



DISTRICT 23

NEWS FLASH !!

August 2004

Dear District 23 Zontians,

'Welcome home' to those who travelled to New York for the 57th Zonta International Convention. It was the largest ever Zonta Convention, with 2,873 members and guests registered from 59 countries. After the United States, Australia had the 4th largest group with 95 registered from Districts 23 and 24.

Sadly, Past Area 4 Director Mary Mulvahil (Bendigo) passed away just before Convention. A strong contingent of District 23 members attended the Convention Memorial service, and later made a donation to the ZI Rose Fund in memory of Mary.

Convention was exciting, inspirational and great fun. Club delegates and proxy holders have come home with lots of current information to share with you at club meetings. Since our District will host the next International Convention we all came home with lots of ideas and pages of notes.

Many of us met Mary Ellen Bittner at our District 23 Conference in Bunbury or on her visit to Melbourne to begin planning for Convention 2006, so we took a special interest and pleasure in her installation as Zonta International President 2004-2006.

Delegates to Convention 2004 endorsed the Theme and Goals proposed by International President Mary Ellen Bittner. These follow closely the International Theme and Goals for 2002-2004, providing continuity that will be helpful for clubs and districts. At our first meeting, in September, District Board will consider the actions District 23 might take to implement these goals.

Theme:

Advancing the Status of Women Worldwide

International Goals:

- **Focus on our Mission.**

Club reporting from 2002-2004 showed that District 23 clubs are already concentrating service and advocacy efforts on projects that aim to advance the status of women. Jenny Weaver, chairman of the Status of Women Service committee and Barbara Spring, Service coordinator will help clubs to continue this focus through the new Biennium.

- **Combine Service and Advocacy**

Marilyn Piper will continue in the role of District Legislative Awareness and Advocacy Coordinator. Each club has a copy of the *District 23 Advocacy Kit* filed in the *Handbook for Club Presidents*.

Kay Poustie, Past District 23 Governor, has been appointed to the Zonta International Status of Women Service Committee as Legislative Awareness and Advocacy Coordinator for the 2004-2006 biennium.

- **Recruit, Retain, Rejuvenate**

Members who attended Convention certainly came home rejuvenated. Their enthusiasm is highly infectious and should be passed on. Lt Governor Beryl McMillan will work with District Centurions Ellen Cox, Pauline Burton and Margaret Bird to help club membership committees recruit new members and support current members.

Each club has a copy of an excellent new resource the **Public Relations Toolkit**. Published recently by Zonta International, the 'toolkit' has good advice for improved communication within Zonta and to the community.

Nan Martella is our District PR Chairman for this Biennium, reporting to International PR Chairman Dawn Newman. They have co-opted us all as members of the Public Relations Team.

- **Support the Z I Service Program Goals**

International President Mary Ellen Bittner asks us to expand our support for international service programs by contributing as clubs and as individuals to the Zonta International Foundation. In the last Biennium every District 23 club made a donation to the Foundation. Our contributions totalled a record \$AUD \$89,649: this significant increase in our contributions was formally recognised at Convention.

Past District Governor Liz Woodgate is our link to the Zonta International Foundation as District 23 Foundation Ambassador for 2004-2006.

2004-2006 International Service Projects

Convention 2004 voted to support a new Project, with CARE International in Niger and to continue support for the *STAR Network anti -trafficking* project and the Afghanistan *Improving women's lives* project. Details of these projects and details of the International Goals are published on the ZI web site.

Bylaw Changes

A brief outline of changes made at Convention is now posted on the ZI web site. The complete revised Bylaws will be distributed in the October club mailing.

International Liaison.

In New York I was delighted to meet our International Board Liaison Dandy Gomez from the Philippines. Dandy is looking forward to visiting Melbourne for Convention 2006.

Convention 2006:

We certainly WOWed them in New York! Convention Committee Chairman Naomi Arnold and International President Mary Ellen Bittner formally invited Zontians to join us in Melbourne in June 2006. On stage the Committee looked stunning in pink Liz Davenport jackets draped with dramatic pink and orange scarves. We received lots of compliments.

