

# District 23 NEWS FLASH!

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## From the District Governor.....



District Governor Alison Martin inducts Val Gandossini into the Zonta Club of Perth

This year seems to be going faster than 2009! During the last few months of this biennium Area Directors will all be very busy planning for 2010 Workshops and Clubs will be planning for AGMs, with elections and changeovers for some office bearers.

### Zonta International Foundation Contributions

Thank you to all the clubs and individual members who made donations to the Zonta International Foundation in memory of our Past District Governor and District Chairman of Legislative Awareness & Advocacy, Kay Poustie.

I know Kay would have been delighted to learn of these contributions as she gave a lot of her time to Zonta to improve the status of women. Wouldn't it be wonderful to have 100% of our clubs contributing to ZIF this biennium and earn another gold star as we did in the 2006-08 biennium!

As of 31 March **only four District 23 clubs had not yet contributed.**

I encourage these clubs to send a donation, **no matter how small.** This is our reason for belonging to an international service organisation; we are part of a big picture and we each pledge to advance the status of women worldwide.

The good news is that 71% of the total goal of \$4,020,000 has been received, however as you can see from the table below the contributions to **Amelia Earhart Fellowship and International Service Funds** are well below the desired goals.

### International Convention News

Preparation is well underway for the 2010 Zonta International Convention on 25-30 June

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

**Change of details:  
Swan Hills Treasurer's**  
new email is  
trish.daly@bigpond.com

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Funds	Goal	Received	Balance	Actual as % of Goal
Amelia Earhart Fellowship Fund	US\$650,000	US\$359,853	US\$290,147	55%
International Service Fund	US\$1,600,000	US\$911,898	US\$688,102	57%
Young Women in Public Affairs Award Fund	US\$190,000	US\$138,400	US\$51,600	73%
ZISVAW Fund	US\$600,000	US\$498,907	US\$101,093	83%
Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarship Fund	US\$150,000	US\$125,475	US\$24,525	84%
Rose Fund, the Foundation Annual Operating and Program Support Fund	US\$800,000	US\$808,672	<US\$8,672>	101%
WHPPPI Fund	US\$ 30,000	US\$9,721	US\$20,279	32%
<b>Annual Funds Total</b>	<b>US\$4,020,000</b>	<b>US\$2,852,926</b>	<b>US\$1,167,074</b>	<b>71%</b>
Endowment Fund	US\$500,000	US\$98,452	US\$401,548	20%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>US\$4,520,000</b>	<b>* US\$2,951,378</b>	<b>US\$1,568,622</b>	<b>65%</b>

## From the District Governor continued

in San Antonio, Texas. The Call to Convention has been available on the ZI website since January and members have now received *The Zontian* with the hard copy insert in the middle.

NOW is the time to register online as the Convention rate increases after 31 May to US\$575. Hotel reservations must be received by 1 June.

Has your club appointed a delegate or proxy? Forms are now available on the ZI website to lodge online. Please send a copy to me to assist with planning our District meeting which will take place on **Friday 25 June** after delegate training and open forums.

**Clubs who have donated \$20,000 or more** to ZIF during 1 June 08 to 31 March 2010 will be recognised on stage at the San Antonio Convention.

Are you one of the Zontians who will be recognized at Convention for recruiting 2 new members (or more!) between 1 Sept and 31 March? I look forward to congratulating you in San Antonio.

Members interested in volunteering at Convention can go to the Convention website and open the "volunteer" tab or contact Chairman Darlene Kurtz via email at [zonta2010dar@gmail.com](mailto:zonta2010dar@gmail.com) or Director of Volunteerism, Donna Dodgen at [zonta2010donna@gmail.com](mailto:zonta2010donna@gmail.com).

In the words of Convention Chairman Dar Kurtz, 'We are looking forward to seeing y'all in San Antonio!'

### Area Workshops & Leadership

Area Workshops are a great way for experienced and new Zontians to meet members from other clubs, to share your club's successes (why reinvent the wheel?), learn more about Zonta and hear inspirational speakers. I do hope you will make time to contribute to the success of your Area Workshop and enjoy the fun and fellowship of celebrating with like-minded

women.

All workshops are being held in May this year and I look forward to meeting and thanking you personally for your support, especially if you have held a leadership role. Our clubs can only be strong if we have members who are willing to take up the challenge of being on the Board, chairing a committee or organising hands-on projects.

### 2010-2011 Member Dues

Instructions and forms for payment of dues were sent to Presidents and Treasurers on 15 March by District Treasurer Jasmine Koch. Please ensure that your club's payment and paperwork are accurately recorded and sent to Jasmine by **1 May** to ensure she can send all our dues on time to headquarters. This simplified payment of dues is being encouraged by ZI in other Districts, who may also earn a gold star!

### ZI Club Mailing to all Clubs

Club Presidents will now have received the Club Mailing documents which can also be viewed on the ZI website. Please share with your Board and members and action the important deadlines which are:

- Membership Incentive Form – by 15 April
- Club Officers Report Form for 2010-12 – by 1 May
- Convention Voting Credentials Registration form & Proxy Certificate – by 15 May

*Alison Martin*  
District 23 Governor

## Zonta International's new website is now up and running!



To access Member Resources for the first time, you will need to click on "Forgot your user name/password" under the login box on the Member Resources page.

Remember to have your email address, Zonta club name and member ID number available when you log in the first time!

*Please forward articles*

*for the next edition of*

*News Flash to*

***carole.theobald***

***@cormorant.com.au***

*before 25 May 2010*



**Membership.** We have started to see an increase in membership numbers although retention of members needs to be addressed. Most clubs are now providing exciting, stimulating, Zonta focused programs and encouraging more young women to join. Keep up the good work!

