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From the District Governor.....



Alison Martin, D23 Governor

Advocacy & Legislative Awareness – Important direction from ZI

It is important that we are aware of the advocacy policies adopted by the ZI Board. Please read D23 LAA Chairman Kay Poustie's article in this NewsFlash.

Recently some members have queried whether they can sign petitions as a Zonta Club regarding abortion. This is a very personal and contentious matter and where there is no advocacy policy from ZI the following direction has been given:

Individual members may express their personal views on issues, as private citizens, but may not attribute them to a Zonta club, District or to Zonta International unless they have been given prior approval by the International President, through the International United Nations Chairman.

ZI Website Navigation Guide

There is now a tutorial on the ZI website on how to navigate through the ZI & ZIF pages. The tutorial gives an overview of the many tools and resources available through our website and helps

familiarize you with the site's navigation.

This Guide is on the top right hand corner of the Home page after you have signed into the Member Resources section.

Updated 2008 Convention reports, speakers, Zonta+ rose etc.

Check out photos, reports and presentations from the 2008 Zonta International Convention on the ZI Member Resources page.

You will find wonderful photos of the Zonta+ Rose introduced in Rotterdam, election results, Reports and Presentations (as available), Speakers, Foundation Booth information and much more.

Zonta items for purchase and sale

Did you know you can order a variety of items from the ZI website? Many years ago I purchased a sparkling "Zonta" and "Zonta symbol" brooch. Firstly log in at Member Resources and click the Zonta Store page, under Browse the Marketplace you will find lists of Club goodies with links to purchase unique sales items.

If you wish to advertise your Club's items on the ZI website you should firstly read the policy document

International matters:

International Liaison now appointed

ZI President Beryl Sten has advised that our International Liaison for the biennium is Heddy Tangen Steffensen, International Director for 2008-2010. Heddy has been a member of the Zonta Club of Stavanger, Norway since 1981 and her background is in sociology, criminology and teaching.



Heddy may not be the ZI representative at our District Conference in Ballarat on 25th to 27th September 2009 – ZI President Beryl Sten will advise who this will be after the ZI Board meeting 20th to 23rd October.

District Governor

Alison Martin

ZC of Perth Northern Suburbs, WA

Change of details:

- **Melton** President is now Margery Bailey
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- **Perth** Treasurer is now Katina Law
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- **Peel** President, Audrey Clay has a new email address
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- **D23 Photographer**, Sally Gordon has a new email address
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"Guidelines for Clubs and Districts Sales Links" under Member Resources/Store & Marketplace before you request posting of your Club's product for selling on the ZI website.

Does your Club have Zonta items for sale? Some Clubs already have their merchandise on the District 23 Website. To add your Club's products contact our D23 PR Chairman Melinda Young.

District 23 news:

Jane M Klausman Women in Business Scholarship

I look forward to presenting the 2008 winner, Chloe Jarratt, with her certificate and D23 cheque for \$1,000 on the 10th October. Chloe attends La Trobe University and was nominated by the Zonta Club of Bendigo. Let's hope she wins one of the 12 international scholarships!

2008-2009 District 23 Directory

I want to acknowledge the tremendous work of District Secretary Jo Wittorff. Many hours were spent on obtaining all the information contained in our new District Directory, which is a most powerful communication tool.

The new purple covered District 23 Directory was mailed to all clubs for distribution to all members, so I hope you have received your copy by now!

This is where you will find all information on the Board, D23 Committees, Projects, 2009 Conferences (District 22 is to be held in Townsville), 2010 & 2012 Conventions, Fees, Merchandise, Newsletter deadlines for articles, Club reporting dates and much, much more.

Please email District Secretary Jo Wittorff and Newsletter Editor Carole Theobald with any changes to contact details and keep your own Directory up-to-date from the "Change of details" box on the front page of each NewsFlash.

We have a new request for clubs this biennium – as well as sending to your Area Director please email Club reports, newsletters etc. to zontadistrict23@yahoo.com.au, as detailed at the back of the District Directory. The District email is the central repository of District soft copy documents.

2008-2010 Biennial Goals Booklet

The light lilac coloured District Goals booklet has also been sent to all clubs for distribution to all members. We hope these Goals will assist your Club in formulating biennial strategies.

Important Club Birthdays

Congratulations to the Zonta Clubs of Alice Springs and Darwin who celebrated their 25th birthdays on 3rd and 4th October respectively; 30th birthdays of Zonta Club of Waverley on 10th October and Ballarat on 24th October and the Zonta Club of Albury-Wodonga will celebrate their 20th birthday on 31st October.

Best wishes to all Club members; may they continue to have fun and fellowship and contribute to improving the lives of women in both their local and international communities.

D23 Website

D23 Webmaster Melinda Young is burning the midnight oil creating our new revamped website and this will include a members' login area for the first time. It is a BIG undertaking to create and input current information and I'm sure we all eagerly await its launch.

Does your Club include a list of members' contact details in your newsletter? If your Club sends a newsletter to Melinda to publish on the D23 website you may consider deleting that sensitive information as our current website is accessible to the public.

