

District 23

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District Governor
Beryl McMillan
ZC of Melbourne CBD

Change of Details

Please note the following changes in your District Directory:

Jenny Boyd, President ZC of the Riverland:
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Congratulations!

To

KAY POUSTIE OAM

Past District Governor from the Zonta Club of Perth Northern Suburbs, who was awarded an Order of Australia medal in the General Division of the 2008 Australia Day Awards

"For service to the library and information services sector, and to the community through the Zonta International movement and aged welfare."

From the District Governor.....



Dear Zontians,

A busy year!

Welcome to another year in Zonta. Some clubs have started, with Amelia Earhart events or other social activities in January, but it is expected that February will be 'back to work' for all clubs after the holiday period. When planning for the year, please take note of the dates at the end of this newsflash for notification of details to the District. In the March mailing from ZI, clubs will receive details for convention and must ensure that deadlines are met so that your club has a voice with your vote.

I wish all clubs well with their service and advocacy, fundraising and membership growth for the remainder of this biennium and into the next.

Thanks for club reports received in December. I was delighted to report many successes across the District when I reported to our ZI Board Liaison, Bonny Schumacher.

Membership numbers

At the beginning of the biennium, our District had 790 members. At 31 December last year, we had reached 816, an increase of 3.29%. Congratulations – at

a time when service organisations across the world are losing members, we are one of 14 of Zonta's 31 Districts to register an increase. Let's all work to continue the trend.

2008 Area Workshops

Except for Area 2, workshop dates have now been finalised, so please add them to your diaries and aim to have a good representation from your club to support your Area Director and the organising club/s. The notification of the date for Area 2 is imminent.

Areas 1 & 4:
Saturday 3 May

Area 2:
Saturday 10th May

Area 3:
Saturday 5 April

Area 5:
Saturday 10 May

2009 District Conference

International President Elect Beryl Sten has approved the dates for our next District 23 Conference, so it's time to mark in your diaries and incorporate into your club calendar – Friday 25 to Sunday 27 September 2009. We look forward to visiting Ballarat in Area 4.

Applications for 30 year Length of Membership Awards

Yes, you can apply a little ahead of time for these, so that presentations can be made on the actual date. The Club Manual has a form which can be completed, then sent for endorsement to the DG who will forward it to ZI. Alternatively, there is an electronic version which can be found on the ZI website under member resources\club administration. The latter requires only that the person completing the application notifies the DG, then ZI will check by email that the DG knows of the application. If there are clubs where members are heading for 30 years' service to Zonta (which may be with more than one club), please see that the application is made at least six weeks in advance to ensure that the headquarters administration and mailing can be done on time.

Best wishes to Alison

Our Governor-Elect, Alison Martin, leaves shortly to attend Governors' orientation in Chicago. We wish her well for her travel and the intense three day program she will undertake with all other incoming Governors.

Beryl McMillan
District Governor

CONVENTION 2008

Error in printed version of Call to Convention

All clubs should have received the following message from the Convention Committee via their Area Director, but the information is reproduced below for members who may be registering by mail or fax.

Unfortunately we need to inform you about a mistake in the **hardcopy version** of the Call to Convention (printed in *The Zontian*) of the Registration form for the Zonta Rotterdam 2008 Convention. It concerns the Payment Details on page 21.

The mistake on page 21 of the printed Call to Convention concerns the publication of the IBAN bank code. This wrong mentioned IBAN code belongs to CONGREX, and is not the IBAN code of ZONTA. On page 17 the IBAN bank code is correct. The BIC code is correct on both pages: ABNANL2A

The wrong IBAN code on page 21 is: **NL54ABN0494687754**.
The correct IBAN code on page 21 is: **NL24ABNA0567051943**.

Due to the wrong IBAN code, payments by bank from abroad can not be made, if people use the wrong IBAN code as published
on the printed Registration form page 21 in *The Zontian*.

The information on the websites www.zonta2008.com and www.zonta.org are correct.

The IBAN code is correct in the digital Call to Convention that can be downloaded from the websites.