**Election time** is coming up in clubs – please consider taking a role on your club Board. Remember the wording in your installation ceremony “If called upon for leadership responsibilities, you are expected to serve enthusiastically”. Being part of your club Board is a great way to learn more about Zonta and to really feel that you are a part of your club.

I believe you only get out as much as you put in.

**Zonta HQ.** Whilst I was attending Governor Orientation in Chicago I was lucky to visit the new Zonta Headquarters which was next door to where we were staying. After all the problems that have been encountered over the past couple of years I now understood why some changes needed to be made.



Lt Gov Jane Smith in freezing Chicago

The new offices are lovely – very bright, light and spacious. I was most impressed by the staff who are all young, enthusiastic and competent. Their knowledge of Zonta was excellent.

It was a wonderful experience to know that I am part of large and great organisation. I was very emotional when I saw all the Amelia Earhart memorabilia on display and realised she was one of us.

The opportunity to meet with all the incoming Governors was great and I know I have made 31 new Zonta friends who are all very down to earth women with a passion for Zonta.

## Zonta International Foundation

Beryl McMillan  
D23 ZI Ambassador

Congratulations Zontians of District 23. Despite the global financial situation, plus local, national and international disasters during the biennium, donations to the Zonta International Foundation at the end of March total \$US110,343.87. Of course, there has been a little help from a strengthening Aussie dollar, so our money is going further.

Unfortunately, we were unable to continue our enviable District record of 100% of our clubs contributing to the Foundation, with four clubs not having sent money (unless they have done so directly to ZIF in recent weeks). Though any further donations will not be included in totals acknowledged at Convention in San Antonio, there is still time this biennium to make a difference to the lives of the women who are supported by our international service projects, ZISVAW projects and our leadership programs. Perhaps those four clubs could make

a donation, no matter how small, directly to ZIF (easy to do online, or send by cheque to convention with your delegate or proxy), before the end of the biennium and maintain our record!

The number of individuals making donations has increased over the past two biennia, however the exact number cannot be defined accurately, as some clubs have had individual contributions which have been submitted ‘in bulk’ as club donations.

Past DG Ronda Walker, our District ZIF Ambassador last biennium, encouraged Zontians to make individual contributions, and for clubs to have all members doing so, no matter how small or large the amount. This has continued in a number of clubs this biennium, and I hope that I will read a report in the next biennium that all clubs, and a greater proportion of individual

members, have made contributions to the Foundation. The table below shows contributions to date this biennium, in \$US, from our District.

The Foundation supports:

- our international service projects in Rwanda, in Guatemala and El Salvador, and in Liberia;
- projects to reduce the incidence of violence against women and girls through ZISVAW, and
- awards programs - Amelia Earhart Fellowships, Jane M Klausman Women in Business Scholarships and Young Women in Public Affairs Awards.

The women and girls whose lives have been strengthened by your contributions are grateful for this support.

The ZI Foundation thanks District 23 for its ongoing efforts to advance the status of women.

Contribution source	AE Fellowship	JMK	YWPA	Intern'l Service	ZISVAW	Rose Fund	Endowment	Total by source \$US
Individuals	135.00	139.00	208.86	1,582.86	1,389.74	5,652.26	1,330.00	10,437.72
Clubs	9,452.69	1,230.29	5,410.55	29,286.02	12,495.61	34,776.12	329.23	92,980.51
District 23				181.64		6,744.00		6,925.64
<b>Total by fund \$US</b>	<b>9,587.69</b>	<b>1,369.29</b>	<b>5,619.41</b>	<b>31,050.52</b>	<b>13,885.35</b>	<b>47,172.38</b>	<b>1,659.23</b>	<b>\$US110,343.87</b>

## How do I pay thee? ...let me count the ways

Jasmine Koch  
D23 Treasurer

Is payment by cheque with the RSVP, the only option available on your club's invitations/fliers to club events and activities?

Have you considered accepting other methods of payment?

With the increased use and convenience of personal internet banking facilities, the need for a personal cheque book has diminished considerably. Some people don't have cheque books and some banks are no longer automatically sending a new cheque book when one is completed, unless specifically requested.

What additional payment options are available?

- **Electronic funds transfer (EFT)/deposit into the Club bank account.**

Provide BSB/Account details for fundraising events, (and dinners, fee payments etc) requesting payer to specify relevant reference and name. The bank confirmation advice can be emailed as proof of payment with the RSVP.

- **Paypal**

Payments can be made online to a Club Paypal account and funds are transferred from the Paypal account to the Club bank account at designated intervals. This would require an account to be set up with Paypal and there are transaction fees involved. To

find out more, look up the Paypal website  
[www.paypal.com.au](http://www.paypal.com.au)

- **Credit cards**

This would require contacting your bank about EFTPOS/ Debit card/Credit card facilities. There are fees involved with this option, so Club's will need to assess whether the benefits outweigh the costs.

For many people these options are more convenient and may result in a more timely response and payment before the event/function. It's worth considering.

## United Nations Report

Joanne Metzger  
D23 UN Coordinator

### IWD 2010

District Clubs have held or attended a wide range of inspirational events for IWD, joining with women in celebration all around the globe. Thank you to the clubs who have responded to the invitation to assemble a District 23 IWD 2010 montage with a photo from their event. To encourage more clubs to participate, I have extended the date to the 18<sup>th</sup> of April for you to submit your photo and details (the name of event with names of people is adequate). Please send to Joanne Metzger, at email address: [michael.metzger@bigpond.com](mailto:michael.metzger@bigpond.com)

### UN Updates

Two new initiatives were announced on IWD 2010. UNIFEM and the UN Global Compact partnership launched "**Women's Empowerment Principles**" which offers guidance on



The 3 finalists for the Zonta Club of Geelong's YWPA Award. L-R: Lucy Warren, Jordan Brown and Dianne Nash. This was part of the Club's IWD Awards dinner program.

how to empower women in the workplace. It calls for establishing high level corporate leadership for gender equality and promoting education, training and development for women.

