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From the District Governor.....



DG Jane Smith prior to installation ceremony at San Antonio convention July 2010.

District 23 Zontians

Welcome to the new 2010-2012 Beinnium. I look forward to working with you all during the next two years.

I am not going to report on the 60th Convention held in San Antonio

last month except to say that it is always a wonderful experience to meet up with old friends, make new ones, to hear about the wonderful work that this great organisation, to which we belong, is doing and to listen to very inspirational speakers. I am sure you have received a report from your delegate (or proxy) and have looked at the Convention page in Member Resources on the ZI website www.zonta.org Also on the Convention page is a very moving video "Freedom from Fistula" which is worth watching.

Congratulations to our past D23 Governor, Alison Martin, on being elected to the ZI Nominating Committee.

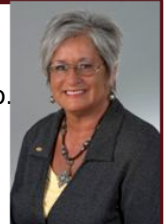
Our **International Liaison** is *Kathleen Douglass* from the Zonta Club of Brampton-Caledon, Canada.

Kathleen was elected as an International Director in San Antonio. She has a wide Zonta background, a good sense of humour and will be of great support for our District

The first D23 Board meeting was held in Melbourne only two weeks after Convention. It was a very productive meeting and I am confident that the Board you have elected, who are from many different walks of life, will work well together to grow and promote Zonta within our district.

I would like to introduce you to your new 2010-2012 District 23 Board.

I don't need to tell you about myself as I am sure you have seen the latest Zontian magazine and read my profile on page 46.



Quote: ***"Membership is vital to our ability to influence the status of women in the future."***

Dianne Curtis, International President, 2010-2012

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The District Team 2010-2012

Cintra Amos is **Lieutenant Governor** after having been Area 2 Director in the last biennium. Her club is Adelaide Flinders and she has been a member for 24 years. Her background is in tourism. She is also a great cabaret singer.

Nan Martella is **District Secretary**. She has been a Zontian for 14 years with the Zonta Club of Bunbury. Nan features on our new Breast Cushion banner

Carolyn Colquhoun is **District Treasurer** and a member of Adelaide Flinders for 18 years. Her background is in Administration and Accounting. I have first hand experience that she is very good at shopping (we shared a room in San Antonio so I know!)

Robyn Scholes, a member of the Waverley Club, is **Area 1 Director**. If you attended the Melbourne Convention or the Ballarat Conference you would have seen the wonderful decorations for the gala dinners – Robyn is “the balloon lady”. She already has ideas for the 2011 Conference.

Erica Majba, **Area 2 Director** has been a member of the Adelaide Club for 11 years. She has recently retired from a role in financial services and has since become very involved with Volunteering SA which compliments her role in Zonta.

Anna Siebert, **Vice Area 2 Director** has been a member of Adelaide Torrens for 7 years. Her background is accounting and administration. During the last biennium she was the District ZISVAW Coordinator.

Leanne Sultan, **Area 3 Director** is from Perth Northern Suburbs where she has been a member for 12 years. Her background is adult

mental health. One of her interests is Jane Austin DVD's – interesting!

Margaret Hinks, a member of the Melton club for 13 years. Margaret is a Longarm Quilter (this is new to me) and teaches patchwork.

Carole Fuller is a teacher and University Lecturer and has been with the Launceston club for 8 years. She is a reading judge for the Children's Book Council.

I believe I have put together a very strong **District 23 Team** who will be working with all clubs and encouraging them to participate in local and international service projects and awards. All these women are dedicated Zontians and between them have a wealth of Zonta knowledge.

The **Nominating Committee** (elected at the Ballarat Conference in 2009) is Chaired by *Judy Rothe* (8 years with Kyneton and past Area 4 Director) with *Georgie Hutchinson* (10 years with Devonport and past Area 5 Director) and *Sally Gordon* (many years with a number of clubs, most recently Adelaide Torrens and well known as District 23 Photographer). They will all be on the lookout for nominations for the next District 23 Board to be elected at the D23 Conference in 2011.

Jill Taylor is Chairman of the **Service Committee**. Those of you who were at the 2007 Conference in Hobart will remember Jill as Conference Chairman. Jill is a member of the Hobart club. Her committee will include:

- *Carole Theobald* from the Perth club is our **Amelia Earhart (AE) Fellowship Coordinator**. Carole has experience in the aeronautical field and is the past editor of the Newsflash. Our D23 AE Fellow Caroline Rickards was an outstanding speaker at the San Antonio

Convention and an inspiration to all who heard her. The District 23 2010 Amelia Earhart Fellowship winner is Lauren Burns who is studying Aerospace Engineering at RMIT University.

- *Bianca Heaney* from Melton, is continuing in her role as **Young Women in Public Affairs (YWPA) Coordinator**. Thanks to Bianca's support of the awards, I have just received the award certificate for our 2010 District 23 YWPA recipient Mz Tharanya Mohanathas.
- *Karen Groves* from Perth club and a past Area 3 Director is continuing in her role as **Jane M. Klausman (KMK) Scholarship Coordinator**. There is a JMK report this Newsflash announcing Holly Ransom as the recipient of this year's D23 JMK Women in Business Scholarship.
- *Annamarie Perlesz* from Kyneton is the **ZISVAW (Zonta International Strategies to end Violence Against Women) Coordinator**. The ZISVAW projects from the past biennium will continue. Please look at the latest Zontian magazine and ZI website for more information on these projects.
- *Phillipa Challis* from Geelong is coordinator for **Z Clubs and Golden Z Clubs**. There is a report in this Newsflash on the chartering of the Matthew Flinders Girls Secondary College Z Club which was sponsored by the Geelong Club. I offer a challenge to all clubs to look into the opportunity of sponsoring a Z Club in a school or college near you and to contact

The District Team 2010-2012

Anastasia Maslij from Perth Northern Suburbs is Chairman of the **United Nations Committee** and will be assisted by *Odile Glenn* (past Area 5 Director) from Queenborough club. Anastasia and Odile were both at the San Antonio Convention and have come home fired with enthusiasm to promote Zonta's involvement in the United Nations.

