

District 23

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From the District Governor.....



Angela Sawyer, International winner of the 2009 Jane M Klausman women in Business Scholarship (3rd from left) is congratulated by Karen Groves (D23 JMK coordinator), Judy Tennant (A3 Director) and Alison Martin (D23 Governor)

As the Year of Astronomy draws to a close, I wish all District 23 StarZ a very safe and happy festive season. I sincerely thank all District Board and club members for your teamwork in successfully advocating and giving your time to improve the lives of women this year. Perhaps we will have the opportunity to meet face-to-face at the 2010 Area workshops?

On 7th November Area 3 members had the pleasure of meeting **Angela Sawyer**, International winner of the **2009 Jane M Klausman Women in Business Scholarship**. She is a delightful young woman and is a very worthy recipient.

Message from Zonta International President, Beryl Sten

We have received thanks from ZIP Beryl as follows: *"My sincere thanks for more than the 100% coverage*

from District 23 re voluntary dues. Thank you for conveying the importance of these dues for Zonta International and our future." Well done District 23 Zontians!

Dr Catherine Hamlin AC, Zonta International Honorary Member, a

Keynote speaker at the International Convention in Hawaii in July 2000, was presented with the Right Livelihood Award 2009 at the Swedish Parliament in Stockholm on 4 December *"for her fifty years dedicated to treating obstetric fistula patients, thereby restoring the health, hope and dignity of thousands of Africa's poorest women"*. I'm sure all District 23 Zontians join with me in congratulating our eminent Australian on this international recognition and for the EUR 50,000 prize money for The Addis Ababa Fistula Hospital in Ethiopia.



The Star of Zonta is born in our 90th year!

Every group of Governors chooses a group name and the 2008-10 Governors chose the name "The STARZ". It is an acrostic

to remind us of the important guidelines for DG's to adhere to during this biennium.

S – Simplicity,
T – Transparency,
A – Accountability,
R – Responsibility,
Z – Zonta

In this 90th year **District 15 Governor, Sandra Vosper** decided to register a star in honour of District 15's Zontians, but not just any star, **the Star of Zonta**. Sandra wrote: *"As Zontians, you are all stars to me, no two alike and shining with reflected light from a common source and with unshakeable resolve."*

The Star of Zonta is dedicated to members of Zonta International and Sandra chose the slogan which she felt best suited the occasion is a Chinese proverb – **"Women Hold Up Half the Sky"**.

Being in the USA, Sandra chose the constellation *Ursa Major* because it is visible from most of the Northern Hemisphere and everybody knows how to find the Big Dipper. In naming a star one has the opportunity to make a dedication, so on 8 November 2009 the **Star of Zonta** was registered in the Name a Star Live Astronomical Catalogue. The name, coordinates and message of dedication, will

**District Governor
Alison Martin**
ZC of Perth Northern
Suburbs, WA

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be launched into space aboard the next Space Services Inc. (SSI) spacecraft and become part of the SSI orbital archive!



Another star named!

District 10 Governor Danita

Utsman advised: "Last year our theme for our Area meetings was "Reach for the STARZ", and Janis Wood and I have a star named for us. They were presented to us at the Area 1 meeting in Mineral Wells.

My star is at RA 00:20:52.168 and Declination +05:57:43.65 and is known as **Zontian Danita**. Let me know if you ever see it in the galaxy. I even have a Certificate of Registry impressively framed!"

Long may the newly named the **Star of Zonta** and **Zontian Danita** shine in our skies!

Special recognition for two+ new members

As announced at Conference and now on the ZI website, to emphasize the importance of **membership growth** Zonta International will recognize any Zontian who is reported as responsible for recruiting two new members or more this year from September 1, 2009 to March 31, 2010.

So let's put our recruiting hats on!

ZI CONVENTION 2010 IN SAN ANTONIO TEXAS from 25 – 30 June 2010

Details now on the Convention WEBSITE www.zonta2010.org

To all members who have been touched by ill health this year my very best wishes for continuing medical treatment and a return to a very healthy and happy New Year.

Yours in Zonta service

Alison Martin
District 23 Governor

Vale Kay Poustie OAM



Alison Martin writes:

Christmas for most people is a time of joy and family gatherings, but for some it can be a time of ill health and sadness. Many members will be thinking of Trevor and the family of **Kay Poustie, OAM** Past D23 Governor, who died on 28th October.

Area 3 Zontians who attended Kay's funeral learnt not only of her many achievements as a member, but also as a volunteer, member and colleague of a lot of other organisations. She lived life to the full, full of fun and empathy for others.

It has been touching to read articles in so many club newsletters. Thank you for sharing this sad news, for messages sent to Trevor Poustie, Perth Northern Suburbs club, myself and also the many personal donations sent to Zonta International Foundation in her memory. District Board members unanimously agreed to send a

donation to the ZIF Rose Fund on behalf of the District.

The following was a poem Kay shared with Perth Northern Suburbs' members on the death of their Past President Lucy Bohan which also effectively describes the mark Kay left on this earth as wonderful person and an organ donor for two people.

*How do you measure success?
To laugh often and much;
To win the respect of intelligent people and the affection of children;
To earn the appreciation of honest critics and endure the betrayal of false friends;
To appreciate beauty;
To find the best in others;
To leave the world a bit better, whether by a healthy child, a garden-plot, a redeemed social condition or a job well done;
To know even one other's life has breathed easier because you have lived;
This is to have succeeded.*

--Ralph Waldo Emerson--

Whether Kay came into your life for a reason, for a season, or a lifetime, her spirit will resound in our lives like the ripples on a lake.