Also, on March 8<sup>th</sup>, Secretary General Ban Ki-moon appointed the first female head official advisor of the UN Police Force. Ms Ann-Mare Orlor's top priorities include lifting the percentage of female police officers

to at least 20% in the role of peace-keepers by 2014.

Secretary General Ban Ki-moon stressed that

*"the third Millennium Development Goal – to achieve gender equality and women's empowerment – is central to all the rest. When women are denied the opportunity to better themselves and their societies, we all lose. Until women and girls are liberated from poverty and injustice, all our goals – peace, security and sustainable development – stand in jeopardy."*

### UNIFEM

UNIFEM Australia released a schools' kit for IWD 2010 – *Empowering Women to End Poverty by 2015* – outlining the 8 Millennium Development Goals, providing information and follow-up activities for students. It is hoped that all Zonta Z Club affiliated schools have access

## United Nations Report continued

to this kit. I can provide copies to any interested club.

### UNITE Campaign

Zontians are still urged to add their signatures to the UNITE to End Violence Against Women Campaign on the home page of our Zonta International website. The Secretary General has also launched a Network of Men



Leaders to strengthen advocacy in this campaign and urged all governments, organisations and individuals to do their part.

The Zonta Club of Geelong is one example of taking this campaign out into the community and working with the local police force.

The club has funded a **Family Violence Workshop** for all police officers and also funded the printing of an emergency reference card for vulnerable women. (More on this project later.) The Geelong Club's Z Club has also produced anti-violence posters to display around the school.

## Using Council Grants effectively

Rosemary Tait  
President  
ZC Melbourne on Yarra

For some clubs, this is old news but for others, it might give you the impetus to look into what your local council can do for you.

In the last two years, Zonta Club of Melbourne on Yarra has been successful in obtaining two community grants for seminars organised within the City of Yarra.

The first featured violence against women and the second the importance of wills and estate planning. The grants helped defray the 'set up costs'.

Local councils in Melbourne, and no doubt across the country, hold information sessions and provide information and support on how to fill out a grant application. As our club had already been successful in gaining a community grant, our name was 'known'. I attended one of these functions last year and was encouraged to apply for an annual grant.

As a club we had decided on a health focus for our fundraising this year, raising funds for the National Breast and Ovarian Cancer Centre and for Go Red for Women.

One of the foci for grants in 2010 was sport and health. With help from the grants officers I devised a

programme for women over 50 living in the City of Yarra. The programme was to be a one hour walk, one hour health talk and a lunch.

The walk would start at one of the council's neighbourhood houses and the venue would be provided gratis. The lunch would be prepared by a catering company working at the neighbourhood house. Club members would attend each week to provide mentoring.

The grant took some time but, during the planning I received help from community workers at the neighbourhood house and grant officers from the City of Yarra. The grant was submitted in July. We were given a cheque to cover all the costs in December and an official grant award ceremony was held in January.

The grant will enable us to run the programme for eight weeks, with a variety of speakers on topics of particular interest to that age group with each session costing only \$5 which includes the lunch. The grant also provided for an interpreter but as this was not required it seems as though we can use the money to extend the programme. The programme will start in mid April. Local councils are anxious to

provide a variety of different programmes within their communities and we were looking for a service programme which didn't require fundraising. I hope this information is useful to other clubs.

### Are YOU "acronomically" correct?

*Borrowed with gratitude from District 6 & 9 Governors' Newsletters.*

- ZI** Zonta International
- ZIF** Zonta International Foundation
- ZISVAW** Zonta International Strategies to Prevent Violence Against Women
- AE Fellow** Amelia Earhart Fellowship
- CEDAW** Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women
- JMK** Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarship
- LAA** Legislative Awareness and Advocacy
- OMC** Organization, Membership, and Classification
- SWS** Status of Women and Service
- YWPA** Young Women in Public Affairs Award

*More information on each of the above is available at [www.zonta.org](http://www.zonta.org).*

# Jane M Klausman Women in Business Scholarship 2010

Karen Groves  
D23 JMK Coordinator

Zonta International has conducted a **review of this scholarship** this year and is still in the process of rewriting the relevant documents and updating them on the ZI web site. Some, but not all, documents are now available. Consequently, promotion of this award is beginning later this year than in previous years.

The significant changes to the scholarship include:

- new District scholarships of US\$1000 funded by the ZI Foundation;
- eligibility extended to include those studying from the second year of an undergraduate degree up to the final year of a Masters degree;
- past recipients may not apply to renew the scholarship for a second year; and
- reference/referee contact information is to be provided by the applicant and checked by the nominating committee.



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)

An explanatory letter, detailing the time line for this year and the documents which are available to date, was sent to Area Directors and Club Presidents in District 23 by email on Wednesday 17 March. So, **promotion of this award may now begin.**

As the remaining documents become available on the ZI web site, they will

be downloaded and forwarded to Area Directors and Club Presidents.

For those who wish to go to the ZI website, they need to log in to "Member Resources", go to "Tools", then "Award Scholarship and Fellowship Tools" and select "Jane M Klausman Women in Business Scholarship". If any of the coordinators in the Areas or clubs need assistance with acquiring the application form, the guidelines, the evaluation criteria or background information and statistics on the scholarship, please contact me!