All Zontians who register via the website will not have any problem as all the information there is correct.

On behalf of Congrex, our organizing secretariat, we apologize for this mistake and for the inconvenience for the members. We are going to solve the problem as follows: in case we receive a hardcopy/printed Registration form by fax or post with the wrong IBAN code, we will immediately send an invoice with an explanation and the right IBAN code. We will send this letter by fax, post and/or email.

We will not mention this mistake on the website because we presume that Zontians who register via a hardcopy/printed Registration form will not use the website for information. Only Zontians who use the internet will see then this message and we think that this will be confusing for them (as all the codes on the website are correct). So far almost 100% of the registered participants, registered online. We therefore have the impression that only a few Zontians have to deal with this problem.

Once again we apologize for this inconvenience. Please do not hesitate to contact Congrex at zonta2008@congrex.com in case of questions or for more information.

Convention features

Raffle to be held during Convention: *Win a treasure from Zonta's 31 Districts*.

President Olivia Ferry is encouraging all Districts to donate a prize (approximate value \$AU150 - \$200), with relevance to their part of the world, to include in a super prize bank for a convention raffle.

Our District Board has decided that an opal pendant will be our contribution.

The price of each ticket will be 5€ (approximately \$AU7). Part of the proceeds will go to local service projects drawn, through a lucky draw from the club projects that submit photos to the Local Service in Action presentation of the PR&C Committee, in line with the Convention theme: *Global Empowerment through Local Action*. A third of the proceeds will go to the Zonta International Foundation.

I am sure all of us will be keen to participate in the raffle to allow us to financially assist some local service projects from around the districts. The more tickets sold, the more projects will receive financial support. Who knows, perhaps one of the local service projects in our District will be one of the lucky ones!

Imagine: if each club purchases 10 raffle tickets, the raffle will be able to raise a little over 60,000 Euros!! If 5000 Euros are donated to each winning project, the raffle will be able to help 8 local service projects!!

Photos to show local service in action

Remember, as previously advised to clubs, the International PR & Communications and Status of Women Service Committees are requesting a maximum of three action photos from each club depicting local service in action.

Photos are to be shown at the beginning of sessions at Convention AND clubs will have the chance to receive support for your local service project from the Convention raffle proceeds. Remember, you must send your photos to zontaintl.pr@gmail.com by **1 March**. What an incentive to boost your local service funds!!

Beryl McMillan, District Governor

Membership - What is service?

I was recently asked to give a presentation at the 25th anniversary dinner of the Zonta Club of Adelaide Flinders Inc. The topic I was asked to speak on was service, as the club was recognising the service that all members had given the club over the 25 years. I felt that I would like to share my ideas about service with you too, as service is part of membership. We have had fantastic growth in membership since May 2007 and clubs have inducted 41 new members and I know there are more waiting in the wings. Don't forget to retain these members and support them.

Service as defined in the Oxford Dictionary describes an act of assistance, friendly help, professional aid, work done or duty performed for others as well as the usual serving food, religious ceremony, set of utensils used for serving as in a tea service, and the act or manner of serving the ball in tennis. The word has many meanings and it comes from the Latin word 'servus' or translated slave. Now I am not suggesting that we are slaves to Zonta, although at times one may think this when organising functions, but rather focus on the magnificent service that we have provided to the world.

When we join Zonta we are reminded that we must serve enthusiastically when called on to do so. Each person is unique in Zonta and everyone's motivation for serving will be different. There will be the altruistic person providing service for the benefit of others, giving back where the person may have benefited from the organisation in some way and wants to give back, a sense of duty where the person sees their service as a responsibility of citizenship. Some people describe that doing service makes their life better and so for them it is about their quality of life. For others

the service work may add to career prospects and personal development. For me service is about the fun of Zonta. Meeting fabulous people all over the world from different walks of life and giving to service in whatever capacity I choose when called on to do so. For me this is significant as it is about having choice. This choice allows for personal talents to be used to the fullest.