Courtesy Anastasia Maslij

San Antonio
Zonta International Convention 2010 - San Antonio, Texas

San Antonio, Texas

A CELEBRATION OF ZONTA'S
60th INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

JUNE 25-JUNE 30, 2010

On-site Convention check-in begins at 1pm June 24th

Zontians and their families are promised some Texas-size hospitality when they come to San Antonio for the Zonta International Convention in 2010. In the Alamo City, there is plenty to see and do, whatever your age or interest.

The after conference Newsflash always has some wonderful stories about our successes. One of these is the support of our attendees for the Foundation.

Our 'bucket collection' raised \$610. Thanks to everyone who participated in this painless fundraising exercise. Later, individual donations of \$AU100 and \$US890 were received, and other District Zontians have told me they are planning to make regular payments to the Foundation, having been touched by the need to meet both our commitments to underprivileged women of the world through our service projects and violence prevention programs, and the inspirational young recipients of our educational scholarship awards.

If you were not fortunate enough to be at our District Conference, I am sure you will have heard from your

club representatives about the inspirational Young Women in Public Affairs (YWPA) and Jane M Klausman Women in Business award recipients we were privileged to hear.

When we saw the DVD prepared by 'our' Caroline Rickards, it was crystal clear to us all that the International Awards funded by ZIF are well deserved. What an inspiration!

Caroline is an Amelia Earhart Fellow who had us all wiping away tears when she received her international award at our 2003 District Conference. She is a talented, warm, self-effacing young woman who never misses an opportunity to thank and acknowledge Zonta for the support she received through her Fellowship.

And now we have the news of more

money coming back to Australia with one of the twelve International Jane M Klausman Women in Business Awards to our District winner Angela Sawyer.

The ZIF power point presentation I used at Ballarat has been sent to all clubs. Please use it with your club so that all D23 Zontians have the same understanding of the importance of our commitments at international level as well as to women locally and through our District projects.

**Send a gift that
makes a difference!
Make a donation
to the Foundation
in the name of a
loved one!**



Say NO—UNiTE

Letter from Beryl Sten
President, Zonta International

On 6 November 2009, UNIFEM launched Say NO – UNiTE to End Violence Against Women, a global advocacy initiative to stimulate, count and showcase actions on ending violence against women around the world.

Zonta International was one of 80 organizations worldwide to join UNIFEM as a launch partner.

Zonta International, our clubs and our members have already found numerous ways to support efforts to prevent violence against women around the globe.

To maximize Zonta's participation in the Say NO – UNiTE to End Violence Against Women initiative and to raise awareness of our efforts at the global and local level, we need the participation of all our districts and clubs.

First, please take a minute to sign the global call to end violence against women by clicking on the Say NO



banner above (if reading this on line) or visiting <http://www.saynotoviolence.org/join-say-no/zonta-international-unites-say-no-violence-against-women>

If you have already added your name to the global call, please sign it again to support Zonta's participation in this new initiative.

Encourage your club members to do the same, and assist members with adding their names to the global call at your next club meeting.

After you have added your name to the global call, notify headquarters of any actions taken (as of 6 November 2009) by your district or club to help prevent violence against women.

Actions can include, but are not limited to, participating in a walk to

raise awareness of domestic violence, volunteering or supporting a local women's shelter, organizing community workshops or observing the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence in your local community.

Please send your submissions, including the name of your district or club, a description of the action and the number of participants, to advocacy@zonta.org.

The goal of the Say NO initiative is to collectively reach 100,000 actions by March 2010 and 1 million actions in one year.

Submit your actions, and help us raise awareness of Zonta International's efforts to prevent violence against women around the world!

Thank you for your participation and support.

The second Adelaide White Ribbon Breakfast at the Adelaide Festival Centre Banquet Room was another resounding success.

Organised by BPW, NCW, Soroptimists and Zonta, around 320 guests, including many Zontians, were attracted to hear speaker Professor Michael Kidd, Executive Dean of Medicine at Flinders University, and new White Ribbon Ambassador, who gave an outstanding presentation based on Abraham Lincoln's very poignant quote "To sin by silence when they should protest ...".



Left: Prof Michael Kidd, new White Ribbon Ambassador, gave an outstanding presentation



Prior to the event, Lt Governor Jane Smith was Media Liaison for the event and we received media coverage in SA Life and the Sunday Mail, and Professor Kidd spoke on ABC Radio at length the day before White Ribbon Day.

The Breakfast was opened by His Excellency Rear Admiral Kevin Scarce, Governor of South Australia and this was followed by a South Australian update by Hon. Gail Gago MLC, Minister for the Status of Women.

SA radio personality Peter Goers hosted the event with humour, everyone was presented with a white ribbon, and a delicious hot breakfast was enjoyed by all.

Prior to closing Emma Patterson, a victim of domestic violence, read her poem "The Power of Choice"

which touched everyone present.

The Breakfast was followed by "Men in the Mall" presented by the White Ribbon Foundation, where the new "All Aussie Men Should Swear" campaign was promoted.

