

District 23

NEWS FLASH!

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From the D G: Area workshops continue...



Dear Zontians,
After reporting about the Area 2 Workshop in the last *Newsflash*, this edition

has news of the Workshop for Area 3 on 30 March and 1 April and the combined Area 1 & 4 Workshop on 21 April.

The timing was right at work for me to take some leave each side of the Area 3 Workshop, so I headed to WA for nearly three weeks of holidays and Zonta.

The main purpose of my visit, the Area Workshop, was hosted by the ZC Perth Northern Suburbs. The organisation was superb, guest speakers were inspirational and thought provoking and the noise levels were high during the breaks – always a good sign! **AD Karen Groves' report** in this *Newsflash* tells more.

I was fortunate to have the opportunity to attend some other Zonta activities:

- I went with AD Karen to ZC Peel meeting at which I was pleased to induct two new members, Dawn Simmonds and Lyndell O'Brien. A feature of the

meeting was the announcement that the club's 2007 golf day and auction raised \$13,500 – what a great result!

- A fabulous fundraising dinner for the Zonta House Refuge at the renowned (Kate) Lamont's Restaurant in East Perth.
- The monthly meeting of the ZC Perth Northern Suburbs at which I was delighted to welcome Mandy Evers to Zonta membership.
- The interesting and inspiring AGM of the ZC Perth which included a belated celebration of their 35th birthday!

In my extended time in Area 3, there was also time for several social activities and informal meetings with many Zontians.

My sincere thanks to all who helped make my stay so enjoyable.

Areas 1 and 4 conduct combined Workshop

A highlight of the Area 1 and 4 Workshop was that rain fell during the afternoon, certainly not breaking the drought, but creating a little ex-

citement. The rain was enough to prevent us from moving to another building for afternoon tea, but no one complained, and everyone hopes that there may be more in the future. Drinks at the conclusion, followed by dinner, provided the opportunity to celebrate a great day.

A further highlight was the attendance by 77 Zontians – a wonderful result for a great program. Thanks to **A4D Sandra Burns**, ably assisted by Ann Horrocks, for planning a great program which is reported on elsewhere in the *Newsflash*.

Changeover time

Several of our clubs have changes in their officers at this time of year. Many have celebrations to mark this phase in their club's calendar. Please remember the need to report as requested (see the calendar for details) so that the District and ZI keep track of club leaders.

Thank you

Though there are times when Zonta work seems a

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District Governor
Beryl McMillan
ZC of Melbourne CBD

District Directory
Please amend the relevant page of your Directory.

Page 4: Glenda Peck, Area 1 Director - new contact details:

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Home phone/fax: 03 9727 1922, No work contact.
Mobile unchanged.
Email unchanged:
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Annual fees reminder

All club treasurers are requested to forward payment by **1 May 2007**.

Leave of absence

Where leave of absence has been granted to a member, the Zonta Bylaws state the member is still required to pay the District and International dues. Payment of Club dues is a decision of the Club.

Jasmine Koch
District Treasurer

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little overwhelming, the opportunity to meet with so many Zontians, hear their stories, visit clubs, get to know members and to learn from others are real highlights for me.

I thank you all for your friendship and support as we continue to work together to advance the status of women through service and advocacy.

Inspiring Zontian and pioneer for women dies

Elizabeth Lucas OAM died on 11 March this year at the age of 94.

She was a remarkable person, a pioneer for women in business and the military, and a fantastic Zontian.

In 1938 she founded and managed a successful graphic design studio in South Melbourne with a staff of 20.

Elizabeth was one of Australia's highest ranking female army officers in World War II, commanding

the Australian Women's Service Corps soon after the war's outbreak. After promotion to the rank of Major, she later took over as Australian Women's Army Service controller.

When her husband Charles died in 1968, Elizabeth took over the management of CH Lucas Advertising in Carlton. She expanded the business, establishing a branch in Fiji.

