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District Governor thanks clubs

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Reports From Clubs

Thank you to the 32 of our 38 District 23 clubs that submitted their first club reports of the biennium for collation and sending to ZI. As was reported to you initially, this is the beginning of a new form of what it is believed will be much more accurate reporting which in turn will be useful for us to advocate on behalf of women, develop partnerships within our local and international communities, write submissions, apply for grants, have the media take note.....

As it was the first time the form developed by ZI (and trialled for a time in District 16) had been used, it was not unexpected that, across many languages and cultures, there could be some difficulties with it.

To paraphrase our International President Livie Ferry, completing the quarterly report helps clubs to:

- keep track of progress achieved by your club for the past 3 months
- review risks and limitations that could impact on the club's attainment of its biennial goals
- re-examine allocation of resources if required

- collect information for problem solving and decision-making

- obtain up-to-date membership, service and advocacy statistics and other useful data for membership recruitment and PR.

Highlights from D23 clubs in our first report

Congratulations and thanks:

- to the 32 clubs that reported. This is one of the highest proportions across the Zonta world, so I thank you sincerely;
- to ZC Melbourne's West, the first club to submit its report;
- to Areas 4 and 5, where 100% of clubs responded.

After Area Directors had discussed the form with Presidents, clubs worked in different ways to complete it. My impression from anecdotal reports is that the clubs that had the least difficulty with the form were those where it was completed at a Board meeting, not where one member had total responsibility for collecting/chasing up the information.

Some clubs have reported that they have 'Update of data for club report' as an agenda item for each meeting, taking just a couple of minutes for each committee to report. In other clubs, committees are keeping tally so that a collation for each reporting period is

quick.

I have already had comments from some clubs that they believe their reporting will be more accurate than the figures previously provided for the Footprint of Service.

Resulting from feedback after the first set of reports were submitted, the form has been revised in the hope that it will be easier and clearer for clubs to use in the future. Area Directors will again work with clubs on the next round with the revised form.

Please remember that the second quarterly report (September to November 2006 figures) is due on 15 December. It should be sent to your Area Director and the District Governor.

Results from across the Zonta world

I have received a report from President Olivia Ferry thanking clubs for completing their first quarterly returns and highlighting the crucial need to identify and assess ZI's global efforts to advance the status of women. Livie noted that quite a number of clubs did not report the first time, but still the aver-

age contribution per member was 1.96 hours of service, and US\$14.76 in fundraising. That's a staggering 62,886 service hours and US\$472,951 in just three months!

Beryl McMillan
District Governor

Hours of Service

June to August 2006

Service towards improving women's health: 1846 hrs

Service towards improving women's education: 137 hrs

Service towards improving women's economic status: 74 hrs

Service towards preventing violence against women: 84 hrs

Service which enhances women's self esteem: 228 hrs

Other not within the above categories: 100 hrs

Total service hours: 2469 hrs

This works out at 3.85 hours per member covered by the report (or 3.24 hours per member across the District).

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What happens to club reports? DG Explains....

Let me explain the process after club reports are submitted.

The District Governor provides to ZI a collation of all club reports, along with comments in response to a number of other questions from ZI. My report is sent to ZI Headquarters and to our ZI Board Liaison Bonny Schumacher who is in a position to report at the ZI board meeting on highlights and/or issues raised by the three Districts with which she liaises. Thus summaries and highlights from the entire Zonta world can be reported by all International Directors at ZI Board meetings.

Part of my report is a collation of the information clubs have submitted about service activities, hours, funds raised etc so that I can give a total picture for the District. I am asked to report to ZI on collaborative initiatives with other organisations; advocacy initiatives in which clubs have been involved; local and district service projects; funds raised

and allocated; UN activities at club and Area level; membership; leadership activities and succession planning across the District; PR and Communication (e.g., percentage of members

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registered with the ZI website and subscribed to the networking directory, number of clubs that have submitted stories to our PR & C Chairman Nan Martella for sending to *The Zontian* magazine, percentage of clubs with a website); report on District Board meeting/s held in the reporting period; details over time about selected club and district projects.

I believe that the information reported at District and International level will be of great value to clubs in service and advocacy, in promotion and credibility. As information is shared across the Zonta world, others will hear of the great work being done in District 23, and we in turn will learn and gain ideas from others.