Women are also encouraged to register their support. If you have not already done so, visit www.myoath.com



L-R: Julie Menadue (BPW) Paul Tosch (Flinders University and new recruit as WR Ambassador) Gillian Lewis (BPW and Breakfast Co-Convenor) Cintra Amos (Zonta A2 Director and Breakfast Co-Convenor) Jane Smith (Zonta Lt G), Derrick McManus (2008 Guest Speaker, WR Ambassador and Co-Host)

SAY NO – UNITE End Violence against Women

Among the Zonta Clubs saying NO are...



Above: Members of the **Zonta Club of Port Lincoln** say NO – UNITE to End Violence Against Women.

Meanwhile **Zonta Club of Clare and Districts** members put on a White Ribbon breakfast urging the community to take a stand against violence towards



alcohol and obesity combined.

Photo Left: L-R Damien MacKenzie from Mackenzie Homes and Commercial was helped out in cooking the White Ribbon Day breakfast in Ennis Park by Member for Frome Geoff Brock (centre) and Glen Megson.

women. Men were encouraged to swear an oath never to commit, excuse or remain silent about violence against women. Studies show that domestic violence is the main cause of death, disability and illness in women aged 15 to 44. It is more harmful than smoking,

See also Riverland's impressive 'Shout from the Bridge' on page 9 and Geelong and Kyneton's white ribbon events on page 11.

Past District Governors, Liz Woodgate and Ronda Walker, travelled to Zonta International Headquarters in Oak Brook, near Chicago to attend a meeting of the International Nominating Committee.



These photos show:

- the outside of the new headquarters at 1211 West 22nd Street;
- the front door, and the foyer.

Zontians feature in SA Premier's Awards

Cintra Amos
Area 2 Director

The annual SA Premier's Awards, organised by Association of Community Service Organisations were held in October as part of Service Clubs Week.

Zonta Club of Fleurieu Peninsula won the Catalyst Award for their "Art of the Needle Trail", with Zonta Club of **Adelaide Flinders** runners up with their "Rugs Project".



President Carol Youles of Fleurieu Club accepting their Catalyst Award

Fleurieu were also runners up in the Health Award for their "Seniors' Playground" and **Clare** were runners up in the Education Award for the "High School Bursary Project".



Zonta Club of Clare & District's, President Elect Jane Long with the runner-up certificate for Community Service



Kath Gribble (Soroptimists SA), Cintra Amos (A2 Director), and Gillian Lewis (BPW SA) accepting their joint Award from Hon. Tom Koutsantonis MP, Minister for Volunteers for the Inaugural White Ribbon Breakfast

Zonta Area 2 and Soroptimists SA were runners up in the Event Award for their joint project with Business & Professional Women SA, Federation



Dr Joy O'Hazy from Adelaide Hills Club accepting her Community Service Medal from Dr Heide Taylor

of University Women SA and National Council of Women SA in staging the inaugural White Ribbon Breakfast last year.

Joy O'Hazy from the **Adelaide Hills** Club, who has a proud record of community service over many years, was the winner of the Heide Taylor Community Service Medal.

The Zonta Club of **Adelaide** nominee Dougie Jacobssen won the inaugural Alan Sloan Youth Community Service Prize. Burnside Rotary Club won the Premier's Distinction Award for their Helena Goldie Hospital Project in the Solomon Islands. Zonta clubs have also contributed to this project with the Adelaide Club supporting Nurse and Administrative Training at the hospital and Pauline Glover from Adelaide Flinders has been a significant donor since the project's inception.

At the end of the evening Dr Millicent Hughes from Zonta Club of **Adelaide** was presented with a gorgeous bouquet for her outstanding contribution as Zonta's representative on ACSO over the past 9 years.



Dr Millicent Hughes accepts a bouquet of thanks from ACSO Treasurer Harry Tillyer from Lions 201/C2

Cintra Amos will be replacing her as Zonta's representative on this committee for the next two years.

It is with great joy that I can report we have received \$150,000 in funding from AusAID as part of the Community Call to Action programme. This is an awareness raising programme to increase the awareness amongst the Australian public to the 8 Millennium Development Goals. This meant we had to develop a programme with a strong PR component and also meant we had to spend a greater percentage of the grant on PR, leaving less for our actual kit production.

To keep our kit production up, and to involve as many clubs as possible, we have planned for 95,000 kits to be made from February until 30 September. From the 95,000 kits allocation, 65,000 kits would be at \$2 per kit. To encourage involvement of schools and tertiary students we have allocated 30,000 kits at \$1 per kit. Those clubs working through a school, TAFE or university, need to book ASAP as once the 30,000 kits are booked all other kits will be \$2 each.

Once again Assembly days can be booked in lots of 600 and 1,000 as in previous years. Clubs may wish to

team with a local Rotary club or another voluntary club to help with fundraising.

Zontians may remember, and some may still use the original information folders we gave out in 2005. We are developing a new folder which focuses on our Birthing Kit Project from the perspective of the Millennium Development Goals. We will also develop a PowerPoint CD presentation to complement the presentation folder and have new brochures available. We expect these will be completed in February and posted to every club. We will have a short 10 – 15 minute movie ready by April.

We expect that clubs would use the folders or PowerPoint at their Assembly Day. Other suggestions for educating the public on the project and Millennium Development Goals would be to organise information tables or presentations at schools, in halls or in shopping malls. It is also a great membership opportunity to showcase Zonta, its members and its many other wonderful projects.

It was very encouraging to have all 3

Districts vote to continue support for our Birthing Kit Project for another year at their District Conferences.

