

# District 23

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## From the District Governor.....



DG Alison Martin farewells the biennium at the A3 workshop in Perth

Seriously, it has been a great privilege to fulfil the responsibilities of District Governor as part of a successful team—leading the District Board, Committee Chairmen & Coordinators working with 36 clubs with over 700 dedicated members spanning five States. The biggest commitment and highest point for a District Governor is the District Conference, which is made possible with a lot of support from many dedicated members.

The past 2 years have been an amazing experience and I'm looking forward to passing the DG pin on to DG-Elect Jane Smith at the International Convention in June 2010 in San Antonio, Texas!

Throughout my term, I have met many inspirational, professional women both in our District and throughout the Zonta world of 67 countries and in particular, the other 31 Governors, who have shared their successes and challenges. We will go down in Zonta International history known as the STARZ and I salute them all for their achievements!

I especially want to acknowledge the huge commitment undertaken so meticulously by District Secretary Jo Wittorff. Her positive support and amazing skills in this challenging role have been excellent; a true star this biennium. Thank you Jo!

My sincere thanks to outgoing D23 Treasurer Jasmine Koch, who completed her second term on the Board. She is a font of financial knowledge and we are very grateful for her valuable contribution. Many thanks Jasmine.

As this is my last newsletter I would also like to pay tribute to the work of the District Board members and District Teams who have shown leadership over the 2008-10 Zonta biennium.

I know that Board members Jane Smith, Jo Wittorff, Jasmine Koch, Faye Juetz,

Cintra Amos, Judy Tennant, Judy Rothe and Georgie Hutchinson share the pride I have when reflecting on our contribution and achievements over last two years.

Congratulations to you all for stepping up to the mark and giving your time and skills to fulfil your roles. Not only can we say 'we did it our way' but we can say we did all that we could to assist clubs in improving the lives of women.

Thank you also to all club Presidents and Boards for your support of women both locally and internationally, for leading your clubs and successfully completing another year. My best wishes to incoming Presidents and office bearers; may you enjoy your role and grow in knowledge and skills.

Many thanks to all members for contributing to activities this biennium—together we are making a difference to so many women's lives, both at home and abroad. When I see the challenges that face so many women in countries not as stable as ours, it makes me appreciate just how lucky we are to have so much and live in Australia.

*Why did I ever agree to do this?!*



## From the District Governor continued

### District News

You will have seen or heard the wonderful news that our District has an **Amelia Earhart Fellow** this year. **Lauren Burns** is studying Aerospace Engineering at RMIT University and Ann Horrocks advised that our previous 2003-04 winner Dr Caroline Rickards, Ph.D. also studied at RMIT in 2005. What a coup for RMIT!

There is even more fantastic news – Districts 22 and 24 also have a winner – three winners in Australia may even be historic!

More great news! Due to the efforts of Joanne Metzger, Convenor of the **Z Club of Matthew Flinders Girls Secondary College** and the Zonta Club of Geelong, the new Z Club will be officially chartered on 1 June 2010.

Z Club members have already been actively involved in their community by:

- assisting a group of physically and mentally challenged young ladies to prepare for their first ever formal event – the Presentation Ball in Geelong on May 21;
- fundraising for the school's sister school in Afghanistan to provide educational materials;
- volunteering at the Homeless Soup Kitchen, preparing and serving food;
- supporting the UN campaign – SAY NO – UNITE to End Violence Against Women, by preparing posters for the school including referral phone numbers of agencies for students at risk; and
- assisting IWD events and selling ribbons and bracelets for White Ribbon Day.

In the coming biennium please check your **club websites** and **brochures** to ensure they only list the two **ongoing District 23 Projects** – Birthing Kits and Breast Cushions, previously voted as continuing projects. The "Yarri Wada : Strong for Country Puppet Project is not an ongoing project.

### International News

International President Beryl Sten has advised that Executive Director, **Maureen Powers**, has resigned from her position and until a permanent replacement is found, Deputy Executive Director **Jason Friske** will serve as Acting Executive Director. Maureen's baby is due in August.

The International Board has approved President-Elect Dianne Curtis' appointment of **Mary Ann Tarantula as International UN Committee Chairman** for the biennium 2010-2012. Mary Ann has served as a member of the International UN Committee for the 2008-10 biennium.

With regard to disaster relief I urge you to read the article "**What can Zontians do?**" in our latest *Zontian Magazine* by LAA International Chairman, Denise Conroy. The 5-page article highlights the effects of disasters on women.

At the San Antonio Convention delegates will be asked to vote on a proposal for a new International Service Project in **Haiti** to assist women affected by the earthquake (rebuilding of domestic violence shelters). Zonta International **was the first NGO to respond to UNIFEM'S call** for assistance and we are held in very high regard by UNIFEM due to this and our other projects to combat violence against women.

To our incoming District Governor, Board Members, Committee Chairmen and Coordinators—I wish you all a wonderful, satisfying term of office, may you all receive the tremendous support that I did.

As my term as District Governor comes to an end I thank all District 23 members for doing what you can, when you can, and making a difference to the lives of women through service and advocacy, both locally and internationally.

Together working as a **Successful Team Advancing the Rights of Women through Zonta** we do make a difference!

*Alison Martin, District 23 Governor*

## Lt Governor's Report

*Jane Smith*

As your District 23 Governor elect I have been putting together my team for the next biennium. You may be assured it will be a dynamic group of Zontians who will be working together to build our District, advance the status of women and build membership by supporting clubs.

