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From the District Governor.....



*Governor General Her Excellency
Ms Quentin Bryce AC—honorary
Zontian.*

Governor General accepts Honorary Membership of District 23

As you will have heard, we are most honoured that **Her Excellency Ms Quentin Bryce AC** has accepted Honorary Membership of our District. I am sure all members are delighted; she is a wonderful role model and is certainly not afraid to speak up on behalf of women and on other issues which she considers important, regardless of political correctness. Unfortunately due to her full program of commitments Her Excellency is unable to attend our District Conference.

District 23 Conference in Ballarat, 25-27 September

The Call to Conference has been sent to Presidents from Conference Chairman Hilary Pope and will have been passed on to all club

members. This is an event on the Zonta calendar not to be missed to make or renew special Zonta friendships..... Opening Ceremony and Flag Parade, Keynote speakers, Ceremony of Remembrance, Business Sessions to vote on proposals for Bylaws changes and also 2010-12 D23 office bearers, presentations by D23 Project Coordinators, Award recipients, workshops, Gala dinner for the STARZ and fun! Our very own past Zonta International President Val Sarah will be MC of our Conference!

Early Bird registration closes 1 July so to save \$\$\$'s be sure to meet this deadline and be in the draw to have a chance to win the cost of one Gala STARZ dinner.

Speakers will include:

- **Libby Lloyd AM**, Chair of the National Council to Reduce Violence against Women and Children, Board member of the White Ribbon Foundation of Australia and a former President of UNIFEM Australia.
- **Fiona Krautil**, National Executive Officer of Girl Guides Australia and a past Federal Director of the Equal Opportunities

for Women Agency to speak on leadership.

**Area Meetings/
Workshops completed**
Workshops are a fantastic opportunity to meet the wonderful and inspiring Zontians of District 23 and I thank all Area Directors for their invitations and the time spent by hosting clubs to encourage and support attendance by members.

In the first week of April, I enjoyed the hospitality of the Fleurieu Peninsula club at the City of Victor Harbor Council Chambers, an excellent new facility. Congratulations to **Area 2 Director, Cintra Amos** and the Fleurieu Peninsula club for an interesting and enjoyable day, with dynamic keynote speakers Dr Fiona Verity, Assoc. Professor at Flinders University and Zontian Kay Poustie OAM.

In May, I joined the combined Areas 1, 4 & 5 Workshop held at the superb new library and meeting rooms at Melbourne Girls Grammar with 111 members attending. We heard excellent speakers Jenny Gray CEO, Zoos Victoria and Melba Marginson, EO Victorian Immigrant & Refugee Women's Coalition, plus participated in excellent training sessions. **Area Directors Julie Rothe, Faye Juetz,**

Georgie Hutchinson and members of the Kyneton club are to be commended for a well run, informative and fun-filled day.

The last Area Workshop for this year, Area 3's *From Opportunity to Action*, was held at the Mandurah Country Club, Halls Head. Keynote speaker Leonie Kershaw related her journey with the successful award winning charity event Chefs' Long Table Lunch and Zontian Kay Poustie OAM informed us on how to advocate. Each club also spoke on their varied and most successful club event. The talents of Penelope Northcott were showcased in her visual communication presentation. All those who attended had a fun day, thanks to **Area 3 Director Judy Tennant** and Bunbury club for an informative day.

Changeover time

Of our 37 clubs 14 new Presidents have been inducted. Congratulations to all new Club Presidents and new Office Bearers, may you enjoy the experience! It can be exciting and you have the opportunity to acquire more information to successfully lead your members in advocating for women's rights through Zonta.

Amelia Earhart Fellows

Holly Anderson, Amelia Earhart Fellowship Committee Chairman has just announced the names of the successful 35 applicants for the 2009 AE Fellowships and a biographical description of each Fellow is now available on the ZI website. Ten of these brilliant women also won a fellowship in 2008.

The new Fellows come from an amazing 13 countries (USA 17, India 4, Canada 3, France 2, 1 each from Egypt, Germany, Iran, Italy, Japan, Lebanon, Portugal, Tunisia and Ukraine). Although most are studying in the USA, 3 are at the Institut National Polytechnique in Toulouse, France.