Anyone thinking they would like to personally support the Foundation can consider either, becoming a member, organising a fundraiser or making a donation to the foundation. www.birthingkitfoundation.org.au.

We expect our gift deductibility in our own right to happen soon. The website has been complex as it has evolved with secure online donations, gifts, links etc. It will be live in January.

The BKFA AGM went well and an enjoyable evening was had by all. The board stayed as before with two changes, I stepped down as the chairperson to become vice chair and Jenny Weaver from the Adelaide Torrens club became the new chairperson.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Board and all of my Zonta friends for their support and to wish Jenny a wonderful year.

I will continue as the D22, D23 and D24 Birthing Kit Project Coordinator

Mother and Daughter Feature

This article from the Port Lincoln Times featured mother and daughter Zontians, Jane Smith (D23 Governor Elect) and Belinda Jutzen (President Port Lincoln)— Jane also did a 20 minute interview with the ABC.

What a team—Great PR!



Photo caption— **Zonta:** Jane Smith (right) has been elected as the next Zonta International D23 Governor, which covers most of Australia. Her daughter Belinda Jutzen has been elected President of the local Zonta branch.

Top zonta role for local woman

CURMISH woman Jane Smith has claimed the top Zonta position in Australia. She has been elected district governor for Zonta district 23, which covers all of Australia, besides New South Wales and Queensland. "It's pretty good for a little country girl," she said. Mrs Smith will take over the position in June next year with her induction at the International conference in San Antonio, Texas. She is well versed in the role of Zonta International having spent the past two years as leadership governor for District 23, a post president of the Port Lincoln branch of Zonta and a member for 15 years. "I think it is just a great honour and I think it is great for a club like Port Lincoln Zonta to be recognised as well. It is also a demonstration of how the internet has

AT A GLANCE

- Zonta is a global organisation founded in 1919.
- Worldwide there are over 33,000 members in 97 countries.
- Members are professional women working to advance the state of women's social and economic advancement.
- Zonta International has more than 100 chapters in Australia.

because of whom I am (in Curmish).

"I would not have been able to achieve this 10 years ago without the electronic technology we have today," she said.

The retirement position will open new opportunities for Mrs Smith who takes on the role for a two-year term and will work with the district board on the various international women's

initiation and to meet with other representatives from some of the 67 country members around the world. "I think Zonta is important because it is doing some really great things to improve the status of women worldwide," Mrs Smith said in the role of Zonta International. The District 23 projects are the Breast Cuckoo, provided to support women in the post-operative stage of breast cancer treatment, and birthing kits to provide clean and safe birthing environments for women without access to professional medical care. A third of funds raised by all Australian clubs go to the Zonta International Foundation, which funds the International Service Project Program, seeking to improve the legal, political, economic, educational and health status of women in developing countries or



Alice Springs Zonta Club members Joy Billings, Katherine Lelliott, Emma Moore, Nareen Carter, Helen Joraslafsky and Cheryl Chapman were among the people who made the event a success (Centralian Advocate)

still hoping to rewrite history with her survival.

Clare and District held a successful White Ribbon Breakfast (see page 4). In addition, club members and friends were wowed at a concert of singing bowls and flute

Alice Springs: The Fruit Salad stall at the annual Frontier Services Old Timers' Home Fete in August is a long time commitment. Members, family, friends, volunteers, staff etc spend a sociable two hours on Friday night cutting donated fruit and sell the salad on the Saturday. This year the club raised over \$1,300 and got a mention in the Centralian Advocate. In addition the club also hosted a very successful fashion parade.

Para District Area: Recent fundraising events include an enjoyable Spring Fashion Parade attended by approximately 60 people that raised about \$720 and a sale of club-labelled wine that raised around \$550. In addition, service projects included presenting 36 stocked toiletry bags to grateful representatives from the Northern Domestic Violence Service.

On 3 December at the Official Opening of the Elizabeth Downs Primary School's "Stephanie Alexander Foundation" Kitchen Garden, and in the presence of Stephanie Alexander, herself, and local cook, Maggie Beer, we

donated 30 pairs of rubber boots for students.

Adelaide Flinders celebrated ZI's 90th Birthday by hosting the Premiere of the movie "Amelia". Around 200 guests attended the event at the Chelsea Cinema where we have been holding our movie night fundraisers for over 20 years.

The theatre was festively decorated with Zonta balloons and a striking flower arrangement of Zonta Roses artistically arranged to represent Amelia's aeroplane. Bubbly was served and tables were covered with yellow and white iced cupcakes. And of course no birthday party is complete without a birthday cake and the enthusiastic singing of "Happy Birthday". After the raffle was drawn, choc top ice creams were distributed to all as we settled down to watch the movie of Amelia Earhart's enthralling life.

Although not mentioned in the movie that she was a Zontian, one could easily understand why she is such an icon in our Zonta world. Whilst we all knew the outcome of her tragic flight, all agreed that we were



presented by musician Myriam Bultsma.

The concert, held in the stunning surrounds and views from Scarlatti's Gallery, Mt

Surmon Wines near Clare, was preceded by finger food and an opportunity for visitors to browse the gallery's current exhibition. Proceeds went to support women in their pursuit of music education. Musician Myriam Bultsma presented a concert of singing bowls and flute.

Adelaide Hills celebrated the 90th Birthday of Zonta International with partners and guests at their November Dinner Meeting.

Area Director Cintra Amos and founding member Dr Heidi Taylor were among the 50 present to celebrate this auspicious occasion. Everyone had a fabulous time.



