

District 23

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From the District Governor.....



Alison Martin, D23 Governor wearing the colourful jewellery she won in the raffle at the ZI Convention in Rotterdam!

Greetings District 23 Zontians!

Thank you for all your best wishes for the coming biennium—there will be challenges for all of us as we work together to advance the status of women, locally and globally. We need to take practical action and devise workable local solutions to tackle the challenges and opportunities as members of a global organisation.

Your Club delegate will have reported on important changes to our Bylaws, dues adjustments and biennial goals or reported in Club newsletters. Most details are available on www.zonta.org, briefly they are:

The resolution to honour the 60th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights was passed and District UN Chairman Joanne Metzger will contact Clubs to reaffirm our support of this achievement.

Changes to our Bylaws
Amendments were passed at Convention which will affect all Clubs and the complete revisions will be printed in the 2008 Bylaws Booklet to be sent in the October 2008 Club mailing to Presidents.

- Status of Women Service Committee (STWS): Name changed to *Service Committee* and deletion of "it shall recommend action".
- Creation of new standing Committee: *Legislative Awareness & Advocacy (LAA)*
- "Referral" privileges for Club members: Deleted "may be elected to membership" and inserted "*may transfer*" membership to that Club.
- Classified Member: words added "*or have experience in*" to definition.

Membership Dues Increase Proposal

The motion was passed to *increase the ZI fees to US\$15 from 1 June 2009*. Lengthy discussions on the motion to backdate a US\$15 fee increase to 1 June 2008 saw delegates eventually

pass a motion that individual members donate US\$15 or more this current year to help ZI cover increased costs. Some Zonta Clubs may decide to pay this donation for all their members from their administration account. Please see article by District Treasurer in this News Flash on page 9.

2008-2010 ZI Biennial Goals

These biennial goals are aligned to ZI's objectives and strategic goals and provide a framework for our District and Clubs to develop our own biennial goals.

New International Service Programs

- US\$600,000 to *Prevention of Mother-to-Child Transmission of HIV in Rwanda*, a project in cooperation with UNICEF.
- US\$600,000 to *Safe Cities for Women Project in Guatemala City, Guatemala, and San Salvador, El Salvador*, a project in cooperation with UNIFEM.
- US\$450,000 to *Reduction of Obstetric Fistula in Liberia within the context of Maternal and Newborn Health*, a project in cooperation with UNFPA (United Nations Population Fund).

ZISVAW Programs

- US\$300,000 to Ending

District Governor
Alison Martin
ZC of Perth Northern
Suburbs, WA

2009 District 23 Conference

Ballarat, Victoria
25th – 27th September
Doherty's
Ballarat Lodge

Make a note in your diary!

Change of details:

Karen Groves email is now:
grovesbk@bigpond.com
*Please update your new
D23 contact list*

D23 Yahoo Address

Are you sending copies of minutes, newsletters etc to your Area Director or the District Governor?

If so, please also send a copy to the Zonta District 23 Yahoo address at:

zontadistrict23@yahoo.com.au

Forward articles for the next edition of Newsflash to the Yahoo address *before 10 October*

Violence Against Women through Community Action (EVAWCA) *in Cambodia'*

- US\$200,000 to Combating physical violence against women and supporting the implementation of protective and anti-discriminatory laws and policies *in Egypt*
- US\$100,000 to Community-based centre for housing and rehabilitation of women victims of violence *in Syria*

Education & Leadership Development Programs Increases were announced for the 08-10 Biennium of:

- *Amelia Earhart Fellowships*
In total US\$700,000 is apportioned as 35 international awards at US\$10,000 each year of the biennium
- *Jane M Klausman Women in Business Scholarships*
In total US\$120,000 is apportioned as 12 international scholarships at US\$5,000 each year of the biennium
- *Young Women in Public Affairs Awards*
In total US\$94,000 is apportioned to 32 District awards at US\$1,000 and 5 international awards at US\$3,000 each year of the biennium

International Liaisons & Headquarters

Now that the composition of International Directors is known, International President Beryl Sten will decide who our District 23 *ZI Board Liaison* will be. This will be published in the News Flash when

known. District Ambassador Beryl McMillan anticipates that all District 23 Clubs will continue to donate 1/3 of service funds raised to the Zonta International Foundation. *Caroline Wilkins*, Oregon, USA, currently Chairman of the ZIF Development Committee will continue as our *ZIF Board Liaison*. We will also have regular contact with ZIF President Betty Jane Bourdon who attended the Geelong District 23 Conference as our ZI.