District 23 is fortunate to have Susan Anderson from the Zonta Club of Adelaide Flinders giving her expertise to the ZI AE committee.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS



Open House at ZI Headquarters – 20 June 2009

November 8th marks the 90th anniversary of Zonta International! The ZI Board has invited all Zontians to an open house at the new ZI Headquarters at 1211 West 22nd Street in Oak Brook, Illinois. You can read more at www.zonta.org and log on to the Member Resources section.

New appointments at ZI Headquarters

Effective 11 May 2009, the Zonta International Board of Directors appointed Maureen Powers as Executive Director of Zonta International and Jason Friske as Deputy Executive Director. Best wishes have been sent from District 23 to Maureen and Jason for success in their new positions.

Maureen Powers joined the staff in May 2001 as the Director of Programs and Foundation Administration and was promoted to Deputy Executive Director in November 2008. **Jason Friske** joined the staff in January 2007 as Director of Member Records. Members can read more on the ZI website.

The ZI Board expressed thanks to Zontian **Judy Johnston** who had served as Acting Executive Director since October 2008.

Inspiring Zontian Helvi Sipilä dies



Inspiring Zontian Helvi Sipilä will be fondly remembered

We have received the sad news that **Past International President** and

International Honorary Member Helvi Sipilä, a Zontian since 1950, passed away aged 94. This news was reported by media in Finland in the late evening news 16 May 2009.

Helvi Sipilä began her career as a lawyer in the 1940's. She was the first ever woman UN Assistant Secretary-General and her specific area of responsibility was the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs where she served from 1972 to 1980.

Among her achievements during her period of office were the **first** UN International Women's Year and its related world conference in 1974-75. Later she was appointed Chairperson of the Finnish association of the UN Development Fund.

In 1982, she was also the first woman to stand as a presidential candidate in Finland.

Throughout her career, Helvi Sipilä was a promoter of women's rights, which she felt had been ignored in many societies and constituted a great setback to development. She received numerous honours including a total of twelve doctorates in universities and other institutes of higher education. She was granted the title of Minister in 2001.

*The service you do for others is the rent you pay for the time you spend on earth. **Mohammed Ali***

Alison Martin
District Governor

New District Projects 2010-12

Clubs intending to propose a new District project for the next biennium at the Ballarat Conference are advised that submissions are due to the District Governor on the **30th June 2009**.

Top 10 Reasons to go to Conference

Alison Martin
D23 Governor

1. Meeting Zontians from all Areas of District 23
2. International Representative: Gloria Stootman-Wristen, ZI Treasurer
3. Keynote speaker Fiona Krautil, CEO Guides Australia
4. Opening Ceremony and Flag Parade
5. Meet the 2010-12 Candidates for Board positions before voting
6. Gala Dinner for the STARZ
7. Business Sessions
8. Workshop Sessions
9. Blood on the Southern Cross dinner & show
10. Zonta Store

Visit the District 23 Website, www.zontadistrict23.org for more conference information.

10th Biennial Conference

September 25-27, 2009

Mercure Ballarat Hotel & Convention Centre,
Ballarat, Victoria



Successful
Teamwork
Advocating women's
Rights through
Zonta

Membership Matters

Jane Smith
D23 Lt Governor

It has been great to see many clubs inducting new members at their Handover and Biennial meetings. Welcome to you all and may your time in Zonta be very happy, fun and fulfilling. At the recent Handover of the Port Lincoln Club I was thrilled and very proud to induct my daughter, Belinda Jutzen, as President.

A couple of months ago two clubs in D23 were proposing to close but, with the support of Area 2 Director Cintra Amos and Area 5 Director Georgie Hutchinson, they have both rescinded their decision and are going forth with renewed enthusiasm.

Congratulations to Emma Moore and members of Alice Springs and Ronda McIntyre and members of

Hobart for taking the positive steps to rejuvenate your clubs.

The May copy of Membership Matters from the ZI Organisation, Membership and Classification (OMC) Committee entitled *Orienting Our New Zontians* has recently been sent to Presidents for distribution to members. Please take the time to read it.

I have had the opportunity to visit a number of clubs during the past few months and have found that mentoring new members is sadly lacking in some. On a visit to Perth Northern Suburbs a new member was inducted and I was very impressed by the information pack that was presented. I have a list of items that can be included in a pack. If you would like a copy please e-mail me.