Photos Left to right

Alice Springs Fashion Parade: L-R: Emma Moore (Pres), Katalina Mindszenty, Helen Joraslafsky, Constance Price (front), Karen Cilka, Susan Cooper (prospective member), Jan Anderson.

Para Districts: Wine sales Fundraiser

Para Districts: Presentation of Toiletry Bags (standing L-R Meredith Keage, Zontian Adrienne Williams)

Para Districts: President Alexa Little (at lectern) presenting boots.

Para Districts: Members of Para District Area inspecting a section of the "Kitchen Garden".

Area 2 Report continued



Adelaide Hills celebrates:

Top: President Di Bartel and Margaret Parsons check out the Club projects.



Centre: Dr Heide Taylor cuts the Birthday Cake with President Di Bartel and A2 Director Cintra Amos

Below: Impromptu jazz performance by A2 Director Cintra Amos



The club showcased past and present projects, was entertained by guest speaker Mikyla Gilbert, a dynamic local woman who started up the Adelaide Hills magazine a year ago. The evening finished with entertainment by Jeremy Cookes who was joined by Ben Winnall on didgeridoo, Joy O'Hazy on drums and a great impromptu rendition of a couple of songs by our very own Area Director, Cintra Amos. There was even a bit of risqué dancing from some of the members! We hope to all be here for the big celebration in 2019!

Adelaide Hills also hosted a "Highway Halloween Rock" dance, attended by over 120 people featuring music by 'Chocolate Rush' which is made up of several club members. The 60s and 70s music was perfect for dancing. Club members also walked in the City to Bay again this year with walking buddies helping to raise sponsorship for the walkers. All these functions have raised a considerable amount of money for the club and have kept the members on their toes!

Noarlunga/Southern Vales:

October saw the club having a High Tea at Ross Roses. Maureen Ross (past charter member) kindly donated the use of her tea rooms and Barb Baldock coordinated the enjoyable event.



High Tea at Ross Roses

The weather was perfect as was the food cooked by members. Members were joined by a few passers-by who saw the signs on the roadside and came and joined in.

For six years the club has been organising School Book Awards with \$75 book vouchers being presented to senior girls at high schools in the Onkaparinga council area. Rita Fletcher has coordinated this event since its inception with some girls sharing their experiences at club meetings. The club has now become a regular part of each school's programme.



Rita Fletcher presenting at Aberfoyle Park

Woodcroft College is now starting to make Breast Cushions and is being guided by Mary Colvill in this activity. The College and the Aberfoyle Park Lutheran Church combined with club members at a very successful Birthing Kit Assembly day held on an extremely hot day. The Rotary Club of Noarlunga East and Hare Street Uniting Church provided financial assistance for the event.

Port Lincoln celebrated Zonta International's 90th Birthday with a dinner for 40 Zontians and guests at the Boston Winery. The tables were decorated with Zonta balloons and even the bread rolls were a "Z". Tania Blair was inducted as a new member and Hazel Paxton, a past President, was inducted as a returning member.

\$1,000 was donated to Dragons Abreast to go towards a new shed for their dragon boat and Helen Hookings, McGrath Sellers Breast Care Nurse, showed the "lumpy boob" that the club had funded.

Guest speaker, Charmaine Otto lives in Port Lincoln, has four adopted Ethiopian children and is the South Australian representative for Catherine Hamlin's Fistula Hospital in Addis Ababa. Her presentation showed many brave women who have suffered with fistula and she spoke of Catherine Hamlin's drive and enthusiasm and explained that at 83 years old she is still operating and caring for her patients.



Vice Area 2 Director, Deb Sykes, Maxine Barker (Dragons Abreast), Helen Hookings (McGrath Nurse), Belinda Jutzen (President), Margie Glover (Secretary), Charmaine Otto (Guest Speaker)

Links to Say NO!

Join Zonta's response at

<http://www.saynotoviolence.org/join-say-no/zonta-international-unites-say-no-violence-against-women>

Swear your oath at

www.myoath.com

Let's hear it for Riverland!

Sharyn Schlein, President ZC Riverland
Rosalie Richards (Chair, LAA)



The Ngarrindjeri Boomers took out first place with prizes of a meal each at the Renmark Country Club and tickets to the Chaffey Theatre. The second placed team included a visiting representative from the Workers Construction Unions who came from Adelaide to express support for the occasion and its anti violence message, while the third team featured a family who held up a poster made by Mum and children together.

It was very satisfying to see the focus achieved on White Ribbon's important message, and the organising committee was delighted with the level of support for this the first such community "Our Shout" in the Riverland.

Support from TAFE, the Aboriginal Men's Group, Correctional Services, the Berri Barmera Council, Police, Transport SA, Anglican Community Care, the Riverland Community Legal Service, Families SA, local schools, service clubs – Rotary and Lions and media helped make the event a success.

We look forward to continuing with a similar event gleaning even more support and community participation into the future.

What a great idea—wouldn't it be super if we all had a 'shouting event'! - Editor

Over the past several years the Riverland Zonta Club has hosted some exciting White Ribbon Day events to stimulate awareness of the International Campaign to Eliminate Violence Against Women. This year was no exception.

Zonta teamed with the Riverland Domestic Violence Action Group to present the inaugural "**Shout from the Bridge**" over the River Murray in Berri. A large banner was erected at the central roundabout to focus community attention on the campaign for several weeks preceding the event and this was featured in local newspapers.