Birthing Kit Foundation – partnership with Rotary

Congratulations to Jenny Weaver of ZC of Adelaide Flinders, a Board

member of the Birthing Kit Foundation (Australia) who recently advised her club members that she has secured a \$50,000 donation for the Birthing Kit Foundation. Well done Jenny!

Also congratulations to Julie Monis-Ivett and all the BKF Board members for the recent partnering with Rotary International Health and Hunger Resource Group who wished to recommend that Rotary clubs work through the BKFA to supply birthing kits. This is tremendous news and will mean many, many more kits can be produced and sent to needy countries, thus providing a basic need to many more women.

In the September edition of the Addis Ababa Fistula Hospital newsletter I was thrilled to read that "Between January and March 2008 over 5,500 birthing kits have been distributed. Zonta, with assistance from AusAID has helped provide these birthing kits". What wonderful PR!

Margaret Mead once said "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."

Best wishes to you all for a successful White Ribbon Day event.

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 carole.theobald@cormorant.com.au

before 5th December

Congratulations to Chloe Jarratt!

Chloe is the District 23 winner of the Jane M Klausman Women in Business Scholarship for 2008. Her application has been sent to Zonta International for selection at the international level of this award.

Chloe is in her 2nd year of study at the La Trobe University Bendigo. Her major field of study is accounting in the Law and Management Department. She is aiming to graduate with a Bachelor of Commerce.

Chloe says she had always known that she wanted to be a business woman! Originally from Hay in NSW, Chloe excelled in mathematics at high school and knew that her love of numbers would be critical to her career choice.

Mid-way through her first year at LTUB, Chloe applied for a position in the accounting industry through the Chartered Accountants Achiever Work Experience Program and was



Stop press: Chloe Jarratt (centre) displays her certificate and cheque for \$1000 with Alison Martin (left) D23 Governor, and Raelene Schmidt (right), President of the Zonta Club of Bendigo. Chloe's family attended the special presentation in Bendigo on 10th October.

successful in gaining a placement with an accounting firm.

Subsequently, the firm offered her permanent part-time employment which has afforded her the opportunity to continue her studies full-time, gain experience and knowledge in her career field and begin her life as a woman in business.

Chloe said in her application that she was aiming to increase the number of women in business and especially in the higher positions in organizations. She was hoping that the Jane M Klausman Women in Business Scholarship would assist her to achieve her academic goal of graduating with excellent results and it would also increase her motivation to climb the business hierarchy to claim a position in an executive role.

Chloe is highly motivated, well-organized and very intelligent - and a most worthy winner of this award! She has already been congratulated by the Zonta Club of Bendigo at a club event and District Governor Alison Martin had the pleasure of meeting Chloe and presenting her with a certificate and the District 23 scholarship of \$1000 during a visit to Ballarat in October.

Hopefully, we will all meet Chloe at the District Conference in Ballarat in September 2009!

Legislative Awareness and Advocacy

Just a reminder for members on the Zonta International Advocacy definition.

Advocacy is the expression of support for or opposition to a cause, argument or proposal. Advocacy may include influencing laws, legislation or attitudes.

Through advocacy, Zonta International, its districts, and its clubs are urged to express themselves about and become involved in issues which:

- improve the legal, political, economic, educational, health and professional status of women;
- advance understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of executives in business and the professions; and
- promote justice and universal respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms.

International President Beryl Sten is asking that Clubs focus on advocacy in their communities on issues that particularly relate to women and girl children.

To check whether your service projects are focussed on these issues, there is a simple scorecard your club/committee can use during its decision making process:

For the project or discussion topic to proceed, then one or more of the items must be ticked.

For further information on the 'status' category, there is a full explanation of what is covered in the Zonta International Advocacy Framework section on the Zonta International website.

| ZONTA'S OBJECTS | PROPOSED SERVICE PROJECT OR DISCUSSION TOPIC | DOES IT MEET THE OBJECT YES = ✓ NO = ✗ |
|--|--|--|
| Legal Status (including professional status) | | |
| Political Status | | |
| Economic Status | | |
| Educational Status | | |
| Health Status | | |

The goal of the Zonta International Young Women in Public Affairs (YWPA) Program is to encourage more young women to participate in public and political life by recognizing a commitment to the volunteer sector, evidence of volunteer leadership achievements and a dedication to the advancement of the status of women.

I encourage all Zonta Clubs in the District to seriously "Have a go!"

It is the only *international* program, which can be *actively* worked on by **every** Zonta Club in the world.

It is one of the best programs we have in Zonta International: All Zonta Clubs in the world can work on it as a *club project*, and at the same time they are involved in an *international*

project, which offers awards (from the Zonta International Foundation) to all *District* recipients and to the five best as *International* recipients!

I know some clubs in the District have recently presented awards. Well done and I look forward to receiving the applications in the near future.

Members of the Zonta Club Ballarat were extremely excited when the MLC for Western Victoria, Jaala Pulford, attended their YWPA presentation and then made a Member Statement about it in the Parliament. Well done!

The YWPA Award 2009 Application form and guidelines are now available on the website www.zonta.org. Please ensure that

you read the guidelines carefully and all applications **MUST** be on the 2009 YWPA Application form. You can submit your application anytime before the deadline, 1 April 2009.