Pauline Glover from Adelaide Flinders is Chairman of the **Legislative Awareness and Advocacy (LAA) Committee**.

Pauline will be assisted by *Joanne Metzger* from Geelong and I know they will work with clubs to promote advocacy and ensure that all service projects undertaken by clubs link to one or more of Zonta's Objects.

Faye Juetz from The Zonta Club of Melbourne's West and past Area 1 Director is chairman the **Public Relations and Communications Committee (PRC)**. Although Faye admits that she does not have a PR background she is a dedicated Zontian and has done some great PR work with her club. Her committee will comprise *Jane Adornetto* (Geelong) as **Newsflash Editor**, *Tricia Summerfield* (Perth), as **Webmaster** and *Sally Gordon*, (Adelaide Torrnnes) as **Photographer**.

Ronda Walker from the Bendigo club and a past D23 Governor has again agreed to chair the **By-Laws and Resolutions committee**. Ronda will be assisted by *Sandra Burns* (past Area 4 Director) and *Ann Horrocks* (past D23 Secretary) both from Bendigo club.

Alison Martin from Perth Northern Suburbs will be our **ZI Foundation (ZIF) Ambassador**. I will guarantee she will be contacting all clubs to ensure that we have 100% of clubs contributing again to ZIF. Remember, the cost of 3 cups of coffee, is enough to make a difference.

Cintra Amos, Lt. Governor, is Chairman of the **Organisation, Membership and Classification Committee (OMC)**. Assisting Cintra are *Judy Tennant* (Perth club and past Area 3 Director) and *Stella Coffey* (Ballarat and Past Area 4 Director). ZI President's message in the latest Zontian points out the importance of increasing our membership. The OMC Committee aim to do just this.

Lennie McCall AM from Perth Club has agreed to continue as **Chairman of the History and Archives Committee** with the support of *Tricia Summerfield* (Perth) as Archivist, committee members *Margaret Medcalf OAM* (Perth) and *Heather Phillips* (Frankston) and Consultants *Val Sarah AM PIP* (Ballarat) and *Ronda Walker* (Bendigo).

Ellen Cox is our **Parliamentarian**. Although Ellen's main role will be at Distirct Conference I am sure that if you have any concerns regarding parliamentary procedure she would be happy to help you.

And last but definitely not least is the **District Conference Committee** who are already working on plans for the 2011 Conference which will be held at the Sebel Hotel, Albert Park, Melbourne from 7 to 9 October. The recent Board meeting was held there and the Board had a tour of the hotel. It is a great venue.

Jasmine Koch from Melbourne on Yarra and past D23 Treasurer has accepted the role of **Conference Chairman**. Jasmine has put together an enthusiastic committee with *Patricia Gray* from Melbourne on Yarra as Secretary and *Fiona MacDowall* from Geelong as Treasurer. *Beryl McMillan*, who lives next door to the Hotel, has

taken on the role of venue liaison and has already negotiated some good prices for accommodation.

I thank all these great, dedicated Zontians for taking on their roles for the next two years. They are there to support you so please contact them for advice and information. Their contact details are in the District Directory which you should receive very soon.

Jane Smith
District 23 Governor 2010-2012



2010-2012 District Board

Back: AD4 Margaret Hinks, AD5 Carol Fuller, AD3 Leanne Sultan, Treasurer Carolyn Colquhoun, AD2 Erica Majba, VAD 2 Anna Siebert, AD1 Robyn Scholes. Front: Lt Gov Cintra Amos, Gov Jane Smith, Secretary Nan Martella.



District team members Jill Smith (L) and Pauline Glover at the Knibbe Ranch event at the 2010 Convention



Governor's Dinner at San Antonio
PIP Val Sarah, Naomi Arnold, Alison Martin, Ronda Walker, Jane Smith, Beryl McMillan



New Member Certificates

Inducting new members is an exciting event, and every new Zontian should be presented with an official Zonta Certificate of Membership.

Could Presidents please let me know the names of any incoming members well in advance, so that I may arrange for a Certificate of Membership to be forwarded in time for their induction.

A copy of the District Directory, D23 Goals and the LAA Handbook should also be included in club packs for new members.

Cintra Amos
Lt Governor and
Chair of OM&C Committee

SAY NO – UNITE End Violence against Women

Zonta International joins UNIFEM in asking members and friends of Zonta around the world to join the global call to make ending violence against women worldwide a top priority. Go to the Zonta International home page on the www.zonta.org website. Click on the image shown above and [add your name](#) to the global call to end violence today! Many of us have already signed up on the UN site but by adding your name on the ZI website you will add to the ZI campaign.

Young Women in Public Affairs Award District 23 Recipient for 2010

Congratulations to Tharanya Mohanathas who was chosen as the District 23 recipient of the YWPA Award for 2010. Tharanya was nominated by the Zonta Club of Bendigo who must also be congratulated as they run an excellent program and members are very committed to ensure its ongoing success. Well done to all of you.

The D23 Evaluating Committee were very impressed with the number of outstanding applications received. They would also like to thank the clubs in running this wonderful program and providing the opportunity for young women to be recognised within their communities.