With reports representing the contributions of clubs from the entire Zonta world, ZI will be able to measure the effectiveness of our organisation in meeting our biennial goals. It is hoped that more accurate information will be available for provision to agencies with which ZI might be interested in working on service projects. There is also significant scope for writing hard hitting media releases when we are in a position to more accurately quantify hours of service, lives affected and impact on the community.



Merry Christmas and happy holidays



As we move towards Christmas and the New Year, I wish season's greetings to all.

To those of you having a break from work, and/or a change of scenery on a holiday, I wish you a relaxing, fun filled time. I have several books on my bedside table and I plan to make the stack a little smaller!

However, we should remember that this is the time of the year

when there is an increase in domestic violence, and there will be more work for the clubs that provide assistance to refugees.

I have heard of the plans of several clubs to make this time of the year more pleasant for women and their families for whom Christmas is not the happiest time of the year – many provide food,



gifts and vouchers for women and families in a range of difficult situations; others have members give a gold coin donation which is added to their total for the ZI Foundation to support our international programs and projects.

Thank you for this service and advocacy action.

Amelia Earhart's birthday

I'm looking forward to hearing of events to mark Amelia Earhart's birthday in January!

D.G.



Presenting a professional image

Name badges

Member badges across the District come in all shapes and sizes. I would like to see some uniformity so that when members of the public see our badges they are more recognisable (and as an organisation we appear more organised and professional) than currently.

Ina at Langwarrin Trophies produced the District badges and is

already making badges for several clubs.



The badges have the ZI logo on the left, the club name at the top and the member's name in the centre, to the right of the logo.

Price is \$8 each and includes postage to anywhere in Australia. Each badge has a magnet unless otherwise requested (people with a pacemaker should check first).

Ina can be contacted at:

sales@langwarrintrophies.com.au

or by phone to 03 9789 3446. When ordering, clubs simply provide the club's name and the name/s of member/s for badges.



Reminders and new district procedures

Club letterheads

As a further step towards presenting a professional image across District 23, clubs are reminded that they can go to the member resources section of the ZI website (www.zonta.org) and click on 'logos'.

If your club does not have the official format, please do so.

Revisions to mission & objects

Have you checked all club documents and web site to ensure that where you have the ZI mission and objects you have amended the wording to reflect the changes voted on by delegates at Convention?

Club mailing

Presidents are asked to ensure that the contents of the club mailing, received recently from ZI, are brought to the attention of club members and officers as required.

D.G.

D23 Zonta Merchandise : New procedures for ordering

A District 23 Zonta Merchandise Order Form is to be completed for all orders of District 23 Zonta merchandise such as Zonta Stick Pins and President's Badges.

The order form is sent to the District Treasurer by post or electronically, and payment is made at the time of placing the order, by cheque or electronically.

The District Treasurer, Jasmine Koch will prepare an invoice/receipt and forward it to the Merchandise Co-ordinator, Margaret Rowland for dispatch. Margaret will enclose the invoice/receipt with the goods.

The order form and guidelines can be downloaded from the District 23 website.

Jasmine Koch
District Treasurer

District 23 YWPA Award 2007

DISTRICT 23 ZONTA CLUBS

ATTENTION

CHAIRMEN OF THE STATUS OF
WOMEN SERVICE COMMITTEES
(& PRESIDENTS)

Why don't we lead the way in our District by supporting young women of today who have such wonderful tenacity and verve to apply for the YWPA Award through the schools in your area?

Please refer to my email and attachment sent to you all on the 4th of November 2006.

For general information and queries:

www.zonta.org

Judy Rothe
D 23 YWPA Coordinator
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Area 1: Frances Quinn Arts Encouragement Award - 21 years on

Since 1986, the Zonta Club of Melbourne Yarra and now Melbourne on Yarra, has combined with the Victorian College of the Arts (VCA) School of Music to recognise the most talented and promising first year female student.

On Sunday 22nd October 2006, the 21st annual Frances Quinn Arts Encouragement Award (the Award) was presented to Kay Chim, a talented young pianist.

Kay attained her Associate Diploma in 2002 during which time she won 15 first and second place awards. In 2004, Kay was awarded her Licentiate Diploma with Distinction and won first place in the under 25 Open Section for a piano solo at the Ringwood Eisteddfod. Kay Chim is a worthy recipient of the Award for 2006 and certainly a name to remember!



President, Stephanie West presenting the certificate to 2006 Award winner, Kay Chim.