A Message from International YWPA Committee - Chairman: Ursula Birker-Eckert

It is urgent that Zonta Clubs donate money to the *YWPA Fund of ZI Foundation*, to make sure that the Awards can be paid for in the future!

Perhaps those Clubs, who do not succeed yet to reach adequate students this year, could at least decide to promote the YWPA Program by donating money to the ZIF YWPA Fund?

Zonta YWPA mentioned in Victoria's Hansard

Hilary Pope, President, ZC Ballarat

VICHANSARD



Title: Zonta Club of Ballarat: Young women in public affairs award
House: COUNCIL
Activity: Member Statement
Members: PULFORD
Date: 9 September 2008

Zonta Club of Ballarat: young women in public affairs awards

Ms PULFORD (Western Victoria) -- On Thursday, 28 August, I had the pleasure of attending the Zonta Club of Ballarat's 2008 young women in public affairs awards. These awards are designed to encourage young women to pursue decision-making positions and to advance the status of women. Local secondary schools nominated students for the awards and I was very pleased to meet such a dynamic and global group of young citizens as the nominees that night. The five applicants were Zoe Creelman, Ballarat and Clarendon College; Catherine Grawich, Damascus College; Catherine Maher, Loreto College; Elyse Wakefield, Sebastopol College; and Tarah Westblade, Mount Clear College. It was a delight to be involved with this occasion and to be able to present them with their certificates. I have confidence that the future of our community is in good hands with young women like these actively involving themselves in volunteering in the life of their community. They set a fine example for their peers.

The 2008 winner was Catherine Maher from Loreto College.

I would also like to acknowledge the Zonta Club of Ballarat president, Hilary Pope, the Zonta service and status of women committee members and all members of the Zonta Club of Ballarat for hosting these awards. It is critical that as a community we continue to support young leaders and they are to be congratulated on their efforts and their nominations.

Dear Bianca

I'm feeling rather chuffed at this moment: the MLC for Western Victoria, Jaala Pulford, attended our YWPA presentation and then made a Member Statement about it in the Parliament.

I attach a copy of the Hansard entry for your information, as I received it today.

A mention in the Parliament is a first for this Club - don't know if any other Club or YWPA has got this in the past.

Hilary

Editor: The challenge is now on to see if we can get Zonta mentioned more Hansards!

2009 District 23 Conference

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

Make a note in your diary—and book your flights now as it is on the AFL Grand Final weekend!

Following a very informative and busy District 23 Board meeting at the end of July I felt energised and ready to proceed in this new role as Area Director.

Area 1 kicked off the term by having a meeting of Presidents and Vice Presidents, with all clubs represented. There was quite lively and positive discussion arising from District 23 Board and local matters while we enjoyed a glass of wine and a very nice meal (of course!).

A proposal was put forth that we combine forces and purses in Area 1 to attract entries for the Jane Klausman award and clubs are currently discussing this proposal with their members. This strategy appears to have worked well in Area 3 and it makes sense to share the organization and contribution of funds to make the award more attractive to potential candidates. Several clubs are also reviewing their award and scholarship programs to ensure that they are mutually attractive and beneficial to the candidates and to the club.

Area 1 Zontians have been invited to become partners in a program for immigrant and refugee women to be funded by the Federal Government. Should the Victorian Women's Immigration & Refugee Centre be successful in their submission to run this program early next year, an Area 1 representative will be appointed to the steering committee and opportunities for "hands-on" activities will be open to Zonta

members in several municipalities in Melbourne. The Melbourne's West Club organized and took part in a successful program with refugee women last year and found it enlightening and rewarding to make these women feel a little more comfortable in their new environment. Opportunities to network with local agencies and groups is always a positive for Zonta as well. The submission results will be announced in November.

District projects are rolling along very nicely with all clubs working towards maintaining their commitment to the two ongoing projects whilst continuing the myriad local activities on the calendar.

Frankston and Mornington in particular have regular breast cushion get-togethers and are flat out trying to keep up with requests from their local health care providers.

Birthing kit workshops are also going very well, particularly those involving secondary school students and several thousand kits have been completed recently. It is rewarding to see how enthusiastically the students approach their task and sometimes exhausting trying to keep up with their output! It is even more interesting when there is a mixed class – boys can be surprisingly dexterous and are invariably "chuffed" to know they are helping save lives. One club is also working with midwives at the hospital and

they are very keen to expand sessions. With the major sponsor coming to the Birthing Kit Foundation, there will be countless opportunities for new partnerships. I plan to encourage clubs to make the most of this new era by forging relationships and putting Zonta "out there" in their communities.

It is interesting to read of the great guest speakers clubs are enlisting for their meetings. They range across all walks of life and bring something new to each meeting. A suggestion to compile a list of guest speakers that can be shared between clubs is on the Area 1 agenda.

Membership appears to be going well generally, with Melbourne on Yarra gaining from the sad demise of the CBD club and Waverley increasing their membership numbers as well. Clubs are working to maintain and increase membership and have ideas and plans for future membership.

And now to fundraising: who would have thought???? Sausage sizzles! Several clubs are being run off their feet on Saturdays standing at barbies outside enormous hardware stores cooking onions and sausages – a very lucrative fundraiser. (Lots of fundraising activities taking place, but this has to be Flavour of the Month!)

This article is but a short overview of Area 1 activities – more detail next time!