District 23, District 24 and District 16 Zontians did a fantastic job staffing our Convention 2006 Information Booth, handing out koalas, travel brochures and good advice. Special silk scarves in Convention 2006 colours identified District 23 Zontians. As delegates left the final session they were given fridge magnets carrying the Convention logo and dates. We hope these will be a constant reminder of Melbourne 2006 on fridges across the world for the next 2 years.

District 23 Conference 2005

Our 2005 District Conference will be held in SA, from Saturday October 1 – Monday October 3, to tie in with a public holiday in SA and WA. **The venue will be the Stamford Grand, Glenelg.** Barossa Valley Novotel was unable to provide appropriate facilities for our Conference and the fact that the weekend clashed with the Barossa Music Festival presented added difficulties that were not evident some months ago.

District 23 brochure: the new brochure reflects the Convention 2006 logo and design. Bundles have been distributed to clubs and additional supplies may be ordered from Area Directors or the District Secretary.

Thank You, to Liz Woodgate and the 2002-2004 District Team, and to outgoing Club presidents and office bearers for your strong and supportive leadership in our District over the past 2 years.

Congratulations to Fay Kairn (Bendigo) and Lois Green (Storm Bay): their OAM awards for community service were announced in the Queen's Birthday Honours list.

Congratulations to those of you taking on leadership roles at District and Club level for 2004-2006, I wish you well in your new roles and look forward to working with you through the new biennium.

*Ronda Walker
District 23 Governor*

STOP PRESS – the latest news

The Zonta Club of the Adelaide Hills Area Inc has just received confirmation of a grant from AusAID for \$113,000 for the next 12 months and \$200,000 for the following year, to support the Zonta Birthing Kit Project on a National basis. AusAID funding will support coordination of the purchase of materials for the kits, delivery of supplies to clubs and transport of kits to their overseas destinations.

DISTRICT 23 OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

Governor:	Ronda Walker	Kyneton
Lt. Governor:	Beryl McMillan	Melb CBD
Secretary:	Ann Horrocks	Bendigo
Treasurer:	Joyce O'Loughlin	Peel
Area 1 Director:	Elizabeth Davis	Mornington P
Area 2 Director:	Dr Pauline Glover	Adel. Flinders
Area 3 Director:	Dianne Bryant	Perth N.Sub.
Area 4 Director:	Stella Coffey	Ballarat
Area 5 Director:	Jill Taylor	Storm Bay

Organisation, Extension, Membership & Classification:

Lieut Governor Beryl McMillan. (Chair)	Melb CBD
Centurion Pauline Burton	Fleurieu Pen
Centurion Dr Ellen Cox	Bunbury
Centurion Margaret Bird	Storm Bay

Status of Women / Service:

Jenny Weaver (Chairman) Adel. Torrens

Program Coordinators:

Amelia Earhart	Dr A Perlesz	Kyneton
YWPA & Klausman	Mary Pocock	Hobart
Z Club	Constance Price	Alice Springs
ZISVAW	Sandra Burns	Bendigo
L.A. & Advocacy	Marilyn Piper	Perth
Service	Barbara Spring	Mornington P

United Nations : Jasmine Koch (Chair) Melb. Yarra

Public Relations:

Nan Martella (Chairman)	Bunbury
Newsletter editor Marg Dearthcott	Kyneton
Website coordinator Melinda Young	Melb. CBD
District photographer Sally Gordon	Adel. Torrens

Nominating Committee:

Alison Martin. (Chairman)	Perth N Sub.
Val Davis	Mornington P.
Marie Hinkly	Para Districts

Foundation Ambassador: Liz Woodgate Peel

District Conference Chairman:

Jean van Driel Noarlunga S V

District Archivist: Margaret Medcalf Perth

By laws, Parliamentary & Legal Adviser:

Kate McQueeney Storm Bay

District Merchandise Coordinator:

Margaret Rowland Adel. Flinders

District Project Coordinators:

Breast Cushion Project:

Barbara Baldock Noarlunga S V
Sarah Cunningham Adel. Flinders

Birthing Kit Project:

Dr Julie Monis-Ivett Adelaide Hills
Dr Joy O'Hazy Adelaide Hills