Tharanya Mohanathas was chosen for many reasons and in particular for

her volunteer leadership achievements and dedication to the advancement of the status of women. Tharanya's dream is to become a Human Rights Lawyer on completing her study of Law at University. Once she has achieved this she hopes to work with the United Nations in particular UNIFEM.

She is actively involved in community work and with organisations such as Make Poverty History, Lead On and is a member of the Australian Youth Climate Coalition. She understands that it is going to take more than one, or even a small group of individuals to overcome international issues like climate change, empowering women and poverty. This is essentially why she has joined larger networks which operate on a global scale.

As a student at Girton Grammar School in Bendigo she was House Captain in 2008 and Prefect in 2009. She was awarded Best Speaker in the Inter School ICCES Debating Contest in 2007 and 2008 and in 2009 the Lions Youth of the Year Quest. She was highly recommended by her school and the Chairman of the Lions Youth of the Year Quest.

We wish Tharanya every success in achieving her dreams. She is an excellent role model to her peers and is very deserving of this award.

The YWPA program considers and awards young women not for their academic or sport achievements, but for their commitment to others, their extra voluntary work and leadership in their schools and their communities. It encourages them to also pursue leadership and involvement in the future, in their communities, in public affairs or in politics.

It is one of the best programs we have in Zonta International. All Zonta clubs in the world can work on this as a club project, and at the same time they are involved in an international project, which offers awards from the Zonta International Foundation to all District Recipients.

The Application Forms for 2011 will be available on the Zonta website in September 2010. The website also has many valuable tools which can assist your club in running the YWPA Award program.

Zonta Clubs who submitted an application to District this year should also consider nominating their applicant for Young Australian of the Year. Nominations close midnight Tuesday 31 August 2010. You can nominate online at www.australianoftheyear.org.au

If you need some assistance or require further information on the YWPA program please contact Bianca Heaney, YWPA Coordinator for District 23.

11th Biennial District 23 Conference Friday 7th to Sunday 9th October 2011

It's Melbourne's turn to host the next District Conference in 2011 and we are looking forward to it. I encourage you to put the date in your diary now and start planning your conference trip. The conference will be held from Friday 7th to Sunday 9th October 2011, which is the second weekend of October, so fortunately it doesn't clash with the AFL grand final.

The conference committee is planning an inspiring, entertaining and informative conference with loads of Zonta business, fellowship and a few surprises too!

The theme of our Conference is "Zonta – Raising the Stakes" focusing on developing women's leadership potential, motivating members and increasing awareness of Zonta's involvement in addressing issues affecting women in our community.

The conference venue is The Sebel Albert Park Hotel and Conference Centre located at 65 Queens Road Melbourne.

The Sebel is situated 5 kilometres from the Melbourne CBD, and is directly opposite the stunning Albert Park Lake with views of the city. The 5.5 km walk around the lake will be a good start to each day for those so inclined!

Attractive accommodation rates have been negotiated for participants (and partners and friends), from \$60 per person per night for triple share (rooms with two single beds and a sofa bed, not just a roll-away) or rooms at \$140 per night twin share. The special conference rate will apply for those who wish to arrive earlier or stay in Melbourne afterwards – they do not apply only for the duration of the conference.

Further information about bookings will be provided to Zontians in a forthcoming Newsflash.

Jasmine Koch
11th District 23 Conference 2011
Chairman

Thank you Alison



All clubs in District 23 contributed to a gift for outgoing Governor Alison Martin. Alison was presented with a beautiful pearl necklace and a donation to Zonta International Foundation at the District 23 meeting in San Antonio.



Alison wearing the beautiful necklace

I would like to express my thanks to all District 23 members for such a wonderful gift, I will treasure this memento of the honour of serving as District 23 Governor.

Alison Martin

Zonta Breast Cushion Project Update

As a tribute to my mum and many others I know who have been affected by breast cancer, I offered to take on the role of 2010-12 Breast Cushion Project Coordinator. The demand for cushions is ongoing and it's great to know so many clubs are involved in such a worthwhile project.

It is important we keep up the supply without compromising the quality. So what sort of filling are clubs using and how much? I have seen examples of cushions which are too bulky and others that are too flat. They need to be just right – which is equivalent to 100 grams of the Tontine filling.

With the withdrawal of the free supply of Tontine filling, I am interested to hear from clubs who have managed to source replacement filling and whether the supplier is able to provide filling on a larger scale ie to the whole area or the whole district, at a significantly discounted price. My email address is jasmine.koch1@gmail.com
Jasmine Koch
2010-12 Breast Cushion Project Coordinator

Z Club Charter starts off the Biennium

Congratulations to our newest District 23 Z Club which was chartered on 4 August in Geelong. Zonta Club of Geelong President Christine Denmead invited me as Z Club and Golden Z Club Co-Ordinator to carry out the induction of the Matthew Flinders Girls Secondary College Z Club. Area 4 Director Margaret Hinks assisted in the installation of the members. In accepting the mantel of office Z Club President Katelyn Boddington thanked Zonta Club of Geelong liaison member Joanne Metzger for her guidance and support. Jennifer Hawkins the Principal of the school said the chartering of the Matthew Flinders Girls Secondary College Z Club was an excellent way for the students to receive mentoring and obtain leadership skills, while giving service to the community. Welcoming the club was an exciting start to the biennium. Several clubs around District 23 have indicated they are looking towards the formation of a Z Club and a Golden Z Club. My challenge to them, and other interested clubs, is to say it would be wonderful to see this achieved by the District Conference in 2011. Phillipa Challis.