Amelia Earhart Fellowships 2009

Ann Horrocks,
D23 AE Fellowship Coordinator

- Do you know a woman studying at the PhD level?
- Is she studying aerospace-related science or aerospace-related engineering?
- Does she know about the Amelia Earhart Fellowship?
- Let her know quickly as the US\$6,000 fellowship could make a big difference to her studies!

Applications for the 2009 Amelia Earhart Fellowships must be received at ZI Headquarters by 15 November 2008.

An Amelia Earhart Poster (right) and fellowship details are available from the ZI website at www.zonta.org.



Inaugural SA Project Five-O White Ribbon Breakfast Despite Zonta's official withdrawal from Project Five-O at an international level, Zonta in Area 2 (together with the National Council of Women, Soroptomists, Business and Professional Women and Federation of University Women) remains involved in organising the inaugural White Ribbon Breakfast to be held at the Adelaide Festival Centre on 25 November. This is shaping up to be an exciting event with a guest speaker and the proceedings co-hosted by local media personalities. The event is aimed at enlisting the men of South Australia to take up the White Ribbon's theme of "Not Violent, Not Silent".

Darwin White Ribbon Breakfast The Zonta Club of Darwin is also holding their fourth White Ribbon Breakfast on 25 November at the Crown Plaza Hotel with Guest Speaker Major-General Chalmers, the officer in charge of the Commonwealth Intervention in the NT.

Congratulations to Julie Black, President of the Zonta Club of Adelaide Torrens who is a finalist in the 2008 SA Telstra Businesswomen of the Year Awards!

Zonta Club of Fleurieu Peninsula recently held a "Hooked on Jazz" night featuring the Dixieland Band from SA Police. About 170 people enjoyed Dixieland music and some fantastic big band numbers which had everyone kicking up their heels! The son of one of their new members performed a sensational Elvis impersonation, right down to the white jump suit! The evening was a huge success and raised \$1,500.

Adelaide Hills Club joins "City to Bay" "The Day" arrived at last! 21st September dawned – sunny – the promise of a beautiful day – the day of the City to Bay Fun Run. My first ever attempt at this popular event – and it must be popular – 28,700 people took part. I must admit to being apprehensive, but I need not have been; it was a wonderful

experience. There was so much fun and laughter amongst participants, who seemed to range in age from a few weeks to 70+ and probably beyond. But this was not just a social event – thirteen members and some friends walked and it proved to be a very successful fund raiser for the Adelaide Hills Club, in total raising over \$6,000 from sponsorships.

Some of us had booked a post "City to Bay Breakfast" breakfast, where we fell upon plates of egg and bacon sandwiches, mountains of pancakes and bowls of fruit after our big walk. How well deserved it was!

Previous to the walk, a number of members took part in a 'photo shoot' taken during one of our training sessions. This provoked much hilarity of course, but the photo and a write up did appear in our local paper!

Our youngest participant was baby Noah Ollie, aged 10 weeks, being pushed in his pram by his super fit young mum – she walked it in under 2 hours! Young Noah was presented with a special baby certificate at a cocktail party we held to celebrate this very special fund raising event. All the 'friends' also received a laminated certificate so no one missed out!

This event was the culmination of many hours, spread over a number of weeks in training – so none of us really suffered too many after effects. It made us all so much fitter which was a special bonus.

Would we do it again? You betcha! Beryl Lester, President

Gawler Club Community Awards The Zonta Club of Gawler Inc. held their annual "Women of Achievement Awards Dinner" on Monday 18th August. The Club has been recognising local women who have excelled in our community since 1994, and this year 115 people attended to celebrate 10 senior and 5 junior Award recipients.



The Zonta Club of Gawler Inc. 2008 Women of Achievement Award winners: *Picture: left to right (back) Emily Smith, Jill Talbot (president), Naomi Tucker, Ros Hofmeyer, Joy Cameron, Jenni Redden, Connie Hutton, Carol Dowden, Taryn Young, Bonnie Howarth, Jelina Haines, and (front) Briony Rowell, Chelsea West, Hazel Wilton, Margaret Howse and Linda Bertram.*

The Riverland Club "Women in Business" Awards The 2008 Riverland Women in Business Awards were a resounding success, with a total of 24 entrants across 3 categories competing for the \$4,000.00 prize money. Additional sponsorship this year also allowed them to also award an overall "Riverland Business Woman of the Year".

The winners were Tracey Powell of "Photography by Visage" (Bank SA Business Owner Award), Bron Marie of "Riverland Division of General Practice" (RDC & SACC Business Manager Award) and Sharni Goodhand of "Hair Factor" (Telstra Bigpond Young Achiever Award). The overall winner was Tracey Powell.

The dinner was attended by 200 awardees, guests, sponsors and Zontians, and the highlight was the "Interactive Relaxation Devices" which some guests felt were simply bowls of fish in the centre of the tables! Happily all 20 "Interactive Relaxation Devices" were sold and hopefully will provide many hours of relaxation for their new owners.

Once again the Club gained extensive coverage of the event in local media, highlighting the wonderful contribution that Zonta International makes to the Riverland community and business women in particular.