The ZIF Board have completed due diligence on purchase of half a floor at *55 West Wacker Drive, Chicago* for US\$1,715,000 and have a Letter of Intent from the buyer of 557 West Randolph Street at US\$1,950,000.

International Honorary Member
At Convention, Noeleen Heyzer, former Executive Director of UNIFEM, now Under-Secretary-General to Head the UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific was announced as our newest International Honorary Member.

2009 District 23 Conference
Approval for our Conference dates 25th to 27th September was given by International President Beryl Sten in December 2007 and is unmovable unfortunately as it is the Grand Final weekend. Why not arrive early and stay after Conference, by planning a week's break. Conference Chairman Hilary Pope has put in many hours into planning and bookings are confirmed with Doherty Ballarat Lodge for Conference facilities. I will meet

with the Conference Committee in October and further information will be published. Ballarat will draw on the expertise of Area 4 Zontians and we can be sure they will host a well-run and thought provoking Conference.

International President Beryl Sten's goals and objectives are **Simplicity, Transparency, Accountability, Responsibility and Zonta (STARZ)**. Our District Conference theme is – **Striving to Advocate Rights thru Zonta**, it reflects that we will work towards advocating rights for women through service as part of this Biennium's goals. In working to advance the status of women we are all Stars!

Reporting & Communication
When the method and content of reporting required by International President Beryl Sten is known, it will be immediately disseminated to Area Directors for Clubs to take on board. Area Directors will work consistently to ensure that requests for information are met and successes are shared. This will assist the Board in our responsibilities to administer the District, being the link to the ZI and ZIF Boards and Headquarters staff.

First District Board Meeting
The District Board met for our first formal meetings on the weekend of 26/27 July in my home. We held the 3rd Annual General Meeting, dealt with an extensive Action List from the April Board meetings and met with District Chairmen and Coordinators from Area 3. Board members discussed how District 23 Biennial Goals will align with International Goals and how the District and Clubs should implement these Goals. When finalised and printed the updated Goals booklet and strategies will be sent to Clubs.

This biennium let's make sure 100% of Clubs are using their *Club logo* on all documents (obtained from HQ) with the wording "*Member of Zonta International*", your documents are from your Club, not Zonta International.

I leave you with this thought: *We cannot all do great things, but we can do small things with great love*".

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| 2008-2010 Foundation Fundraising Goals | Total (excluding the Endowment Fund*) | US\$4,020,000 |
| | International Service Fund | 1,650,000 |
| | ZISVAW Fund | 600,000 |
| | Rose Fund | 800,000 |
| | Amelia Earhart Fellowship Fund | 650,000 |
| | Jane M Klausman Women in Business Scholarship Fund | 150,000 |
| | Young Women in Public Affairs Fund | 190,000 |
| | WHPPI Fund | 30,000 |

* In addition to the operational fundraising goals for 2008-2010 Biennium, in celebration of Zonta International's 100th Anniversary, the Zonta International Foundation proposes a US\$10 million Endowment Fund by 2018. During the 2006-2008 Biennium, the Foundation Board and Development Committee focused on plans to achieve this goal. The Endowment Fund goal for 2008-2010 Biennium is US\$500,000

What an experience it was, thank you to all the 43 enthusiastic District 23 Zontians who travelled across the world to the 59th Zonta International Convention in Rotterdam, The Netherlands—we made our mark!

Loud cheering and clapping erupted from the audience at the Opening Ceremony when the **Australian flag bearer** appeared wearing the distinct Akubra hat and Driza-Bone® coat, instantly identifying Australia! She is a member of the ZC of Sandgate, the newest Club in District 24 at the time of the Opening Ceremony. See her photo in the Convention newsletter # 4 on the www.zonta2008.com website and many other lovely photos of District 23 Zontians in the colourful newsletters.

District 23 Zontians were ecstatic at the election of **three** of our members to International office! Immediate Past District Governors, Beryl McMillan was elected to the office of International Director (2009-2012) and to the Nominating Committee Ronda Walker (At Large) and Liz

Woodgate for Australia / New Zealand. We wish them well and know they are committed to represent all Zontians equally.