Elizabeth's work in Zonta was acknowledged in her citation when she was awarded the OAM. She was President of the ZC of Melbourne from 1976 to 1978, was an Area Director and Centurion, established the Past Presidents' group in Victoria and chaired the SOM (Sponsoring, Organising and Mentoring) Committee for the formation of many clubs in Areas 1 and 4. Those clubs are: Ballarat (1978), Geelong (1979), Frankston (1980), Bendigo (1980), Footscray, now Melbourne's West (1981), Mornington Peninsula (1984), Wangaratta and Al-

bury-Wodonga (both 1988). In addition, she chaired the committees to form some clubs which have now unfortunately disbanded – La Trobe Valley (1983), Shepparton (1985 in conjunction with ZC Frankston), Sale Area (1988 in conjunction with ZC of La Trobe Valley) and Berwick (1994).

Congratulations



Janine (Saunders) & Terry Holt announced the birth of their son Cameron on 23 March. Janine is secretary of the ZC Storm Bay in Area 5, having previously been Area 1 Director when based in Melbourne. Cameron has a strong link to Zonta – Janine met Terry when flying home to Melbourne from a District Board meeting in Hobart!

The ZC of Ballarat has a potential new Zontian - **Michelle Jorgensen** had a baby daughter on 15 April.

Baby Alicia and Michelle are both doing well.

ZI website

Are you checking the website regularly?

Recent additions include the PR&C E-news #4, an article and photo to acknowledge the wonderful achievement of the ZC Albury in doubling their numbers, and updated information on the ZI service projects. It is always a delight to read the articles about the wonderful young women who have received our international awards.

'Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed people can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.'
Margaret Mead

Beryl McMillan
District Governor

2007 District Recipient - Young Women in Public Affairs Award

**Recognising service and advocacy
by and for women and girls**

Eleven applications were received for the YWPA Award this year from clubs throughout the District: Areas 1 and 2 - two each, Area 3 - three, Area 4 - four, Area 5 - nil.

On the 21st April 2007 **Ms Amanda Richards** of Berri, South Australia, who was the Zonta Club of Riverland Area's YWPA Award winner, was selected as the recipient of the Zonta International District 23 Young Women in Public Affairs Award by the District Evaluating Committee.

Amanda was named the ZI District 23 YWPA recipient because of her outstanding qualities. She has a commitment to women's health and social issues both internationally and within Australia. Amanda intends to pursue her studies at the University of Adelaide and to eventually become a doctor.

The award is funded by voluntary contributions to the ZI Foundation and Amanda will receive \$US 500. Thank you to clubs for supporting this important award.

Judy Rothe
District YWPA Coordinator

ZI projects and programs depend on our support



Thank you, as club members and as individuals, for your support for the Zonta International Foundation. Thus far in the biennium we have donated a grand total of AU\$34,611. This total includes donations of AU\$2,158 from individual members.

Why should we give to the Foundation?

The continued success and sustainability of Zonta's international programs and projects is dependent on our financial support.

We all know the statistics: 2/3 of the children not in school are girls, 2/3 of the world's population who are illiterate are women, 10,000 women die each week from pregnancy related problems, and each year 4 million women and girls are bought and sold world wide.

We, as Zontians, can and do provide support for at least some of these women through Zonta International service projects and ZISVAW pro-

jects. Through our support of Zonta's educational programs we help to empower the next generation of young women to continue our work.

District Board encourages each club to donate one third of its fundraising dollar to the Foundation each year and encourages every individual member to make a personal donation.

Small donations can be sent via your club Treasurer. Some clubs have added an optional ZIF donation line to the invoice for club fees, others are considering a gold coin donation to ZIF at informal meetings when there is no dinner fee. Personal donations made in this way are confidential: only your own club Treasurer, District Treasurer, District Governor and Foundation Ambassador will have access to these records.

New ZISVAW project

At the beginning of the biennium, a US\$50,000 ZISVAW grant was made to the UN Trust Fund in support of Actions to Eliminate Violence Against Women. This UN Trust Fund is managed by UNIFEM, and every dollar contributed to the Trust Fund is passed on to grass-

roots organisations. This is the only multi-lateral grant-making mechanism that supports local, national and regional efforts to combat violence.