Charter of the Z Club of Matthew Flinders Girls Secondary College in Geelong on Wednesday 4th August 2010

The Zonta Club of Geelong has been working with the Matthew Flinders Girls Secondary College for some time so it was wonderful to be able to have the charter ceremony at our August club meeting. Four office bearers and the President Elect were able to attend along with the school Principal and Student Welfare Teacher. Zonta Club of Geelong member and Z Club Mentor Joanne Metzger gave a brief history of the road to the establishment of the club and the Z Club current projects.

LOCAL COMMUNITY PROJECTS

So far this year the Z Club members have been involved in 2 community projects:-

- Assisting young women from Karingal to prepare for and stage their Presentation Ball. This

included attending dance classes and carrying out tasks at the actual event.

- Preparation and serving breakfast for the homeless at the Christchurch Meals Program in Geelong.

GLOBAL PROJECT

- To continue assisting their sister school in Afghanistan by supplying educational items, shoes and clothing.

SCHOOL COMMUNITY PROJECT

- Next year the Z Club would like to hold a Career's Forum for International Women's Day. Past students would be invited back to address the senior students and share their journeys in their chosen career. This idea is under discussion

Z Club President Katelyn Boddington and School Principal Jennifer Hawkins also spoke of the alignment between the school's vision and Zonta International goals.

It was wonderful to see fellow Zontians from the District together with family and friends of the Z Club members.

Chris Denmead
President, Zonta Club of Geelong



Zonta Club of Geelong's Joanne Metzger with newly inducted Z Club members of the Z Club

Happy 25th Birthday Zonta Club of the Riverland Inc 3rd July 2010

This important milestone for the club was celebrated on July 3rd at the Renmark Hotel Function room with over 40 Zontians, former Zontians and Special Guests in attendance including District 23 Area Director, Erica Majba.

Congratulatory messages were read from Beryl Sten the outgoing President of Zonta International and Heide Taylor of the Zonta Club of Adelaide who was the Zonta mentor when the Club was chartered 25 years ago.

The Club's journey through 25 years of "Advancing the Status of Women through Service and Advocacy" in the Riverland was reviewed by the members of the current Board. This focussed on local projects such as the Awards for students at Year 11 and 12 in each of the four Riverland High Schools and the Riverland Young Woman in Public Affairs Award as well as the biennial Riverland Women in Business Awards and support for programs that address the prevention and reduction of domestic violence and support for survivors of DV. District projects such as the making of breast cushions and Birthing Kits were also highlighted. Over 25 years the Club has also supported many United Nations sponsored International projects aimed at improving the lives of women and their children in countries where poverty is endemic. Our many and varied fundraising events were also reviewed.

Members and guests enjoyed three presentations from a team of enthusiastic guest speakers. Jan McFarlane, a former Riverlander and Zontian spoke on her journey in working with Primary School students both in the Renmark and at her current city-based school on practical environmental issues. Her work in this area earned her a Pride of SA Medal in 2009. Helen Stacey a former Riverlander and charter member of the Zonta Club of the Riverland shared her journey through artistic expression as a professional artist and Erica Majba, shared with us her recent journey to Laos providing a perspective of a land locked and spectacular developing country.

The birthday cake was cut by continuing charter members of the Zonta Club of the Riverland, Elma Mason and Lorraine Charity supported by six other charter members, Aileen Eldridge, Margaret Mudge, Julie Francis, Dalma Cooper, Helen Stacey and current President Marg Colby.

Former Zontians who have passed away were remembered in a candle ceremony including Charter President Glenda Virgin and Charter and dedicated member Joan Hensel.

Certificates of Appreciation were awarded to continuing Charter Members and dedicated Zontians for 25 years – Joylene Sweet (an apology), Elma Mason and

Lorraine Charity.

Certificates of Appreciation were also awarded to Charter Member Aileen Eldridge for her dedication to the Club in its early years by fulfilling all three executive two year positions over a period of 8 years and to Sharyn Schlein of Loxton who has displayed the same dedication in the past 8 years by also fulfilling each executive position for a term of 2 years and is the current Secretary.

Everyone had a thoroughly enjoyable dinner and evening. It was a fitting celebration for the Club which now moves on to its next 25 years with confidence

Area 2 Director Erica Majba, Past President and current Secretary Sharyn Schlein of Zonta Club of the Riverland and Daina Long of Zonta Club of Adelaide.



Birthing Kit Project Update

Dear Zonta friends,

I think you should all join in the elation that Jenny Weaver and I feel at the results of our recent trip to Ethiopia. It exceeded all our expectations.

We started with a 10-hour drive to Logyia a remote and distant township in the Afar region, where we met with Valerie Browning an Australian nurse who for 35 years has been dedicated to the Afar people.

Valerie married an Afar clansman, has two children and is much loved by the local people. They call her Maalika as a term of endearment, and there is a book available about her. She is a feisty, strong, caring woman who appears to almost single handedly run the Afar Pastoral Development Association. Valerie's family is funding the building of a new hospital in Mille about 80 km from her home, which will be dedicated, to her mother and to improving the wellbeing of women.

Sleeping was on mattresses set off the ground on a metal frame in an open compound. We shared this space with their pets - an impala, 2 ostriches and a turtle, as well as about 8 other people. The first night there was a thunderstorm and we all scattered for cover. The second night was just heaven sleeping in the open. Dawn was a rude awakening with nudges on the head from the impala and then the ostrich thought a couple of pecks might get me moving quicker!

Birthing Kit Project Update continued.....

"Without Zonta's support this project would not exist. Together we have achieved so much."

Julie Monis-Ivett

Life is simple but for a short time it was great fun. Food was the customary injira, a tasty savoury or vinegar pancake, along with a chickpea like mash, eaten by tearing the pancake and scooping the food into it. The usual temperature is 50 degrees, thankfully it was only 38. We visited Valerie as she runs a training program for the Foundation and we also fund the making of locally sourced birthing kits. We are always looking at ways to get the kits made in country and to work towards sustainability.