There is one position still vacant – a very important one. I am looking for someone to take over the role of News Flash editor (see advertisement this page).

Carole Theobald has been a wonderful editor for the past two years and has produced a great News Flash. She will be taking on a new role as Amelia Earhart Fellowship coordinator. If you are interested in taking on this editorial role and would like to know more about it please contact me or Carole.

It has been very exciting to hear that many clubs have been inducting new members during the past couple of months – keep up the good work. I am sure we can achieve our goal of an increase in membership of 10% in the near future.



Would you like a new challenge?

### District 23 News Flash

Editor for 2010-2012 biennium required.

If you are interested please contact Jane Smith on 08 8676 5026.

If you would like to know more about the role, please contact Carole Theobald on 0438 088 060 or email [carole.theobald@cormorant.com.au](mailto:carole.theobald@cormorant.com.au)



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# Snippets

## Treasurer's Notes

Jasmine Koch

### 2010-11 insurance

The 2010-11 insurance renewal has been paid and the current certificate will be sent to all clubs and will also be available for download from the D23 website shortly. - may have to change to past tense depending on when newflash is sent out. I have attached a copy for uploading onto the website.

### 2010-11 member annual renewals

A BIG thank you to all the club treasurers, and other members who stepped in to assist club treasurers, for their contribution to ensure the 2010-11 member annual renewals were paid to ZI on time.

Thank you all for your support over the past 4 years.

## Legislative Awareness and Advocacy

D23 Chair, Denise Conroy

A quiz has been circulated to all clubs to alert them to the issue of trying to eliminate the "B" service and advocacy projects and to focus on the "Z" projects.

There have been some gains thus far this Biennium, but we still have some way to go to have our members focus solely on status of women issues for ALL advocacy and service activities.

Old habits tend to take a while to eliminate, but we need to spend all of our energy on pursuing our Objects as there is much to do to improve the status of women in EVERY Zonta country, without getting side-tracked onto non-status of women issues.



A major goal for the 2010-2012 Biennium is to ELIMINATE all advocacy/service projects which DO NOT meet one or more of Zonta's Objects.

Use the Advocacy Framework and Scorecard (as published in the District 23 Advocacy & Legislative Awareness booklet pictured above), to help you identify which advocacy / service activities DO MEET Zonta's Objects and why.

## History and Archives

Lennie McCall

Another valuable resource for the District's History and Archives was on show at the D23 Conference in Ballarat last September 2009.

The Pictorial Display from Clubs illustrated an 'Action Image' of a fulfilling service project organised during the biennium.

These images of 'service in action' record a snapshot of many innovative projects held in the community and the people who made them happen.

In the final report for this biennium, the committee wishes to thank the following Clubs for their contribution to the Pictorial Display. It is considered that the 'service in action' topics may prompt each club to adopt an idea to suit its local community.

The posters from the following clubs are now on file:

Adelaide Flinders	Catherine House Women's Shelter Project
Adelaide Hills	Birthing Kits Assembly Day with Refugee Students
Albury Wodonga	Zonta Carers' Room at Local Hospital
Alice Springs	Old Timers Home Fete - Fruit Salad Stall
Bendigo	Birthing Kit Assembly Day
Bunbury	IWD Breakfast March 2009
Clare and Districts	Planting Our 'Zonta' Community Garden; Making Pamper Packs For Safe Houses For Women Who Have Experienced Domestic Violence
Dunsborough	Bridge Day June 2009
Fleurieu Peninsula	Fitness Fun Park
Frankston	Bushfires Relief Sausage Sizzle February 2009
Geelong	Members Being Aply Assisted By Z Club Members On The Birthing Kit Assembly Line
Hobart East	Breast Cushion Sewing Afternoon
Kyneton	Supporting Fire Affected Households 2009
Melbourne on Yarra	Go Red For Women June 2009 Heart Foundation Campaign
Mornington Peninsula	Birthing Kit Assembly Day Members and Friends 26 April 2009
Peel	Golf and Auction Day 1993-2009
Perth	Ngarinyin Friendship-Return Visit To Gibb River Kimberley WA
Perth Northern Suburbs	Safety Seminars For Migrant Women
Port Lincoln	Birthing Kit Assembly Day
Riverland	Walk In My Shoes
Swan Hills	Birthing Kit Project 2009
Wangaratta	Year 11 Girls Career Breakfast
Zonta D23	Zonta 50 Years In Australia 1966-2016
Zonta D23	The Yarri Wada Journey 2009-10



The final challenge in my District role as UN Chairman is to endeavour to make the complexities of the United Nations more accessible for all Zontians.

My intention in this article is to provide the list of titles used in the material provided at the recent Areas 1&4 Workshop and then follow up by sending extended information to clubs over the next few weeks via email attachments.

The following acronyms will be explained and I hope 'demystified' for all Zontians. Here are the titles with more information to follow . Keep posted for UN UPDATES!