With the US\$50,000 ZISVAW grant, the UN Trust Fund will provide support for implementation of laws, policies and action plans on violence against women in Niger, to build the capacity of judges and medical doctors to ensure effective implementation of the law on the protection of victims of violence.

Niger is the second poorest country in the world according to UN human development indicators. More than 50 percent of the population lives in absolute poverty, on less than US40 cents per day. The level of education is low, especially among women. French law, Muslim law and customary law co-exist. In family matters, there is a tendency to use the rules that are most advantageous for men.

For more details of ZIF projects log on to www.zonta.org and follow the link to 'program updates'.

Ronda Walker
District 23 Foundation Ambassador

Jane M. Klausman Scholarship report

The time for submission of nominees for Jane M Klausman Women in Business scholarships to clubs is fast approaching. You will see in the table below that to ensure a more equitable review process for students from the northern and southern hemispheres, the ZI Status of Women Service Chairman and JMK Sub-committee have decided to make a few changes for 2007. The two major changes are set out below. **But PLEASE NOTE that District 23 has amended the District receipt date to JULY 1st (not June 1 as set out on the ZI documents).**

1. Timetable

Application is updated on the Zonta International web site (www.zonta.org).....1 January
Applications received by Zonta Clubs (contact club for deadline - generally in April / May)
Club recipient is selected and application is received by District 23 Coordinator.....1 July
District recipient selected and application received by Z I Headquarters...1 September
Announcement of International Recipients.....15 October

2. Verification of enrolment from the college/university/institute registrar.

- This requirement may be deferred if the application deadline precedes the college/university/institute enrolment period. Applicant must provide written confirmation of the enrolment period with the application. Scholarship recipients must provide verification of enrolment before scholarship funds will be released.
- Students from the southern hemisphere may have limited academic records available at the time of application for Club and District Jane M. Klausman Scholarship. If further records are available at the later date, these may be included when the District forwards their nominee to Zonta International for consideration in the selection of the International Jane M. Klausman Scholarship recipient.

Please share these changes with the members of your club. The updated JMK materials are located at the "International Scholarships and Awards" link in the "Member Resource" section of the ZI web site.

There is still time to initiate an award for this scholarship if Clubs / Areas start now. I encourage all Clubs to consider supporting this scholarship. If you do not have a university in your town, perhaps several Clubs in an Area could join together, like in Area 3, to have a joint award.

Rosalie Lake: District Coordinator - Jane M. Klausman Scholarship

Zonta Birthing Kit Project report

On 16 April 2007 the previous contract between AusAID and the Zonta Club of the Adelaide Hills Inc. was completed. The new contract between AusAID and the Birthing Kit Foundation (Australia) will be signed early in May.

With no kits being made for 3 months, time has been freed up to finalise our 5 year Strategic Plan, the Annual Development Plan (Business plan) and proposal to AusAID, compile our application for charity status and eventual Overseas Aid Gift Deductibility, send 3 members to Vietnam to evaluate the projects there, and employ two staff.

The Birthing Kit Project is aiming to make 108,000 kits in this next AusAID contract. A greater percentage of our funding had to be directed to our community development projects hence fewer kits are being made than in our last contract. We are well and truly on target with 48,000 kits planned in the next few months.



Delivering kits in Bairo, PNG

The processes for making 235,000 kits by over 90 Zonta clubs and then transporting these finished kits through 40 NGOs to 26 countries is very complex. We have been very fortunate to have had two women of the calibre of Di Bartel and Margaret Parsons coordinating this aspect of the project. Their ability to reassure people it would work out well on the day, attention to detail, expertise and patience were invaluable to the success and smooth running of the project. They are going to miss the direct contact with their many lovely Zonta friends.

Many thanks to Margaret and Di for their years of commit-

ment to the Birthing Kit Project.