On 25th November teams gathered at the Berri riverfront and were marshalled onto a beribboned Berri Bridge to compete to emit the loudest shout of "No more, No way".

The shouts were judged by representatives of DVAG, Riverland Zonta and the visiting White Ribbon ambassador, Max Wurfel, aided by a decibel monitor. Approximately 70 shouters joined together for a final communal shout. They then joined an additional 30 or so Riverlanders who had watched from the banks, for a sausage sizzle and announcements of the winning teams.

Area 3 Report

Western Australia

Judy Tennant
Area 3 Director

The Area 3 Intercity meeting was held in September just prior to District Conference in Ballarat. Each President provided an overview of the extensive activities each of their Clubs had been engaged in.

It was pleasing to note that the majority of Clubs reported a steady increase in membership and whilst there have been some resignations, the induction of new members has contributed to the stability of numbers in Area 3.



Intercity meeting of Presidents L-R: Carole Theobald (Perth), Sherrel O'Neil (VP Peel), Sue Flower (Dunsborough), Judy Tennant (A3 Director), Anastasia Maslij (Perth Northern Suburbs), Marilyn Horgan (VP Swan Hills), Penelope Northcott (Bunbury)

The six Clubs in Area 3 came together on 7 November, to celebrate the 90th anniversary of Zonta International.

The Gala evening hosted by the Area 3 Director and the Zonta Club of Perth Northern Suburbs was a night to remember as we showcased the work and talents of five outstanding Women who have made a significant contribution to their community namely: Pat Lowe, Naomi Amat, Carla Win Pe, Gillian Kaub and Sue Boyd.

Area 3 Report continued

The Woman of Achievement Award is awarded to a woman who has not previously been recognised and who personifies the ideals of Zonta.

The A3 2009 Award went to Naomi Amat who was nominated by the Zonta Club of Bunbury.

As a direct result of her own child being diagnosed with Autism, Naomi researched ways to close the gap that exists in service provision for children with disabilities in the South West of WA. Through the 'Bunbury Early Years Network' she has made significant inroads in highlighting the importance of the 'early childhood years' as a vital foundation to enhance developmental outcomes for young children particularly those with special needs.

Alison Martin also acknowledged Angela Sawyer who was the winner of the Area 3 and District 23 Jane M Klausman Women in Business Scholarships and was subsequently awarded one of the 12 Zonta International scholarships (see photo on page 1).

Wendy MacGibbon and Jean Oldham from the Zonta Club of Perth were presented with certificates by Alison Martin (D23 Governor) to acknowledge 30 years



L-R: Judy Tennant presents Naomi Amat with the A3 Woman of Achievement Award



Angela Sawyer with her proud parents.



of Zonta service. Both women have held numerous positions in their clubs, have been instrumental in establishing other clubs in WA and continue to actively participate in club projects.

The Minister for Women's Interest, Hon Robyn McSweeney, recently announced the establishment of a Women's Advisory Council to provide a voice for women throughout the State to have their say on specific policy issues, programs and general matters affecting women.

The Council is representative of women from around Western Australia who bring a wealth of experience based on many years of working in the community, Government and non-Government sectors.

Following the announcement of membership of the Council, we were all delighted to learn that Zonta will be well represented by Penelope Northcott, President Zonta Club of Bunbury, Annette Chivers, Manager, Zonta House Women's Refuge, and Agnes Vacca, Partner in PKF Accounting who also just happens to be a member of the Zonta Club of Perth.

Photo left: Alison Martin (centre) presents Wendy MacGibbon (left) and Jean Oldham (right) with certificates to acknowledge 30 years of Zonta service.



Photo left: Area 3 Women of Achievement L-R: Sue Boyd, Carla Win Pe, Judy Tennant (A3 Director), Naomi Amat, Pat Lowe and Gillian Kaub.

Photo below: A total of 97 Zontians, awardees and friends attended the Area 3 Founders' Day Dinner and Awards Presentation event.



Congratulations to all clubs in Area 4 for another fabulous year of advancing the status of women locally and worldwide.

The seven clubs in Area 4 have experienced a very positive year with fundraising, innovative projects, assistance to the rural Victorian bushfire affected women, increased membership and financial gain to provide the suggested percentage of their funds to Zonta International for its global programs: Education, Leadership and Youth Development, Prevention of Violence Against Women and International Service.

At the third Area 4 Presidents' meeting held during the D23 Conference in Ballarat our aim for the seven clubs is to improve the membership in the second half of the biennium.

We have seven new members since July 2009.

Albury Wodonga has 14 members including one new member—Margretta Kunzelmann. Congratulations and keep up the good work. Many projects have been discussed for 2010 and will be possibly implemented in the New Year.

Ballarat has 19 members including three new members: Samantha Moore who transferred from the Zonta Club of Alice Springs, Carolyn McMickan and Carole Norton. Congratulations to the OM & C Committee. The club has financed the Zonta entry for the new community street signs and also made a \$2,000 donation to the bushfire affected women and families via Red Cross.

Bendigo has 36 members including two new members—Jan Buckland and Cheryl Axel—which is just fabulous. The Open Gardens project raised over \$4,000 and Christmas Market \$3,200 and these funds have enabled the club to support Breast Cancer research and

the EASE/CASA Counselling Room as well as ongoing projects, scholarships and Zonta International programs. In addition, the club has made donations to the bushfire affected women and families in the Eaglehawk area.