I will be away for July and August. If you have any matters concerning membership please contact Pauline Glover or Mary Pocock (details in D23 Directory).

District 23 Website

- Are you experienced in the Adobe Dreamweaver program?
- Do you want to take up the challenge of ensuring our website is up to date and relevant documents are uploaded?

For more information on this very important role please contact the District Governor via alison.martin@telstra.com.

PR and Marketing Awards

Melinda Young
Chairman, PR and Communications

The entry guidelines for the PR and Marketing Awards have been uploaded to the District website and can be found by taking this link: <http://www.zontadistrict23.org.au/District%20Conference.htm>.

The Awards showcase Zonta PR and Marketing achievements with Clubs submitting examples of work from the following four categories:

- **Advertising and Promotion**—includes fliers, posters, banners, sandwich boards and brochures for Zontians and non Zontians
- **Public Relations**—includes press, radio and TV coverage of an event
- **Club Newsletter**
- **Club Website**

Entries are bound in an A4 ring file to facilitate handling and judging and

should be posted to PO Box 75, Carnegie VIC 3163 **before 30 June**.

Club websites will be judged in July, so if you are thinking of giving your site a makeover, now is the time to do it!

All entries are displayed at Conference and are a great way to share ideas.

Good news:

OAGDS

The independent assessor for our application for OAGDS (Overseas Aid Gift Deductibility Scheme), which is tax deductibility in our own right, commented that our application was the best one he had ever received!!! Di Bartel, a BKFA board member and president of the Adelaide Hills club can take full credit for this achievement. This is step one and the following procedural steps should happen almost automatically but as usual will take a couple more months. THEN all donations will be tax deductible without having to be directed through NFAW. Not there yet, but well on the way!

Website

The next exciting news lies with our website. It is in the midst of being redeveloped and will be a much more interactive and colourful one within a couple of months. There will be information on our programs in each country, the ability to Google map where the kits go, support pages for those holding assembly days, frequently asked questions page, a secure donation page and much more.

Successful Year

We have supervised in total the production of 167,000 kits this past year.

- Afghanistan is receiving 44,000 kits, it is a country with one of the highest maternal and child mortality and morbidity rates. Fortunately, 39,000 of our kits are going by our Australian Defence

Force, thanks to our (former) Minister for Defence, the Hon Joel Fitzgibbon MP.

- In Vietnam 38,000 kits in total were distributed, we made 28,000 kits in Vietnam and have completed training programs in Ha Giang and Thahn Hoa Provinces and started a training program in Binh Duong Province.
- In Kenya, we sent 9,000 kits to complement two training programs, both were desperately needed; however, the one involving the Maasai women was very special.
- In Ethiopia we sent 21,000 kits most of which went through the Hamlin Fistula Hospital. 20,000 went to Papua New Guinea.



Above: A gathering of women whose babies were born with kits from Ha Giang province Vietnam near the China border in the mountains. Below: Kits arriving in Chad.

The BKFA board wants every Zonta club to know that none of this would have been achievable without your continued enthusiasm to fund and hold more assembly days.

THANK YOU

Next Year's funding

AusAID notified us on June 3 that they intend to fund us differently, and the processes for application mean we will not receive our funding, if successful, until November. We fully expect to receive some level of funding. It is always a nail biting time for the project but this year even more so. The BKFA board is working its way through how to keep up the momentum of assembly days. As soon as we have a detailed plan we will inform all clubs of our position.

The bottom line is we have this amazing project, but for the moment, **we are in need of funds**, so if any clubs have spare funds or know of individuals wishing to make a tax deductible donation please can you go to our website www.birthingkitfoundation.org.au to access the forms or email Maggi on mgreg57@bigpond.net.au for payment assistance.

We look forward to your continued support.

D23 Yahoo address and next News Flash

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

If so, please also send them to the Zonta District 23 Yahoo address at:
zontadistrict23@yahoo.com.au

Please note that minutes, newsletters etc should not be emailed to the District Secretary and the District Yahoo email site.

Email to the D23 Yahoo email address only please.