Kristen Frost is our new Purchasing / Supplies Officer replacing Margaret and Amy Mitchell is the new Export / Distribution Officer replacing Di. We are all looking forward to working with them. Margaret and Di will be mentoring them for a few months however all future correspondence will now be with Kristen and Amy. Please make them welcome to our Zonta family. Kristen Frost - kristen.frost@optusnet.com.au all assembly day enquiries; Amy Mitchell - amy.kent@optusnet.com.au all destination and transport overseas enquiries.

The monitoring visit to Vietnam validated our commitment to making sure the kits get to the most needy isolated communities. We have lovely photos of a woman in a bamboo walled hut with a dirt floor whose 8 week baby was delivered with one of our kits – her comment, “Mother like kit baby comes safe”.

How amazing to actually meet this woman and how wonderful for her to meet our 3 representatives. This community was 20 km from the Chinese border and an 8 hour drive up the mountains. Many of these people in remote Ha Giang province had never seen Europeans before. More details in our next newsletter.

The Birthing Kit Foundation (Aust) now has 74 members; we need another 26 to qualify for OAGDS for tax deductibility. If you think this is a valuable project, please join. Membership costs \$25 for individuals and \$60 for an organisation / club and is open to all persons over the age of 18. Please access our email address - info@birthingkitfoundation.org.au and we will forward membership forms.

This is the end and start of another good year for our project.

*Julie Monis-Ivett
Birthing Kit Project Coordinator*

Zonta Breast Cushion Project report

The Breast Cushion Project continues to grow! Recently we had communication from Broken Hill requesting regular supplies.

Demand

The breast cushion website will increase requests even further when launched. It is important that clubs contact their Area cushion representatives and District coordinators if they are having difficulty meeting demand.

Outsourcing

More outsourcing will be needed in some Areas in the future. ZC of Melton has recently entered into partnership with the Dame Phyllis Frost



Centre at Deer Park (a women's prison) to make and supply cushions.

Tontine Filling

The second delivery of Tontine filling has been dispatched to most states of Australia. Unfortunately (for club storage reasons) this time it was a 12 month supply. In District 23, WA received 14 boxes, Victoria 10 boxes, and SA 55 boxes.

Website

Hopefully, more news on the website launch soon.

*Sarah Cunningham & Mary Colvill
Breast Cushion Project Coordinators*

News from Area 4

Area 4 clubs were well represented at the Workshop Training Day on Saturday 21st April in Melbourne and it was wonderful to see newly inducted members coming along to find out more about the organisation they have joined.

Hopefully by now, everyone going onto the ZI web page has seen the great story about the **Albury Wodonga Club** and how the International Convention in Melbourne encouraged them to expand their club numbers.

The Zonta Club of Ballarat members will celebrate their 30th anniversary this year and are planning an event to celebrate this great milestone. They are also putting on a Zonta exhibition at the highly acclaimed tourist attraction, the Gold Museum. Ballarat members not only hosted the District Board in February but are very excited that they have won the right to host the District 23 Conference in 2009. I know that all Area 4 Clubs will support Ballarat in running this wonderful event.

The Zonta Club of Bendigo held their April meeting in the Tarrengower Women's Prison. This was a most informative and enjoyable evening as members were joined by the inmates for a special supper that they provided. Bendigo members got to try out the coffee produced by the machine purchased by the Zonta Club of Kyneton in their project to give women prisoners the skills in coffee making and hospitality. The inmates also sat in on the Zonta meeting and were most impressed by our District 23 projects. Currently the club is arranging the possible making of breast cushions and assembly of birthing kits with the inmates.

A Rock and Roll Cabaret and silent auction is being held by the **Zonta Club of Geelong** as a fundraising and fellowship night. I recently attended their club meeting and was fascinated to hear a report on the Afghanistan project they have been supporting that supplies kitchen goods and educational materials for rural families.

Geelong Central Club is donating a scholarship to a young woman apprentice attending the newly formed Australian Technical College – Geelong.