Note: The Zonta Club of Bendigo wishes to thank **WaterstoreTanks** for its ongoing support. At a recent sale of tanks the Company asked for customer donations to Zonta projects and also made a donation for each tank sold. Adrienne and the Sullivan family are great supporters of our work. Their donation of over \$550 is gratefully received and the Sullivan family has asked that at least \$500 go towards breast cancer research which will be done along with funds from our Open Gardens.



A bushfire affected woman in Eaglehawk accepting the gifts of love including the blue Christmas balls from the ZC of Kyneton.

Waterstore were winners in the recent Bendigo Business Awards.

Bendigo Z Club students from Girton Grammar were of great assistance at the Open Gardens. They have also been busy preparing Xmas boxes for Christmas Child.

Geelong has 18 members. A White Ribbon Day event "The impact of Violence on our Community" was held on November 4, 2009 and a panel consisting of Dr Anne Chirside, a medical practitioner, Jill Crookes a principal Psychologist and Inspector Kerryn Hynham of the Victorian Police gave an interesting

and graphic account of domestic violence and important statistics.

Media promotion for the event was very good – the Geelong Advertiser ran an article "No More Violence against Women" and The Independent has run a photo and article entitled "Women, Police Join Forces – Fighting Back". Gary Ablett from the Geelong Cats AFL was nominated as the White Ribbon Ambassador.

Geelong celebrated Zonta International's 90th birthday at their dinner meeting, which supported White Ribbon Day, with everyone dressed in white for the evening. A cake made by M. Gillies added to the celebrations.

Geelong Z Club members have collected goods for the Kardinia women's refuge during their White Ribbon Day event.

Kyneton has 32 members including new member Ella Felicetti. The "Girls night out" was a great success with 160 women attending this Gala Fashion parade and hair show. It is the club's major function and a profit of \$2,500 was raised and will support the "Young Women Development Program" providing local School scholarships and the "Young Women in Public Affairs Award".

A community dinner was organised on White Ribbon Day with a leading senior constable and Macedon Ranges Youth Resource Officer Joe Grabac as the guest speaker.

The bushfire affected women and their families of the Redesdale area have been well supported by the club with funds raised at \$2,253.00. Part of this funding was also donated (by Xmas decorations) to the 61 women and their families in the Eaglehawk area who lost their homes.

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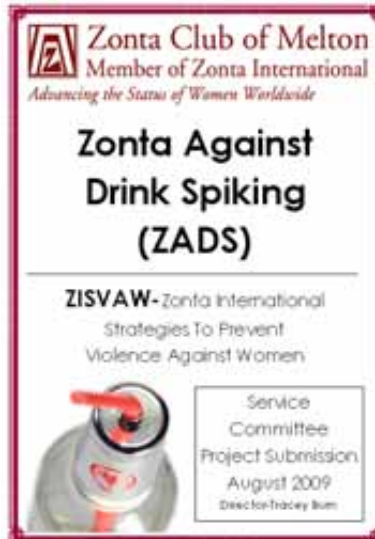
Melton has 22 members. Thirteen pages of a fantastic December newsletter MELZON noted the innovative project to assist the young women of Melton and the surrounding area.

The ZADS project (Zonta against Drink Spiking) is progressing well. The Service Committee organised a PowerPoint presentation and a booklet to present to venue owners and the Police for their approval. **Anti Spiking caps are supplied free to local venues.**

Sergeant Tony Jenkins was nominated as a White Ribbon Ambassador by the ZC of Melton and he accepted this role.

Materials from Melton's Zonta Against Drink Spiking project.

With the festive season fast approaching, this fantastic project is very timely—Editor.



Inspector Kerry Hynham showed particular interest in the "In My Shoes" project at the Geelong White Ribbon function and both Geelong and Melton clubs will receive a letter of appreciation for their organisation and funding of this most important project.

Wangaratta has 21 members. Ten \$50 vouchers were donated to the Beechworth bushfire affected women and families. The ZAPA night was a great success with 106 attending and winners were announced. Zonta leaflet samples for promotion at the Information Centre have been organised and donations of gifts and prizes from Elma Van Schlijndel have been accepted for a future project.

I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas with your families and a happy and healthy New Year in 2010.

Area 5 Report

Tasmania

Georgie Hutchinson
Area 5 Director

On Saturday December 5, it was a pleasure to rendezvous with Presidents from all five Area 5 Zonta clubs at Zeps in Campbelltown. It was great to catch up, share news of Zonta activities and plan for the future.

Service

All clubs have been very active and keen to collaborate with one another. This has led to increased interest, fun and fellowship.

Queenborough hosted a working bee to assemble birthing kits at the Clarendon Neighbourhood Centre with volunteers and members completing 300 birthing kits.

Supported by donations from **Hobart East** and **Launceston, Devonport** and 4 members of the **Launceston** Club combined to make 1000 birthing kits which were sent to Uganda. Many hands made light work!

Queenborough has continued to

Area 5 Presidents
Standing:

- Jean Walker (Queenborough),
- Jeannette Lander (Devonport)
- Rhonda McIntyre (Hobart)

Sitting:

- Lyn Nicholson (Launceston)
- Julie Wiltshire (Hobart East)
- Georgie Hutchinson (Area 5 Director)
- Carole Fuller (Launceston PP).



collect old mobile phones for Zoos Victoria appeal.