- **CSW** – A speech by Australia's UNIFEM President, Sue Conde AM, will be presented in response to her attendance at the 54th Commission on the Status of Women in New York in March 2010. A report from Jennifer Strauss, a UNAA SOWC member, will also be included in this section.
- **UNIFEM** –The Zonta International Foundation supports the United Nations Development Fund for Women by funding projects worldwide, eg Safe Cities in Guatemala & San Salvador, ZISVAW projects in Cambodia, Syria and Egypt.
- **UNFPA & UNICEF & UNAIDS** – Zonta International Foundation supports these UN bodies with Service programs in Liberia and Rwanda. See Zontian Magazine



L-R: UNIFEM Australia President, Sue Conde AM with Zonta UN District 23 Chairman Joanne Metzger at the recent event – "Meet the National UNIFEM Board" in Melbourne on 30 April.

Feb 2010, pages 5-11.

- **BPfA** - The Beijing+15 Platform for Action – The fifteenth anniversary of the 4th World Conference on Women focuses on 12 critical areas of concern for women.
- **ECOSOC** - The 7 adopted resolutions from the CSW in March this year will be brought to the Economic and Social Council in July for transmission to the General Assembly in Sept. 2010.
- **UNGC** - Global Compact & UNIFEM have launched a joint initiative on IWD - Women's Empowerment Principles , Equality Means Business, acknowledging the Millennium Development Goals. The 7 principles will empower women in

all sectors of economic life.

- **MDGs**- The United Nations Millennium Development Goals are objectives for targeting extreme poverty and improving the lives of the world's poorest and most disenfranchised people by 2015. Women make up the largest proportion.
- **GEAR** – The new UN body adopted by the UN General Assembly in Sept. 09. It will consolidate 4 UN Women's divisions into one under the title of 'Gender Equality Architecture Reform', giving a stronger voice for women. A new 'head' is to be elected.
- **CEDAW** – International law requires Member States to implement policies to protect women from all forms of discrimination. Zonta International Districts 23 and 24 endorsed the NGO CEDAW report in 2009 and all clubs received a copy. Article 16 –includes / Violence Against Women / this section will be included.
- **UNiTE** – The UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon launched this campaign –
- **Say No- UNiTE to End Violence Against Women.** On our Zonta International Home page, our President Beryl Sten urges all Zontians to join the list of signatories to make 1 million actions. A club project to consider will be included in this section.

## White Ribbon Day—order ribbons now

Anna Siebert  
D23 ZISVAW Coordinator

Don't forget to order White Ribbons now for November 25th, White Ribbon Day.

The ribbons can be ordered on-line via [www.whiteribbonday.org.au](http://www.whiteribbonday.org.au) and will be sent in September.

This is a great way to get the message out, 'Eliminate violence against women now!' And, if your male partner, friends and work colleagues, haven't 'sworn' yet, get them to log-into [www.myoath.com.au](http://www.myoath.com.au) to make a statement to:

- never commit violence against women,
- never excuse violence against women, and
- never remain silent about violence against women.

In early May, Holly Anderson, Amelia Earhart Fellowship Committee Chairman announced the Amelia Earhart winners for 2010 and District Governor Alison Martin was keen to point out that District 23 had a winner!

She is Lauren Burns, studying Aerospace Engineering at the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology (RMIT). The university is obviously very proud of its AE Fellow with the article at the right appearing on their website at <http://rmit.mobi/browse;ID=8c150u2lkf6rz>

It is also interesting to note that two other fellows have Australian connections. Tahereh Darestani Farahani from Iran is studying chemical engineering at the University of Sydney (District 24) and Onvaree Techakesari from Thailand is studying aerospace avionics at the Queensland University of Technology (District 22). This may be a historic 'first' for Australia—to have a winner studying in each of our Districts.

The AE Fellows this year come from 12 countries:

- Australia 1
- Bangladesh 1
- Canada 2
- Egypt 1
- France 2
- India 5
- Iran 3
- Italy 3
- Lebanon 1
- Thailand 1
- Tunisia 1
- USA 14.

A biographical description on each Fellow will be available on the ZI website by mid May.

Our Past International President, Val Sarah was quick to notice that three of the fellows are studying Aeronautics and Astronautics at Purdue University, which was Amelia Earhart's 'mentoring' ground.

Thank you Amelia—through the AE Fellowships your passion lives on!

09 April 2010

## US Fellowship backs Lauren's aerospace research

**A doctoral student researching the parallels between the strength of tree branches and the construction of aircraft has won a globally prestigious fellowship.**

Lauren Burns, who is based in RMIT University's School of Aerospace, Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering, has been awarded a \$US10,000 Amelia Earhart Fellowship.

The Fellowship was established in 1938 in honour of the pioneering US aviator Amelia Earhart, who was a member of the Zonta clubs of Boston and New York.

It is awarded annually by Zonta International, an organisation committed to advancing the status of women worldwide.

Fellows are women who display outstanding leadership and scientific skills while studying doctoral degrees in aerospace-related sciences and engineering.

Ms Burns completed a Bachelor of Aerospace Engineering at RMIT in 2008 and began her PhD in 2009. Her project is supported by Boeing Research and Technology Australia and is titled "Biomimetic Design of Aerospace Composite Joints".

Head of School, Professor Aleksandar Subic, congratulated her.

"Lauren's research has the potential to contribute significantly to the design of composite aircraft structures.

"She is analysing and adopting the design of plant and animal joints, which have undergone millions of years of evolutionary adaptations and improvements."

Ms Burns said: "I am thrilled to be a recipient of the Amelia Earhart Fellowship and have my work recognised by an international organisation.

"I am currently making and testing prototype joints based on the principles of how tree branches – comprised of the natural composite wood – achieve high toughness and strength.

