



Zonta International District 23 Inc

Advancing the Status of Women Worldwide

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CONFERENCE NEWSLETTER NO.4



Hello everyone!

Spring is almost here and so is the D23 Conference in Melbourne. Can you believe it - there are only 5 weeks to go!

Our conference theme is "Zonta – Raising the Stakes" with the focus on:

- developing women's leadership potential;
- mentoring members to take on leadership roles;
- sustainable membership;
- instilling confidence in/ motivating members to actively promote Zonta; and
- raising awareness in the community of Zonta and its role in improving the status of women.

The standard registration fee of \$375 applies until 24 September 2011. Registrations received after 24 September incur a \$100 late registration penalty. So don't miss the boat!!

If you haven't been to a District Conference before, I encourage you to attend this one as it is the perfect opportunity to broaden your understanding of Zonta and to meet Zontians from across Australia.

The D23 website conference page has all the information you need to register. It contains the 'Register Now!' conference flyer which sets out how to register for conference online; the non-online registration form and the accommodation booking form. Please refer to the D23 website ASAP to download the relevant information.



Conference Program

The conference program is really taking shape and we are very excited about our inspirational keynote speakers:

- Launa Inman is the Managing Director of Target and will be addressing the topic of developing teams and the effectiveness of teamwork to 'raise the stakes'.
- Mark McKeon is one of Australia's leading work life balance advocates. He will focus on wellbeing and successful leadership.
- Dr Louise Mahler is an opera singer who will address the development of leadership and presentation skills in a very different way.

We also have the following Zonta Award winners as guest speakers:

- Lauren Burns - 2010 Amelia Earhart Fellow
- Emma Lewis - 2011 D23 YWPA Award winner

Our workshop facilitators are all Zontians with relevant expertise in the workshop topics. The workshops are sure to be interactive and engaging.

11th District 23 Conference

**Friday to Sunday
7-9 October 2011**

**The Sebel &
Citigate Albert Park
65 Queens Road
Melbourne**





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Social Events

Friday Night - Dine Out

Robyn Scholes, Area 1 Director and Conference Events Coordinator has put together (*S*)table Selection, a list of dine out options for you to consider. They are set out in the attached document.

If you are interested in signing up in advance for any of the options suggested, please let Robyn know by Friday 25 September.



Saturday Evening Conference Dinner

The conference dinner will take on *A Night at the Races* theme where you can step out in style and show your true colours. Food, drinks and live entertainment are all included and to add some fun to the evening there will be a hat parade.

Can't decide what sort of hat to wear? Hat? Fascinator? Should you choose the hat or the outfit first? Hmm....

Well, to help you decide, prizes will be awarded for the best hats in the following categories: Elegant; Elaborate; Fun and Just for HIM.

It occurred to us, some of you may find it awkward to bring a hat in your luggage. As we don't want you to ruin a good hat, a limited selection of hats will be available for hire on the night and it will be pot luck and of course, first in best dressed.

Other Key Information

Parking

Sebel Hotel parking (entry from Lorne Street)

Early bird entry is between 6.30 and 8am, with exit between 3 and 7pm. The rate is \$12. The 24 hour rate, with either entry or exit outside early bird hours, is \$16. The \$16 is 'per exit'. Valet parking is \$27.50.

Wilson Parking, cnr Queen's Lane and Lorne Street (entry from Queen's Lane, diagonally opposite the back entrance of the Sebel).

Early bird entry (between 6 and 10am) is \$9. You have to get a ticket as normal from the machine at the entrance, park on the rooftop (only place for early bird parkers) and collect a follow up ticket from the attendant there. On exit, follow the instructions and insert both tickets to secure the \$9 rate. The normal day rate (other than early bird) is \$27.

Street parking

There is free parking available in Lorne Street and St Kilda Road after 6pm on Friday and all day Saturday and Sunday. No parking is permitted on Queens Road.

Airport shuttle bus

The hotel does not provide a shuttle service but there are a number of commercial services available such as Jetbus which provide a shuttle service from the airport to the hotel and return. For more information visit the website www.jetbus.com.au

Public transport is also available.

There is free public transport for Victorian Seniors card holders from 2 – 9 October.

Information about Melbourne

The website www.thatsmelbourne.com.au will give you more information about Melbourne. It contains 50 page guide to Melbourne called 'Uncover the Best Kept Secrets' and a variety of maps.

Rain, hail or shine - you can experience it all in Melbourne! So come along and enjoy it all!

Jasmine Koch

Chairman, Conference Committee