Adelaide Club and Area 2 Combined Status of Women Group visits Port Augusta In August several members of the Adelaide Club and other Zontians from the Area 2 Combined Status of Women Group enjoyed an overnight "road trip" organised by Coordinator, Millicent Hughes, and Roseanne McInnes from the Adelaide Club.



They visited members of the Davenport Aboriginal Community in Port Augusta, a group of around 250, of whom 170 are young people.

It was an ideal opportunity to sit and discuss many issues affecting indigenous communities in the area. Much of the discussion involved encouraging education within the community and outcomes of current and recently introduced programs. It was saddening to hear even now in 2008, that most of the children

between 12 and 18 could not read or write and few completed any significant period of education. However, a recently developed aboriginal school, headed by the wife of the Minister of the local Aboriginal Christian Alliance, holds some increased hope of improvement of this statistic, with two successful "SACE" candidates in 2007. She is a very resourceful woman and seems to be able to get many grants to keep the program running.

Employment opportunities were also discussed but, unfortunately, there seems to be a poor relationship with both the local council and the local mining industry.

There was also a presentation from "Men in Black", an organisation helping the local Indigenous men to develop parenting skills and to re-acquire outback living skills.

Roseanne works in this region and reported many tales of the devastating domestic violence matters which fill their courts. We thank her for her great efforts and commitment to the community, women in particular, and she has given us much to discuss and think about in an effort to assist them.

Two Zontians Honoured We were delighted that two long-standing Area 2 Zontians and members of the National Council of Women were featured in a major article in the SA Volunteering August Newsletter. Congratulations to Lois Brock, Zonta Club of Noarlunga Southern Vales and Marjorie Smith, Zonta Club of Adelaide Flinders for being presented with the Premier's Certificate of Appreciation for Outstanding Voluntary Service in South Australia.



Lois Brock, Zonta Club of Noarlunga Southern Vales



Marjorie Smith, Zonta Club of Adelaide Flinders

Area 3 Report

Western Australia

Judy Tennant, Area 3 Director

The Intercity meeting of Area 3 Presidents was held in August followed by Leadership Training for new Presidents, Club Secretaries and Treasurers.

All six Clubs have been busy since the start of the new Biennium and been engaged in a variety of fundraising events and service projects. Birthing Kit assembly sessions have been well supported by members and facilitated by most Clubs resulting in thousands of kits being sent overseas.

I was pleased to attend the Young Women in Public Affairs Gala Dinner and presentation evening in August hosted by the Zonta Club of Perth Northern Suburbs. It was a

wonderful evening and once again the nominees for the Award were all outstanding young women.

Perth Northern Suburbs held a successful Spring Walk on a wet Sunday in September to raise money for UNIFEM.

In October I attended the launch of "Write from the Heart" a booklet written and produced by a small group of women from the Peel region of WA. The women, all sufferers of post natal depression formed the community group, SHE for PND (Support, Hope Empathy for Post Natal Depression) to share their stories and help other sufferers and their families through this debilitating medical condition.

The Zonta Club of Peel region provided mentorship and ongoing support to the Group to assist in the production of the second edition of this well sought after publication. Many Zontians from Area 3 joined the women to celebrate at the launch.



It was all smiles at the launch of Write from the Heart. Liz Woodgate ZI Nominating Committee is on right

Zonta Club of Bunbury President, Penelope Northcott presented the 2008 TAFE Non-Traditional Trade Awards for Excellence to winner Veronica Kufalk, who successfully completed her trade certificate as a heavy duty mechanic.

The Zonta Club of Perth joined Clubs in across the District to donate bras for "Project Uplift". The project in conjunction with Rotary Australia has collected over 40,000 bras to send to women in Fiji, Tonga and Vanuatu and Papua New Guinea.

The Zonta Club of Perth recently hosted a concert by the Australian Girls Choir that was a great success with the young women mingling with the audience after the event. As the host Club for the 2008



Founders Day Dinner, the Perth Club is working diligently on the planning of this major event in Area 3.

The gala evening is being held on November 8 to acknowledge the founders of Zonta International. It will also formally recognise a Woman of Achievement who has not previously been acknowledged for her commitment through service or advocacy in the areas where Zonta works to advance the status of women.

Area 4 Report

Western and Northern Victoria

Judith Rothe, Area 4 Director

How exciting it is to be a Zontian. The hours of service that have been declared since the D23 Newsflash in August is quite amazing. Read on...

October is the month of celebration in Area 4.

Zonta Club of Albury/Wodonga Carers' Accommodation has been planned along with the local Rotary Club. More news later...

The celebration of 20 years in Zonta is on October 31. All welcome, come along and join in the fun.

Zonta Club of Ballarat

The Zonta Club of Ballarat had the pleasure of entertaining the District 23 Governor Alison Martin who came to their city to open their exhibition at the Gold Museum and staying overnight to attend a District Conference meeting with President Hilary Pope and her committee.

More exciting news is that the MLC for Western Victoria Ms Pulford presented at Parliament as a 'member statement' on the September 9 that she had attended the YWPA awards in Ballarat. She was delighted to be involved with this occasion and present their certificates. The 2008 winner was Catherine Maher from Loreto College. She said "It is critical that as a community we continue to support young leaders and they are to be congratulated on their efforts

and their nominations." Ms Pulford acknowledged President Hilary and all members of the Zonta Club of Ballarat.