"Receiving the Fellowship gives me extra financial support to attend conferences and present my research on the world stage.

"I might also use some of the funds to regain my pilots licence, true to the spirit of Amelia Earhart's passion for flight."



Lauren Burns in the cockpit of an SR-71 Blackbird spy plane in the Seattle Museum of Flight.

# Z Club and Golden Z Club Report

*Debbie Schmidt  
D23 Coordinator  
Z Clubs and Golden Z Clubs*

It was with great delight that the Zonta Club of Geelong announced at the Area 1 & 4 Workshop on May 15 that the charter of our newest Z Club at Matthew Flinders College has been completed and official

notification has been received from Zonta International.

Planning is underway for the official charter dinner.  
Clubs in District 23 that have chartered Z Clubs are:

- Zonta Club of Alice Springs – Anzac Hill High School
- Zonta Club of Bendigo – Girton Grammar School
- Zonta Club of Geelong – Matthew Flinders College

## Last meeting of 2008-2010 Board in Adelaide

The last face to face meeting of the District 23 2008-2010 Board was held in Adelaide on 17-18 April.

The photo on the right features (L-R): Jane Smith (Lt Governor), Alison Martin (Governor), Jasmine Koch (Treasurer), Judith Rothe (Area 4 Director), Georgie Hutchinson (Area 5 Director), Judy Tennant (Area 3 Director), Cintra Amos (Area 2 Director), Jo Wittorff (Secretary) and Deb Sykes (Area 2 Vice Area Director)

Faye Jeutz (Area 1 Director) was absent from the photograph.

Zontians from Area 2 were able to 'meet the Board' over dinner—and seemed to have a great time judging by the photos below.



*District Treasurer Jasmine Koch, Anna Siebert ZISVAW Coordinator and Margaret Bunfield Adelaide Hills.*



*District Governor Alison Martin, Di Strutton Adelaide Hills and Val Baldwin Adelaide.*



*Julie Irwin Adelaide Flinders, Constance Price Alice Springs, Sue Lear Adelaide Flinders and Rita Fletcher Noarlunga Southern Vales.*

## Birthing Kit and Breast Cushion Resources



Have you seen the new banners (left) that have been distributed to each Area Director? Clubs should also have received recently the Birthing Kit DVD and Millenium Goal cards (right)...

Use these resources to raise the profile of the fantastic work of Zonta.

*Left: (L-R) Birthing Kit Coordinator Julie Monis-Ivett, DG Alison Martin and District Treasurer Jasmine Koch with the new District Birthing Kit and Breast Cushion banners*





We hope every club has had the opportunity to see the new movie "Addressing the Millennium Development Goals" about our birthing kit project. To see our project in all of its aspects come together was very emotional and satisfying and in many ways validates the time and effort of so many people in our project. We can all be proud of our achievements.

The movie showcases our project and is a great advertisement for Zonta. If clubs can **develop a plan** to showcase it to the wider community, everyone will benefit. Research and tap into larger events with a ready made audience. e.g midwifery and medical conferences, UNIFEM breakfasts, White Ribbon Day breakfasts, maternal health and service week events, school assemblies and events within communities like the Ethiopian Women's conference etc.

These are all excellent ways for exposure with less organising for our busy membership. People may then be motivated to help or fund Assembly Days, join Zonta or the BKFA, or review our projects at the BKFA website and donate. Take brochures and the pull up banners if available to the event.

**To support our CC2A promotional proposal to AusAID and confirm its outcomes the BKFA needs a tally of how many people have benefited from our MDGs awareness raising program.**

We will possibly be making another proposal for further funding late this year so accountability is important.

Any time the movie, promotional folder or powerpoint presentation is used or people gather (even 10) to discuss the project, the numbers need documenting and forwarding to [CC2A@birthingkitfoundation.org.au](mailto:CC2A@birthingkitfoundation.org.au).

Check out the new website at [www.birthingkitfoundation.org.au](http://www.birthingkitfoundation.org.au)

Also see the new banners on pages 6 and 8



In accordance with the Rules of Procedure it was decided that the 1/3 profit of the Ballarat District 23 Conference be presented to the Birthing Kit Foundation. Above is a photo of the presentation of a cheque to Julie Monis-Ivett at the Board meeting held in Adelaide on 17/18 April.

Let us know:

1. Name of organisation, event and date
2. Number of attendees
3. PR e.g. video, photos (email or post BKFA P.O. Box 330 Belair, S. Aust 5052)
4. Any comments.

Your club may choose to allocate a specific person to fulfil this role who can reliably gather and forward this information soon after the event while the details are fresh.

The kit assembly is on target with all subsidised \$1 school production kits now taken.

We still need another 40,000 kits to be booked and planned **before September 30**. This timeline is to enable all accounting to be completed by October 30 for our Acquittal.

Please book your assembly day ASAP so your club is not disappointed when all kit assembly has been allocated.

Let Kristen know your intention even if a firm date has not been finalised on [supplies@birthingkitfoundation.org.au](mailto:supplies@birthingkitfoundation.org.au)

The BKFA understands the financial strain on many clubs, especially smaller clubs, with the cost of our kits at \$2 each.

If clubs can work with other service clubs like Rotary in fundraising and holding assembly days, it can reduce the financial stress, improve working partnerships and help with volunteer numbers.