What great **volunteers** D23 Zontians are – Ann Horrocks was Vice-Chairman-Technical Committee under PIP Margit Webjorn in charge of Voting & Credentials and this process went so smoothly, no doubt due to Ann's experience from Melbourne Convention. Sally Gordon did a wonderful job here, there and everywhere with her camera, faithfully recording the events for the Rotterdam Newsletter team – they couldn't have done it without you Sally! (Sally's photo is in Convention newsletter #5). Annamarie Perlesz, Carolyn Weber, Ellen Cox, Hilary Pope, Jo Wittorff, Odile Glenn and Sandra Burns volunteered at 'dialogues' with local immigrants at the Picnic in the Park.

District 29 Zontians were busy selling raffle tickets for the many valuable prizes donated by Districts and other Zontians and District 23 Zontians carried off **five raffle**

prizes! Ronda Walker won the valuable Turkish stone bead necklace once owned by the Iranian royal family (see photo in Convention Newsletter #3). Other prizes won were silver earrings by Ann Horrocks, digital camera by Annamarie Perlez, scarf by Dawn Newman and heavy turquoise necklace and earrings from New Mexico won by your DG (see photo front page).

One needed stamina for the hectic 6 days, with many colourful and unique events, culminating in a magical Gala Concert with Rotterdam Philharmonic Orchestra in their own home: The de Doelen Concert Hall! This had been the venue for the flag parade, speeches, memorial service, business meetings, installation ceremony and farewell party.

As part of the Convention Committee in Melbourne I know how the Rotterdam Committee were feeling – elated, exhausted, but satisfied that they had given their all to make the Convention a great success. Well done Ingeborg and committee!

From Newsletter, ZI Convention Rotterdam 2008, Wednesday 2nd July 2008, p2

Results of voting: Bylaws and Resolutions

| Subject | Proposed by | Recommended by ZI Board | Adopted |
|--|----------------------|-------------------------|--|
| Terms of International Directors | ZI Board | Yes | Yes |
| Duties of International Nominating Committee | ZI Board | Yes | Yes |
| Constitution of International Nominating Committee | ZI Board | Yes | Postponed indefinitely |
| Vacancies on International Nominating Committee | ZI Board | Yes | Lapses due to B1 |
| Duties of International Nominating Committee | ZI Board | Yes | Lapses due to B1 |
| Existence of ZI PR and Communication Committee | ZI Board | Yes | No |
| Status of Women Service Committee name and purpose | ZI Board | Yes | Yes |
| Creates new standing committee : Legislative Awareness & Advocacy (LAA) | ZI Board | Yes | Yes |
| District Nominating Committees: how constituted | D29 | No | No |
| "Referral" privileges for club members | ZI Bylaws & Res Comm | Yes | Yes |
| Classified Member: definition | D4 | Yes | Yes |
| Membership: categories | D23 | No | No |
| Membership: rights and privileges categories in E.3. | D23 | No | Lapses due to E3 |
| Classified Member: definition | D23 | No | No |
| Membership: categories | D24 | No | No |
| Membership: rights and privileges categories in E.6. | D24 | No | Lapses due to E6 |
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| Membership: diversity of classification in E.6. | D24 | No | Lapses due to E6 |
| Annual dues relating to E6. | D24 | No | Lapses due to E6 |
| Resolutions: definition and duration, how proposed, powers of Bylaws and Resolutions Committee | ZI Bylaws & Res Comm | Yes | Proposal amended in Sections 1 and 2 then Section 1 adopted, Section 2 adopted, Section 3 not adopted. |
| Rule of Procedure for Resolutions | ZI Bylaws & Res Comm | Yes | No |
| To replace 'Chairman' with 'Chair' | D15 | No | No |
| To use 'Chair' instead of Chairman | D24 | No | No |



D23 Board display Yarri Wada Presentation Packs at first meeting in Perth: L-R: Alison Martin (DG), Georgie Hutchinson (A5 Director), Jasmine Koch (Treasurer), Judith Rothe (Area 4 Director), Judy Tennant (A3 Director), arm of Jo Wittorff (Secretary),

The first D23 Board meeting was also the official commencement of the Yarri Wada Puppet Project as a district project.

All clubs in D23 should have received their Yarri Wada Presentation Packs by now containing a DVD of the women in the Kimberley learning how to make puppets and the colourful Yarri Wada News featuring the project achievements to date.

