



# Zonta International District 23 Inc

*Advancing the Status of Women Worldwide*

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### *From the Governor.....*

District 23 Zontians,

So much has happened since the last Newsflash.

We now have a female Prime Minister. That's news, whatever your political views! I hope this inspires more women to take on prominent leadership roles.

Kate Ellis has been appointed the Minister for Employment Participation and Child Care and the Minister for the Status of Women. The Shadow Parliamentary Secretary for the Status of Women is Michaelia Cash. We have written to these ladies with a hope that Zonta will be recognised by them.

I wonder how many of you have heard of the Australian Women's Coalition (AWC)? I had heard of it but did not know much about it until recently. The AWC is a national coalition of women's non-government organisations. The AWC's mission is to work collaboratively to advance the status of women by: increasing communication within the women's sector; clearly identifying the needs of women represented by the partners of the coalition; initiating policies, programs and partnerships to address these needs; and advocating on women's issues to government and the community. It is a very strong group of powerful organisations. Their website is [www.awcaus.org.au](http://www.awcaus.org.au)

Zonta was originally represented nationally by District 24. Through negotiations over the past weeks District 23 is now a member in its own right. As most of the meetings are held in Sydney, Sharyl Scott from District 24, who has been the Zonta representative on the AWC for four years, has accepted to be the delegate for District 23, with myself or nominated representative as alternate. The great news is that at the AGM held recently Sharyl was elected President of the AWC which is great for Zonta. I am sure that over the coming months you will hear much more about the work of the AWC and how we can become involved. When speaking of our association with the AWC Sharon says "I believe that Zontians need to see their work will be of greater significance, even from a community effort, if they can link it with the bigger picture of working for women's rights in Australia".

The new **District Directory and 2010-2012 Biennial Goals** have been printed and distributed. With their bright orange covers you will not lose them on your desk or in your Zonta bag. Please take time to look through these valuable tools.

The District Directory not only contains names and addresses of the D23

Board, District team and club details but there is also much other very useful information.

*When is our D23 2011 Conference?*

*What are our fees?*

*Where do you get President's pins?*

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I know many clubs have already based their club goals on the ZI goals set by International President Dianne Curtis.

Jane Smith

Governor, District 23



Governor Jane at a Breast Cushion Workshop

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## Membership

Cintra Amos

### Have you dropped the 'Z' Word Lately?

In the words of Ragna Karlsdottir, ZI OM&C Committee Chair, "Membership growth is the responsibility of each and every member" and her primary goal for the current biennium is to achieve a net increase of at least one member for every club in the world!

### Let's rise to the Challenge!!!

This means that if your club started the biennium in July 2010 with 25 members, they should finish the biennium in June 2012 with at least 26 members, or if you started with 19 aim to finish with 20, etc.

*"At a time when Zonta is being called upon more and more to help women, we do so in face of stagnant membership" says ZI President Dianne Curtis, "and membership is vital to our ability to influence the status of women in the future."*

We all have a strong personal commitment to Zonta and are proud of our Zonta membership. So that we can indeed continue to influence the status of women, we must all get motivated and take every opportunity to offer Zonta membership to others.

Updated District Brochures will be available soon – take them everywhere with you! Dust off your Zonta pin (available from District Treasurer) – and wear it everywhere! Make sure your club logo appears everywhere!

At the Turin Convention all districts who have met this goal will be acknowledged. Yes, it is an ambitious goal, but we can make it happen.

**So, drop that 'Z' word whenever you can and let's just do it!!!**

### 11<sup>th</sup> District 23 Conference



**Melbourne,  
7 - 9 October 2011**

## Zonta International Foundation

Alison Martin

There are many reasons why members initially join our organisation and like everything in life this reason changes as we learn and grow. What makes Zonta International unique is our capacity to change the lives of women in need **internationally**.

By donating to our Zonta International Foundation **all** members' donations and contributions from clubs is pooled to assist not only women in need through our wonderful International Service Projects, but contributes to recognizing inspiring young women through our Awards and Scholarship programs.

The ZIF goal this biennium is US\$3,758,000. This is the **minimum** needed and should be surpassed if we are to **sustain** the future of the women we are committed to help. With more than 1200 clubs in 66 countries we can achieve this goal.

Just think if every one of our approximately 31,000 members world-wide personally donated the cost of a cup of coffee or \$4 at a club meeting then this equate to \$124,000 and would surpass the ZIF budget for the Young Women in Public Affairs Award! We can do it! I encourage all club Presidents to plan a meeting (or a number of

meetings!) when members can make this small individual donation.