Celebrating 30 years of Zonta on October 23. Be there to join in the festivities! (See the club's Zonta exhibit at the Ballarat Gold Museum—Ed)

Zonta Club of Bendigo

Chloe Jarratt the JMK recipient from the Zonta Club of Bendigo has won the District 23 Jane M Klausman Award. It is the first time that a recipient from the Zonta Club of Bendigo has won the District 23 award. The District 23 Governor Alison Martin presented her award on Friday October 10 in Bendigo. Chloe now has the opportunity to have her application judged by the JMK Zonta International committee.

Congratulations to the organizers of the birthing kit assembly day. With 60 volunteers from the Colleges assisting the Zontians, 4000 birthing kits were assembled and sent to PNG and Vietnam.

Zonta Club of Geelong

A wonderful Market day generated substantial funding along with the Fashion parade held on October 1 2008.

Zonta Club of Kyneton

Kyneton has sponsored a Kyneton Residents guide launched on July 31

and was thanked by the Chair of Kyneton Connections for their generous financial assistance which helped to make the publication possible. The Guide is designed to inform new residents to the Kyneton area about the location and contact details of activities, services, facilities and community groups and organizations across the district.

A combined Service club dinner took place with the Rotary Club, Lions Club and more... It was proposed by the Zonta Club for a joint service club project to support their "Awareness raising activities" on White Ribbon Day in November 2008.

Zonta Club of Melton

Tracey Burn has relinquished her position as President of the club for health reasons. Margery Bailey has graciously taken over the position in her stead. The Club members have been most supportive to Tracey and wish her a speedy return to a healthy lifestyle again. Tracey is still an important member of the club.

The Birthing kit day was held on Sunday October 5.

Zonta Club of Wangaratta

The 19th year of Zappa awards will be held on 16th October 2008.

PS: The Zonta Club of Geelong will also be celebrating its 30th anniversary on Wednesday 1 April 2009, so make a note in your diaries to share in its celebrations!

Area 5 Presidents converged on Campbelltown recently for their first get together for the 2008 – 2010 biennium. Held at Zeps Meeting Rooms, the meeting was enjoyable and productive, with Presidents appreciating the opportunity to share experiences, practices and concerns. The issue of attracting new members in some clubs is troubling, but all clubs are being proactive in tackling this issue in a positive manner.

The five Zonta clubs in Area 5 are now joint major sponsors for the Award for 3-dimensional Art, part of the Material Girl Art Award which is coordinated by Women Tasmania. This touring exhibition started in Burnie on April 14, and continues to enthral art goers as it tours the state.



Pat Richardson (L'ton), Carol Fuller (L'ton Pres), Lynn Whittle (D'port Pres), Jeannette Lander (D'port VP), Julia Taylor (D'port Sec) and Georgie Hutchinson at the Material Girl opening.

Queenborough raised in excess of \$1000 with a Wine Tasting at Pooley Wines, followed by a Spring Equinox Lunch at Richmond.

The Club held a successful Birthing Kit Assembly Day in conjunction with at Rosetta High Child Studies class. The Engaging in Conversation Literacy Program with Grade 8 students has proven to be very worthwhile.

Hobart Club recently made 15 Breast Cushions and raised \$400 - not bad for four Zontians and a volunteer!

Hobart East has been successful gaining a Community Support Levy Charitable Organisations Grant of \$2500 to improve health and welfare of young women living in transitional and supported accommodation. The grant will assist with the purchase of beds, bedding and furniture in crisis accommodation homes for young women at O'Mara House. In July, Caryn Moseley was inducted as a new member and the club continues to work every two months on Breast Care Cushions for the Royal Hobart Hospital and Breast Care Nurses in the south.

Launceston hosted the "Hands on Zonta" Area Workshop in May which proved to be just that. After a thought-provoking forum of young women speakers in the morning, participants worked in groups and accessed websites (including the Zonta website!) to plan activities for White Ribbon Day.

The club has assembled 600 birthing kits, forged a new association with Dragons Abreast in the city and has 5 high standard applicants (aged 18 – 24) for their Young Women

Achievement Award. The club is gearing up for Jazz in the Garden in January.

Devonport assembled 1000 birthing kits in July and gained media publicity in the Devonport Times. Also a winter warmer, members combined fundraising with fellowship with a curry night at Indian Affair Restaurant. The club is busy organising the annual Breast Cancer Awareness Breakfast to be held on Oct 21, a Fashion Parade to be held at High Tide Restaurant on Nov 18, a White Ribbon Day display at the Devonport Library and making its famous puddings!

Although Devonport lost a number of members earlier in the year, they recently inducted some fabulous, enthusiastic new members who are already making valuable contributions.



Lyn Whittle with new members Jo Gray, Vini Naiker, Margie Temple-Smith and Devonport club member, Di Warren.

Disturbing Child Sexual Exploitation Figures

Jane Evans, ZC of Melbourne on Yarra

Jacqui Morse, Senior Counsellor and Training Coordinator with Child Wise, a small non profit organisation that has worked for over 14 years to end child abuse and sexual exploitation.