One excellent way is to show the movie at one of their dinner meetings.

We are hoping clubs are accessing our new website [www.birthingkitfoundation.org.au](http://www.birthingkitfoundation.org.au) and enjoying the videos and more detailed information about the project.

Please forward any suggestions to [info@birthingkitfoundation.org.au](mailto:info@birthingkitfoundation.org.au)



After considerable down-time I am happy to report that I am now back on my feet and cleared to DRIVE THE CAR – freedom! The hip replacement was successful; like tuning an old car, unfortunately it doesn't fix all the other bits that are wearing out.

I can report that I didn't go to the District 23 Board meeting in Adelaide, nor did I make it to the Melbourne on Yarra Club to induct the new board. And as for the Areas 1 and 4 Workshop and Training Day – Judy and I were both missing in action. Despite this, the hours we put into program planning made for a reportedly interesting and informative day. Host club members from Melbourne's West, some delegated at the very last minute, did a magnificent job; Zontians from both areas who had been asked to facilitate training and perform other roles in the program undertook their duties with great enthusiasm. Written evaluations reflect verbal reports we received – despite a few hiccups – and indicate that everyone did what Zontians do to make it an enjoyable occasion and found the program overall to be satisfactory with quite a few "excellents" thrown in.

Speakers, as usual, were the highlight, with Advocacy the general theme. We had Kate Riddell and Jemima Richards from the Firefoxes



Bendigo Zontians with Kate Riddell and Jemima Richards from the Firefoxes at the Areas 1 & 4 workshop.

speaking about their advocacy work and Zoe Warne from her company "August" who challenged the thinking of many a Zontian about new forms of communication: twittering,

facebook etc. Hmmmm..... In lieu of a fee Zoe agreed to a donation of \$200 to the Jane M Klausman Fund and this will be sent to ZI this week on behalf of "August".

Continuing with the theme, a ZADS (Zonta Against Drink Spiking) presentation was made. This program is an initiative of the Zonta Club of Melton (Area 4) and has the potential to spread across many regions.

Lunch was prepared by MiHub Catering, overseen by Nora Hassan Simkin, who briefly gave some facts and figures about human trafficking. Nora has recently been awarded guardianship of two Malaysian teenage girls while their cases are processed through the Department of Immigration. In a nutshell, these girls were sent to Australia legally on short term visitor visas, with the intention of "contracting" them (illegally) as farm labour to repay a large parental debt (extending their stay far past the visa expiration). They were subsequently removed by the Federal Government and until their status is clarified, they will stay with Nora. The dangers of a return to Malaysia are exacerbated by the fact that one girl is pregnant and in the meantime no financial or medical benefits are available for their support. Members attending generously donated baby goods and supported the raffle, proceeds of which will be spent on essentials. The girls attended as well and I have since arranged to take them shopping prior to the baby's arrival (a girl has been confirmed) in a few weeks. For more information about

trafficking, please contact me and I will forward to you.

My apologies to Area 1 clubs for being an absentee AD for these past few months and not getting involved in your activities. I will try to make it up by offering Robyn Scholes my full support when she takes over following the Convention.

I am aware some other Zontians have their health and other issues at present and I wish them all the best in their time of need. The support we give each other is invaluable and it is so reassuring to know that others think of us, sending cards and messages, phoning and even visiting. My condition, which had a very painful lead-up and a few little twinges (or is that "whinges"?) since, was, after all not life threatening, and I really appreciate the support and concern from members across the District. Thank you so much.

On a final note, congratulations to the Zonta Club of Frankston celebrating 30 years at a lunch function on 6 June.

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A close up of the new birthing kit and breast cushion banners—great resources!



This is always a busy time of year with AGMs, Handovers and Mid Biennium Dinners. It is also emotional and exciting for outgoing and incoming presidents and board members. Visiting clubs and inducting new Boards has been an absolute privilege for both myself and Vice AD Deb Sykes. And, amongst all this activity, we also hosted the District Board Meeting and held our Area 2 Workshop ...

The District 23 Board Meeting was held in the home of Carolyn Colquhoun, President of Adelaide Flinders and District Treasurer Elect, and several clubs assisted with home hosting and catering – thank you all for looking after us so well! It was a very convivial weekend with a dinner on the Saturday night open to all Area 2 Zontians to mingle with the Board, which was great fun. (see photos on page 6).

The workshop this year was held on May Day at the Tennyson Centre, a modern new complex near the city in Adelaide and was well attended and we were delighted to welcome District Governor Alison Martin and Lt Governor Jane Smith. The theme was **“The I’s have it!”** focusing on **Innovation, Involvement, Inspiration, Improvement, International, Initiative** – culminating in Ideas to take back to clubs. Many more I’s popped up during the day, and it was agreed the



Group photo Area 2 workshop



Area 2 Workshop MC Erica Majba introducing DG Alison Martin, Lt G Jane Smith and Area 2 Director Cintra Amos

day was Interesting, Informative, Interactive and Invigorating!



Louise Temlett President Adelaide thanking Jodi Knoop incoming President Adelaide Flinders and Deb Kennedy incoming president Noarlunga Southern Vales who shared their "Zonta Journeys" at the Area 2 Workshop

It was a pleasure working with President Louise Temlett and the Zonta Club of Adelaide who did a superb job organising the event this year, with Committee Chair and MC Erica Majba doing an excellent job of keeping the day running smoothly.