The International and District Service goals are:

- To provide mission focused service, locally and globally, in order to improve women's legal rights, health, education, and economic status, and to prevent violence against women; and
- Combine service with advocacy to enhance the effects of our work.

In our clubs we do this through applying the project test to what we do. If all the statements above are answered in the affirmative, then we have the right service project. That project can be any number of things and I am sure that you could all go back through your club's records and identify whom you have served and how you have served them.

As you are all aware the **District service projects** are the breast cushions and the birthing kits. These projects have been amazing and have given club members satisfaction in showing their service skills – sewing on a machine and by hand, stuffing (make sure it is only 125gms!), packing, wrapping and of course the most important afternoon tea service!

At the District conference held in Hobart in September another service project was added to the District projects and this is the **Yarri Wada: Strong for Country Puppet project**. The women elders of three clans in the Western Kimberley want to secure a future for their young people and we are

hoping through this service Zonta will make a difference to this indigenous community.

International service projects are chosen each biennium and currently they are:

- Afghan Institute of Learning
- Working with Care International we are providing support for AIDS affected women and children in Niger Phase II through the Mata Masu Dubara (Women on the Move) project.
- Working with the United Nations Industrial Development Organisation we are supporting the revival of women's economic self sufficiency initiatives in Sri Lanka.
- With Care International we are providing education and leadership training for girls and women in Bolivia.

This snapshot of our service to the community to advance the status of women is many hours in a voluntary capacity. It is volunteers like us who provide service for whatever personal reason that keeps our clubs alive and successful.

For me personally, my service to Zonta is done as it fits with who I am and what I believe in. I hope that as you read this you have the same feeling. Zonta gives everyone the opportunity to achieve her own potential and for those of you who have friends who are not Zontians – perhaps you can consider whether we can be of service to them by asking them to join us. The personal approach to membership is often the best.

Is service slavery? Is slavery service? If at any time members feel that service has become slavery or that they have become a slave to service, it is time to reconsider why they are in Zonta. Let us look forward to the next 25 years of service to the community and growth for Zonta.

Pauline Glover
Lt Governor

Zonta International Foundation



Acknowledgement: Image from the ZI web site

Hearing from our own District 23 recipients of Zonta awards at District Conference reminded us all of the importance of continuing our financial support for Zonta International Foundation, the philanthropic arm of Zonta International. The Foundation manages Zonta's educational awards, and funds our International Service and ZISVAW projects.

When several large tin money boxes were passed around the conference room and Zontians were invited to put their small change in the tins, your generosity was overwhelming. The Conference raffle was also strongly supported and the proceeds were donated to the Foundation. From the 'money box' collection and the raffle, District 23 forwarded a total \$1265 (US dollars) to the Foundation.

The Foundation booth, in the Conference marketplace, took personal donations from members and in the months since Conference both club and personal contributions have continued to roll in. We now have three clubs where most, if not all, members have made a personal donation to the Foundation and we are close to our goal of 100% of District 23 clubs making a contribution to the Foundation in the 2006-2008 biennium.

In Australian dollars, our District 23 contributions to 31 December total \$69,065. This figure includes personal donations of \$3,856.

Details of Zonta's 2006-2008 International service projects have been published in *The Zontian* and updates are posted on the web site www.zonta.org. Just click on the 'program update' image for the most recent information.

Through financial support from Zonta International Foundation, the CARE project in Niger is reducing

the risk of HIV/AIDS, and its physical, social, and economic consequences for at least 5,100 women and their families in the Bouza District of Niger.

Zonta's support for women in Afghanistan, through the Afghan Institute of Learning, continues in this biennium with the establishment of a new learning centre at Siyawashan in Herat Province.

In Bolivia, Zonta is funding a CARE project that supports Bolivia's Alternative Youth Education Program that helps working girls and young women, to address the barriers they face in their everyday lives. The project helps empower working girls and young women, enabling them to take control over their futures.