Please be encouraged to promote this award in your clubs and Areas – remember how exciting it was to congratulate Chloe Jarratt, nominated by the Zonta Club of Bendigo, and Angela Sawyer, nominated by Area 3, who were recipients of the ZI JMK Women in Business Scholarships in 2008 and 2009 respectively!

For further assistance, please contact me at [grovesbk@bigpond.com](mailto:grovesbk@bigpond.com) or call (08) 9383 1137.

## The important JMK Women in Business Scholarship dates to remember are:

Application data updated on ZI website <i>Promotion of award by Areas and clubs in District 23</i>	5 March
Applications received by clubs/Areas <i>Selection of club/Area recipient by club/Area selection committee – if needed</i>	1 June
Applications received by D23 Coordinator <i>Selection of District 23 recipient by District selection committee</i>	1 July
Application of District 23 recipient received by District Governor <i>Attachment of DG coversheet and posting of application to ZI</i>	1 August
Applications from Districts received by ZI <i>Selection of 12 ZI scholarship recipients</i>	1 September
Announcement of 12 ZI JMK Scholarship recipients	15 October



**Amelia Earhart Fellowships**  
Announcements of the winning applicants will be made at the end of April.



## All clubs nationally should now have their new Promotional Folders.

These were funded under our AusAID Community Call 2 Action (CC2A) proposal, focusing on raising the awareness within the Australian public of the UN Millennium Development Goals. We are including how our Zonta Birthing Kit project addresses 4 of the goals.

Our CC2A proposal had several parts.

1. Clubs holding information sessions about the MDGs and Birthing Kit Project
2. An information folder, power point presentation and presentation booklet
3. 95,000 kits being made at Assembly Days where attendees hear a presentation.
4. A 10 minute DVD on the MDGs and the Birthing Kit Project.
5. 5000 brochures
6. WOMAD music festival in Adelaide (March 5 – 8), where potentially 80,000 people heard about the MDGs and birthing kits.

The folder is designed for use on a one to one basis or in small groups. A person can choose to read from the back page while people see the front page or read from the presentation booklet. We would like clubs to organise information sessions, anywhere people may gather, at stalls, in malls, at assembly days, fundraising events or dinner meetings.

There is also a 10 - 15 minute powerpoint presentation, designed for use with larger gatherings of people, like school assemblies and dinner meetings. The words are in an accompanying presentation

booklet which can be customised to the length of the presentation or adapted as the presenter feels necessary.

Our movie will be launched at our Mother's Day Morning Tea at Ayers House in May.

Most importantly members can use this as an opportunity to promote Zonta and its many projects to hopefully increase our public profile and membership

AusAID will want to know how successful our awareness raising project has been. How many people have been exposed to the Birthing Kit Project and UN Millennium Development Goals. We would like the *approximate* attendee numbers.

We will have a CC2A attendance form available on our website under 'EVENTS', or you can email [CC2A@birthingkitfoundation.org.au](mailto:CC2A@birthingkitfoundation.org.au) with the following information – name of organisation, event, date, attendees, any other information and photos or videos.

## All Assembly Day attendances are on the usual forms.

The BKFA has some funds allocated for mall or hall hire costs. We are a humanitarian organisation and we know Zontians will negotiate free space where possible. Email [treasurer@birthingkitfoundation.org.au](mailto:treasurer@birthingkitfoundation.org.au) if costs are greater than \$50. We will inform clubs when the allocated funds are used. For reimbursement please submit a claim, with a receipt, as done for soap at assembly days.

The BKFA decided to be environmentally responsible and minimise our carbon footprint with an eco friendly folder and brochures made from recycled paper or certified forests along with waterless printing methods.

We hope you are as excited with it as we were.

Being cardboard the folder is not as

durable as the old plastic one, so please store it in its postage envelope for protection.

No more \$1 kits are available for Assembly Days at Schools.

## New Website is live!!

[www.birthingkitfoundation.org.au](http://www.birthingkitfoundation.org.au)

There are videos to watch (Home page and Assembly Day page), lots of photos, detailed information on each project including our training programs, and the ability to donate to any aspect of the foundation you support.

Some Zonta clubs have chosen to support a training program rather than hold an Assembly Day. Frankston Zonta Club is funding \$2000 towards the training program in DR Congo. The Adelaide Hills Zonta Club likewise is funding \$2,000 towards the training program in Ethiopia.

There are many training programs the BKFA would like to support and as each of these programs is fully funded a new one will become available. Research shows that a training program that accompanies the kit distribution is the best way to educate women and have a lasting impact on the community.

**Farewell to Jacqui Wathen** our BKFA Project Manager as she pursues full time employment. It is with regret for the BKFA and Jacqui that we say good bye. She has been a great asset to our organisation, being friendly, efficient and passionate about our project. Jacqui will keep in touch as she continues to help on a voluntary basis.

**Welcome to Fiona Smith** our new Project Administrator. It is with great excitement that we welcome Fiona as she comes with many skills to take our organisation forward. Many Zontians will remember her mother, Liz Smith, who was an enthusiastic Zontian at executive level in Adelaide.

Please plan your next information day as a wonderful opportunity to showcase our national project, educate the public, as well as promote Zonta and its wonderful local, district and international projects.

In February, I attended the Zonta Club of Melbourne on Yarra dinner meeting at which the guest speaker shared her professional experience of “branding” a product and likened the Zonta product to any other, in that it needs to be a consistent message that has to be marketed across the board at every opportunity.