A variety of speakers covered a range of topics, including Ha Do, the young and enthusiastic SA Chair of Women in Science & Engineering,



Speaker Ha Do Chair of Women in Engineering SA

dedicated Zita Dut Ngor, National Law Reform Coordinator from Women’s Legal Services, Zontian Angela Vandellis who spoke about her trip to Cambodia, and incoming presidents Jodi Knoop (Adelaide Flinders) and Deb Kennedy (Noarlunga Southern Vales) who took us along with them on their “Zonta Journeys”.

The highlight was dynamic keynote speaker Sandra Dann, Director of the Working Women’s Centre, who gave an excellent and enlightening session about the many challenges faced by

women in the workforce. Following this often humorous presentation she and her colleague Sonya Carmody, conducted an interactive workshop on “Women, Work and Society”.



Keynote Speaker Sandra Dann from Working Women's Centre

On display were the brand new District Breast Cushion and Birthing Kit banners and we were treated to the Premiere of the new Birthing Kit Video – a fantastic production!

During the lunch break, many members enjoyed a tour of the state-of-the-art Adelaide Radiotherapy Centre housed in the complex, which gave us an empathetic insight into the treatment and care of cancer patients. We also previewed the Zonta Club of Melton’s ZADS project (Zonta Against Drink Spiking), including a hands-on trial of the anti spiking caps, with the project being very positively received.

District Governor Alison brought us up to date with ZI and showed a power point on the International Projects which will be presented for adoption at Convention, and Lt Governor Jane addressed membership issues and (despite some technical difficulties :-)) showed us how to “untangle the web” and register on the exciting new Zonta International website.

A mini Zonta shop operated during the day and there was plenty of time for fellowship, with photographer Sally Gordon taking happy snaps. To complete the proceedings we relaxed with a glass of wine and some nibbles.

## Area 2 Report Continued

Thought for the day was from Mary Wollstonecraft - British writer, philosopher and feminist, 1759-1797 - who wrote:

*"Women – I do not wish them to have power over men, but over themselves."*

### Around the clubs:

**Fleurieu Peninsula** - Members of the South Coast District Hospital auxiliary, invited guests and Zontians marked International Women's Day with a morning tea held at the local hospital, on the Monday holiday. Also, to mark Zonta Rose Day, five roses were planted in the hospital garden. During morning tea a



*Having fun in the rain Special guests planting Zonta roses last Monday were director of nursing at SCDH, Jill Cooper, Mary-Lou Corcoran (Mayor of Victor Harbor), Zonta president Carol Youles, president of the hospital auxiliary, Kate Ellison and member for Finniss Michael Pengilly.*

cheque for \$1000 was presented to auxiliary president, Kate Ellison. The money will go towards much needed equipment. Also Mary McInnes, who was one of the clubs three women of achievement (but was unable to attend the special dinner held in November), was presented with her award.



*R-L: Deb Sykes presents members Betty Dawe and Justine Henwood with their 30 year service awards.*

Vice Area 2 Director Deb Sykes officiated at the Fleurieu Handover Dinner and was delighted to also present members Justine Henwood and Betty Dawe with their Zonta International 30 year service awards.

**Riverland** - Area Director Cintra Amos and Carolyn Colquhoun travelled to Berri to join the Zonta Club of The Riverland's Handover Dinner celebrations.



*Carolyn Colquhoun (District Treasurer Elect), incoming President Marg Colby, outgoing President Sharyn Schlein, Area 2 Director and Lt Governor Elect Cintra Amos.*

**Clare and Districts** celebrated their Handover Dinner in "The Stables" at the historic landmark Rising Sun Hotel at Auburn in the Clare Valley, where outgoing President Janet Whitham passed the gavel to incoming President Jane Long. The new Board was inducted by Area 2 Director Cintra Amos.

Lt Governor Jane Smith presented member Barb Reinke with her Irene



*L-R: Lt Gov Jane Smith presents award to Barb Reinke*

Bell Award awarded by the SA International Women's Day Committee, in recognition of her service to women in the community.

**Adelaide Flinders** celebrated their Handover Dinner at Ayers House. Guest speaker was Nadine

Williams, award winning Adelaide journalist and author of "From France with Love" her endearing yet honest, fiery account of finding love in mid life. Nadine was accompanied by her charming French husband Olivier.



*Gail French incoming Vice President, Guest Speaker Nadine Williams, Carolyn Colquhoun outgoing President*

In addition, Margaret MacDonald received a cheque on behalf of the Foundation for Developing Cambodian Communities (FDCC) for Mekhala House, a home for orphaned and underprivileged girls from Service Chair Pauline Glover and President Carolyn Colquhoun.



*L-R: Pauline Glover, Margaret MacDonald and Carolyn Colquhoun*

As my term as Area Director draws to a close I would like to take this opportunity to thank all Area 2 Zontians for their support and friendship. Presidents meetings have been lively and constructive and I have been blessed with a fabulous team of dedicated Zontians.

In particular my sincere thanks to Vice AD Deb Sykes for stepping up so willingly when required.

The last two years have been both productive and rewarding, and I trust incoming AD Erica Majba and Vice AD Anna Siebert will also enjoy a fulfilling biennium.



It is hard to believe that this will be my last article in News Flash as the Area 3 Director. The time has simply flown by.