The late Frances Quinn was a very popular member of the former Zonta Club of Melbourne Yarra and a great lover of music and the performing arts. The Frances Quinn Arts Encouragement Award was established in her honour and encourages young women to follow a career path that complements their musical talents, in a way that Fran would greet with much delight.

The Award is presented annually in October at a concert featuring performances by the current winner and prior year winners. Given the diverse talents of the winners, each concert is a unique and enlightening experi-

ence. The concert is followed by refreshments, an opportunity to meet the performers and of course, the customary raffle. The ongoing support of the Quinn

Arts Festival.

To celebrate 21 years of the Award, and the achievements of previous winners, the Zonta Club of Melbourne on Yarra launched the 'Quintessential Collection' CD at the 2006 Award concert with recitals by Shannon Barnett (2001 winner) and Christa Jardine (2005 winner), who both perform on the CD. The CD also features performances by Lauren Oldham (2002 winner), who sang the anthems at the opening ceremony of the Zonta International Convention in Melbourne in June.

Music lovers take note! The CD is available for purchase at \$20 a copy (plus \$5 postage). The inside cover includes information about Zonta and the artists. An order form can be downloaded from the D23 website district merchandise section.

Funds raised from sales of the CD will be invested in the Frances Quinn Arts Encouragement Award Trust to ensure the Award

family and friends, and former and current Zontians contribute to its success.

The CD is available for purchase at \$20 a copy (plus \$5 postage).

Download order form from the D23 website district merchandise section.

Many previous winners of the Award have progressed in

their careers gaining acclaim in Australia and abroad. These include the first winner, Caroline Almonte, now an internationally recognised pianist and Shannon Barnett, who plays the trombone with the likes of Don Burrows, composes her own works and backed Camille O'Sullivan at the 2006 Melbourne International



Fran's sister - Angela Deyong with a copy of the CD.

can continue to recognise talented music students for another 21 years!

Submitted by Jasmine Koch



Statewide recognition for Area 2 clubs

Congratulations to Area 2 clubs for the recognition received from the Association of Community Service Organisations (ACSO) for outstanding community service.

ACSO was formed in 1982 to act as a liaison body between Service Club Organisations. It currently has representatives from Rotary (2 Districts), Lions (2 Areas), Zonta, Soroptimists, Kiwanis, and Apex. Millicent Hughes is the Area 2 Zonta ACSO representative.

The group has organised the Premier's Service Club Awards each year. It is also responsible for the Awards Presentation Dinner and the Lord Mayor's Reception held during Service Club Week each year.

The Premier's Awards Presentation Dinner was held during Service Club Week 2006, on Tuesday 10th October, in Adelaide.

This year the Premier of SA extended the prizes greatly with \$2000 for the best entry in any

category and \$500 for winners in all other categories.

It was a great night for Zonta as



L-R: Julie Lowe - Winner Heide Taylor Medal, Hon. Jennifer Rankine MP - Minister for the Status of Woman & Volunteers, & Heide Taylor

we won a number of Awards :

- Adelaide Hills won the Premier's Distinction Awards for the Best Project in all categories (\$2000) – Birthing Kit Project
- Adelaide Hills won the Catalyst Award for the project which provided the best catalyst between Clubs and Public

in SA and Overseas. (\$500) - the Birthing Kit Project

- Adelaide Flinders won the award for Women's Health for their work at Katherine House (\$500)

The Adelaide Club was the runner-up in this award.

This year was the inaugural award of the Community Service Medal - named the Heide Taylor Medal honouring Heide for her many years of unpaid community work. This was won by Julie Lowe, nominated by the Zonta Club of Port Lincoln.

The Schools Project Award was presented by the Lord Mayor at the Mayoral Reception the following morning. It is an award for a project involving a school and a Service Club with a prize of \$1000. Adelaide Club was the Service Club associated with Adelaide High School who shared the School's prize for forming a school service club in the community.

Jane Smith

Area 2 Director

Area 4 news - Albury Wodonga doubles membership!

Great news from one of Area 4's smallest clubs. The Zonta Club of Albury Wodonga held a membership drive to build up their small club of 6 members and as a result were able to induct 6 new members in November – thus doubling their club size. This must surely be a record for a Club, to double its size in one go! (see photo)



The six new members standing with Area 4 Director Sandra Burns & Club President Tonia Tinnermans

The Zonta Clubs in Area 4 have been very active with Bendigo completing 6000 birthing kits and many of the

clubs involved in making and distributing breast cushions and birthing kits.