Forward articles for the next edition of Newsflash to

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before 7 August 2009

Amelia Earhart Fellowships 2009

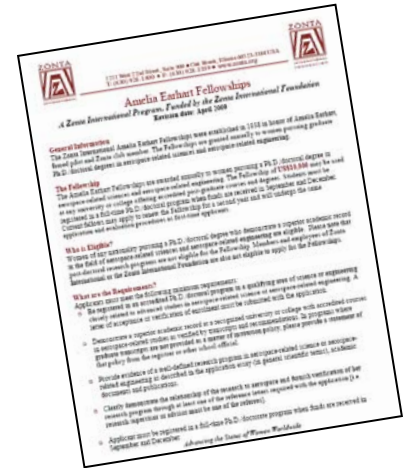
Ann Horrocks
D23 AE Coordinator.

ZI has just announced the 35 winners of the 2009 Amelia Earhart US\$10,000 fellowships who come from 13 Countries. 10 of these Fellows have been successful in receiving a continuing award. Unfortunately there were no fellowships awarded to Australians and I have been unable to determine if there were any local applicants.

Please publicise the 2010 Fellowships at your club and your local universities. The closing date is 15 November 2009 by email direct to zontafdn@zonta.org.

Application information and forms can be accessed through www.zonta.org either as a visitor to the site or member logon.

Reading the accomplishments of the Fellows on the ZI web page highlights the great achievements of these remarkable young women. I encourage all clubs to consider the AE Fellowships when allocating their donations to ZIF.



D23 History and Archives Conference Exhibition

Lennie McCall, AM
Chairman, History and Archives

The District Conference is a fantastic opportunity to showcase the diverse range of activities that Zontians are involved with.

In Ballarat it is hoped to present a colourful display of Zonta's Pictorial History, with every club providing one image that best illustrates their

club's service during this current biennium.

Realising that finding one image is a difficult task, at the recent Area 3 Workshop, a PowerPoint® presentation was shown highlighting how the 'image' may be made by mixing together suitable photos, text

or other graphics to give a 'taste' of the overall event.

Details for entry will be circulated to all Clubs via their respective Area Director in July.

Diary

2009 District 23 Conference

Ballarat, Victoria, 25th – 27th September
Mercure Ballarat Hotel and Convention Centre
(Formerly called Doherty's Ballarat Lodge)

Visit www.zontadistrict23.org.au to download the latest Conference Newsletter

| Date | Event |
|-----------------|---|
| 30 June | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> District Project proposals for 2010-2012 to be submitted to District Gov. Closing date for PR and Marketing Awards. |
| 1 July | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jane M Klausman Scholarship applications to be received by D23 Coordinator, Karen Groves. ZI and District YWPA awards announced. Closing date for Early Bird Conference registration. |
| 31 July | Due date for return of Ceremony of Remembrance forms for Conference to Coordinator, Ronda Walker. |
| 24 September | Presidents' Reception on the eve of the D23 Conference in Ballarat. |
| 25-27 September | District 23 Conference, Mercure Ballarat Hotel and Convention Centre. |
| 15 October | Announcement of Zonta International and District Jane M Klausman Women in Business Scholarship recipients. |
| 25 –30 June | ZI Convention, San Antonio, Texas. |

ZI Convention Y'all Come!

District 10 in 2010

Details Coming Soon.....



June 25-30th 2010

With annual meetings occurring from April onwards, May is a busy month on the Zonta calendar – Area Workshops, reports, changeovers, inductions, planning meetings – the list goes on.



Left to right Area Directors Faye Juetz (Area 1), guest speaker Jenny Gray, Georgie Hutchinson (Area 5) and Judith Rothe (Area 4)

Those of us who have been in Zonta for many years would know that Tasmania was originally “attached” to the mainland as Area 1, before chartering sufficient clubs to become an area in its own right - Area 5 - so it was a great pleasure this year to have combined Areas 1, 4 and 5 for the annual workshop and training day “Learn to Lead with Interaction” on May 2nd at Melbourne Girls’ Grammar School in South Yarra. It was a pleasure to work with Judy Rothe and Georgie Hutchinson and the Tassie attendance was magnificent. Area 5 members even squeezed in a meeting!



Jenny Gray with painting by Elizabeth Darling.