Of course we don't have to wait for our President to organise this, anyone can donate online. Check out the ZI website <https://www.zonta.org/ZIFoundation/DonateNow.aspx> and see just how easy it is to make an individual donation securely from the comfort of your own home.

This is our brief history of assisting women:

- Zonta International was founded in 1919
- First club in Australia chartered 1929
- District 23 formed in 1989 after our separation with New Zealand which is District 16

So you see Zonta members in Australia have been improving the lives of women since 1929!

Our District has a wonderful record of **all** clubs annually contributing part of their service funds to ZIF, as well as supporting their local community. Let's continue this tradition with all clubs again annually agreeing to contribute one-third of service funds to the International Projects and Awards as selected by members.

## Public Relations and Communications

Faye Juetz

Some time ago, I was invited to speak about Zonta at a Werribee Rotary Club meeting. Our District 23 projects were of great interest to the members and resulted in the club donating \$500 towards the next birthing kit assembly round. Dressed proudly in our footy club colours, Rotary immediate Past President Mim Micallef and I called a truce for presentation of the cheque – she will be ecstatic with Collingwood's win!



The Zonta Club of Melbourne's West has a regular position in the curriculum of two secondary schools where 2600 birthing kits have just been completed.

In addition to the assemblies, students make good use of the District 23 website in order to research and prepare their own Zonta presentations for the school community.

# Young Women In Public Affairs

Bianca Heaney

Applications for the 2011 Young Women in Public Affairs Award are now available on the Zonta International website [www.zonta.org](http://www.zonta.org). Please note that the Application Form has been revised. Ensure that all applicants use the 2011 version. There have been a few changes to the eligibility criteria. These changes are outlined below:

- Applicants must be 16-19 years old;
- Applicants must be living or studying in a Zonta district or region at the time of application;

Applicants must also demonstrate evidence of the following:

- Experience in local or student government;
- Knowledge of Zonta International and its Programs;
- Advocating on behalf of ZI's mission to advance the status of women worldwide.

In order for more women to be represented in key decision making positions worldwide, we must encourage young women to pursue careers or seek leadership positions in public policy making, government and volunteer organisations and further their education with these aims in mind.

Public affairs refer to all aspects of community life where decisions have to be made about issues which relate

to and affect those communities in which the applicant works and lives.

At Club level the YWPA program offers opportunities to generate publicity that promotes the Club, District 23 and Zonta International as an organization committed to programs that work to advance the status of women.

A new YWPA 2011 poster is available to download <http://www.zonta.org/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=5-EjKKSvQI0%3d&tabid=87>

Congratulations to the Zonta Club of Perth Northern Suburbs who received recognition of the wonderful work they do with the YWPA program by the Hon Liz Behjat MLC in a speech to the Legislative Council on 10 August 2010, which is now recorded in Hansard. This is a first for the club and a wonderful achievement for Zonta in Area 3. Well done.

If you would like a copy of the Hansard extract (too big to include in the Newsflash) or need further information or assistance with the YWPA program please check the ZI website or contact Bianca Heaney D23 YWPA Coordinator, mobile 0417398559 or email

[bianca.heaney@optusnet.com.au](mailto:bianca.heaney@optusnet.com.au)

## Zonta Club of Port Lincoln is calling younger members!

We are always keen to welcome younger members. Miranda Jutzen attended her first meeting at 6 weeks old with her Mum Belinda and has attended several board meetings too.

Miranda is the granddaughter of our Governor Jane Smith. Here Miranda is sporting a fabulous mini Zontian tee-shirt which her Nanma (Jane) brought back from the convention in San Antonio.

Miranda's favourite magazine is the Zontian. What page does she like best? The one with the picture of "my Nanma".



### Club Newsletters

Please send your club newsletter to our Webmaster Tricia Summerfield ([trisum@inet.net.au](mailto:trisum@inet.net.au)) for inclusion on our District 23 Website. Before sending ensure, for privacy reasons, that you do not include address and contact details of your members.

# Amelia Earhart Fellowships 2011

Carole Theobald

Do you know a woman pursuing a graduate PhD/doctoral degree in aerospace-related sciences or aerospace-related engineering? Do you know someone that knows someone that does?

If so, please tell them about the Amelia Earhart Fellowships that were established in 1938 in honour of famous aviatrix and Zontian, Amelia Earhart.