Kyneton Zonta is busy preparing for their Careers breakfast for year 11 girls in May. Very shortly many of the members will be attending the stage show "Grumpy Old Women" about to start in Melbourne. They are also planning a fellowship weekend for members in the middle of the year. The club recently gave a "Virtual Baby" to the Kyneton Secondary College to support a family awareness program run by the school.

The Zonta Club of Melton will be celebrating their 10th birthday on 26th May and have invited Past International President Val Sarah as their guest speaker. The club will attract great exposure for Zonta by running a Mother's Day raffle in the local shopping centre. They also had great exposure during the Djerriwarrah Festival.

The Zonta Club of Wangaratta members are again preparing for their Zappa Awards for the performing arts and will hold their changeover dinner on the 3rd May.

Sandra Burns
Area 4 Director

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Glenda Peck
Area 1 Director

What a wonderful and informative Area 1 & 4 Workshop and Training Day it was on Saturday 21st April at St Leonard's College in Brighton, with the theme "Making a Difference in other Women's Lives".

The day was well attended and A4D Sandra Burns' report on pages 6-7 of this *Newsflash* outlines details of the speakers and workshop program.

I would like to extend a big thank you to Sandra Burns - Area 4 Director and Beryl McMillan - District Governor, for their hard work and to everyone else who contributed. It was a fantastic day.

It was delightful news to hear about the winner of the 2007 Young Women in Public Affairs award. I would like to thank the clubs in my area for putting forward applicants for this award. Members of clubs in the area attended

functions for International Women's Day in March. I have been busy visiting clubs in Area 1 over the past month. It was with great pleasure that I inducted 4 new members at the Zonta Club of Melbourne's West. I have also performed the installation of office bearers at clubs and have spoken at meetings about what is happening in the area. I wish to congratulate the clubs that I have visited on their timely management of meetings and welcome the new office bearers to their positions. I look forward to working with the new presidents in the future and thank the outgoing presidents and office bearers for their contribution.

Area 2



Jane Smith
Area 2 Director

I am thrilled to report that most of the Zonta Clubs in Area 2 have jointly donated over \$1500 to go towards subsidising women from drought affected areas to attend the SA Rural Women's Gathering in Clare in August. Zonta will be acknowledged as the major sponsor for the event. About 300 women from ru-

ral areas of SA attend and this is one way in which we can support those feeling the effects of the drought. We will have a Zonta display including breast cushions and birthing kits so it will also be very good PR for Zonta.

Highlights from around the Clubs:

Adelaide was represented at the Premier's Women's Council, Women's Voices Forum and took part in discussions re gender matters in the SA Strategic Plan. The club has a number of younger members who have signified their willingness to be on the Board and so many nominations were received that elections had to be held.

Adelaide Flinders has been holding some very successful XYZ (eXtend Your Zonta) outings. These are designed for fun and fellowship. The latest was to see "Menopause the Musical", an hilarious production thoroughly enjoyed by all. A financially successful movie night was followed with a champagne supper.

Adelaide Hills held a very successful "Cheese and Wine Options" evening and had a joint meeting with Noarlunga Southern Vales. Their 20th

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birthday in June will be celebration at the Adelaide Oval together with their handover dinner.

Adelaide Torrens: A member, the Director of Gynaecological Oncology, Royal Adelaide Hospital, negotiated a \$1000 donation from the pharmaceutical company, CSL, for her speaking engagements regarding Gardisal, the new anti-cervical cancer vaccine. This will allow the club to have a 2nd birthing kit workshop this year.

Alice Springs: Much time has been spent during the past 7 years in relocating the National Pioneer Women's Hall of Fame to the Old Alice Springs Gaol. The culmination was the grand opening on IWD. The club is planning for their handover meeting in May. They are pleased that their slate of candidates for election contains several "younger" (both in age and their time in Zonta) members and the "oldies" are happy 'to hand over the wheel'.

Clare is a small country club on the move. After an excellent meeting in March where guest speakers addressed the affects and statistics of domestic violence in the area they now have a representative on DVAG – Domestic Violence Action Group for the area.