Fiona Crowe was able to bring the Board up to date on what has been happening in the Kimberley—and with this project, there is always something happening! The Board were delighted to hear that the

project is progressing more quickly than expected, with a couple of strong young local indigenous women being identified to manage the project in the Kimberley.

As part of the education program the women are arranging a 'Club' for young women in a safe house, where they may meet once a fortnight to learn about health, life, culture and, of course, puppetry.

More importantly, links are being made in the local community so that if any issues are raised in the club e.g. abuse, assault etc, the Club leaders can access appropriate local people to provide counselling and support as required.

For many Zontians this project may feel 'far away'. Therefore, it is hoped that each area will appoint a Yarri Wada co-ordinator, who will be able to work closely with Fiona and Sciona to bring the district closer together. The co-ordinators will be able to hear what is happening, first hand, from those that are making it happen and so keep their local members accurately informed on the nuances of working with indigenous communities!

We are helping people who have a completely different culture to our own and the lessons learned will hopefully be transferable to other parts of Australia in the future.



Faces behind the names: D23 Yarri Wada Co-ordinators (L-R) Fiona Crowe and Sciona Browne are looking forward to connecting up with 'Yarri Wada Co-ordinators' throughout D23. Fiona is the Head of St Catherine's College (a women's residential college) at the University of Western Australia and Sciona, a former test pilot, is currently the Regional Manager of the Wunan Foundation a non government organisation that works to improve the lives of indigenous people. Sciona is based in Halls Creek and commutes the couple of thousand kilometres to club meetings....! Fiona and Sciona have recently returned from the Kimberley where they formed links with a host of community organisations to ensure the local managers of the Yarri Wada Project have access to appropriate support services to ensure the longterm sustainability of the project. The District 23 website has links to the Yarri Wada web pages: www.zontadistrict23.org.au



Lennie McCall presents Alison with a gavel and trophy from the archives



Perth Zontian, Karen Groves (left) D23 Jane M Klausman Co-ordinator meets her sister Georgie Hutchinson (right) who is Area 5 Director. Georgie and her mother (centre) flew to Perth from Tasmania for the meeting and a special family get together!



After the formal proceedings, local Zontians brought in platters of food for an informal 'Meet the D23 Board' party



Visiting Zontian, Anna Marie Jenkins (right) from the Zonta Club of Everett in Washington state USA, receives a Yarri Wada pack and some cards from D23 Governor, Alison Martin.



Board members receive personal copies of the Yarri Wada Pack to encourage sponsorships!



Zontians watch the Board 'hamming it up' for the camera!

The new changes in the ZI Application forms for the YWPA program in 2008 has given the Zonta Clubs in the Southern hemisphere an opportunity to begin their award program applications immediately after the ZI awards have been presented in June each year. This opportunity will give our Clubs six months of School time to gain applicants, prepare interviews and forward their winning recipient to the D23 YWPA Coordinator by April 1st of the next year.

The enthusiastic District 23 Evaluating Committee again consisting of Donna Petrovich MP (member for Northern Victoria Region), Ms Jay Bonnington, Non Executive Company Director and myself met in Parliament House in Melbourne on April 7th 2008 after receiving 12 applications and one lost in transit.

- Area 1. Melbourne on Yarra and Mornington Peninsula.
- Area 2. Adelaide, Noarlunga Southern Vales and Riverland.
- Area 3. Perth, Perth Northern Suburbs, Peel Region and Swan Hills.
- Area 4. Ballarat, Bendigo, Geelong and Kyneton.

The Evaluating committee was impressed with the standard of the

applicants and has found an outstanding candidate for the District again this year. The winner is Aleksandra Sladojevic from the Zonta Club of Adelaide, South Australia. Aleksandra attends Walford Anglican School for Girls and is the School Captain. She is currently studying a wide range of subjects, after completing mathematical and physic studies. She is also active in the School Senior Debating Society.

Her references are first class – and speak of her wonderful achievements, along with her ability coupled with humility. They write of her exceptional leadership qualities, leading by example, yet valuing others opinions.

- Facilitator at the State United Nations Conference in 2008.
- Aleksandra represented Australia at the United Nations summit in *The Hague* in January 2008.
- Combines exceptional ability with humility, excelling academically passing three subjects with distinction before this year and others feel valued in her presence as she unselfishly promotes them before herself.