The Amelia Earhart Fellowships are valued at **US\$10,000** and the funds

may be used for tuition, books and fees or living expenses.

AE Fellows may accept additional grants and scholarships from other sources.

Just direct potential applicants to the Zonta International website at [www.zonta.org](http://www.zonta.org) to download the application form and a host of supporting information.

Applications close on **15 November 2010** – so start spreading the word today!!

## 2011 Amelia Earhart Fellowship



award **US\$10,000** to 30 innovative women around the globe each year

### applicant requirements

- To be eligible to be considered for the award, you must be a woman pursuing a graduate degree in aerospace-related sciences or aerospace-related engineering.
- You must be a citizen or permanent resident of the United States or Canada.
- You must be a member of Zonta International.
- You must be a woman pursuing a graduate degree in aerospace-related sciences or aerospace-related engineering.
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### deadline

15 November 2010

### submissions

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# United Nations

Anastasia Maslij

2010 will certainly be a year to remember, especially for women internationally. We have seen the United Nations General Assembly vote unanimously on July 2 to create UN Women – a new entity to oversee all of the world body's programmes aimed at promoting women's rights and full participation in global affairs. On September 14, the UN Secretary General, Ban Ki-moon named former Chilean president, Michelle Bachelet as the Under-Secretary-General of UN Women. Within the UN, it will hold the world body accountable for its own commitments on gender equality. This is indeed an amazing development in women's rights and I encourage you all to read more at [www.unwomen.org](http://www.unwomen.org).

I recently asked Club presidents in the District to e-mail me about planned

activities and/or events for United Nations Day (Oct 24), White Ribbon Day (Nov 25) and International Women's Day (Mar 8). These are the most publicised UN observance days and lots of Clubs have various functions and activities planned. But there are other days, activities and resolutions that can be linked with Club activities. For example, the Zonta Club of Bunbury, in conjunction with a local bookseller and newsagency, presented books to mothers and their newborn babies to celebrate International Literacy Day on September 8 (and they received great press coverage too!!). My own Club, Perth Northern Suburbs will be hosting a UN Women Spring Walk on October 24.

I hope that all of you have had an opportunity to see the latest DVD from

the Birthing Kit Foundation (if not, harass your President!!). They have linked the UN Millennium Development Goals (MDG's) to the Birthing Kit Project so fantastically and Clubs can also do this with their own projects. It can help give the project credibility in the eyes of outside parties when you are trying to attract OPM – Other People's Money! I will be working with Odile Glenn to produce a condensed version of the MDG's with examples of links. In the meantime, I look forward to hearing from all the Clubs in the District about their UN connections! Also, if you haven't done so already, don't forget to "Say No" @

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

# Status of Women Service

Jill Taylor

Service Committee members have been communicating through email to develop an action plan for the 2010-2012 biennium which will shortly be submitted to the District Governor and Board for endorsement. The purpose of the plan is to ensure that the committee's work is consistent with the requirements outlined by Zonta International and the International and District biennium goals.

One of the actions proposed is the compilation of a register of service activities undertaken by clubs in District 23. I have been able to identify some service activities through club newsletters but of course not all clubs publish newsletters. Once the action plan has been endorsed by the District Board I will be asking Area Directors to assist in populating the register with service activities when they meet or communicate with their Club Presidents. I know clubs are keen to keep reporting requirements simple, so there will be no mandatory reporting, but rather clubs will be encouraged to email details of their service activities. The register will then, in turn, be forwarded to clubs at regular intervals so that ideas may be shared.

The Service Committee consists of members who coordinate the various awards such as Young Women in Public Affairs (YWPA), Jane M Klausman Women in Business Scholarships, Amelia Earhart Fellowship, Zonta International Strategies to Eradicate Violence against Women (ZISVAW) and Z Clubs and Golden Z Clubs. Each Co-ordinator is keen to hear from clubs interested in participating in these important activities and their contact details are available in the District Directory 2010-2012. I would also urge your club, when making contributions to Zonta International Foundation, to keep these awards in mind.

Together with Pauline Glover, (Adelaide Flinders) and Jasmine Koch (Melbourne on Yarra) I had the opportunity to visit the Ninety Nines Inc. museum at Oklahoma City Airport following convention. Amelia Earhart was a founding member and first President of this organisation of women pilots. Amelia's early flying achievements are a highlight of the museum including a detailed account, together with photographs, of her ill-fated flight across the Pacific in 1937.