This was followed the next evening by a meeting with the Melbourne on Yarra 2011 Conference host club and incoming District Governor, Jane Smith, to put forward early plans for the 2011 Conference and to garner interest and commitment from members of Areas 1 and 4 clubs. There was enthusiastic response and we are all looking forward to the planning process.

Several interesting new projects are currently underway in Area 1:

### **Melbourne on Yarra**

- Exercise and health program for women

### **Mornington**

- Domestic violence program (as run by several clubs in Areas 1 & 4) for police officers
- School based breast examination project
- Collection of goods from individual members for the Asylum Seekers Resource Centre

### **Melbourne's West**

- A partnership with local government and secondary schools to provide leadership training for Year 9 girls

Clubs in Area 1 are increasing their contacts with local councils and agencies and gaining grants to run partnership programs. (See article on page 5).

Given that Zonta is the “driver” in these programs which follow the organisational mission, it is an effective way of building community credibility and having funds to run them which might otherwise not have been possible

Following consultation with the FIREFOXES it was arranged to present a Zonta cheque for \$2000 after the 7<sup>th</sup> February anniversary of the devastating fires and on Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> March we made our way to the Kinglake area to meet the three young women who formed the group. I was joined by ZC Melbourne's West members Ella Wood, Debbie Schmidt, Sandra Hall and from Melbourne on Yarra, Jennifer Garrison.



Faye Jeutz (second from left) with Ella Wood, Debbie Schmidt, Sandra Hall and Jennifer Garrison, present a Zonta cheque for \$2,000 to the inspirational Firefoxes!

Jennifer is well acquainted with the community where she has been working as a counsellor across several fire-affected areas and has first-hand experience of the ongoing trauma faced by these communities. Kate, Alwyn and Jemima described their own experiences of the event (fortunately they did not lose property) and of the uncertainty and fear of not being able to escape.

We were taken to two of the original staging areas, where emergency food, essential goods and ablutions facilities were set up in the midst of the ravaged areas and where people could assemble in relative safety and get information about how others were faring and what was going on. We were also taken on a tour of the temporary village set up in Kinglake where many families and individuals who lost their homes have been provided with transitional housing while they consider whether they can rebuild or take other options. The FIREFOXES are continuing their excellent work in the community.

## **TO ALL AREA 2 ZONTIANS:**

**Have you registered for the Area 2 Workshop?  
Saturday 1 May 2010  
Tennyson Centre, 520 South Road, Kurralta Park**



## Area 2 Report Continued

### SA Celebrates International Women's Day

Many Zontians were among the 2,300 guests who attended the UNIFEM Breakfast at the Adelaide Convention Centre on Friday morning 5th March. This fabulous event was hosted by Senator the Hon. Penny Wong, and Guest Speaker was SA girl Sally Sara, award-winning ABC journalist, currently based in New Delhi.



Di Bartel and Joy O'Hazy at the BKF Booth (UNIFEM Breakfast)

The Breakfast was again a most enjoyable and successful event, with Zonta also having a presence at the Birthing Kit Foundation booth which attracted great interest during the morning.

The following Wednesday 10th March the IWD Committee of SA Inc held its 2010 Centenary Celebration International Women's Day Luncheon at the Adelaide Convention Centre. During the event, His Excellency Rear Admiral Kevin Scarce, Governor of South Australia and Mrs Liz Scarce (Honorary Zontian of the Zonta Club of Adelaide Flinders) presented the Irene Bell Community Service Awards. Zontians present were proud to learn that among the recipients were Dr Millicent Hughes from the Zonta Club of Adelaide (pictured) and Barbara Reinke from



Dr Millicent Hughes with Governor and Mrs Scarce (IWD Luncheon)

the Zonta Club of Clare (unfortunately unable to be present) - congratulations Millicent and Barbara!

### IWD in Alice Springs

Over 70 women attended the annual International Women's Day Breakfast, hosted again by the Zonta Club of Alice Springs at Chifley Alice Springs Resort. Guests enjoyed a delicious buffet breakfast and received UNIFEM brochures and bags, along with Zonta Club and District information. Tables were decorated with yellow roses and included donation bowls for UNIFEM.

The 2009 Zonta Club of Alice Springs Scholarship Certificate and \$1,000 cheque were presented to winner Sylvie Huigen's mother as Sylvie had already begun her studies in Adelaide.



Presentation of Scholarship certificate (top) and Comedienne, Fiona O'Loughlin (below) at the Alice Springs IWD breakfast

Guest speaker, Alice Springs resident and nationally acclaimed comedienne Fiona O'Loughlin, kept her audience entertained well over her allocated 10 minutes, and many were late for work as a consequence!

The Club supported UNIFEM's 2010 theme 'Millenium Development Goal - Empowering Women to End Poverty by 2015', in particular female

migrant workers in Indonesia with a donation of \$500 from proceeds of the breakfast.

### IWD Adelaide Flinders

As a tribute to International Women's Day Zonta Rose Day, the Zonta Club of Adelaide Flinders held its annual Sunday breakfast for the residents of Catherine House, a refuge for women who find themselves homeless, providing many services to help women get back on their feet after major life challenges.



Adelaide Flinders IWD Breakfast at Catherine House refuge

The day was bright and sunny and the women at Catherine House enjoyed the delicious breakfast cooked by our members in their lovely courtyard. Each woman received a yellow rose, which they absolutely loved, and were gracious in their thanks, showing great interest in our Club and our activities.

### IWD Port Lincoln

The members of the Zonta Club of Port Lincoln held their third IWD Breakfast, combining it with their Women of Achievement Awards.

Around 150 women attended and one man (manager of the local Bendigo Bank, the major sponsor). The club received 15 expressions of interest from women who would like to attend a club meeting and consider membership – a great achievement!