We spent a day with the local people at a village and then at a kabelle, the smallest gathering of a few huts. We asked Bur Ili Mohammed a Traditional Birth Attendant of 40 years experience what she had learned from her training. *"Before the training it was like working with our eyes closed:*

- *stopping female circumcision this is reality- it is better for the women*
 - *stopping the vertical cutting of the umbilical cord to let out the bad blood*
 - *giving lentils for anaemia*
 - *giving sugar, water and salt to the mum while in labour for energy, and when about to deliver give ground barley for quick energy*
 - *If the mother was short (sic young) at her first birth it is risky and she should go to hospital."*
- Had she noticed any improvement? *"Before we were in ignorance, those that died, died, now we know when to refer to a health worker and have noticed a big improvement."*

If we (that is the BKFA and Zonta) achieved nothing else, it was magic to hear the amazing words that after training, there will be whole regions of this remote country where in the future, women and girls will be spared circumcision. We were overwhelmed with the impact of the training program. Without Zonta's support this project would not exist. Together we have achieved so much.

There were many meetings at the Fistula Hospital, where we met with Catherine Hamlin and Mark Bennett, the CEO along with many wonderful staff. Our objective was to initiate the making of kits organised by people at the hospital or at Desta Mender, the midwifery training school, and assess our kit distribution program. Rotary had given us \$20,000 to have 7000 kits made for the Fistula Hospital. After much discussion the decision was

made to make 10,000 kits. Here most contents will be sourced from local manufacturers in Ethiopia. Again the first steps towards sustainability.

Our next successful appointment was with the Director General, Health Promotion and Disease Prevention at the Ministry of Health. Birthing kits made in Ethiopia by different organisations were costed at US\$4 each. When the Director General heard we could make the kits for under US\$1 he was most impressed. After meeting with the Deputy Director of Procurement a few days later we understood it is all about having the right product, at the right price, at the right time. A few weeks ago UNICEF had delivered 4 automatic conveyors. The MOH had changed its direction with supplies and now all supplies were centrally bought and distributed in over 140 new trucks, which delivered to the smallest kabelle. With this new direction and infrastructure they had delivered 12 million bed nets in 1.5 months. They had the ability and a staff of 700 able to produce our kits, as well as the distribution network to get them to the Health Extension Workers (HEW). We left with an assurance that within 3 to 5 months over 500,000 birthing kits initially would be made by the Ethiopian government for distribution to its people at no cost. The ultimate in sustainability. Be aware the more cynical in Addis Ababa were not as optimistic that this will happen.

You may ask if the government is making the kits why we will still encourage local production. The government policy is to distribute to midwives and to the 23,000 HEWs who they have recently trained. Trained midwives and HEWs come straight from school and when qualified are still in their early twenties usually with no children themselves and much less experience than a Traditional Birth Attendant (TBA). Currently 94% of all births are at home with a TBA as they have much experience and it may take a few years for the HEWs and TBAs to develop a mutually respectful working relationship. The government will not actively give kits to TBAs, only through a HEW or midwife, so we believe there may be a time when we will still be needed to supply the many TBAs.

We also met with Dr Luc who runs our projects in DR Congo, Kenya and Burundi. An amazing man,

again dedicated to his people. He spent two days at the Fistula Hospital and midwifery training school and came away with so much information to take to the training school he is building, along with a hospital in Uvira District in DR Congo. He was also in Nairobi sourcing supplies to make his own kits.

In all aspects this was a successful trip. In 6 months we will see how successful we were with the Ministry of Health. How wonderful to know female circumcision is being eradicated from the Afar life.

Julie Monis-Ivett
D 22, 23 and 24 Birthing Kit Project
Coordinator
Zonta Club Adelaide Hills
BKFA Director



Valerie Browning with Bur Ili Mohammed a Traditional Birth Attendant of 40 years experience who stopped female circumcision as well as many other unhealthy procedures once she had attended a training program funded by the BKFA



Jane M Klausman Update Holly Ransom - 2010 Recipient

Holly Ransom – the winner of the 2010 Jane M Klausman Women in Business Scholarship in District 23!

The selection process has been completed and I am happy to announce the results. There were 3 nominations received again this year – thank you to the Zonta Club of Bendigo, Area 3 and Area 5 through the Zonta Club of Queenborough for supporting this award.

Holly Ransom, the Area 3 nomination, has been selected as this year's District 23 winner of the Jane M Klausman Women in Business Scholarship. She is currently studying in the third year of a Degree in Arts/Law, majoring in Economics, at the University of WA. Her special subject areas of interest are management, economics and public policy. She has excelled during her tertiary studies, this year being selected to represent UWA at the World Universities Network Enterprises International Student Forum and last year being awarded scholarships to attend the Centre for Independent Studies "Liberty and Society" Conference in Sydney and the History of Economic Thought Association Conference.

Holly stated that she aims "to be an example of the exceptional contribution that women can bring to the decision-making table, and therefore, inspire young girls to be active contributors to social (and economic) reform and to political debates more generally." Her immediate goal is "to advance my studies to the highest level possible to provide myself with the best leverage with which to achieve my social aims." Holly's ultimate aim is to help others who are less fortunate and to provide a voice for those unable to be heard in the public arena. She is undecided whether this will take her into social entrepreneurship, economic and development policy work or not-for-profit management. She does know that she wants to have an impact on governments having a greater understanding of economic policy in development and on corporate organizations having a heightened social conscience in business.