Amelia left Lae in Papua/New Guinea on 2 July, 1937, and went missing. Her remains and the debris of her plane have never been recovered. In her role as President, Amelia was known for her support and advancing the cause of women in aviation. It was Amelia's suggestion that the organisation's name be based on the number of charter members; there were ninety nine. Also featured in the museum are two well known Australian aviators, viz. Nancy-Bird Walton, who was Australia's first female pilot and Gaby Kennard, who flew solo around the world. The museum is certainly worth a visit if you are in Oklahoma City.



Pauline Glover and Jasmine Koch at the 99's Museum of Women Pilots, Oklahoma City.

## Birthing Kit Project

Jenny Weaver

We visited Ethiopia in late July and found the project in Afar, run by Valerie Browning, working brilliantly. The Addis Ababa Fistula Hospital, where many of our kits currently go, is looking at options to produce their own kits. We also discussed local production with Ruth Kennedy in Tigray Province (north) and the Ministry of Health (MOH), which plans to use our kit as their model.

Dr Luc from Congo came up to Addis to see us and is also getting local production going under our guidance and with our support.

The Birthing Kit Foundation has been accepted for the Hunter Hall Charitable Scheme. The scheme allows shareholders a vote to donate a percentage of the profits to charity. If you own shares, please vote for us when the papers come out in the next few months.

Jenny Weaver and Joy O'Hazy attended the United Nations Department of Public Information Non-Government Organisations Conference in Melbourne last month on Advance Global Health. It was a shame Zonta was not represented there in its own right.

We learnt a lot about human rights, comprehensive primary health and the importance of high quality education is the basis of a good health care system.



Julie Monis-Ivett, Valerie Browning and Jenny Weaver.

## District 23 Zontians at UN Conference.

'Advance Global Health: Achieve the Millennium Development Goals' was the title of the 63<sup>rd</sup> Annual United Nations Department of Public Information / Non-Governmental Organizations Conference, held in Melbourne from 30 August to 1 September 2010.

The Conference examined some of the critical issues that support or hinder achievement of these goals through four 'Roundtable' presentations and 55 'workshops'. A consistent theme was that the most successful projects are those that are initiated within the community in which they are based and directly engage community members, creating learning opportunities and ensuring long term impact.

While each annual DPI/NGO conference has a different theme, the focus on health issues was well suited to active participation by Zonta International.

Cooperation between the UN and Non-Government Organizations (NGOs) is exemplified by Zonta's project partnerships with UNIFEM and UNFPA. Despite attempts by Zonta's UN Chairman Mary Ann Tarantula, and further attempts within Australia, it was not possible to arrange formal Zonta representation at the conference.

However, District 23 Zontians Beryl McMillan and Ronda Walker gained last minute registration through the Australian Women's Coalition and Joy O'Hazy and Jenny Weaver represented the Birthing Kit Foundation. Our AWC representative Sharyl Scott (District 24) attended as part of the AWC delegation.

A declaration endorsed by Conference delegates was presented to the UN Meeting held in New York in September, calling on all governments, agencies, NGOs, corporations and individuals to deliver on their human rights obligations to over a billion people living in poverty, by committing the finances and political will necessary to achieve the MDGs, set in 2005, by 2015.

Ronda Walker, Zonta Club of Kyneton.

## Young Women Speak Out at the World Youth Conference!



Young activists from around the world convened at the Young Women's Forum in August, held during the 5<sup>th</sup> World Youth Conference in León, Mexico. Sponsored by UNIFEM, the forum involved a day of panels on issues such as technology, peace building and ending violence against women. The forum was capped by a rousing final concert attended by 3,000 people.

At the concert, a series of singers rallied support for the UN Secretary-General's UNITE to End Violence against Women campaign.

Performers included Debi Nova, a Costa Rican singer based in the United States; G-Town, a hip-hop group of three Palestinian youths; and Pambo, a Mexican singer. The acts had diverse musical styles, and performed in English, Arabic and Spanish. But they shared the same message: It's time to end violence against women and girls.

"I decided to support the UNITE campaign because violence against women is a basic violation of human rights," said [Debi Nova in an interview](#) at the forum. "When women are going through that it is very difficult to come out and speak. Programmes like this can really help women come out of their prisons."

She pointed out that gender violence is something she has personally experienced. "So I didn't have a doubt that I wanted to use my voice to help eradicate this problem. We're not alone. We all go through hard times. We're strong women and we can get through it."