- An active member of the Walford Group ECHO (Environmentally Conscious & Humanitarian Organisation),
- School Captain of Walford Anglican School.
- Supports the Ryder Cheshire Foundation and the ABM appeal to facilitate access water in remote parts of the Philippines.
- Executive member of the United Nations Youth Association of South. Australia and delegate to the UN General Assembly competition State and National representing Japan and Iran.

Aleksandra is an extraordinary young woman with the ability and motivation to make a real difference in our world; she is passionately interested in international law and diplomacy and wishes to continue being involved with the United Nations Youth Association. Aleksandra is also passionate in her beliefs with the environment and the need to help third world countries.

We wish her every success in the international assessment of the district winners.

Thank you for the opportunity of representing the District as the Young Women in Public Affairs award Coordinator and I congratulate all clubs that have participated in this exciting program during the last two years.

Zonta Withdraws from Project Five-O

Exerpt from letter by ZI President, Beryl Sten

Project Five-O" is an international coalition of five women's organisations - Zonta International, Soroptomist International, International Council of Women (locally NCW), International Federation of University Women, and Business & Professional Women International - working together to empower all women and girls world-wide. www.project-five-o.org

"The Zonta International Board has decided to withdraw our participation in Project Five-O.

Five-O is no longer receiving funds from UNESCO for its small service projects. Raising funds for Five-O

within Zonta would conflict with fundraising for our own service projects. Use of Zonta funds has to be well reported and accounted for. This cannot be requested from Five-O since it is so small and not a legal entity.

Zonta International has tried to make joint advocacy at international level a main purpose of Five-O. However, that has proved difficult and the results have been rather poor.

After evaluation and thorough consideration, the ZI Board decided that participation in Project Five-O is

not a good way of using our limited resources (time, money and energy).

Please note that Zonta International will continue to cooperate with likeminded organizations. Zonta clubs can still partner/cooperate with clubs belonging to organizations who are members of Five-O. The current Policy on Affiliation of Zonta with other organizations adopted in February 2004 by the International Board is under review by the international board. It does explain what we can do and what we do mean by partner, i.e. cooperate with other organizations."

We begin another biennium with great enthusiasm to further our work towards advancing the status of women and thank Sandra Burns for all her work during the past two years. Have you noticed her wearing the Zonta yellow dangling ear-rings that you all donated including the donation to the ZI Foundation?

I attended the D23 Annual/Board Meeting in Perth on the 26th/27th July 2008 as your Area 4 Director. Past District Governor Kay Poustie invited me and Area 1 Director Faye Juetz to stay with her and her husband Trevor for the two nights. The meeting was held at Alison Martin's (our new District Governor's) beautiful home with a fantastic view of the city.

The Zonta Club of Perth Northern Suburbs Zontians were superb in their hospitality by catering for morning teas, lunches and afternoon teas and they were scrumptious. Zontians Anita Sutton and Anne Markey came into Alison's home and served us with a minimum of fuss cleaning up so quietly while we continued with our meeting.

My first report to the Area 4 President's was sent by email on August 1st with information directly from the meeting and there will be more!

The District goals have been updated and when they are printed they will be distributed to all Clubs. The next D23 Board Meeting is to be held in Melbourne on the 31st January-1st February 2009.

How exciting to have the District 23 Conference in our Area 4 in 2009.

The conference will be held in Ballarat on the 25-27 September 2009. Yes it is on the AFL grand final week-end so be early with your accommodation bookings!

The first conference meeting is to be held at Hilary Pope's residence on Saturday August 9th 2008

All details of the 2008 Zonta International Convention held in Rotterdam are on the ZI webpage. How exciting that we have three Zontians from District 23 elected to Zonta International.

Our past District Governor Beryl McMillan was elected as Zonta International Director for 2009-2012. The ZI Nominating Committee for Aust/NZ is Elizabeth Woodgate and at large: Ronda Walker from the Zonta Club of Kyneton in Area 4.

Keep sending me your Club monthly reports/photos and I will inform the District through the Newsflash of your wonderful projects that advance the status of women.

Who's in the news...

Congratulations to Jean Oldham from the Zonta Club of Perth who was recently awarded an OAM for 'service to the community particularly through Zonta International and the Royal Perth Hospital'... (as cited in the West Australian).

Her fellow Zontians shared the celebrations with a special cake at a Club meeting.



Congratulations to Liz Bice 30 years of Zonta service.