Clubs have been busy preparing for Annual General meetings and Changeover Dinners, and I have been pleased to have attended several of these to induct the incoming Board.

Susan Flower will serve a second year as President of the Zonta Club of Dunsborough Area, whilst all other Clubs in the Area will start the new biennium under the leadership of a new President:

- Jo Wittorff President, Zonta Club of Bunbury
- Mary Gurgone President, Zonta Club of Perth
- Jean Wyder President, Perth Northern Suburbs
- Ruth Thomas President, Swan Hills
- Sherrel O'Neil President, Zonta Club of Peel Region.

The Area 3 Workshop, co-hosted by the Zonta Club of Perth, was entitled Footprints in the Sand, Walking with Zonta—a very apt name considering the venue was on the beach overlooking the ocean.



Area 3 Workshop—Zontians step out onto the balcony after lunch for some ozone!

As the biennium draws to a close, the Workshop provided us with an opportunity to reflect on where we have been, and how far we have come during the past two years.



R-L: Incoming Area 3 Director, Leanne Sultan, thanks guest speaker Beth Shaw for her entertaining presentation

The program included a session on our relationship with UNIFEM, and a reflection on the success of the District 23 projects; Yarri Wada, the Breast Care Cushions and the Birthing Kits.



Zontians from Bunbury checked out the new banners

We also heard from some outstanding speakers including Elizabeth Shaw, the 2009 WA Youth Citizen of the Year and Zontian Diana Rigg, a finalist in the Perth Business News, 40 under 40 Entrepreneur Awards. In addition, Melton Club's ZADS anti drink spiking initiative was highlighted with the caps promoting much interest and discussion.

District Governor Alison also provided us with a personal insight into her time as the District Governor.

Clubs in Area 3 are in good standing, with membership in the majority of Clubs at a very healthy level. Those with smaller numbers are to be congratulated for their commitment and support of each other and for their enthusiasm for fundraising.

Despite the lower numbers, I am ever amazed at just how much money Clubs raise through their fundraising efforts to advance the status of women. I would like to take this

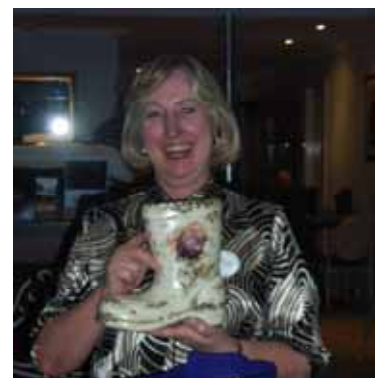


L-R: Perth Zontians, Marg Giles and Freda Jacob catch up with Judy Tennant (A3 Director) over the spit roast lunch.

opportunity to express my thanks to the outgoing Club Presidents for their support to me over the last two years and for their outstanding leadership in their respective Clubs. Thanks to Carole, Penelope, Sheila, Anastasia, Audrey and Sue.

To the incoming Area 3 Director, Leanne Sultan I extend my very best wishes for the new biennium.

## Zonta Club Gives President the Boot!



Sheila Watters was formally given 'the boot' when she recently retired as the President of the Swan Hills Club! Sheila was presented with this unusual ceramic planter in recognition of her extraordinary contribution to the club by being President for two years and then caretaker President for a further year. Well done Sheila!



D23 Area 4 Report for D23  
Newsflash – May 2010.

This is my final Area 4 Director's report for the 2008-2010 biennium.

What an amazing journey we have taken together and I am so proud of the seven clubs in our Area with their achievements, ongoing goals and projects for local and global service to women and girls.

My responsibilities as your Area Director were to act as a liaison between the clubs in the area and the District Board and I hope I have accomplished this requirement.

I present to you a condensed version of Area 4 during the 2008-2010 biennium:

The attendance of the Area 4 Presidents was excellent at our Presidents' meetings held in Trawool, Kyneton and Ballarat and gave all Presidents the opportunity for valuable networking. Thank you to the Area 4 Presidents whom I had the pleasure of working with during the biennium:

- Albury/Wodonga President, Sharon Connolly.
- Ballarat Presidents Hilary Pope and Lee Belcher.
- Bendigo President, Raelene Schmidt.
- Geelong President, Jane Adornetto.
- Kyneton President, Diane Barbeler.
- Melton Presidents Tracey Burn and Margery Bailey.
- Wangaratta President, Nola Hausler.

The two Area workshops were also well attended by all members of Area 4. I received wonderful assistance from the ZC of Kyneton and all members of Area 4 before and during the Area 1, 4 & 5 Workshop in 2009. It was a special event with Area 5 joining our combined Workshop and was appreciated by all.

I was unable to attend the 2010 Area 1 & 4 workshop for medical reasons



*The Pastoria Fire Brigade in Redesdale Victoria on Black Friday.*



*'Pots of colour' - members of the ZC of Bendigo and ZC of Kyneton with Tracey Wolsley the distributor of our donation to the Eaglehawk women and families that were affected by the Black Friday fires in Victoria 2009.*



*Chloe Jarrett as the Zonta International winner of the 2009 Jane M Klausman Award.*



*The three ADs at the 2009 Area 1, 4 & 5 Workshop. (Faye, Judy and Georgie).*

and sadly Area 1 Director Faye Juetz was also unable to attend but

Faye's club Melbourne's West was the backstop for the 2010 Workshop. Faye and I will be meeting for our Workshop evaluation in early June 2010.