Melton, Kyneton and Geelong clubs have all held most successful Fashion Parade evenings and Ballarat ran a very interesting YWPA evening with 7 young women presenting to the club.

Wangaratta Club again created great excitement in their community with their Annual Zapa Awards for local talent in live theatre – the Oscars for rural Victoria.

The Geelong Club has held a number

of fund raising events, publicising Zonta widely in the region, while the small Geelong Central Club (a breakfast club) has partnered with their local Rotary Club to hold a fundraising film night.

Bendigo Club also held a Christmas shopping Gifts Galore Day promoting local businesses, which proved a huge success. They launched a Zonta Privilege Card which they also hope will provide extra funds for the many projects they support.

All clubs have been endeavouring to increase numbers and as Area Director I have been fortunate to be involved in numerous induction ceremonies, so growth is definitely in the air.

A safe and happy Christmas to all.

Sandra Burns - Area 4 Director

Dates to remember

When?	What?	Who?
25 Nov -10 Dec	16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence	All members
1 Dec	World AIDS Day	All members
10 Dec	International Human Rights Day	All members
15 Dec	Club report #2 due to AD & DG	Club presidents
11 Jan	Amelia Earhart Day	Dist AE Coordinator Elizabeth Davis, clubs
2007	3 March	Area 2 workshop
	8 March	Zonta Rose Day; International Women's Day
	24, 25 March	District Board meeting
	31 March	Club report #3 due to AD & DG
	31 March, 1 April	Area 3 workshop

A year of special anniversaries

This has been quite a year for significant club anniversaries across our District. Congratulations to the clubs that have celebrated special ones (multiples of five years) during 2006:

- 40 years – Melbourne on Yarra
- 35 years – Hobart and Perth (Perth's charter date was 27 December 1971, and DG Beryl will be in Perth to celebrate belatedly with them after the Area workshop.)
- 25 years – Perth Northern Suburbs, Adelaide Torrens, Melbourne's West and Adelaide Flinders
- 15 years – Dunsborough
- 10 years – Devonport
- 5 years – Geelong Central



District Directory Changes

Email addresses

ZC of Fleurieu - Club address for ALL mail is zontafleurieu@yahoo.com.au

ZC of Bunbury President: Jan Greive—
janjohn2@bigpond.com

ZC of Bunbury Treasurer: Lesley Morgan -
Lesley.D.Morgan@nab.com.au

New UN International Women's Agency

The following was forwarded by Louise Van Keulen, D23 UN Coordinator, and no doubt we'll be hearing more about this exciting new agency as it develops:

'If you've been following the course of UN reform, the news is out. The High-level Panel named by Secretary-General Kofi Annan has reported and it recommends the creation of an **independent, international women's agency**, for the first time in the UN's history.

From the Toronto Star report, 10 November: 'A landmark proposal for creating a powerful new United Nations women's agency moved a giant step closer to reality yesterday, with the endorsement of a high-level panel on reforming the sprawling UN system.

"This is the most dramatic step forward in decades, for women and for the UN," said Stephen Lewis, the UN special envoy on AIDS/HIV, who has lobbied vigorously for an agency that would deliver programs and services to billions of women throughout the world on an unprecedented scale.'

Lieutenant Governor's Message

I am settling into my new role as Lieutenant Governor and still learning what it all entails. I would like congratulate the clubs that have had inductions of new members this year and especially acknowledge the members of the Zonta Club of Albury Wodonga who doubled their membership in one night!

I was privileged to be asked by the Zonta Club of Adelaide to present certificates of more than 30 years service to Zonta, to the following members: Phyllis Tehan, Millicent Hughes, Barbara Dennis, Bettina Holt and Heide Taylor. This presentation was at their Women of Achievement Awards night in October. It is wonderful to see so many clubs recognising women in their areas through awards such as these.

I look forward to reading your news through newsletters and minutes and ask that you ensure that I am on your circulation list. If I can be of any assistance at all please contact me. Have a safe and happy Christmas and take some time to care for yourself.

Dr Pauline Glover
Lieutenant Governor



A request from your editor:

Please provide the names of people in all photos you forward for possible inclusion in the District newsletter. **JW**