Guest speaker was Meg Lees, former South Australian Senator and Leader of the Democrats. Prior to politics Meg was a Physical Education teacher and, as well as her time in politics, she spoke about her key "road markers" that continually changed the direction of her life. For the first time she also spoke publicly about her recent and

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L-R: Meg Lees, Jane Smith (Lt Governor) and Belinda Jutzen, President ZC Port Lincoln

current battle with tongue cancer. She was truly inspirational, and we need a lot more women like Meg in politics and on boards to give women more of a voice.

The event concluded with Women of Achievement Awards being presented by Meg to four local women.

Only one out of the four knew she was getting the award and it was lovely to see their look of surprise when their names were announced. The club is so proud of these women for what they have achieved and are still achieving in our small local community. Nearly \$1000 was donated to UNIFEM and approximately \$800 raised from the raffles went towards



Thelma Harvey [Awards committee], Oriel Radford, Joy Whennen [also a past member] Belinda Jutzen [Pres], Marilyn Mayne, Hilda Baillie and Meg Lees.

our Birthing Kit Assembly Day.

### **Adelaide Torrens**

With the demand for their Breast Cushions unfortunately growing, the Zonta Club of Adelaide Torrens held a Bridge Day at the SA State Bridge Club in Unley to raise funds for more materials. Players travelled from far and wide to play in this full day event, which was a huge success, and plans are already underway for another!

A highlight of the day was the 200 delightful and delicious cupcakes provided for morning and afternoon tea by a volunteer who had received a Zonta Breast Cushion two years before.

## Area 3 Report

Western Australia

Judy Tennant  
Area 3 Director

**International Women's Day has become a week of celebration in Area 3 with events and activities being staged during the week prior to the main day of celebration on March 8.**

The annual UNIFEM event attracted over 520 people to a delicious breakfast at the Hyatt Hotel in Perth.



Perth UNIFEM IWD breakfast. Guest speakers: L-R Stephen Smith, Beth Shaw, Robyn McSweeney and Dr Hamidah Marican

The event was the result of six months of excellent cooperation between UNIFEM, Young UNIFEM, Soroptimists, BPW, Federation of University Women, National Council of Women, WA Local Government Women's Association and Zonta International.

Guests included the WA Minister for Women's Interests Robyn McSweeney, Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs, Stephen Smith and the District Governor, Zonta International Alison Martin.

Speakers included the dynamic Beth Shaw (Young WA Citizen of the Year 2009) and Dr Hamidah Marican, the Director of Sisters in Islam who is working to improve the rights of women by working within Islam.

Zonta Clubs in Area 3 each provided information about their respective Clubs, the Zonta International logo was displayed on all publications as well as on the PowerPoint 'sponsor' slides. Zonta bookmarks were inserted in the "take-home" 'show bags' for the event. The event was well

patronised by Zonta members.



Guest speaker Dr Hamidah Marican from Malaysia was shown the view from King's Park by Carole Theobald (Pres ZC Perth)

The Zonta Club of Bunbury celebrated International Women's Day with 250 guests at a breakfast held on Sunday 7 March at the Sanctuary Golf Resort .

Guest speaker Ros Worthington OAM, delighted guests with her presentation.

Ros is the founder of the Love Angels Foundation, the founder and patron of Breast Cancer Foundation of Western Australia, Australian of the Year 2009 and 2007 State Finalist Ernst and Young Social Entrepreneur of the Year 2006.

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Penelope Northcott (President ZC Bunbury) with D23 Governor Alison Martin at the Bunbury IWD breakfast

Dunsborough and Peel Clubs celebrated International Women's Day with special dinners which included invited guests, Award presentations, raffles and entertainment.

An Intercity meeting of Area 3 Club Presidents was held on Saturday 6

March. Presidents presented verbal and written reports on their Club activities. These meetings are a great opportunity to share information and to discuss a myriad of issues raised by Club members and Presidents.

The meeting was also attended by Jane M Klausman, District Coordinator, Karen Groves who provided an overview of the Award and alerted Presidents to the new application guidelines and forms for this scholarship.

The Area 3 Birthing Kit Coordinator, Sheila Watters, provided a comprehensive report stating that a total of 45,797 kits have been assembled by the six clubs in Area 3 since the project commenced in 2004. Just imagine how many lives these kits may have saved?

Elaine Newman, as Area coordinator

of the Breast Cushion Project reported that between June 2009 and January 2010, 866 cushions had been produced and distributed by WA Clubs.

In December 2009, the Minister for Women's Interest announced the formation of a Women's Advisory Council, to keep her informed of issues and matters of significance to women and to provide input into government policy on matters relevant to women raised in the WA Parliament.

Zonta will be well represented on the Council by Penelope Northcott, President of the Zonta Club of Bunbury, Annette Chivers, Manager of the 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.

## Area 4 Report

*Western and Northern Victoria*

*Judity Rothe  
Area 4 Director*

Our Area has been so fortunate with D22 Zonta clubs, Gladstone and Paradise Point donating to our Bushfire projects in 2009. As well, D16 ZC of Wellington in NZ has sent us NZ\$400 towards our Bushfire bulb and flower project. The club members donated the cost of a cup of coffee at each meeting since the February 7 Black Friday bushfires until the end of their financial year in December 2009 collecting the NZ\$400.

Daffodil and Anemone bulbs were bagged with enough slow release for feeding plus directions and tied with a colourful Zonta card. These bulbs are to refill the pots of potting mix presented to the sixty one families in Eaglehawk most of whom are still homeless one year later.

