005-08 and Young Christian Students Group Leader in 2007. She organised and conducted a Make Poverty History camp for high school students in 2007 as well as a high school transition camp in 2008. She was highly regarded by the teachers and students at her school.

We wish Ditzza every success in achieving her dreams. She is an excellent role model to her peers and is very deserving of this award.

The YWPA program considers and awards young women not for their academic or sport 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 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.

## Nominating Committee

Julie Wiltshire  
Chairman, Nominating Committee

All clubs have now received the Call to Conference package which includes the Slate of Candidates for 2010-2012.

Thank you to all the candidates for nominating for positions on the District 23 Board and Nominating Committee for 2010-2012.

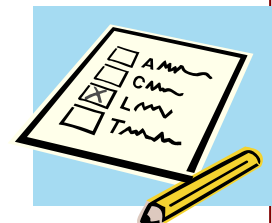
As you will notice we still require nominations for the positions of Area 1 Director and Nominating Committee.

Zontians interested in any position on the Board or Nominating Committee are still eligible to nominate from the Conference floor.

Those interested in standing from the floor will require their nomination to be proposed and seconded.

Candidates will still have the opportunity to speak during the

Meet the Candidates business session.



It is pleasing that so many Zontians have put their names forward on the slate of candidates for the new biennium, as it gives all Zonta clubs a great choice.

Congratulations.

July has seen our project reach more national media.

- The Sydney Morning Herald and West Australian newspaper on July 15 had an article about the visit from Afghanistan of the expelled Afghan MP, Malalai Joya, and included a few words about how volunteers in Australia gather to send thousands of birthing kits.
- On Stateline (ABC), on Friday July 17 there was a screening of the Birthing Kit segment involving students from Adelaide High School. The section was beautifully done and the kids were great - enthusiastic and talked about the fact that they had received feedback from Sudan. The transcript is on [www.abc.net.au/stateline/sa/content/2006/s2630714.htm](http://www.abc.net.au/stateline/sa/content/2006/s2630714.htm)
- On July 25 Geraldine Doogue spoke on the Birthing Kit project on ABC radio.

The 8 UN Millennium Development Goals are the focus for overseas aid work worldwide.

## The Birthing Kit Project addresses 4 UN Millennium Development Goals

- Improve maternal health (MDG 5)
- Reduce child mortality (MDG 4)
- Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases (MDG 6)
- Promote gender equality and empower women (MDG 3)

Most members understand how there is a reduction in child mortality and an improvement in maternal health through use of our kits and the reduction in infections.

We believe education is one of the prime ways to empower women. The birth attendants who attend our 3 and 5 day training program are empowered as their status in the community grows on returning to their villages to train other women. In Ethiopia some birth attendants after the training stopped Female Genital Circumcision. The desire for education is universal. At the Massai Mara training seminar in Kenya, 400 women wanted training, however, we could only afford to train 40.

We also believe that the kits reduce the likelihood of spreading infections

like tetanus, and viruses like HIV, through the provision of a clean blade for each birth. Some blades previously were used for several births. Our agents in Kenya, Ethiopia and Vietnam also noted that many HIV infected women received no assistance in childbirth as birth attendants were worried about catching the disease. The gloves enabled birth attendants to once again be comfortable assisting these women.

The BKFA board understands that some clubs may have problems with the restrictions to only 1000 kits per club especially with many schools coming on board with enthusiastic students. We sadly regret that due to funding, and for the maximum number of clubs to be involved in the project, this decision was made. If your club is in this situation please let Kristen know so that if the demand is great, and new funds arrive, we may be able reconsider our position.

We thank all the clubs for their continued support. It has been very reassuring to receive so many assembly days booked.

We look forward to seeing you at the Conference.

## UNIFEM Australia turns 20 this month!

Joanne Metzger,  
D23 United Nations Chairman

A Gala Dinner will be hosted by Tanya Plibersek, Minister for the Status of Women, at Old Parliament House Canberra on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> August. Dr Ines Alberdi, Executive Director of UNIFEM will be the key note speaker at the event. Ms Alberdi has worked for more than 25 years on gender issues, served in politics and was previously a Professor of Sociology at Madrid University.



Ms Alberdi, UNIFEM Executive Director, (left) and Joanne Metzger.