Jacqui presented disturbing figures on child sexual abuse and exploitation drawn from various authorities around the world:

- 40 million children under the age of 15 suffer from abuse and neglect.
- Worldwide in 2002, 150 million girls and 73 million boys experienced forced sexual intercourse and other forms of sexual violence.
- 1.8 million children are being abused through prostitution, child pornography and sex tourism.
- An estimated 1.2 million children are trafficked into prostitution every year.
- An estimated 20,000 new child pornography images are posted on the internet every week.
- 28 Australians have been prosecuted in Australia (18 convictions) under the Australian extraterritorial Child Sex Tourism Law since 1994.
- 54 Australians have been prosecuted overseas (29 convictions) for child sex tourism offences in 24 countries.

Child Wise works directly in Australia, Asia and the Pacific.

For more information visit www.childwise.net

Hostel and Birthing Kits in Action

Carole Theobald, Zonta Club of Perth

One of the advantages of editing the Newsflash is that I get to hear so many amazing stories of how Zonta impacts on the lives of women around the world. Take this one for example...

Recently, I heard that our Lt Governor, Jane Smith had persuaded her son, Gavan Wise, and daughter in law, Nic, to take a handful of birthing kits with them when they recently undertook some voluntary work in Tanzania.

They spent time with some inspirational Sisters at a small town called Riroda. The Sisters are building a hostel that will be used to house school girls who come to the village to attend high school. Gavan reports:

Currently, girls are billeted with local families and a large percentage of the girls don't make it past year 10 due to abuse or other problems with the families that they live with. Many of the girls fall pregnant to the man of the house or run away due to other problems.

The hostel the sisters are building will hopefully remove 100 or more girls from being subjected to these conditions. Much of the funding for the hostel has come from donations

and fund raising activities in Perth which have been headed up by Dr Helen Skellett, who has lived in Tanzania and worked with the sisters.

Dr Skellett raises about \$200 a month from car park 'boot sales' towards the project.



Gavan with Sister Zabibu by the partially built hostel

Gavan thought this might be a good project for Zonta to become involved in and possibly raise some funds to help the sisters complete the building of the hostel.

The women have been building the hostel for a few years, making the mud bricks themselves and using proceeds from their small maize farm to buy building materials.

They need about \$20,000 to finish the job...The sisters also run a small dispensary where they mainly treat patients for malaria and HIV and also deliver babies.

The sisters were extremely excited about the birthing kit and the photo shows an expectant mother in the background on whom they were going to use their first kit. Gavan thought they were going to show the kit in action, but exclaimed "luckily she held on long enough for us to excuse ourselves!"



A birthing kit about to be used!

If you would like to know more about Sr Zabibu's work please email helenskellet@westnet.com.au

'Walking to Cambodia'

Cintra Amos, Zonta Club of Adelaide Flinders

The Zonta Club of Adelaide Flinders held a virtual "Walk to Cambodia Challenge", aiming to arrive at Mekhala House Orphanage for Girls in rural Cambodia after five weeks walking.

Over 130 registered to walk, all aiming to take at least 10,000 steps every day (the recommended daily exercise for good health!).

Zontians were supported by family, workmates, school friends and neighbours who met the Challenge motto "we walk because we can and



want to help" – and great fun was enjoyed by all. Pedometers were supplied and steps faithfully

recorded, sponsors were collected and walkers received "postcards" every fortnight to encourage them to keep on going ... Some made it and some didn't, but all made a valuable contribution.

The top walkers walked more than 700,000 steps!! It was a fabulous result with over \$5,000 raised to assist the running of the Orphanage and the vocational education of the

girls to assist them assimilate into Cambodian society, with one third, of course, going towards Zonta International Projects.

D23 Nominating Committee

Julie Wiltshire, D23 Chairman

The District 23 Nominating Team, Julie Wiltshire (Chairman), Dawn Newman and Phillipa Challis have been working to promote ways of identifying potential office bearers and selling the benefit of leadership in Zonta.

These initiatives are to encourage District 23 Zontians to consider nominating for the District 2010 – 2012 Board and the Zonta International Board.

The initiatives will include: -

- Information on the District 23 website regarding the Roles and

Responsibilities of District Officers

- Nominating Committee to visit clubs and Area Workshops to clarify these Roles and Responsibilities
- Identifying potential candidates; taking recommendations from Zonta members, personal approach and discussions with potential candidates
- Power Point Presentation, (co-ordinated by Dawn Newman) for distribution to clubs on request and to be shown at Area Workshops .

- The PowerPoint will cover:-
 - The role of the Nominating Committee
 - Why nominate?
 - Are you ready to step up for Zonta?
 - Benefits of holding office
 - Requirements for office bearers

The Nominating Committee looks forward to receiving recommendations and suggestions of potential candidates for Zonta District and International Boards.

UN Declaration of Human Rights

Joanne Metzger, D23 UN Co-ordinator



Now available in more than 360 languages, the Declaration of Human

Rights is the most translated document in the whole world !! It remains as relevant today as it was on the day it was adopted, but the fundamental freedoms enshrined in it are still not a reality for everyone.