In Sri Lanka the initial donor support for Tsunami recovery focused on immediate humanitarian assistance and re-building housing and basic infrastructure. For the longer term it is crucial to revitalize local production. Zonta is helping The United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) to provide hands-on assistance to women and women's groups. For example, women farmers are being trained in efficient use of agricultural tools and equipment in to increase productivity, and in entrepreneurial skills so that they can participate in proactive self-help initiatives for income generation.

Ronda Walker
District ZIF Ambassador

Breast Cushion Update

1. Research on the type of strap will be presented to February D23 board meeting. A decision will be communicated to clubs after that time.
2. Could all clubs please estimate their Tontine filling requirements for next annual delivery (likely in March).
3. Please keep your Area cushion rep and the District coordinators updated with news/publicity/problems encountered!
4. Happy sewing!!

Sarah Cunningham
Mary Colvill
Breast Cushion Project Coordinators

Zonta Club of Adelaide Flinders celebrates 25 years

On 5th December 2007 members of the Zonta Club of Adelaide Flinders Inc. celebrated their 25th Birthday with a special "Silver Anniversary Dinner" at the Adelaide Hilton, the very same venue as their Charter Dinner!

About 150 attended the gala occasion - current members, past members, Zontians from other clubs and partners. President Cintra Amos welcomed guests, then Heide Taylor presented all Past Presidents with Zonta roses and Lt Governor Pauline Glover presented Recognition of Service Awards. Guest speaker, PIP Val Sarah, gave a wonderful address. Radio personality, Karen Prater, was the delightful MC for the evening.

The night was sensational! The room was superbly decorated in silver and a brilliant archives' display enabled all members to reminisce and indulge in a little nostalgia. Live music and dancing added to the festivities, the atmosphere was vibrant and it was a real treat to celebrate with so many past members and renew friendships among an amazing group of women.

The occasion was a great PR success for Zonta with an article and several photographs appearing in the Sunday paper!

Cintra Amos
President, ZC of Adelaide Flinders



Happy 25th Adelaide Flinders!



L-R: Guest Speaker, PIP Val Sarah & Jill Welsh, Chairman of the Anniversary Committee



Past Presidents of the ZC of Adelaide Flinders are acknowledged by their club.

ZC of Adelaide Hills – Special Olympics sponsorship



Tammy Lane is congratulated by ZC of Adelaide Hills' President Doone Winnall

Last year, the Zonta Club of Adelaide Hills provided sponsorship to Tammy Lane, a girl with Down syndrome, to assist her to go to the Special Olympics World Games in Shanghai, China. Tammy and her parents had been special guests at an Adelaide Flinders club meeting, and gave a wonderful speech on her preparation, together with an overview of the games. It became clear to members just how much it meant to the entrants to be a part of this event.

After the games Tammy came back to visit the Club to show members her three Bronze medals she won at the October Special Olympics. Her sport was rhythmic gymnastics and members were delighted when she shared what she had accomplished. The club was very proud to be able to help her achieve her dream of attending.

Lisa Thorne
ZC of Adelaide Hills



Did your club celebrate Amelia Earhart Day?

Go to www.zonta.org to read about our Amelia Earhart Fellows.

*Acknowledgement:
Image from the ZI web site*

Area 1

Annual Amelia Earhart Breakfast

Once again Frankston and Mornington clubs hosted a wonderful Amelia Earhart breakfast and a tour of the Peninsula exploring Dromana and Red Hill.

The guest speaker was Dr Jean Armstrong a 1991 Amelia Earhart Fellowship Winner. She spoke about what winning the scholarship meant to her and the work and research that she continues with in the area of digital communications. Jean has played a leading role in Australia in telecommunications research, in engineering education, tailoring the engineering course to provide relevant education for women and encouraging women engineers. In 1996 Dr Jean Armstrong was awarded an "Engineering 2000 Award" by the Institute of Engineers in recognition of her work on issues relating to women in engineering.

It was a very informative talk on the research involved in the development of optical fibres that carry more data over longer distances, greatly increasing the speed of existing internet lines. It was great to hear about the developments over the years and how Zonta contributed to the pathway of Jean Armstrong in these areas of research and in her life.