Fleurieu Peninsula is another club planning a handover meeting. They have been busy with Clean Up Australia Day, a TAFE Awards night and contact with a World Vision student in Tanzania.

Noarlunga/Southern Vales: Sorry to hear of resignations of Jean van Driel (convenor of 2005 Conference at Glenelg) and Maureen Ross, a charter member of some 29 years (owner of Ross Roses and speaker at the Conference). They are Zontians at heart and will continue to support when possible. A lovely brunch was held at Ross Roses



Maureen Ross (l) from Ross Roses & AD Jane Smith at the Noarlunga Southern Vales brunch.

but it was sad to see how the drought is

affecting the beautiful gardens.

Para District Area continues to have fun and fellowship at quilting workshops. They have recently held a Treasury Tunnel Walk which they had to extend to a second walk as the number of participants was overwhelming. This is a guided walk through the tunnels under the old Treasury Building in Adelaide.

Port Lincoln: President Gail Adler has advised that, due to work commitments, she is unable to complete her term as President so they will be the 5th Club in the Area to hold a hand-over dinner this year. They are busy preparing for the 10th Zonta Long Lunch, an event very much looked forward to, with visitors coming from many parts of South Australia.

Riverland's March meeting heard guest speaker Anne Marie Hayes speak on advocacy and women's rights and issues. Members will be Walking for Health in April.

Area 3



Karen Groves
Area 3 Director

"Teeing Off for Zonta" at the Area 3 Workshop!

The Maylands Peninsula Golf Course and club house, along the leafy banks of the Swan River, was the setting for the Area 3 Workshop over Saturday 31 March and Sunday 1 April. The venue provided the theme from which the sessions took their titles.

"Teeing Off!" with DG Beryl McMillan was an excellent way to start with an overview of ZI and District 23 matters; "Back to the Fairway – on Par!" with AD Karen Groves focussed on Area and local matters; "Checking the Leader Board!" provided the Club Presidents a chance to feature the special attributes of their clubs; "Exploring other courses!" with facilitator Lori Grech was a session devoted to new project development for clubs; "At the 19th!" was the well-earned evening drinks and dinner, followed bright and early with "Early Birds!" breakfast; "Celebrity Player!" was a presentation by Dr. Dawn Casey, CEO of the WA Museum on women in leadership; "F-o-u-r!" was an amazing session with futurist Anni Macbeth on future generations and the impact of their increasing access to and use of IT; "Tallying up the scores!" was a concluding open forum.



Club displays showcased the many Zonta activities of Area 3.

For the first time, clubs were asked to showcase with displays, their achievements in service and advocacy projects, public relations and communications efforts, membership and fellowship initiatives and fundraising successes. They promoted much interest and sharing of ideas between clubs.

The Workshop was beautifully hosted by the Zonta Club of Perth Northern Suburbs and was a most congenial occasion.

Area 4



Sandra Burns
Area 4 Director

Area 1 & 4 Workshop and Training Day 21st April 2007: "Making a Difference in other Women's Lives"

The Area 1 and 4 combined Workshop and Training Day was a huge success with 77 participants registered for the event with members from 13 of the 14 clubs attending.

It was Area 4's turn to organise the event and despite the Area 4 Director coming from Bendigo it was decided that a city venue was more central for all attendees. The venue was St Leonard's College in Brighton where technical difficulties early in the morning meant a sudden change of workshop areas but Governor Beryl McMillan saved the day with a backup plan hastily arranged prior to the arrival of the registrants.

In the afternoon welcome rain caused yet another change to the program - one thing about Zontians, we are adaptable.

We were delighted to welcome lots of new members to the training/workshop day which was run with the support of the Victorian Past Presidents' Group. This group has been involved with training of office bearers in Zonta for many years and in the past 2 years has combined with the Area Directors to run the Training Work-

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shop Day.

Area 4 Director, Sandra Burns opened the proceedings followed by an address from Governor Beryl McMillan, a member of Melbourne CBD Area 1 club, who updated the audience on the latest District news and events.