Holly's volunteer and community work is nothing short of amazing – her involvement is at the highest level – as a peer tutor in the Sir Charles Court Young Leaders' Program; a mentor to first year university students at UWA; a member of the Red Cross Youth Advisory Council of WA; the community liaison officer with SIFE (Students in Free Enterprise) UWA, which is an international social entrepreneurship competition in universities in 48 countries; the Director of Young UNIFEM Perth; the executive assistant of Left Right Think Tank (WA), an organization to develop involvement of young people in public policy and debate; the founder and Director of the Women Who

Lead Initiative, an organization to foster mentorship for young women with women in leadership positions and an intern with Inspire Foundation (WA), an organization seeking to establish a Youth Engagement Strategy in the West Australian context.

Congratulations to Holly – her application forms will now be sent to Zonta International for consideration for one of the twelve ZI awards.

Karen Groves
D 23 Coordinator, 2010-2012
Jane M Klausman Women in Business Scholarship



Holly Ransom

PLEASE NOTE:

- All e-mails to District 23 should go to the e-mail address zontadistrict23@yahoo.com.au
- The 2010-2011 District 23 Directory and 2010-2012 District 23 Goals booklet have gone to the printers and will be distributed to clubs as soon as they are received from the printers. Already some errors have been noted in the Directory:
 - *page 14. Mary Gurone- remove business phone contact
 - *Jean Wyder telephone is 08 64677967H and email is wydervision@gmail.com
 - *page 6 – IT/Webmaster Tricia Summerfield. Home phone number is 08 9387 7124

Legislaive Awareness & Advocacy (LAA)

I would like to introduce myself to you as the District 23 Chairman of the LAA committee for the next biennium. I have only just returned from my long service leave holiday following convention. During this time I visited Central and South America and in a place called Ollantaytambo (Peru) I was lucky enough to see advocacy in action in a mother baby health clinic.

Women had walked for two and a half hours from the mountains to get their babies and children checked and then they were going to walk two and a half hours back home again. All because they did not have the 50 cents (equivalent) for transport on a horse or donkey from where they lived. They were not complaining and although they looked sad they were happy. The young American student volunteers at the centre who could speak English were their advocates. They were advocating for the women to have some nourishment and effective and efficient health care.

Spending some time in this clinic with these young women and seeing the mothers and babies, for me, was a sign that I had accepted the right offer from District Governor Jane for this portfolio. With your help, and that of Joanne Metzger who is working with me on this committee, I would like to make a positive difference in 2010 – 2012.

At Convention there was a space for the incoming District LAA chair people to meet. Seven LAA coordinators from various districts around the world met and had a discussion about what we were currently doing and what we planned to do in this biennium.

Unfortunately Denise Conroy, ZI LAA chair was unable to be at the meeting as the By-Laws were still being debated in the main forum and she was needed in there.

I spoke at this time about the LAA information kit that was developed by the Zonta Club of Perth (while Kay Poustie was D23 chair of LAA) and all were very interested in this resource and asked to have it sent to them. The D23 Board at their recent Board meeting recommended that this document be revised before being circulated.

My plan at this time is to contact all clubs through the District Secretary and ask you to identify your LAA representative. The time line for this will be short as we then want to ask for your feedback on the current version of the LAA information kit to publish a second edition that is reflective of all clubs input. I would like to have this task complete by the end of October.

Joanne and I look forward to working with you and in the meantime ask that you think about what you as a club want to achieve in this biennium in relation to LAA so that when we ask, you know.

I can be contacted at any time and would welcome any discussion. Please use myself and Joanne as your resource. Our contact details are in the directory.

Pauline Glover

Area 1 Report - Robyn Scholes, Area Director

At the start of my term as Area 1 Director I must pay tribute to the work Faye Juetz, has done during the last two years despite her setbacks health-wise. We all thank you Faye and wish you the very best in all that you do.

Within the Area much has been going on. The Zonta Club of Frankston celebrated its 30th birthday in great style at the Peninsula Golf Club. What a wonderful setting, complimented by delicious food, a fantastic cake made by the Club president and a fitting walk back through the 30 years. Amongst the many attendees – Zontians, charter and former members, dignitaries and friends - was the husband and many family members of a Charter member, Loraine Donnelly who had passed away. This was a great tribute to not only the club, but also to the Zontian no longer present. It is interesting to note that Julie Wiltshire, who proposed the toast, was a Charter member of the Frankston Club.



ZC Frankston's 30th Birthday

All Clubs in Area 1 have either worked on producing more breast care cushions or have conducted a Birthing Kit assembly day or both. The Zonta Club of Frankston took a different approach to the Birthing Kit project and forwarded \$2000 to the Birthing Kit Foundation specifically to be used for education in the Congo.

A worthwhile Service project conducted by ZC Mornington Peninsula was assisting local police in presenting a workshop titled "In their Shoes" relating to strategies in dealing with family violence situations.

Fundraising has taken on various forms. Bunnings sausage sizzles continue to be a relatively easy way for our Clubs to raise money. Regular movie nights are also successful with some clubs. The Zonta Club of Melbourne on Yarra conducted a fun and financially profitable "Unconventional Dinner" the week before Convention in San Antonio. Based on a Texan theme, and with members catering, a great yahoo was had all round.

All Clubs have reported great plans for the rest of the year including YWPA, club scholarships and some stimulating functions such as the Z/ C Melbourne on Yarra Breakfast seminar, which I will report on in the next Newsflash. Many clubs mentioned prospective members in the wings.

I look forward to the coming two years working with the Presidents of Frankston, Melbourne on Yarra, Melbourne's West, Mornington and Waverley to advance and promote the goals of our great organization.