A total of 111 Zontians were registered and included District Governor, Alison Martin, District 23 Board members and our “official” photographer, Sally. Also attending was Charter Member of Melbourne’s West, Evelyn de Bonnaire – a first-timer at age 96 - who joined the “new members” session to share Zonta experiences. The ZC of Kyneton hosted the workshop and the Victorian Past-Presidents Group was involved in the training component. The day was full-on and the Area Directors breathed a sigh of relief and enjoyed a glass of wine at the end of a long day! Highlights of the day were without doubt the workshop facilitator, Jenny Gray, CEO Zoos Victoria (we kept the



Left to right: leadership speakers, Melba Marginson and Amira Hamid

members wondering about the connection!) and leadership speakers, Melba Marginson and Amara Hamid who shared their personal journeys from their countries of origin as well as speaking of their commitment to women through advocacy, training and education. In general, the evaluations were very positive and comments will be taken into account for the 2010 workshop, when Area 1 will take the lead organisational role.

It is interesting to note that membership is high on the agenda of all Area 1 clubs at this time of year. There are around 100 members across the five clubs, not as many as we would like, however, all are pro-active in fundraising and projects, often in partnership with other organisations. It was a pleasure to attend the ZC of Waverley dinner as guest speaker and to induct the new board, followed by an official visit to the ZC of Melbourne on Yarra to celebrate their 43rd birthday, induct the board, and meet the club’s 2009 YWPA winner. I was made most welcome at both clubs and feel confident that despite sometimes low member numbers, our clubs are committed to their mission to “advance the status of women worldwide”.

The Victorian Women’s Link Project, focusing on building stronger women’s networks by partnering with community organisations such as Zonta, is progressing well with Area 1 clubs Melbourne’s West and Melbourne on Yarra currently involved. The project

Vale Renate Sumner

It is with much sadness that we advise Zontians of the passing of our D23 Treasurer, Jasmine Koch’s, dear mother, Renate Sumner.

Renate, who had been living with cancer for some time, was a great supporter of club and area activities and she and her husband Dennis are both well known to many Zontians from Victoria. The family is requesting no flowers, but ask that donations be made to a breast cancer organisation.

Our heartfelt sympathies are with Jasmine at this sad time.

is funded under the Department of Immigration’s “Diverse Australia Program”, and has led to recognition of Zonta’s role through the publicity and reporting process as well as providing many new networking opportunities.

Zonta Club of Melbourne on Yarra’s first fundraising effort for the year was a Sausage Sizzle at a local hardware outlet early in March. \$900 was raised towards the Club’s award program and District 23 Project Funding.



Sausage Sizzle

Members supported the Yarri Wada Puppet Project with a walk round Albert Park Lake in April and in June they will gather for their annual Mid-Winter Dinner - this year with an Indian theme and proceeds to Project Respect. Planning is well in hand for the two major fundraising events for 2009, a Breakfast Seminar titled “Crime & Testament” with author Kerry Greenwood as Keynote Speaker in August and the Annual Fran Quinn Arts Encouragement Award Concert on 4 October.

Vale Dorothy Browning

It was with great sadness that the ZC of Melbourne’s West learnt of the passing of charter member Dorothy Browning early in May. Dorothy was a real lady with a wonderful sense of humour. She emanated warmth with a quiet gentle manner and will be missed by all at Melbourne’s West. Farewell, Dorothy.

As in other parts of the District, Area 2 has been extremely busy with handover and mid Biennium dinners during May. I was fortunate to be able to participate at both around Adelaide, and in Alice Springs and Darwin. Vice Area Director Deb Sykes also visited Adelaide and inducted the new Board at the Fleurieu Club Handover. Thank you everyone for your warm welcomes! Special thanks to all outgoing office bearers, and we wish all new and ongoing presidents and board members another productive and fun year of Zonta service.

Together with Lt Governor Jane Smith and D23 ZISVAW Convener Anna Siebert, I attended the first planning session for the 2009 SA White Ribbon Breakfast, which this year will be a collaborative effort with Soroptimists, Business & Professional Women and National Council of Women. The Darwin Club is also starting to plan its fifth annual Zonta White Ribbon Breakfast.

Several clubs in Area 2 have recently contributed financially to the SAWA (Support Association for Women in Afghanistan) Speaking Tour of Australia which commenced in Adelaide. Most Afghan women live under appalling oppression, and presenter Shazia's story was both heartbreaking and inspiring. Zontian Jodi Knoop from Adelaide Flinders reported, "How similar to what we do as Zontians, but in such a different situation. I couldn't help but wonder how much I would do as a Zontian if my life were at risk for just being a member." Two fully booked presentations in Adelaide provided much food for thought and, with Zonta being a sponsor of the tour, I was called upon to give a vote of thanks, which was great PR.