Areas 1 and 4 Workshop 2008

The workshop/ officer training day will be held in Melbourne on the 3rd May. We will need clubs in Areas 1 and 4 to help out with the arrangements and planning of the day. I have been looking into venues and guest speakers, so if you have any ideas, let me know.

Glenda Peck
Area 1 Director

Further Amelia Earhart Celebrations

Area 2

Amelia Earhart Breakfast in the Park

Sarah Cunningham, Adelaide Flinders' Amelia Earhart rep shares how two clubs in Area 2 celebrated Amelia Earhart Day:

The **Zonta Clubs of Adelaide** and **Adelaide Flinders** again combined for the annual 'Breakfast in the Park' to raise money for the club donations to the Amelia Earhart scholarship fund.

What a fabulous way to have a January get-together! Nearly 100 people attended and over \$1,100 raised! Zontians feasted on fruit platters, breads and brie, and ham, danishes, coffee - and champagne!

Area 3

Sunday in the Park

The **Zonta Club of Bunbury** combined its celebration of Amelia Earhart Day with an outdoors club fundraiser at the Myalup Vines Winery, near Bunbury.

150 people enjoyed ideal weather, great fellowship and fine wine and entertainment. Many took advantage of the sausage sizzle and cheese platters. Just over \$1,900 was raised for Zonta projects and visibility in the local newspaper rounded off a highly successful Zonta event.

News from Area 4

We are pleased that member numbers continue to increase in Area 4 and since June 2007 we have 19 new members with almost all clubs recording an increase over that time. It is encouraging to see clubs ensuring that they keep up the numbers despite some resignations along the way. At the Zonta Club of Bendigo we are delighted to be welcoming two babies into the club in the next few months. During the Christmas season clubs celebrated with members and partners but also remembered those less fortunate with donations of goods and money to local groups.

Preparations are well underway for International Women's Day celebrations across our area with many clubs already advertising gala dinners. The **Zonta Club of Ballarat** has an excellent dinner planned with guest speaker Dorothy Wickham who will address guests on the "Women of Eureka – the Centenary of Women's Suffrage". The club has also brought on board a large array of local and corporate sponsors and partners to support the event.

The **Zonta Club of Geelong** are going with a different concept for 2008 to celebrate IWD and are holding their Annual Awards Night as part of a community concert in Geelong as well as holding an Art Show – "Women-A Celebration" for both female and male artists the weekend prior to the IWD. The club was also successful in gaining a local Council grant for the event.

The **Zonta Club of Bendigo** will hold its 17th Annual International Women's Day Dinner now included in the calendar of events for the city's week long celebration of IWD and women's achievements. This year the speaker will be ABC's first female sports broadcaster and only female AFL Tribunal member Elaine Canty, and as a Director of the Royal Women's Hospital, funds from the evening will be donated to women's health. Bendigo also ran a most successful Gifts Galore day showcasing local produce and goods in the lead up to Christmas.

Over \$3,000 has been raised by the **Zonta Club of Melton** to support Women's Health West, Community Church Caring and Unifem. The club has also continued to support their community's Djerrirrh Festival. The speaker for Melton's IWD dinner will be Bridget Muir – the first woman to climb Mt Everest so this should be a popular event for the club.

The **Zonta Club of Kyneton** has been busy with the local Kyneton combined service clubs Australia Day Breakfast and this followed on from a fellowship evening earlier in the week of twilight barefoot bowls!

The **Zonta Club of Albury Wodonga** continues to slowly build their club with 14 members now involved in their activities. The club held a theatre evening, has been involved in birthing kits (which continues to attract members to many clubs) health awareness days and continue to work on the carers room at the local hospital. They are also well known in the city for their annual Light up Christmas event.

Celebrations are in the air for the members of the **Zonta Club of Wangaratta** who are gearing up for their 20th Birthday party on the 15th March. The club members are hoping Zontians in Areas 1 and 4 will join them in the celebrations. The weekend will be combined with an Area 4 Presidents meeting.