Area 2 Report - Erica Majba, Area Director

PRESIDENT'S MEETING

It was pleasing to see how many new Presidents attended or sent delegates to the first President's meeting of the new biennium. As our area covers clubs from afar it also was reasonable that some clubs were not able to send members. However circulation of reports and minutes will at least keep them in touch with what is happening in other clubs. I invited a guest speaker from Soroptomists International to speak about her experiences and knowledge of what her service organisation is doing locally to raise funds. A number of interesting ideas were raised and discussed. The outcome of the talk was agreement that all clubs would complete a fundraising review form (a simple tick sheet) and report back to the next President's meeting on what they learnt from reflecting on the types of activities and the varying successes. I will forward a copy of the one page review to other Area Directors.

As a group we decided on a preferred format for future meetings. Area 2 will hold bi-monthly President's meetings. By circulating written reports prior to the meeting (including the Area Director's report) we will spend less time on information that can be read. The focus of the meetings will be on decision making, discussion and a guest speaker. We aim to have short sharp and lively meetings that will engage not only our Presidents, but new Board members and other club members. The importance of networking between clubs should not be undervalued. A new club member attended the August President's meeting and recommended that this should be considered as part of the induction process for all new Zontians.

PAST PRESIDENT'S MEETING

Area 2 held the second Past President's meeting in August. Whilst the emphasis was on fellowship an informal meeting included introductions by all attending. Discussion also occurred about how to harness the skills and experiences of our Past Presidents to support clubs in the Area. A survey will be disseminated to invite members of this group to indicate their interest in one or more of the following activities: Mentoring, involvement in the Area 2 Workshop, encouraging club members to attend the Area 2 Status of Women meetings and take the lead in visiting other club meetings.

My reflections after attending the Riverland club's 25th birthday (apart from the memory of the warmth of hospitality and a great evening):

- The importance of making club archives accessible. On the evening the folders with pictures, newsletters, fund raising fliers etc provided a focus for discussion and created a great sense of history.
- I wondered if clubs are making use of the Zonta balloons that are available from the Bunbury club? They certainly added a festive air and good branding at the dinner. An example is shown in the photograph of the Riverland club's birthday celebration.
- Don't forget to book the District banners for public functions.

Area 3 Report - Leanne Sultan, Area Director

All Area 3 Clubs have been actively engaged in a wide variety of service projects as well as the assembly and distribution of Birthing Kits and Breast Care Cushions.

The Area 3 Jane M Klausman business scholarship recipient for 2010 is Holly Ransom. Holly is very excited about her application being forwarded to District for consideration and will accept her Area 3 award at the Founders Dinner hosted by the Dunsborough Club on the 6 November.

Past Area 3 Director Judy Tennant and her Workshop Committee from the Zonta Club of Perth co-hosted the final Area workshop for the biennium on 29 May. The Workshop titled, "Footprints in the sand – walking with

Zonta" was held at a venue overlooking Swanbourne beach on a sunny winter Saturday. Over fifty Zontians were inspired by a key note address given by 2009 WA Youth Citizen of the Year, Elizabeth Shaw, who spoke about her work and her involvement with Young UNIFEM in WA. Diana Rigg, one of WA's '40 under 40' achievers spoke about balancing a full time job with her Zonta commitments.



Area 4 Report - Margaret Hinks, Area Director

Geelong

What an exciting night Wednesday the 7th of August was for the Geelong club with the chartering of their new Z Club at Matthew Flinders Girls Secondary College. Congratulations to all the members and in particular to Z Club adviser Joanne Metzger for all her hard work. The Z Club has elected a wonderful team of office bearers. The members were inducted by new district Z Club & Golden Z Club Committee Chairman Phillipa Challis. It was a privilege to have present International Director Beryl McMillan and MFGSC Principal Jennifer Hawkins and members of other Zonta clubs in the area.

Wangaratta

The Wangaratta club is suffering from what a lot of our clubs suffer from at this time of the year with the annual migration to the warmer climate up north; however they are organising a fundraising dinner on August 21st. The club is looking forward to White Ribbon Day after their very successful sale of White Ribbons and wrist bands last year. At the next meeting they have a speaker from amateur theatre with information on the setting up of a theatre training area for young people – sure to be a fun night.

Melton

Congratulation to the Melton club on being awarded a grant from the Shire of Melton of \$3000 for their ZADS project. This is a wonderful boost for their project, and the Shire have also offered to help the club with the advertising and promotion of the ZADS project. The Melton club has agreed to sponsor a program called CHIC. This 19 week program is for girls in years 8 to 11 at Staughton Secondary College. The program covers subjects such as Who am I, Family and friends, Decision Making and Priorities, Healthy Relationships, Listening and Respect, Body Image, My Future. A fashion parade is planned for September and a Bunning's B.B.Q. and Christmas Market in October.

Bendigo

We extend sympathy to the Zonta Club of Bendigo on the passing of their dearly loved member Helen Murray. Helen had been a very valued member of the club since the early 1990's and was a great supporter of Bendigo's open garden day among the many other ways that she contributed. Bendigo inducted a new member, Jennifer Street. We welcome Jennifer to the world of Zonta. Congratulations to our Amelia Earhart applicant Lauren Burns on winning one of the annual fellowships. Lauren is a doctoral student researching the parallels between the strength of tree branches and the construction of aircraft. Lauren is a student at RMIT in Melbourne and receives US \$10,000. Congratulations Lauren we wish you all the best in your further studies. Bendigo will hold their annual Open Gardens on the 31st of October.