2008 Theme Human Rights for Women—Human Rights for All
All clubs should have received a recent email with suggestions to commemorate this historic event, falling on the last day of the 16 Days of Activism Campaign. It would be wonderful to document what action your club is taking during this period and send a collective District 23 report to Zonta International. To this end could clubs participating please send a brief description, flyer, invitation, report or images to my email address to assist with the collation process. Thank you to clubs who have already responded. On behalf of D/23, congratulations go to the Zonta Clubs planning events for the 25th November - White Ribbon Day. What is your club planning to do?

Add your voice
UNIFEM Goodwill Ambassador

Nicole Kidman invites you to say NO to Violence Against Women by sending your electronic signature www.saynotoviolence.org - help us reach 1million signatures by the 25th November. And yes! Nicole will respond to you personally!

Let Zonta Clubs join others in showing the solidarity of women worldwide in working together to eliminate violence against women. Good luck with all your preparations ! Please contact Joanne for any other assistance on michael.metzger@bigpond.com .

The 60th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights is on 10th December 2008.

Have you ever looked at the document? How well do you know your basic human rights? Why not visit the UN web page at:

<http://www.un.org/events/humanrights/udhr60/index.shtml> and have a go at the online quiz.

Here is a sample of the questions...

1. When was the Universal Declaration of Human Rights adopted?
2. Where was the Universal Declaration adopted?

3. How many articles does the Universal Declaration of Human Rights contain?
4. When is Human Rights Day observed?
5. When was the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights established?
6. How many countries are members of the Human Rights Council?
7. Who is the current High Commissioner for Human Rights?
8. Which UN High Commissioner for Human Rights was killed in a terrorist attack?
9. What percentage of the world's population is currently disabled?
10. How many people currently live on less than 1 U.S. dollar per day?
11. How many children are currently moderately or severely malnourished?
12. What percentage of the world's poor are women?
13. Who was the first chairman of the Commission on Human Rights set up as the result of Universal declaration of Human Rights?
14. Which country was the first to grant full voting rights to women (in 1893)?
15. When was the Convention on the rights of the child adopted?

How did you go?

ANSWERS: 1: 1948, 2: Palais de Chaillot, in Paris, France, 3: 30, 4: 10
10%, 10: 1.3 billion, 11: 160 million, 12: 70%, 13: Eleanor Roosevelt,
14: New Zealand, 15: 1989

International White Ribbon Day 25 November and Human Rights Day 10 December

The following letter from Anna Siebert, D23 ZISVAW Coordinator summarises Zonta's involvement with White Ribbon Day—Ed.

The International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women is White Ribbon Day held on 25 November. This day was initiated by a group of men in Canada in 1991 after 14 women were massacred by a single male. White Ribbon Day is the largest effort by men around the world, working in partnership with women, to end men's violence against women.

White Ribbons are worn by men and women to symbolise they do not condone violence against women and children and they challenge practices and assumptions that enable violence to occur.

The period from November 25th until December 10th - International Human Rights Day, has been declared - 16 Days of Activism against Gender Violence.

Zonta has long been associated with strategies to promote and protect the human rights and status of all women and girls.

ZISVAW stands for 'Zonta International Strategies to prevent Violence Against Women' and the ZI website highlights several major projects being supported by Zonta through grants to UNIFEM and other organisations.

All members are encouraged to think about what they can do as a Zontian to bring about greater awareness of the unacceptability of violence

against women, in their community and abroad and to encourage their male partners, friends and work colleagues to show support.

For example, on 25 November Zonta Clubs in Adelaide and Perth are organising White Ribbon Breakfasts . (The Perth event will be the last Project 5-0 event organised by local Zonta Clubs.)

Please visit the national White Ribbon Day website www.whiteribbonday.org.au for information and ideas of what you and your club can do to raise awareness. You can also purchase various items including white ribbons to sell on the day.

Anna is interested to see what clubs are doing to get this message out and to encourage the men they know to stand up against violence towards women. Contact Anna at asiebert@adam.com.au



Seminar hears about new Family Violence Legislation

Jane Evans, ZC of Melbourne on Yarra

With White Ribbon Day in mind, clubs may be interested in this recent seminar held in Melbourne...Ed
More than 100 Zontians and members of the public heard about Victorian legislation on family violence, expected to become law in late 2008, at a Breakfast Seminar organised by Melbourne on Yarra.

Senior Sergeant Fay Daniel, Manager of the Victoria Police Family Violence Unit, was the key note speaker at the 'Planning for a Secure Future' seminar. Fay presented the work done by Victoria Police over the last seven years culminating in the new Family Violence Protection Act announced in 2007. The legislation gives

Victoria Police much needed assistance in responding to family violence issues. The Act provides a legal definition of family violence that incorporates definitions of 'economic abuse' and 'emotional and psychological abuse'. In particular, the legislation recognises the special needs of children living with family violence.

Melbourne on Yarra was able to attract considerable sponsorship as well as donations for the seminar and raffle prizes. The surplus from the event, expected to more than \$4000 will be granted to the Melbourne City Mission's Supporting Women Exiting Prison Program.

Last year the Club established a partnership with the Mission to assist in funding a series of workshops for women at Tarrangower Prison aimed at improving their self esteem. The project was a great success and Melbourne on Yarra's funding will enable it to be repeated in 2008.



Keynote speaker Senior Sergeant Fay Daniel, Manager of the Victoria Police Family Violence Unit