Clubs in Area 4 continue to support our District projects by making breast cushions and assembling birthing kits and I urge clubs to renew their membership of the Birthing Kit Foundation.

*Sandra Burns
Area 4 Director*

PR & C News

The latest PR & C E-News (No.7 January 2008) from ZI Chairman Erlinda Panlilio deals with **visibility and branding** and also has an important section on **District and Club web sites**.

All members can access the PR&C E-News from the ZI website by logging on to www.zonta.org - go to 'Member Resources' then 'Tools for Clubs', then 'Public Relations'. Click on the link - 'Public Relations & Communications Committee' and you are there. Note **page 5** in Issue No. 7, in particular, as it lists many useful PR ideas.

The following is requested of **Club webmasters** and is from the above ZI E-News:

1. Effective links to other sites, especially to Zonta International, with a return to your website.
2. Email contact information for the leadership officers and webmaster should be readily available on each website. The names of the officers can be shown, without specific personal information, with the email address for the office, which is then sent directly to the specified individual.
3. Finally, all our websites around the world should provide the most up-to-date information on the number of countries we represent, our number of clubs and our total membership. This is, of course, of interest to our members; but it is especially crucial for prospects and other interested parties.

Nan Martella, D23 PR&C Chairman

Dates to remember

	When?	What?	Who?
2008	Feb	ZI Board meeting	
	8 to 10 Feb	Governors' orientation in Chicago	Governor-Elect
	7 Feb	District Committee reports to DG and D Sec	Committee Chairmen
	1 March	Deadline for ZIF donations to District Treasurer Jasmine Koch for acknowledgement at Convention in Rotterdam Photos of <i>Local Service in Action</i> requested for Convention**	Clubs Clubs
	8 March	Zonta Rose Day; International Women's Day	All members
	11 March	Items due to Jo Wittorff for <i>Newsflash</i>	District leaders
	31 March	Deadline for receipt of Convention registration at	Clubs, members
	1 April	YWPA club award winners to District Coordinator Judy Rothe* Convention registration fee increases to 425 Euros* Deadline for ZIF contributions to be received by ZIF for Convention recognition	Clubs Clubs, members District Treasurer Jasmine Koch
	5 April	Area 3 Workshop	Area 3 members
	12 & 13 April	District Board meeting in Adelaide	District Board
	24 April	OMC report due to ZI OMC Chairman	Lt Gov
	25 April	Final club report for the biennium due to AD & DG	Club presidents
	30 April	Emma Conlon applications (Z & Golden Z Club) due to ZI & DG	Z & Golden Z Coord Fiona MacDowall
	1 May	Club officers 2008-2009 report form due to ZI & District Secretary Ann Horrocks* Club annual report due to AD & DG ZI & District dues payment for 2008-2009 due to District Treasurer Jasmine Koch YWPA District candidates due to ZI* ZI & District dues payment for 2008-2009 due to District Treasurer Jasmine Koch	Clubs Clubs Clubs YWPA Coordinator Judy Rothe, DG Clubs
	3 May	Areas 1 & 4 Workshop	Area 1 & 4 members
	10 May	Areas 2 & 5 Workshop	Area 2 & 5 members
	15 May	Convention delegate credentials forms (paper or faxed) due to ZI** DG report due to ZI and ZI Liaison	Clubs DG
	22 May	Convention delegate credentials forms (online) due to ZI**	Clubs
	23 May	Items due to Jo Wittorff for <i>Newsflash</i>	District leaders
	31 May	Jane M Klausman club recipients due to District Coordinator Rosalie Lake* Last day to register for convention at 425 Euros	Clubs Clubs, members
	1 June	Convention registration fee increases to 475 Euros 2008-2009 International dues payment due to ZI	Clubs, members District Treasurer Jasmine Koch
	30 June	YWPA international recipients announced by ZI	
	27 June – 2 July	59 th International Convention, Rotterdam	All members
2009	25-27 September	District Conference in Ballarat	All members

* indicates information available on the ZI website

** indicates information in November Zonta memo sent to all club presidents