Ballarat

Ballarat club inducted Lee Belcher as President and Stella Coffey as Secretary at their changeover meeting which was attended by Zontians and many guests, which is a great way to spread the 'Z' word as DG Jane has requested we do. At the July meeting Talia Barratt was guest speaker, speaking about migrants in Australia and the work she does with them and the ways that we can interact with them.

Z Club Charter (L -R) Beryl McMillan (ZI Director), Chris Denmead (Pres ZC Geelong), Katelyn Boddington (Pres Z Club), Joanne Metzger (Z Club Mentor), Phillipa Challis (Z Club Committee Chair), Margaret Hinks (A4 Director)



Kyneton

Congratulations to Margaret Lynch and her new board at the Kyneton club, Margaret has some great plans and we wish her well. Vicki and Annamarie have returned from their 10 day trip to East Timor where they visited the Macedon Ranges Friends in East Timor, the Bendigo Friendship accommodation house commonly known as Little Australia. Annamarie was able to deliver equipment to the hospital, what a busy time the girls had. Kyneton conducted a very successful birthing kit assembly day at Braemar College this month. A new website for Kyneton is in the process and we look forward to that. Among other events Kyneton is planning a Theatre night at the Kyneton Theatre Company to enjoy their One Act Plays

Albury Wodonga

Jan Hastings, Albury Wodonga's new President has just returned to Albury. We look forward to news from Albury next Newsflash.

All District merchandise should now be ordered through D23 Treasurer Carolyn Colquhoun cmc2@bigpond.net.au or phone 08 8431 1424

From the Editor:

Thank you to all who contributed to this edition of the Newsflash.

It would be appreciated if the deadline for the next issue could be brought forward to 3rd October 2010 to ensure I receive all reports prior to going on holidays.

Thank you in anticipation.

Jane

Area 5 Report - Carol Fuller, Area Director

While the Tasmanian winter has been chilly, encouraging hibernation, Tasmanian Zontians have not been lazing in front of the fire. One cold and rainy Sunday just before the new District Board convened in Melbourne, Georgie Hutchinson kindly met with the incoming Area Director, Carol Fuller, and in front of a blazing fire at Christmas Hills Raspberry Farm (a must if you ever visit the North West Coast of Tas) Georgie handed over the reins of responsibility. Georgie has been a magnificent Area Director and her flair and verve will not be lost but channelled back into the Devonport club with the occasional helping hand to the new Area Director.

As reported in the last issue of News Flash the Hobart East and Queenborough clubs have been investigating amalgamation. On 21st June 2010, at a joint dinner meeting, both clubs agreed to amalgamate, with Hobart Derwent the proposed new club name. This name has been sent to Zonta International via the District Governor for approval. Both clubs look forward to a vibrant future in the new club.

In the mean time each club has continued with their individual plans with Hobart East holding a very successful cooking demonstration by well-known ABC cook Sally Wise. Funds raised will support programs in Eastern Shore (Hobart) schools to develop self-confidence in girls. Both Hobart and Hobart East continue to hold regular Breast Cushion working bees adding to the supply of this precious commodity.

Hobart Club organised a Birthing Kit Assembly Day at the Australian Medical Students Conference and is also planning to involve local schools in subsequent assembly days and breast cushion projects. Engaging young people in schools in Zonta work has numerous pay offs. It spreads understanding of Zonta as an organisation through the community, it encourages young women to become committed to community service and involvement in Zonta from an early age provides our organisation with potential future members.

Devonport and Launceston members met in July to pack Birthing Kits

following a Tasmanian trend for clubs to work more closely together to reach our Zonta goals.



Devonport Club members at work on Birthing Kits.



Likewise Queenborough club has co-ordinated the Jane Klausman award for Area 5 to which all Tasmanian clubs contribute. We were delighted that we were able to nominate one of only 3 candidates from the whole District demonstrating that although our member numbers are small our work is still being completed and our goals achieved.

During June and July Launceston have advertised and received applications for our Young Women's Achievement award and the club, in conjunction with the Royal Flying Doctor Service Tas section, will be interviewing young women for the Zonta/RFDS Dental Assistant Scholarship which is presented each year, allowing the recipient to experience a two week work placement with the RFDS Dental Service based in Broken Hill.

All clubs are waiting in anticipation of reports back from the International convention in San Antonio. Jill Taylor has kindly sent a report to those clubs for which she held a proxy and Jill has also offered to visit Launceston to share her experiences with those of us

who would have loved to have attended but for various reasons (that you can imagine) couldn't.

Finally in this quick trip around Tasmania, Queenborough members have participated in a memorial service to commemorate Missing Person's Week. Those whose loved ones have gone missing do not have closure and have no place to go. Grace Seed, a member of the Zonta Club of Queenborough, became aware of the need for a place to visit and with the Club's backing worked with the Kingborough Council to have a garden for grieving people to come to reflect. The garden is at Dru Point, Margate. Each year on the last Saturday of Missing Person's Week, the Club holds a short ceremony at the Garden. In the ceremony, scripture and poems are read with the aim to bring comfort to those grieving. Candles are lit to remember those people who are still missing. This year a police piper was able to play giving an extra meaning to the ceremony. After the emotional ceremony a barbecue was held bringing a new dimension to the mood. It was a time of chatter, laughter and fellowship.



Members of Zonta Club of Queenborough in attendance at a service to mark Missing Person's Week

Next weekend the Area 5 Presidents will be meeting to discuss amongst other things, the last District Board meeting, the Area 5 workshop for 2011 but most exciting we will be considering DG Jane Smith's suggestion that Tasmania host the next District Board meeting in February 2011. This would be an excellent opportunity for every Tasmanian Zontian to meet our District leaders and to become more closely acquainted with the organisation at the national level. On that very positive note, that's all from Area 5 for now.