Renata Singer, co founder of "Fitted for Work" was the keynote speaker and she enthralled the audience with her many stories of assisting disadvantaged women to feel good about themselves and see worth in their skills. "Fitted for Work" is a volunteer organisation based in Melbourne that is committed to helping long-term unemployed and disadvantaged women obtain work, maintain employment and ultimately achieve financial independence. The group offers business clothing, presentation skills, resumé advice, builds self-confidence and assists women on the path to self-sufficiency.

The "Fitted for Work" boutique has helped over 700 women find suitable corporate clothing and the clients self esteem has been boosted by the one-on-one attention of the volunteers. Renata lives half the year in New York and after volunteering in the "Bottomless Closet" in New York city, decided that a similar agency was needed to help women in Melbourne. Clients are referred from job network agencies to the boutique and the service is not available off the street. Zonta members attending the Workshop day presented Renata with a large quantity of almost new business attire and Renata reminded us that she was doing us a great service by getting our wardrobes sorted! A cash donation to the ongoing costs of providing this much needed service was also made on behalf of Zonta. Renata is looking for an ongoing connection with Zonta and the Zonta Club of Melton has already been



L-R Sandra Burns (A4D), Renata Singer (Keynote Speaker), Margaret Hinks & Louise van Kuelen (both of Melton ZC)

supportive of this work. It certainly meets our Zonta goals.

Zontians attending training workshops set up for Presidents/Incoming Presidents/Secretaries/Treasurers/Committee Chairs and for those wanting

the bigger picture of Zonta, a special Demystifying Zonta session was run by Past District Governor Ronda Walker.

In the afternoon some personal training was offered for members on Time Management. Clare Fountain, Founder of "Sorted Business



Area 1 Director Glenda Peck running the presidents' training session.

ness Administration Services", gave us the low down on how to sort out our time and to focus on the priorities in our lives. Clare gave us the tools to be able to "get ourselves sorted".

The Zonta Club of Melbourne's West has been running a most interesting program with refugee women in their area. Zonta member Faye Juetz along with others in her club have been involved with "Helping Hands - Women to Women". This project assists with the settlement of new arrivals and in particular Faye's club has been working with refugee families and people on humanitarian visas to adjust to their strange new surroundings. In the last 5 years, of the 181,000 new arrivals into Victoria, 12,360 arrived on a humanitarian program and 6,000 were refugees.

Areas 1 and 4 have a large number of Chairs and members of District Committees so brief updates were provided for the: Status of Women, Service and Advocacy, UN, YWPA, Jane M Klausman, District Nominating Committee and ZIF. A most informative presentation was also made by our District Web Coordinator, Melinda Young. Brief presentations were also made in regard to the District Projects - Birthing Kits and Breast Care Cushions.

Governor Beryl McMillan ended proceedings by urging all to attend the Hobart Conference in September and provided enticing updates to encourage all to join her there.

Most Zontians adjourned for a long awaited champagne and chance to catch up and discuss various clubs activities before heading down to Brighton Beach for dinner at Milano's Restaurant.

Sandra Burns and Glenda Peck (Area 4 and Area 1 Directors) wish to thank their Area Zonta Clubs for the great support shown as this was the largest number of members participating in a Workshop/Training Day for many years.

Area 5

Odile Glenn
Area 5 Director



Our second Area Presidents' meeting of the year was a great opportunity for sharing club successes, frustrations and plans for the future. The latter include two special anniversaries: Launceston will mark 30 years in July and Storm Bay will turn 10 in June. Storm Bay invites all Zontians to their birthday party on June 1st at the Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania where District Governor Beryl McMillan will be an honoured guest.

Among the reported highlights:

All clubs in Tasmania have more members than at this time last year. Early registrations for the 'Zonta with Zest' Area Workshop in May indicate that many of the participants will be Zontians who have joined this year.

Whist giving to ZIF has generally increased one Club has achieved the challenge set by Zonta International to send 33% of funds raised to the ZIF for International service projects and awards.