The D23 Conference was held in Ballarat in Area 4 and proved to be a huge success.

Club report forms were diligently filled out and sent to the DG and to me, and I collated them as an Area 4 report form and forwarded them to the District Governor for her to send with all the D23 Area reports to ZI where they are all definitely viewed.

The four District 23 Board meetings were held in Melbourne, Perth, Ballarat and Adelaide with our exceptional DG Alison Martin as the Chairman. The Melbourne, Perth and Adelaide Zontians were so hospitable and provided our nourishments and home hospitality during the two days of the meetings. The third meeting was held during the Conference in 2009. Long lasting friendships have been forged between the board members including our Secretary Jo Wittorff.

Being invited as a guest to all clubs in the Area, meeting new Zontians and others with long memberships enjoying their fellowship and interest in the District and International projects and goals was heart warming.

\* Our goal for the biennium was to improve our membership and I am proud to report that 23 new members have been inducted into our clubs during the last two years.

\*The ZC of Bendigo Scholarship for the Jane M Klausman award was won by Chloe Jarrett in 2009 then Chloe was awarded the D23 Scholarship and finally became one of the 12 International winners!

## Area 4 Report Continued

Area 4's 'Black Friday bushfire project' proved extremely successful with \$2,500 of donated equipment available for the Redesdale area for women and their families.

Donations from two Zonta Clubs in Queensland in D22 and one from the ZC of Wellington in New Zealand in D16 was quite remarkable and with the inclusion of funds from the 2009 workshop raffle the total was \$1,500.

Sixty three homeless families in Eaglehawk received 'Pots of colour' in 2009 and will receive follow up bulbs in 2010 with these funds.

The D23 News Flash was a fantastic tool to promote and display the Area 4 clubs' achievements and we were so fortunate to have an Editor that was extremely professional.

The club Changeover Boards are now in process and I wish the new

Presidents and their Boards of Directors my best wishes for advancing the status of women locally and worldwide for the new biennium.

I will meet the new Area 4 Director Margaret Hinks for 2010-2012 for our changeover during July 2010 and a wonderful experience will come to an end.

## Area 5 Report

Tasmania

Georgie Hutchinson  
Area 5 Director

Devonport turned on the sunshine to welcome Zontians on a crisp Autumn morning for the Area 5 workshop. Hosted by the Zonta Club of *Devonport* on Saturday May 22, the theme of the workshop was 'Zontians embracing diversity'.

33 Zontians enjoyed the enlightening, interesting day, followed by fun, fellowship and fine fare at Pedro's Restaurant in Ulverstone on the Saturday evening.

Zontians were encouraged to embrace diversity for the health and wellbeing of Zonta, not just in 2010, but for the future.

Participants were challenged to:

- be open minded
- be more informed and think globally
- make personal commitments
- develop synergy in diverse working groups
- entertain the idea of taking on roles within their clubs or Area
- value the diversity of members
- maximize the potential of all members
- encourage creativity and innovativeness and
- develop a sense of self worth through their commitment to volunteering through Zonta International.

Devonport's President, Jeannette Lander and Area 5 Director,



Jenny Rimmer, Lyn Jessup, Suzie Bowe, Jenni Jago



Tania Skeggs, Nicole Erb, Carol Fuller from Launceston



DG Alison Martin with Devonport PP, Lynn Whittle



Guest speaker, Alli Davies with Sally Pugsley.

Georgie Hutchinson welcomed District 23 Governor, Alison Martin, our ZIF Board member, Beryl McMillan, and our District 23 Treasurer, Jasmine Koch to Area 5 where they willingly shared their wealth of Zonta experience with participants.

Guest speakers Sandra French AM and music therapist, Alli Davies took us on a journey of their lives and their diverse experiences and Alli even had us all beating and clapping to the rhythm of drums! What fun!



Queensborough's Pat Leary (left) and Rosemary Perrot Russell (right) chat with Devonport's Grace Brown, (centre).



Jenni Jago, Jenny Moore, and Jacqui Astley



## Area 5 Report Continued

How quickly the 2008 – 2010 biennium has buzzed by!

On a personal note, it has been a wonderful opportunity to be part of the District 23 Board, to have travelled to WA, Melbourne, Ballarat and Adelaide to be part of productive meetings with such a fantastic team.

The wonderful friendships that have been forged will be lifelong, I'm sure!

In total, Area 5 membership has remained relatively stable over the two years, with some clubs' memberships in the critical range. However, recent developments should auger well for the future of Zonta in the south of the state.

Discussions have been held between *Queenborough* and *Hobart East*, and they are heading towards amalgamation. Both clubs have experience, strong programs and associations with their communities.

*Hobart* Club's recent meeting was swelled by some prospective new members following their "Get to Know Zonta" evening.



Picture Left: DG Alison, Area 5 Director Georgie, ZIF rep Beryl, Devonport President Jeannette Lander, District 23 Treasurer, Jasmine Koch

Picture below: District 23 Nominating Committee Chairman Past DG and Hobart East President, Julie Wiltshire

*Launceston* has had two new fantastic members in the past six months and Carol Fuller has worked hard to guarantee the future of this wonderful club.

*Devonport* has continued to grow in strength and commitment to Zonta ideals and I thank them sincerely for their support over the past biennium.

Best wishes to Carol Fuller in her role as Area 5 Director 2010 – 2012.



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## Diary Dates

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