### UNIFEM Spring Campaign 2009

The Annual Spring Walks now include information and film nights. The Campaign seeks to raise awareness and funding for a project in **Liberia** which ensures food

security and economic opportunities for women and their families. Women in many developing countries are responsible for climatically sensitive tasks such as securing food, water and energy which ensure the well-being of a household.

Women are responsible for 60 - 80% of the food produced in developing countries and they achieve this despite unequal access to land, information and technology. The *Spring Campaign* coincides with the *Global Climate Change Week* starting on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> of September, the UN International Day of Peace. This week focuses upon the *Seal the Deal Campaign* urging all Governments to negotiate a fair, balanced agreement in Copenhagen in December.

If your club is taking part in a UNIFEM event, please email me at [michael.metzger@bigpond.com](mailto:michael.metzger@bigpond.com).

# Zonta International Foundation

Beryl McMillan  
ZIF Ambassador

The Foundation supports:

- our *international service projects* in Rwanda, in Guatemala and El Salvador, and in Liberia;
- *projects to reduce the incidence of violence against women and girls through ZISVAW*; and
- *awards programs* - Amelia Earhart Fellowships, Jane M Klausman Women in Business Scholarships and Young Women in Public Affairs Awards.

The fundraising goals set for District 23 by our Board specify that:

- every club in the District should make a contribution to the Foundation of one third of funds raised;
- members consider making an individual donation to the Foundation, no matter how small.



ZC Melton's creative cups raised \$110 at a recent club meeting.

Nearly all District 23 clubs have donated, but we ask that you also ensure that one third of club funds raised for the biennium go to ZIF.

Several clubs have added to their tally by making donations in the names of speakers at events and meetings, or in memory of deceased members.

A number of Zontians across the District have made individual

donations, and my challenge is to see how many clubs can have a donation from each member.

Giving the cost of three or four cups of coffee, which we could all manage without, would make a huge difference to women who are the recipients of our service projects. Of course, for those who can afford a little more, that is most welcome.

The ZC Melton had an interesting variation on this theme at their last meeting. They made little 'cups of coffee', with marshmallows on Tic Toc biscuits and Life Savers cut in halves for the handles. Chocolate sprinkled on top added to the fun.

At Kyneton, members were asked to replace a few coffee beans in an organza bag with a donation – painless and a little bit different!

## Area 1 Report

Metropolitan and East Victoria

Faye Juetz,  
Area 1 Director

Area Directors have a very privileged position within Zonta – the opportunity to get to know their clubs more intimately and liaise with them to strengthen the ties that we have as women and as members of a club where we have the same motives to continue volunteering to improve the lives of others.

During the past months, I have visited Waverley, Melbourne on Yarra and Mornington Zonta Clubs to give talks, carry out inductions and get a feel of the club culture and I continue to be impressed by the small numbers of members giving so many hours to volunteering.

Although verbally quite proficient as many would know, I am unused to being a "guest speaker" so took up the challenge to find a topic and run with it.

Melbourne on Yarra celebrated 43 years of service and prompted me to research the history of the club as their topic and during this research,

found the following:

- The Zonta Club of Melbourne Inc. was chartered on 24th May, 1966 by a diverse and motivated group of 22 women who were sponsored, organised and mentored by the Toronto 1 Club, represented by Dorothy Thompson.
- The Club's initial venue was the Lyceum Club and the membership dues were \$4.00.
- Professions included :
  - Court Reporter
  - Gynaecologist
  - Dental Surgeon
  - Director, Department of Librarianship, RMIT
  - Director, School of Education, University of Melbourne
  - Matron, Royal Victorian Institute for the Blind
  - Principal Speech Therapist, Department of Education, Victoria

In August 2004, members of Zonta Melbourne Yarra transferred to the newly-named "Zonta Club of Melbourne on Yarra" to continue the long history of service to women in their area.

*Suggestion: have a look at the ZI, District and Club websites – there is a wealth of information and history to be seen, including the incredible work done by Dorothy Thompson to set up Zonta clubs across the world.*

**(Note: currently there is much discussion about women joining "men's" clubs – look out Lyceum Club, you will be on the men's radar!!)**

The first club meeting I had attended was **Waverley**, and I tried something new – it was all about **me** and my rise to "fame and fortune" within the Zonta ranks – it went down really well.

## Area 1 Report continued

So to expand on a theme, when invited to **Mornington**, I added another interest I have - working with refugees to assist in their settlement in Australia.