Para District—Appreciation for Para Aeronautical Awards!

Here is an excerpt from a wonderful letter received from one of the four recipients of the recent Aeronautical Incentive Awards given by the Zonta Club of Para District Area - it is so

rewarding to be able to assist young women in their endeavours to excel.



Pictured (left to right) Jodie Davis (recipient), Shannon Bates (recipient), Adrienne Williams (Para Vice President), Solmaz Maghsoudi (recipient) and Beverley Roediger (TAFE).

"I just wanted to say Thank You again for the Aeronautical Incentive Award...It just so happens that my very next flight lesson after the Zonta Dinner turned out to be my first area solo. I flew down to Rapid Bay and Normanville and back to Aldinga. I followed the cliff tops along and it was a very beautiful and serene afternoon. The weather was lovely with only some very small Cirrus clouds up high. I was confident and content up there, but nonetheless performed about six FREDAs checks just to be certain I hadn't missed anything. On the way back in I joined five other aircraft in the circuit for a lovely soft landing on the runway.

I can honestly say that I owe this experience to all of you because my lessons are usually few and far between and this is the first time I have been able to afford a double lesson, meaning that I could have my catch up session and prove to my instructor that I'd retained the knowledge and skills and then move forward.

Noarlunga / Southern Vales— 25th birthday

Members celebrated the 25th anniversary of the charter of the Noarlunga/Southern Vales Club on Saturday 30th May. The evening celebrated charter members Lois Brock, Colleen Brown and Rita Fletcher and long term members, Sue Dixon and Pat Goldfinch who have been in the club almost as long as charter members.

Guest speaker, Lorraine Rosenberg, Mayor of Onkaparinga Council, talked about the various forms of volunteering and presented the Club with a book on the McLaren Vale region.

A beautiful cake with yellow Zonta roses made of icing sugar was made and decorated by Barb Baldock. Club members were joined by Eve Bament and Nancy Weisbrodt who were members of the original charter group, and Heide Taylor who initiated the meeting that started the Club.



Lois Brock, Heide Taylor, Colleen Brown, Sue Dixon (at back) Nancy Weisbrodt, Eve Bament, Rita Fletcher.

Many thanks to all Board members, especially Sandra Buttery, Barbara Baldock and Mary Colvill, who put much time and effort into organising the evening. Thanks also to members from other clubs who supported the event.

Mary Colvill has taken an additional responsibility of Minute Secretary as well as Treasurer and this was acknowledged by Area Director Cintra Amos who installed her .



Cintra Amos (left) installs Mary Colvill as Treasurer/Minute Secretary
Several items were raffled including a new rose bush donated by past member Maureen Ross of Ross Roses.

Area 2 Report continued

It was a busy and fun evening commemorating a significant milestone in the Noarlunga/ Southern Vales history.

Zonta Club of Torrens and All That Jazz

The Zonta Club of Adelaide Torrens was joined by over 60 family and friends at their Annual jazz afternoon hosted by Jean and Donald Bramwell whose magnificent garden was transformed into a musical wonderland. Chairs and tables were dotted throughout their backyard and the rapt audience relaxed in the shade under umbrellas and enjoyed delicious food and wine.

It was a beautiful autumn evening and guests were treated to some fabulous music by a lively four piece jazz band. The club is delighted to report that over \$1,000 was raised for our Zonta projects.



D23 ZISVAW Coordinator Anna Siebert and husband John enjoy the music.

Darwin Zontian Honoured with Award

Bilawara Lee is a senior Aboriginal woman from the Larrakia Nation of Darwin NT and her name means "Black Cockatoo". She is a cross Cultural Awareness and Cultural Protocols trainer, Conflict Resolution Mediator and Authorised Marriage Celebrant. Bilawara has over 58 years experience with working, living and being part of a vibrant, highly respected Aboriginal family. She is acknowledged and respected as a community communicator, healer and teacher of the ancient wisdoms of Aboriginal Spirituality and Healing. She is the Australian

Aboriginal representative on the International Indigenous Grandmothers Council who are recognised as the Wisdom Keepers of the World of Ancient Sacred Knowledge.