In the kitchen, **Launceston** had a very efficient production line which baked and packed 215 dozen packs of short bread biscuits and **Devonport** has worked hard to produce its famous Christmas 'puddings', (bite-sized puddings).

The teams combined very efficiently proving that a few can achieve a lot, if they are well organised.

Hobart East has continued making breast cushions for the Royal Hobart Hospital and the Breast Care Nurses in Launceston.

Devonport held a very successful Fashion Parade in October which raised money towards a Liberty Swing for the School of special Education.

Membership

Hobart Club is holding discussions with young women with social

Area 5 Report continued

conscience and has resolved to hold a Get to Know Zonta Night in the New Year.

The **Devonport** Club has inducted 4 new members since the last News Flash, bringing its membership to a very healthy 28.

Launceston, Queenborough and **Hobart East** membership numbers remain steady, with the prospect of 2 – 3 new members each in the New Year.

LAA

Devonport's Breast Cancer Awareness Breakfast raised money for Breast Cancer Research.

Hobart East's Fundraiser – Quiz night & Silent Auction raised \$2500, funds raised being distributed to the Cheryl's Angels Program.

This program supports the health and wellbeing of "at risk" young girls in Grades 9 & 10. The program provides a safe place to talk about issues such as family violence, sexual health, relationships and job readiness.

Funds will also be given to support "The Mother's Program", where much of the support is social support, referral to other agencies and advocacy. Both these programs are supported by the Clarence City Council.

Hobart East Club supported the **Queenborough** Zonta Club with their White Ribbon Day Dinner, where Justice Bob Benjamin from Family Law Court spoke about various types of domestic violence.

Launceston and **Devonport** held very successful stalls in their respective malls to disseminate information and spread the word about White Ribbon Day.

Credibility and Visibility

Hobart East participated at the Lindisfarne Village Fair with a static display and DVD presentation of Zonta International Service projects for 2006 -2008.

Queenborough's President and another member attended the Soroptimists 60th Birthday celebrations - a reception at Government House. White Ribbon Day activities also promoted our visibility and credibility in the state.

Financial

Devonport Zontian, Jenni Jago used recently acquired skills to prepare and lodge a submission on the Devonport Club's behalf for funding from the Tasmanian Community Fund to purchase a Liberty swing for the School of Special Education in Devonport.

The **Devonport** Club, the SSE and Jenni were delighted that the application was successful!

Governance

It was disappointing that only a handful of Area 5 members attended the District 23 Conference in Ballarat in September. The fact that the conference coincided with the AFL grand final in the year of global economic uncertainty seemed to have some bearing on this.

Nevertheless, those who did attend thoroughly enjoyed the hospitality of all the hardworking Ballarat Zontians.

Fellowship

Area 5 Zontians have also been busy with Theatre nights in the south, viewings of "Amelia" throughout the state, and of course recent Christmas functions.

In January 2010, **Queenborough** will be celebrating an Australia Day lunch at Hartz View Winery, **Launceston** will be holding its Jazz in Gardens on the Tamar River on January 17 and **Devonport** will be getting back together with a barbecue at the Arboretum.

So if you're planning a trip to lush, gorgeous, green Tassie during the summer months, do keep those events in mind!

Wishing all our fellow Zontians in District 23 a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Thanks for 2009 and hope for 2010

*Adapted from the Zonta Thanks written by
'Tricia Summerfield, D23 Webmaster and
member of the Zonta Club of Perth*

*Wherever your country of birth,
Whatever your faith or creed,
Give thanks for the year we have shared in Zonta fellowship.
But remember too, those who have had no food today;
Not with guilt that we have so much,
But with hope, through Zonta service,
They too may come to share the same in 2010
In peace and harmony.*



"Amelia", the film based on Amelia Earhart's life and starring Hilary Swank and Richard Gere was released in November and many clubs have seen this as a fundraiser and also as a social time together.

The ZC Adelaide Flinders had a very successful gala screening on the exact date of Zonta's 90th birthday enabling them to celebrate the two events and getting good PR for Zonta.

Since seeing the AE video from Caroline Rickards at Conference a

number of clubs have shown this to their members. Copies can be obtained from me and this is a good way of not only publicising AE but also celebrating AE month of January.

ZC Mornington Peninsula is once again holding their AE Breakfast with follow on events organised for the 10th January (RSVP by 2 January). Contact Judy Edwards on 0418 137 704 or lindsayjude@bigpond.com for more details.

Wishing all members and their families a happy and safe Christmas.



Share your holiday in the spirit of Amelia—go see the movie, get in an aeroplane or take part in a Zonta 'Amelia Earhart' celebration!



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R.S.V.P. by Sunday 17 January

to Marion Brown Phone 9349 5034 Mobile 0414 347 552
Email brownm@westnet.com.au

** All proceeds to Zonta International Amelia Earhart Fellowships, awarded world-wide to women studying aerospace-related science or engineering at post-graduate level.

Change of Details

Please note the following changes in the District Directory 2009-2010

- **Alice Springs** President, Emma Moore's new email address is emmaandbill@hotmail.com
- **Area 4 Director**, Judith Rothe has a new email address jarothe@bigpond.com
- **Conference Convenor**, Hilary Pope's email is really hilary_pope@bigpond.com
- **Dunsborough** has a new club email address susanpeta8@hotmail.com
- **Swan Hills** caretaker President in Sheila Watters Zonta@extremedsl.com.au

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