I was delighted when a member quietly mentioned her first hand

experience working in Thailand and the border camps, relating directly to the Burmese Karen refugees I have the privilege of knowing here in our country.

During July, I also had the pleasure of addressing the full assembly at Mt. St. Joseph Girls' College where

we have the **ZC Melbourne's West-sponsored Z Club**. The focus of the presentation was "The Birthing Kit Project", for which the students have raised funds and continue to participate in assembly activities.

Watch out for the next edition: "*Spotlight on ZC Frankston*"

## Area 2 Report

South Australia and Northern Territory

Cintra Amos,  
Area 2 Director

While it has been business as usual for the clubs in Area 2, John and I have been away for two months exploring the Kimberley and surrounds. We certainly had a brilliant time driving the Gibb River Road, visiting The Bungles, Lake Argyle, El Questro, Mitchell Plateau, Mornington Wilderness Camp, Karijini National Park and more. Leaving Adelaide after a particularly stormy night, the warm weather was glorious and we had a great time swimming under waterfalls, in rivers and in the sea. Hiked heaps through the many gorgeous gorges, marvelled at the grotesquely beautiful boabs and admired the crocodiles (from a distance!) Northern West Australia is a fabulous part of our vast country and a visit is highly recommended.

But it's back to reality (and winter!) and clubs are now deliberating conference issues and looking forward to catching up with everyone in Ballarat in September.

### **Adelaide Flinders Exhibits at Breast & Gynaecological Seminar**

Club Breast Cushion Coordinator, Sarah Cunningham, was requested by the Queen Elizabeth Hospital to exhibit cushions at a recent Breast and Gynaecological Seminar. Of course she took the opportunity to promote other Zonta activities with a display of the D23 birthing kits and the Club's Rug Project.



Sue Lear and Dianne Evans at the display

Sue Lear and Dianne Evans advised that there

was great interest in the breast cushions and plenty of positive feedback from breast care nurses, with several comments and questions about "where do they actually come from?"

The birthing kits also generated a lot of interest and we have forwarded information, referred some queries to the BK Foundation, and may have some volunteers for our next assembly day.

All in all the experience was very positive and worthwhile - and we also have a couple of prospects to attend a future club meeting.

### **Port Power Promotes White Ribbon Campaign in Area 2**

Following the recent adverse publicity in the rugby world, AFL team Port Power decided to be proactive and devote some pre-game publicity to saying "No" to

violence against women. Although not White Ribbon Day, (*which is on 25 November-Ed*) it was felt that any publicity is good publicity and that the significance of wearing a white ribbon should be promoted.

The White Ribbon Foundation arranged for Ambassador Derrick McManus to speak to the Members about the Foundation before the game, and we were approached by the White Ribbon Foundation at very short notice to assist by selling white ribbons.

District ZISVAW Coordinator, Anna Siebert, along with her husband John and Sarah Cunningham from Adelaide Flinders, rugged up and rose to the challenge!

They set up outside AAMI Stadium on a very cold and wintry day and sold ribbons to those attending. When it started to rain, they were given grandstand tickets until quarter time when they were taken to seats in the Members' area. At half time they were able to mingle in the Magarey Room and sell more ribbons.

Congratulations Anna, John and Sarah for your efforts! Despite the odds, they managed to raise around \$600 for the Foundation and, more importantly, promoted the "Say NO to Violence against Women" campaign. As Anna commented "even if they didn't buy a ribbon, they heard the message!"

WHITE  
RIBBON

Making violence against women  
a thing of the past

## Area 2 Report continued

### Adelaide

The attached photos were taken during the filming of "Stateline" for ABC TV where the Zonta Club of Adelaide was featured during a Breast Cushion workshop. The program received excellent coverage and Presenter Ian Henscke chipped in by doing some sewing (without pricking his finger!). He also chatted with several Zontians, the breast care nurse and a breast cancer survivor.

Adelaide Club have so far made 2,709 cushions since the project began.

Workshops are held at the home of member Ivanka Jovanovic, and cushions are provided to St Andrew's Hospital in Adelaide.

The success of the program was evident by the many calls received by the Adelaide Club, including some from remote areas, with offers

of help. The club has also been invited by the Breast Care Nurse at St Andrew's to participate in an annual luncheon to promote Zonta and its various projects.



Above: Zontian Tony Zuch supervises Ian Henscke making a cushion. Below: Even the cameraman got in on the act!