### **Albury/Wodonga**

The carers room was initiated by 2 members, Tonia Timmermans and Maddy Dobson. These women had first hand experience of having to be away from home for weeks on end with a family member hospitalised in Melbourne. This special room is frequently used and greatly appreciated judging by comments in

the visitor's book.

The project took 6 years of negotiation by a number of service clubs to come to fruition and drew on the 'accommodation' experience of the Bone Marrow Donor Institute and Fight Cancer Foundation.

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2010 the accommodation facility was announced for Albury Campus. It will be built at Albury Wodonga Health's Albury Hospital.

A breakfast was held for IWD on March 4, 2010 with guest speaker Jenny Knowles, a child and adult counsellor on 'Living Life Well' as a carer.

### **Ballarat**

The March dinner meeting held on the Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> was a special night as prospective members were in attendance. Positions for leadership within the club were being formed and the hospitality was heart warming.

Ballarat has five new members to induct at the next meeting. The club held a successful IWD



Two of Ballarat's prospective new members, Artist Carol- Lynn and raffle winner Helen.

dinner on 11 March.

A wonderful day was held at 'Lauderdale' with a sausage sizzle in conjunction with the auction of furniture.

### **Bendigo**

A 'What is Zonta' night is being held on Tuesday April 6, 2010 with Sandra Burns speaking on Club events and administration and I have been invited to speak on the District leadership and projects also Zonta International programs. Prospective members have been invited to attend along with club members.

The IWD dinner on March 2, 2010

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was a great success with Jenny Gray the CEO of Zoos Victoria as the guest speaker.



Bendigo's IWD dinner guest speaker Jenny Gray with Rosalie Lake

There was an amazing profit of \$4,800 which will be used to fund scholarships for the year. \$1,000 will go to ZIF in Jenny Gray's name and is suggested to be directed to projects that support the Status of Women in ZI to fit with Jenny's leadership ideals. Certificates of appreciation will be sent to all sponsors.

### Geelong

The Awards dinner was held on 3 March, with guest speaker Sue Trethowan-Jones a past Geelong Zontian and Author of 'Gems of a Generation'.

President Jane Adornetto, together with Fiona MacDowall, Convenor of the Membership/Fellowship Committee inducted Jennifer Blomeley as a new member to the club at the February dinner meeting.

The AGM dinner is to be held on April 7, 2010. The guest speaker will be Daralyn Ramondo, the Co-Coordinator of Operations and Player development and Director of Doorstep Ensembles with the Geelong Football Club.

The Z Club charter is drawing closer. Gloria Stootman Wristen, the ZI Treasurer/Secretary, who was our representative at the D23

Conference in Ballarat, is now our direct contact and liaison.

On 21 May the club will be holding a Debutante Ball for the intellectually impaired (disabled) and this was advertised by a lovely article in the Geelong Advertiser.



Promotion for Geelong's Debutante Ball for the Intellectually impaired featured in the Geelong Advertiser.

### Kyneton

In March, a progressive dinner meeting was held at the homes of Robyn Eve and Annamarie Perlesz with networking, fellowship and a special induction of a new member, Nancy Foote.

The IWD dinner on 2 March was an overwhelming success, with Jenny Gray the CEO of Zoos Victoria as the speaker.

Jenny used her international experience with zoos and animal behaviour to illustrate some very important life lessons that humans can learn from the animal kingdom. In the International Year of Biodiversity, she encouraged her audience to see their own and everyone else's unique place in the bigger picture; to seek out their 'mighty purpose' and work toward it with vision, passion and effort! Her parting message was 'Life is meant to be Fun'.

Braemar College at Woodend, has agreed to run a Birthing Kit Day to pack 1000 kits in partnership with the club on 28 July.

### Melton

In February, the club held a Women's Health Information Evening to highlight sexual assault and violence against women and launch the 'ZADS' project—Zonta Against Drink Spiking.

Tracey Burn a member of the ZC of Melton and Vice President Elect spoke out on the seriousness of drink spiking, "In January 2007 my eldest daughter's drink was spiked at her 21<sup>st</sup>—a private party—and Amanda was hospitalised".

A very professional presentation by the ZADS committee and the calibre of the guest speakers was excellent.

The Service Committee members have worked extremely hard to launch the club's new project that has resulted in a string of articles in local papers.



from left, Lyn Hill, Cathryn Egan, Annette Pedersen and Tracey Burn will be distributing anti-drink spiking bottle caps in Melton clubs. Picture: ANNE ROOPE, 20/02/10



Cap on spiking: Tracey Burn and Bianca Heaney with two of the drink-spiking caps they hope will protect women. Picture: Shawn Smits

Article appeared in the Melton Express Telegraph the week beginning Monday the 15th of February 2010.

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Debra Byrne was the guest speaker at the IWD dinner on 11 March and her presentation was on child abuse.

New member, Renee Smith was inducted by A4 Director, Judy Rothe at the April dinner meeting. Renee's two daughters spoke on her life as a wonderful carer for her family. The Easter bonnet parade was judged and won by Annette Jackson. It was a most enjoyable evening with enthusiastic and hospitable Zontians.

### Wangaratta

The club's IWD breakfast was an excellent way of introducing young women to the world of business.

A variety of mentors and Zontians interacted with the female college students and shared a scrumptious breakfast while listening to local working women speaking on their employment and how they came to their life decisions.

All donors were sent letters of

appreciation for their generosity—it was a most profitable and satisfying morning.

A new working bee to produce ten breast cushions has been organised.

President Nola Hausler is arranging for A4 Director Judy Rothe to meet with members in Seymour in June.