Zontians in Tasmania, as busy professional and business women, seem to be becoming ever more skilled at combining service/advocacy with increasing the profile of Zonta whilst they raise funds. Both Launceston, in collaboration with Exeter Primary School, and Devonport, did themselves and cancer awareness a great service during their respective 'Relay for Life' events....and had plenty of fun at the same time!

Cooperation between Zonta Clubs is also high on the agenda this month. Area Presidents agreed at their latest gathering to take two recommendations for collaboration back to their members. The first was that Area 5 Clubs would pool their resources [as have Area 3] to offer a more generous Area 5 Award for their joint nominee for the Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarship. The second relates to the Material Girl Award for young women artists. This state-wide Award is worth \$1000 in each category. In previous years various Clubs have collaborated with a variety of other organisations as joint sponsors of a category. The suggestion is that Area 5 could fully sponsor one category as the Zonta Material Girl. Decisions will be made at the 'Zonta with Zest' Workshop in May.

Incoming and outgoing Presidents of Launceston continued to Hobart to attend the Southern Cross Young Achievers Awards where they celebrated with their newest Zontian, Robyn McKinnon, who was presented with the 'Spirit of Tasmania' Award.

Dates to remember

WHEN?	WHAT?	WHO?	
2007	1 MAY	- Club officers 2007-2008 report form due to ZI & District Secretary Ann Horrocks - Club annual report due to AD & DG - ZI & District dues payment for 2007-2008 due to District Treasurer Jasmine Koch - District YWPA candidates due to HQ	Clubs Clubs Clubs DG
	5 MAY	Area 5 workshop	Area 5 members
	31 MAY	Nominations for District & International positions due to District Nominating Committee Chairman Judy Tennant	Clubs, members
	1 JUNE	2007-2008 International dues due to HQ	Jasmine Koch
	30 JUNE	- 2007-2008 District Directory form due to District Secretary Ann Horrocks - Club report #4 due to AD & DG - Proposals for bylaws changes due to DG - District 23 PR & Marketing Awards due to District PR&C Chairman Nan Martella	Clubs Club presidents Clubs Clubs
	1 JULY	Jane M Klausman Women in Business Scholarships -club candidates due to Rosalie Lake	Clubs
	AUG TBA	Deadline for ZIF contributions to Dist Treasurer Jasmine Koch for presentation at Conf.	Clubs
	1 SEP	Jane M Klausman Women in Business Scholarships -district candidates due to HQ	Rosalie Lake
	10 SEP	Gynaecological Awareness Day	Clubs
	13 SEP	District Board meeting, Hobart	Dist Board
	14 - 16 SEP	District Conference, Hobart	All members
	16 SEP 1-3PM	District Board meeting, Hobart	Dist Boards, 2006-2008 & 2008-2010
	30 SEP	Club report #5 due to AD & DG	Club presidents
	24 OCT	United Nations Day	Clubs
	8 NOV	Zonta International Day (Zonta's 88 th b'day)	All members
	15 NOV	Amelia Earhart Fellowship applications due	Elizabeth Davis
	25 NOV	International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women, White Ribbon Day	Dist UN Coord Louise van Kuelen Clubs
	25 NOV -10 DEC	16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence	All members
	1 DEC	World AIDS Day	Clubs
	10 DEC	Club report #6 due to AD & DG	Club presidents
	28 JUNE – 3 JULY 2008	59 th International Convention, Rotterdam	All members

A note from your editor



Many thanks to all the dedicated Zontians who have been contributing articles and photos for the Newsflash this biennium. It's great to get the names of those in your photos and I also appreciate the positive feedback I have had from many of you.

For your information, I acknowledge anything I receive, so if you don't hear from me (up to the day before the Newsflash is due to be completed), email me again.

You may have noticed a glitch in the last Newsflash. The ZI horizontal logo (to the right) was missing from the PR&C article. I still can't work out where it got to!



Jo Wittorff - Editor