## Vale Pat Russell and Judy Simms

It is with the most profound sadness that we advise the loss of our dear member, Pat Russell, who passed away suddenly late last month.

A member of Adelaide Flinders for nearly 24 years, Pat was always the first to volunteer for anything. She was an extremely cheerful, active and generous member and if you were asked to sum her up in one word it would be "optimistic".

Pat's passing has been a shock to our Club, coming so soon after the loss of another dear member, Judy Simms, who passed away in February after a long illness.

Judy was a member of Adelaide Flinders for 6 years and a valuable "quiet achiever" in our Club, especially as our Queen of the Sewing Machine for the Breast Cushion Project.

Both Pat and Judy will be very sadly missed by us all.



Judy Tennant  
Area 3 Director

## Area 3 Report

Western Australia

Over the past few of months, Clubs have held Annual General Meetings and gone through the "changeover period" –the results of which have been the appointment of two new Presidents- Deb Hall, Zonta Club of Swan Hills, and Sue Flower, Zonta Club of Dunsborough. In our remaining four Clubs in Area 3, Presidents have commenced their second term of office.

The "changeover" period has also seen the appointment of new committee chairs, and changes to the membership of the various standing committees. All Clubs have experienced changes to membership including the induction of several new members. This has been pleasing and I have been delighted to have been given the opportunity to induct some of the new vibrant members.

The end of July was the closing date for nominations from Area 3 Clubs for the Woman of Achievement

Award, and I was delighted to receive five excellent nominations. One of the key criteria for this Award is that the nominee must not have been formally recognised in her field of endeavour. With so many Awards and opportunities for acknowledgement in the community these days, this criterion makes this Zonta Award very special.

In the coming weeks I will appoint a judging panel of three judges, two of whom will be non Zontians, and the third, the former Area Director—



Judy Tennant (left) inducts new member Bonnie Kelly at the Zonta Club of Perth's July meeting.

Karen Groves. Whilst all five women will be acknowledged at the Area 3 Founders Day Dinner in November, one winner will be chosen by the judging panel as the overall winner. Her name will be kept under wraps and will be announced at the dinner.

Another presentation will take place at the Founders Day Dinner- the Area 3 Jane M Klausman scholarship recipient, Angela Sawyer who will receive a cheque for \$1,500.

Hot off the press is the announcement by the District 23 Coordinator of the Award, Karen Groves, that Angela has also been named the District 23 Jane M Klausman Scholarship recipient. (See page 4)

All Clubs in Area 3 will be represented at the District Conference in Ballarat in September.

## Areas 1,4 & 5 Workshop Report

Judith Rothe  
Area 4 Director

*This report of the 2 May workshop hosted by ZC Kyneton missed the last News Flash deadline as Judith was in hospital—Ed.*

**Theme:** 'Learn to Lead with Interaction'

**Total attendance:** 110, including 3 guest speakers. All clubs in Areas 1, 4 and 5, except for Albury Wodonga were represented.

The inclusion of Area 5 to the combined Area 1 & 4 Workshop in 2009 was most successful.

Three members from the ZC of Hobart attended and were so inspired with the program and networking of the Workshop they returned to their Club, that was considering disbanding, and rejuvenated their members' interest and decided to continue.

Host club, the ZC of Kyneton, is held in the highest regard by the organisers, and the three Area Directors, for its dedication to detail and excellent support.

Our combined Workshop has given the opportunity for members to:

- network;
  - interact and learn to lead;
  - summarise; and
- return with information and suggestions back into their individual clubs.

My sincere appreciation to Area 1 Director Faye Juetz and Area 3 Director Georgie Hutchinson for their support, input and wonderful assistance leading up to the Workshop.

## Area 4 Report

Western and Northern Victoria

Judith Rothe  
Area 4 Director

Together, clubs in Area 4 have moved into the second year of the biennium as a team, advancing ever forwards to improving the lives of women in our community and the world, keeping in mind the need to increase and retain membership within clubs to accomplish this goal.

### **Albury/Wodonga**

Fundraising was held for the Zonta Roses that were planted by members of the club at Pemberton View Home. A meeting is to be held to discuss the YWPA award program in preparation for the 2010 applications. The club welcomed Margretta Kunzelmann as a new member last month.

### **Ballarat**

The 10th Biennial District 23 Conference "StarZ" is to be held in Area 4 this year in the city of Ballarat in September 2009.