## Area 5 Report

Tasmania

Georgie Hutchinson  
Area 5 Director

### Credibility and Visibility

**Area 5** Zonta International clubs have once again combined as a major sponsor of Material Girl Touring Art Exhibition in Tasmania in 2010.

Material Girl was initiated in 2002 by Women's Tasmania to celebrate International Women's Day. Over the years, the number of entries has grown. This year approximately 100 female artists submitted works in all media on the theme "Succulence - Women of Substance".

The exhibition celebrated "the artistic, interpretive and conceptual achievements of female artists. The artists' subject matter and content combine in unique ways to produce art works that represent women's desire to be nourished and to give nourishment to others," said Dr Ellie Ray.

Following the official opening in Launceston, the exhibition tours regional Tasmania. Zonta International awarded the

- Highly Commended category with the winner being Jill Eastley for her ceramic piece "Drink My Tea, Eat My Garden", and the
- Young Emerging Artist prize which was jointly awarded to Frances Joyce for a pastel on paper entitled "Hello ...Dahling....Mwah!" and Julia Castiglioni-Bradshaw for her "Reclining Figure".



*Devonport PPs Lynn Whittle and Bronwyn Dudfield discuss the program and works of the Material Girl Art Competition and Exhibition which was co-sponsored by the Area 5 Zonta International clubs. Bronwyn, who officiated for Georgie Hutchinson was heard to comment. "It was fantastic! I'm going every year from now on!"*

### Membership

Unfortunately, there are still major concerns regarding membership in some of the Area 5 clubs. However, **Hobart** Club has put considerable effort into planning a 'Getting to Know Zonta Evening' on April 14 and we wish them much success with that.



*New members Penny Bester, Kay Jessop and Cheryl Collins enjoy the evening at the Devonport Zonta Club's April meeting at the High Tide Restaurant.*

At its March meeting **Launceston** inducted a new member. The **Devonport** Club has inducted 4 new members since this time last year and will be inducting another new member at the next meeting in May. **Queenborough's** and **Hobart East's** memberships remain reasonably steady.

### Fellowship

In January, the socially active **Queenborough** members celebrated an Australia Day lunch at Hartz View Winery, and have several theatre nights planned. **Devonport** enjoyed getting back together with a barbecue at the Arboretum. All clubs have been very busy getting back to core business and actively planning the year's activities. Area 5 Zontians are looking forward to getting together for the Area Workshop on 22 May.

### Legislative Awareness and Advocacy

All clubs have continued to support Women's Shelters in their areas with donations of goods for Easter.

### Service

The Zonta Club of **Hobart East** has recently provided financial assistance to two local community programs. The programs are 'Cheryl's Angels' and 'Young Mums' Network', both co-ordinated through the Clarence City Council. Cheryl's Angels is a

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program designed to assist young girls who are experiencing difficulty in some aspects of their lives.

The program focuses on building self-esteem and self-confidence and by working together through a co-ordinator, to identify a range of activities to assist them. Julie Wiltshire, President of Hobart East presented a cheque to Els-Marie McLean of the Cheryl's Angels Program.



Julie Wiltshire, President of Hobart East presenting a cheque to Els-Marie McLean of the Cheryl's Angel Program.

The Young Mum's Network started in the Rokeby/Clarendon Vale area some years ago, as a place where young mothers could gather to discuss a range of issues facing them as first time mothers.



Julie Wiltshire, President of Hobart East presenting a cheque to Jackie Oates of the Young Mum's network.

The Network has broadened over the years and other members of the community have joined in. One of the key focuses is providing guidance in how to prepare low cost, healthy meals. **Hobart East Club** President, Julie Wiltshire presented Jackie Oates of the Young Mum's Network with a cheque for much needed funding.

### Financial

**Devonport** Zontians, Jenni Jago and Grace Brown who were instrumental in acquiring a \$35,000 grant for the School of Special education will see the benefits of that work come to fruition when the Liberty Swing is unveiled at a special ceremony in April.

**Queenborough's** Jean Walker has also been applying for grants to help with Birthing Kit materials. All clubs have indicated their intention to donate to ZIF. All Clubs are financially supporting **Queenborough** as they select a Jane Klausman awardee for Area 5. It is exciting that they had 12 applicants!

### Governance

After the wonderful opportunity which was afforded Area 5 Zontians in 2009 to combine with Area 1 and 4, this year, the Zonta Club of Devonport will be hosting the Area 5 Workshop.

Planning is well underway with this year's theme being "Zontians Embracing Diversity".

We are very much looking forward to welcoming our District Governor, Alison, our ZIF ambassador, Beryl McMillan and District 23 Treasurer, Jasmine Koch.

We feel sure that our understandings of important Zonta issues will be deepened and this will benefit all Zontians in Area 5 and consequently help us in Advancing the Status of Women Worldwide.

## Diary Dates

Date	Event
30 April	Club Officers for D23 Directory to District Secretary
1 May	Club Annual Report Form to Area Director
1 May	ZI Club Officer Report Form to ZI Headquarters and D23 Secretary
1 May	District and International Dues to D23 Treasurer
1 June	Jane M Klausman Scholarship applications to be received by Clubs
1 June	Current Club Membership List to D23 Governor, Lt Governor, Treasurer and Secretary
1 July	Jane M Klausman Scholarship applications to be received by D23 Coordinator, Karen Groves
25-30 June	Zonta International Convention, San Antonio, Texas, USA
15 October	Announcement of Zonta International and District Jane M Klausman Women in Business Scholarship recipients

Presidents: Please remember to forward copies of your Club Annual Report to the D23 Governor, Lt Governor, Secretary, Area Director, other Presidents in your Area and all members of your own club.