Liz was presented with a certificate at the Zonta International Convention in Rotterdam

Ideas to promote Zonta

- Print information about Zonta on the back of raffle tickets.
- Print emergency phone numbers, advertising for White Ribbon day etc on the back of 'Shop-a-Dockets.
- Summarise Zonta activities on business sized cards—International activities on one side and local activities on the other—with contact details for your Club

PROJECT RESPECT

Has your club considered supporting Project Respect? Project Respect is an Australian non-government organisation which challenges exploitation of and violence against women in the sex industry.

Find out more at:

<http://www.projectrespect.org.au/index.html>

Zonta Thanks

Please note that the 'Zonta Grace' has been renamed as the 'Zonta Thanks' to reflect the non-religious nature of the sentiment.

**JEAN HAGGER
LAST CHARTER MEMBER OF THE
ZONTA CLUB OF MELBOURNE ON YARRA
PAST PRESIDENT
PAST MEMBER OF DISTRICT 23 ARCHIVES
COMMITTEE**

We farewell a loyal and true Zontian, highly respected for her incisive mind, her wit, her vast knowledge and experience of Zonta and her commitment to the ideals of Zonta. She will be missed.

“She was the longest serving Zontian in Australia and a member right up until the end. She only missed the last few meetings, and had been in attendance regularly until very recently,” recalls Melinda Young, D23 PR Chair.



Miss Jean Hagger, left, and Mr B Wray, State Librarian of Tasmania at the opening of the State Library of Victoria's new Latrobe Library. Photographer Leone Mills. Reproduced with kind permission of the Melbourne Library.

Kay Poustie's (Zonta Club of Perth Northern Suburbs), first memories of Jean Hagger were not of her as a Zontian, but as the Head Cataloguer of the University of Melbourne Bailleu Library.

“As a new young library assistant I was in awe and trepidation of her. Those were the days when you ‘obeyed’ all orders of the senior librarians!,” said Kay.

“I later knew Jean as the head of the Department of Librarianship at the RMIT where she was the founder of the original course in 1965. She was a wonderful teacher but still had us, her students, in awe of her. She was made a Fellow of the Australian Library and Information Association (formerly the Library Association of Australia) in 1964. However, I do remember Jean becoming a charter member of the Zonta Club of Melbourne because it was written up in one of the newspapers (probably the Age) at the time. I always remembered Zonta as a top tier organisation after that,” said Kay.



Anne Silvester at the ZI Convention in Melbourne in 2006

Anne Silvester, Immediate Past President of the Zonta International Foundation and our District's ZIF Liaison until her term on the Foundation Board finished, has recently passed away.

Anne had not been well for some time, and it was only a few weeks ago that she sent an email to Beryl McMillan sending good wishes to our District. Beryl spoke with her afterwards and she did not sound well, but was cheery none-the-less. Anne asked again that Beryl thank and congratulate all clubs in our District for their donations to the Foundation, expressing delight that we had 100% of clubs contributing. We will miss her in D23 - she regularly said how wonderful our District is, noting that the D23 culture is something she wished she saw in more Districts of Zonta.

Anne, a tireless advocate for Zonta, will be sadly missed.

How you can make history...

Where are your club archives stored? Are they in a library, a house, a garage? Who knows where they are stored—is it written down?

2016 will mark Zonta's 50th anniversary in Australia! *How about collecting some oral histories of the early years from your Club's founders—or creating a special scrapbook to celebrate your Club's next 'anniversary' year?*

Take steps today to secure your Club's history.

- **Is your club holding fundraising activities with no particular service projects in mind?**
- **Is your club holding significant excess funds in its fundraising account?**
- **Is your club saving for a rainy day?**

If the answer is yes to any of these questions, you may like to look at the amount of funds held in your fundraising account and be pro-active by planning how those funds can best be applied to advance the status of women in your community.

Or your members may wish to make a further donation to the Zonta International Foundation for our 2008-10 International Service Projects, for the AE Fellowship, JMK Women in Business Scholarship or YWPA Funds.

Funds designated for service activities should be allocated and distributed by the end of each biennium unless the club has formalised plans regarding distribution.

If your club is holding excess admin (the member A/c) funds, it is possible with the permission of club members, for excess admin funds to be transferred into the fundraising account for service projects but not vice versa.