The Zonta Club of Ballarat is the oldest Club in Area 4 and was chartered in 1978. Ongoing work with Breast cushions and toilet bags has also kept members busy.

### **Bendigo**

On 30 July two Zonta Club of Bendigo awards were presented at the Latrobe University Awards night – the Heather Winderlich Award to



*It's all smiles at the IWD event in Geelong*

Holly Crowle and the Jane M Klausman Award for this year is Georgina Pell.

It is wonderful that members are again providing support for the "Jobs with a difference Breakfast" by their attendance and meeting with the young students from the local secondary colleges. Zonta is partnering with *Learning and Community Partnership LCP* on August 7, 2009 at BRIT.

Luncheons are organised for past and present members of the club to attend, the next one to be held is in August 2009 and they provide great fellowship within the club. Former Zonta member Sandra Tunley spoke to the club in July on her many visits to East Timor and her most recent involvement with the Second International Conference of Women for Peace held in Dili earlier this year.

### **Geelong**

In March 2009, the Zonta Club of Geelong held, for the second year, its International Women's Day events with the support of a Community Arts grant from the City of Greater Geelong. The theme: 'Women – A Celebration' encompassed women and their achievements with two very successful events.

The art competition and exhibition was larger than our inaugural event of 2008 with 71 artists submitting 113 artworks in 26 mediums.

A traditional Awards Dinner with a difference was held at the local Kirrewur Court Function and Reception Centre, which was attended by 100 guests.

Three awards and scholarships were presented to young women completing their secondary studies:

- the YWPA (Aleisha Smith);
- the Marianne Zandren Memorial Scholarship for young mothers (Gemma Digby); and
- the Ann Hilda Memorial Scholarship for studying under adverse conditions (Sarah Jolly).

In addition, the Outstanding Woman of Achievement Award, was presented to Lyn McInnes, Aboriginal Liaison Officer with

## Area 4 Report continued



Award recipients at Geelong's Awards Dinner

Barwon Health and the Wathaurong Community.

The club also presented a certificate to the executive members of our newly formed Z Club (at Matthew Flinders Girls Secondary College).

### Kyneton

Thirty-six year 11 students from Sacred Heart College and Kyneton Secondary College made an early start on a bright cool Wednesday morning, on 6th May, to attend the annual Young Women's Breakfast. The YWPA Award was presented to Louise Black from Sacred Heart College.

At the workshop on 2 May attendees were encouraged to give a personal donation to the Zonta International Foundation. It was explained that if everyone gave the cost of three

cups of coffee to the Foundation, they would receive \$10 from each member. Members were asked to forgo three coffees and at our next dinner meeting organza bags were placed at each setting for members to put their coffee money in— a wonderful idea!

A new member for a week, Kath Breen registered and attended the Area 4 Workshop.

### Melton

The Zonta Club of Melton has also taken up the cup of coffee for the ZI Foundation! (See page 7).

The Zonta Club of Melton recently funded an external training Family and Domestic Violence workshop for Police of the Melton and Caroline Springs area. The workshop was coordinated by Acting Sergeant Marilyn Meehan Family Violence Advisor and facilitated by Donna Zander from the Australian Childhood Foundation.

The training provided 15 police members of all ranks and experience levels, an opportunity to enhance their knowledge and improve their response to incidences of family violence. It enabled police

to gain a thorough understanding of the issues that surround family violence.

Melton is also pleased to welcome new member, Barbara Reithofer who



Melton's new member, Barbara Reithofer

feels "...the Club's mission to advance the status of women is a great objective and the various projects are fantastic."

### Wangaratta

A combined Service Clubs Dinner is planned for 13 August at Gateway with Guest Speaker - Judy Lazarus.

"The Relay for life" was a first time project and proved most successful. The Club has been sponsoring a glossy magazine called "Indigo" with a positive message for girls from 10-14 years and promoting it at schools in our area as well as the town library. The club has had some very positive feed back about the magazine.

## Area 5 Report

### Tasmania

Georgie Hutchinson  
Area 5 Director

Over the past three months it has been my pleasure and privilege as Area 5 Director to meet with members of our five clubs and enjoy their hospitality and fellowship. One is always amazed at the commitment and dedication of Zontians, all playing their role in advancing the status of women. Winter has seen a number of clubs with reduced numbers as members take holidays in warmer climates, but it is an active time for clubs as they plan future events.