Bilawara Lee—Zontian Extraordinaire

Bilawara is a recipient of the 2009 Tribute to Northern Territory Women Award for her involvement and contribution to the NT community and improving the lives of Territorians. Bilawara is a Director of the Zonta Club of Darwin and is a tireless volunteer advocating for the rights of all women. She is also committed to achieving reconciliation and breaking down barriers between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people through her cross cultural awareness training and workshops on Cultural Protocols for working in Aboriginal communities.

Adelaide Hills Club—Entertainment Bags

Members of the Adelaide Hills Club assemble Entertainment Bags for the Domestic Violence Crisis Service (DVCS) to provide women and children who are housed in motel rooms for a short time with items to help them pass the time. For children they provide colouring in books and coloured pencils, sticker books, craft glue and pop sticks, plus soft toys. They also contain a diary, notebook, stationery, hand cream made by members, makeup, magazines and personal items such as toothpaste and toothbrushes in a toiletry bag. All items are presented in a calico shopping bag and labelled with a card from their Zonta Club.

All members are involved in purchasing or donating items,

making and labelling the hand cream, packing the bags and making the cards which are tied to the bags before delivering to the DVCS. Each bag costs \$20 and the Club presents 40 bags twice a year.



Left to right - Lorna Caire, Gillian Cordell (DVCS) and Jane Abdilla.

Gawler—Planning in the Park

The Zonta Club of Gawler recently held its Planning Day at Sandy Creek Conservation Park. The day was well attended and the peaceful environment was a source of great energy and commitment.



Gawler members—refreshed and invigorated!

Members shared food and wine and some stayed the night, waking up to the blissful peace of the bush.

Port Lincoln—Long Lunch

Glorious weather drew people in droves to the 12th Port Lincoln Zonta Long Lunch on 31 May. There was a record attendance of nearly 500, with guests from all over Eyre Peninsula as well as Adelaide and interstate.

There were seven venues, some a stroll apart and some linked by a special bus service. All offered a selection of predominantly local foods - succulent seafood such as prawns, tuna, mussels and abalone, along with lamb and scotch fillet, and a range of delicious desserts and cheeses to follow. Local wines were available as well as wines from other South Australian regions.

Entertainment along the way was

Area 2 report continued

provided by live bands and karaoke, and the Civic Centre Galleries featured various exhibitions.

Press coverage of the event was excellent with a full colour page in The Lincoln Times, and features are being prepared by a journalist with The Advertiser and Sunday Mail.

The club received TV coverage on Southern Cross News with the Zonta flag prominent behind the newsreader as she introduced the Zonta Long Lunch as one of the region's most popular annual events.

Members worked tirelessly gaining sponsorship, selling raffle tickets and monitoring the buses to reach their fundraising target which will benefit local women's health projects.

Adelaide Flinders— Congratulations!

The Zonta Club of Adelaide Flinders congratulates Didy Button, who was a finalist in the National Hesta Nursing Awards in May. Whilst not announced as the winner in her category of Innovation in Nursing, she was selected as one of four finalists from several hundred nominees. This is significant recognition of the contribution that Didy has achieved in developing a Clinical Communication initiative for nurses and nursing students who have English as a second language.



Didy (far right) with the finalists.

Para District—Quilting Project

The Zonta Quilt project has been in operation since 1994. In that time several hundred quilts have been distributed to families through the Northern Domestic Violence Service (previously the Para District Women's Shelter). These quilts are known as New Beginning Quilts. A few years later the club added smaller quilts for the Women's and Children's Hospital Emergency Department. These quilts are known as Wee Care quilts and are for children who have been involved in motor accidents.

Primarily this is a service project which began as a fellowship exercise. It is about sharing of skills and ideas, and fun and fellowship while at the same time helping women and children in need. Some specific aspects of the project are:

- All fabrics are donated and/or recycled
- The club purchases the

- polyester wadding and notions
- Workshops are held monthly. Not all those attending are quilters or Zontians.
- Helpers unpick garments, wash fabrics, provide afternoon tea, iron, and hand stitch the bindings and labels on the quilts.
- The quilts are distributed annually at the Club's Handover dinner in May.
- People interested in joining the workshop, stitching at home or making donations of fabrics are always welcome.