ZI membership dues increase

Jasmine Koch, D23 Treasurer

From D23 Governor's article on page 1:

"Membership Dues Increase Proposal – The motion was passed to increase the ZI fees to US\$15 from 1 June 2009. Lengthy discussions on the motion to backdate a US\$15 fees increase to 1 June 2008 saw delegates eventually pass a motion that individual members donate US\$15 or more this current year to help ZI cover increased costs. Some Zonta Clubs may decide to pay this donation for all their members from their administration account."

The following article from Jasmine Koch D23 Treasurer and a letter from the Zonta International Finance Committee explain the situation.



Jasmine Koch, D23 Treasurer

At the Zonta International Convention in Rotterdam, delegates passed a motion to

increase Zonta International membership fees by US\$15 from US\$50 to US\$65 effective from 1 June 2009, not 1 June 2008 as proposed.

As the retrospective element of the proposal was not passed, there is likely to be an impact on the services provided to members by Zonta International in the 2008-9 financial year, as additional funds are required to meet increased operational costs.

After lengthy discussion, delegates passed a motion (72.74% in favour) that individual members be asked to **donate** US\$15 per member for the 2008-9 year in lieu of a retrospective dues increase.

This will enable Zonta International to maintain its effectiveness.

To demonstrate District 23's commitment to Zonta International, the District 23 Board is requesting clubs to donate A\$15 per member to Zonta International (not the Zonta International Foundation) via the District 23 Treasurer by **31 October 2008**.

The donation applies to existing members and new members.

Some clubs may have excess admin funds that may be used for this purpose and some clubs may ask members to make a donation. We are not suggesting using fundraising (service) funds for this purpose as it is an admin (member) matter.



Zonta International

Advancing the Status of Women Worldwide

Dear Zontians,

The 59th Convention in Rotterdam is now over. We have shared business and fellowship in The Netherlands and set our course for the 2008-2010 biennium.

We presented the need for a \$15 USD dues increase. The members at the convention did vote to increase our dues to \$65 USD (\$68 USD for North American Zontians) effective June 1, 2009, but not for the current year. They also recognized that our budget must balance. They realized that we need the other \$15USD to balance our budget to reach our goals for the biennium. They did not want to burden the clubs with a mandatory dues increase for the first year of the biennium. They did vote on a voluntary dues payment of \$15 USD for the first year of the biennium. We need the help of ALL Zontians and ask you to please consider sending at least \$15 USD each so that we can operate and pay all of our bills for the biennium.

There were some issues we would like to express:

- There is no reserve in the budget.
- We need the extra \$30 per member (\$15 USD per year) for the biennium in order to balance our budget.

To clarify some of the misunderstanding please note:


- Zonta International does not reimburse board or committees for more than economy airfare. The president may fly business class. Everyone has the right to upgrade at their own cost.
- The board shares hotel rooms to keep expenses down. If a board member prefers a single room or a suite, they pay the extra costs personally.
- The board does not receive a meeting fee or any type of pay for attending board meetings.
- Air fares have increased substantially.


We hope that you will find it in your hearts to send an additional dues payment to Zonta International.

Send payments payable to Zonta International using the special form for voluntary dues payments which is available at Zonta.org. We do not need a roster for this payment.

July 31, 2008

Zonta International Finance Committee 2008-2010


Gloria Stootman Wristen
Treasurer/Secretary ZI Board
and member of ZI Finance
Committee 2006-2010


Gunilla Malmsten
Chairman of ZI Finance Committee
2008-2010 and member of ZI
Finance Committee 2006-2008

Who's Who in District 23...

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District 23 Calendar

| Date | Action required | Who to action |
|-------------------|--|--------------------------------|
| Aug 15 | Jane Klausman District winner due to ZI and district Governor | J M Klausman Coordinator |
| Sep 10 | Proposed International Gynaecological Awareness Day | |
| Sep 21 | International Day of Peace | District UN Coordinator, Clubs |
| Sep 30 | Jane M Klausman Women in Business Scholarships International recipients announced | ZI |
| Oct 24 | United Nations Day | District UN Coordinator, Clubs |
| Oct | ZI Board meeting | |
| Nov 8 | Zonta International Day | All members |
| Nov 15 | Amelia Earhart Fellowships applications due to ZI and District Governor | District AE Coordinator |
| Nov 25 | International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women - White Ribbon Day | District UN Coordinator, Clubs |
| Nov 25- Dec 10 | 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence | All members |
| Dec 1 | World AIDS Day | |