### Service

Following the combined workshop with Areas 1 and 4, Queenborough Club initiated an involvement with the Melbourne Zoo's mobile phone recycling programme. Members have started their collection and

other Area 5 clubs are making contributions as well.

Queenborough has developed community partnerships to help assemble its birthing kits. 300 birthing kits were assembled at the Clarendon Neighbourhood Centre and another other 300 birthing kits will be assembled in conjunction with



Hobart's President Ronda McIntyre with other members at a Breast Cushion working bee.

Huonville High School. Devonport and Launceston have had assembly days postponed because of supply, but have plans for a combined assembly day on 14 November to which Hobart East is making a financial contribution. Devonport is continuing to provide lunches twice a year at the Orana Respite Centre.



A5 Director, Georgie Hutchinson makes her first breast cushion with Pene Thornton.

## Area 5 Report continued

**Hobart East** continues to have its Breast Cushion sewing days every two months where they enjoy great fellowship. I had my very first experience with sewing Breast Cushions when I visited the home of **Hobart's** Sally Walker. What a busy, fun time that was, and I thoroughly recommend Sally's delicious home-made soup!

### **Credibility and Visibility**

**Queenborough's** Pam Brigden is representing Zonta at an Expo run by the Tasmanian Association of Community Houses. The Zonta Club of **Devonport** held an enjoyable fundraiser at the Indian Affair curry restaurant. There were two sittings and the service

provided by the Zonta waitresses was outstanding! Publicity was excellent and the proceeds of this venture will go towards providing a wheelchair swing at a special school.

### **Membership**

**Hobart East** welcomed a new member, Adrienne O'Leary when she was inducted by Past Area 5 Director, Odile Glenn. The club's Membership Review of current and past members is now complete and ready to be discussed and with some ideas being implemented. **Devonport** has also welcomed Cheryl Collins and has a number of prospective members attending meetings. **Launceston** has welcomed Tania Skeggs as a new member.

### **Pictorial History Display for Conference**

- Select one club event that shows Zonta in Action from the last biennium.
- Select a photo or a group of images that give the taste of the event.
- Put them together to make an A3 or A4 sized poster.
- Email to zontaperth@yahoo.com.au OR post to D23 Display, Zonta Club of Perth, PO Box 237, Nedlands WA 6909.
- Closing date **31 August 2009**. See instructions circulated to clubs.
- Images will be used for a PowerPoint@ slideshow to show between sessions and posters will be laminated for a static display.

## Diary

Date	Event
31 August	Closing date for photos of events for D23 Conference Pictorial History send to zontaperth@yahoo.com.au (see above).
21 September	UN International Day of Peace
24 September	Presidents' Reception on the eve of the D23 Conference in Ballarat.
<b>25-27 September</b>	<b>D23 Conference, Mercure Ballarat Hotel &amp; Convention Centre.</b>
15 October	Announcement of Zonta International Jane M Klausman Women in Business Scholarship recipients.
20 October	Articles for October News Flash due today
24 October	United Nations Day
26 October	Pink Ribbon Day
8 November	Zonta International's 90th Birthday
25 November to 10 December	International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women— White Ribbon Day followed by 16 Days of Activism Against Gender violence
1 December	World AIDS Day
10 December	UN Universal Human Rights Day
25 –30 June	ZI Convention, San Antonio, Texas.

## Change of Details

- **District Conference Treasurer**, Fiona MacDowall has changed her email to jfmacdowall@optusnet.com.au
- **Alice Springs Secretary**, Samantha Moore's (previously Phillips) new email is sammooore1978@hotmail.com
- **Ballarat's website address** is now www.zontaballarat.com
- **Bendigo Secretary**, Bernadette Wood's email should read bwood03@bigpond.com
- **Devonport Treasurer**, Vicki Carman-Brown's email should read VCarman-Brown@devonport.tas.gov.au
- **Hobart President**, Ronda McIntyre's email should read rondamcintyre@aus.salvationarmy.org
- **Hobart Treasurer**, Christine Roden's email is christineroden@bigpond.com
- **Melbourne on Yarra's new Treasurer** is Samantha Woodward samyj01@optusnet.com.au
- **Peel Treasurer**, Dawn Simmonds' email should read daw\_daw@bigpond.com
- **Wangaratta Club and Club Secretary** Diane Ash's emails are both phildi1326@bigpond.com.au

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