Members, Loris Henderson & Julie Sinclair, holding 2009 Raffle Quilt.

This project has been recognised on a number of occasions in the Premiers Awards during Service Club Week. It is a service project that the Zonta Club is very proud of and one which it is hoped will continue for many years to come.

Area 3 Report

Western Australia

*Judy Tennant
Area 3 Director*

The theme for the Area 3 workshop "From Opportunity to Action" was adopted enthusiastically by participants from all six Clubs in WA.

The Workshop, hosted by the Zonta Club of Bunbury and Area Director Judy Tennant was held at the Mandurah Country Club on a cold and wet Saturday on the 23 May.



Workshop plenary session

Small group sessions had an opportunity to explore a number of issues relating to:

- Our responsibilities as Zontians
- Encouraging and maintaining members
- Utilising the talents of our members
- Using our membership of Zonta as an Advocacy tool and an opportunity to improve the lives of others.

Area 3 is fortunate to have several members of the District 23 Leadership Team as members of WA Clubs, and they were able to contribute to the workshop

information sessions by providing updates on Legislative Awareness and Advocacy, the Yarri Wada Puppet project, Jane M Klausman Scholarship, History and Archives and a session from District 23 Nominating Committee member Dawn Newman, encouraging members to stand for District office. Zonta Club of Bunbury President, Penelope Northcott provided an interesting session on Visual Communication.

The Workshop theme was reiterated by key note speaker, Leonie Kershaw who spoke about an annual charity event, the "Chefs'

Area 3 Report continued



Brainstorming sessions

Long Table Lunch", held each year in Bunbury.

A novel idea of having a ticket attached to Evaluation forms and drawing a prize winner at the end of the day proved very worthwhile with 100% return of the Evaluation sheets. Zontians who attended the workshop found it enjoyable, most informative and a great opportunity for fellowship.

The Zonta Club of Perth Northern Suburbs recently assembled 2,000 birthing kits with the help of students from Churchlands Senior High School and St Mary's Anglican School, Karrinyup.. Great effort!



Above: Churchlands SHS students - Itor Carille Nota, Kathryn Malanczak, Louise-Anne Cavanagh and Rachel Anderson

Above right: 'Quality Controllers' - Marion Brown and Kay Poustie

Right: Laurel Coyle - Club Co-ordinator with packed kits in her son's ute ready to go!



Area 5 Report

Tasmania

*Georgie Hutchinson
Area 5 Director*

Area 5 Zonta clubs have been busy with changeovers and preparing calendars for the 2009 - 2010 Zonta year.

Hobart, Queenborough, Devonport and Launceston have had changeovers with Ronda McIntyre, Jean Walker, Jeannette Lander and Lyn Nicholson taking on the respective Presidents' roles in those clubs.

Julie Wiltshire remains President of the Hobart East club for another twelve months. For most clubs it will be a challenging one as they endeavour to rejuvenate and increase membership.

Following an invitation from Areas 1 and 4 to join with them for a combined workshop in Melbourne on May 2, 19 Area 5 Zontians travelled to Victoria for a wonderful, worthwhile workshop. This provided opportunities to

- develop deeper understandings of the structure and magnitude of Zonta,
- enjoy fellowship with women of like interests and values, and
- benefit from listening to fantastic



Devonport Zontians Bronwyn Dudfield, Margie Temple-Smith, Jeannette Lander, Dianne Warren, and Vini Naiker chat with Launceston Zontian Carol Fuller (centre) at the combined Area 1, 4 and 5 Workshop in Melbourne on May 2.



Left to right: Judy Rothe (Area 4 Director), Julia Taylor (Devonport Vice President), key note presenter Melba Marginson and Amira Hamid, DG Alison Martin and Area 1 Director Faye Juetz pictured at the workshop held at the Melbourne Girls' Grammar School.

key note speakers deliver passionate and stimulating presentations.

The feedback from those Zontians who took advantage of this opportunity has been overwhelmingly positive and we thank Areas 1 and 4, and the district Board for their support of this initiative.

Stop Press! Lennie McCall AM

Congratulations go to our District 23 History and Archives Chairman, Lennie McCall AM, a member of the Zonta Club of Perth, who recently became a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) in the Queen's Birthday Honours List.

For service to the preservation and promotion of history through state and national organisations, and to librarianship.

Well done Lennie!