Inés Alberdi, the UNIFEM Executive Director, and Nadine Gasman, the Director of the UNITE campaign for Latin America and the Caribbean, delivered opening remarks at the concert, stressing the need to empower youth in the fight against gender-based violence.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

- November 8 Zonta International's 91st Birthday
- November 15 Amelia Earhart Fellowships applications due to ZI & Governor
- November 25 International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women—White Ribbon Day
- 25 Nov -10 Dec 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence
- December 1 World AIDS Day
- December 5 International Volunteer's Day
- December 5 Articles due to *Newsflash* Editor, Jane Adornetto
- December 10 UN Universal Human Rights Day

# Yarri Wada Project Update

Zonta Club of Perth

## Lotterywest funding sees Kimberley Project Continue!

A huge thank you goes to all the Zonta Clubs in District 23 that supported the Yarri Wada Project in the last biennium. In recent months, the funds have been matched by the Unity of First People of Australia and a Project Manager has been employed to see the continuation of the education programs commenced as part of the Yarri Wada Puppet Project.

Meanwhile Yarri Wada Project Coordinators Fiona Crowe and Sciona Browne, applied for funding to continue the programs and have been waiting to hear if they have been successful... **It is now official – Lotterywest has granted \$230,307 to ensure the work continues for two more years.**

The project will move forward under the name '**ILERLA**' - meaning 'young youth'. It targets young people in the remote Kimberley region of Western Australia who live in environments where there are high levels of alcohol abuse, drug abuse and violence.

**Ilarla** will be administered by the Unity of First People of Australia and the Zonta Club of Perth will continue to be involved through representation on the Community Reference Group

to whom the Project Manager reports. In addition, the club will also assist with seeking funding to sustain the program beyond the next two years.

**Ilarla** brings together community elders and a host of local organizations and government agencies such as True Blue Dreaming, Rainbow Program, WA Police, WA Health Department, Curtin University, University of South Australia, Kimberley Aboriginal Medical Services, Aboriginal Healthwork, Mooditj, Standby Me, Nunga Women's Workshops, St John Ambulance and many more! Mowunjum resident, Leah Umbagai, will coordinate a range of programs aimed at children, youth, young adults, young parents, mothers, fathers and grandparents. The **Ilarla Project** is based at Mowunjum (10km south of Derby) but will also include communities on the Gibb River Road up to 500km away.

With talks by indigenous role models, professional assistance to deal with emotional and physical trauma and after school activities such as art workshops, drop in centre for homework, puppet theatre activities, in-country camps, traditional dance afternoons and a 'kids club' that incorporates a sleep-over from Friday

night for those children who are unsafe at home on weekends, children will have opportunities to broaden their thinking and be empowered to make good decisions for the future. Additional programs designed to help youth navigate puberty more safely include high school sex education programs, as so many of the 15-18 year olds are at high risk of unplanned pregnancy, sexually transmitted infections and breakdown in mental health. The Kimberley Land Council will also take boys and girls on a bush training program to show them how to monitor the environment and animals and manage the country using traditional techniques such as controlled

burning. The whole community will be touched by **Ilarla**.



For more information on this fantastic good news story, please see the last Yarri Wada News that has been distributed to all clubs and that may be downloaded from [www.zontaperth.org.au](http://www.zontaperth.org.au)

## Area 5 Report

Carol Fuller Area Director

The most exciting Tasmanian development is the beginning of the 'new' **Hobart Derwent** club. In September I received the minutes of the first combined meeting which documented the last stages of communication with ZI. However the official renaming won't be until next February, to coincide with the next District Board meeting, allowing Jane Smith, District Governor to attend the formalities. While we hate to see the overall number of clubs in Tasmania reduced, it is gratifying to see two smaller clubs combining to produce a more viable membership base. Hobart East and Queenborough have always been vibrant and healthy clubs despite numbers, but now we can expect even more. We all know that more hands make our Zonta work more feasible and prevent dedicated members becoming over-worked and disillusioned.

Congratulations to both these clubs for their creative and progressive thinking and best wishes for your new partnership.

As the year rapidly disappears, Tasmanian clubs are gearing up for the better weather and our fund raising projects. Both **Hobart** and **Hobart Derwent** are planning Trivia evenings while **Devonport** is on track for their annual Fashion Parade.

**Launceston** will be labouring in the kitchen soon, baking the annual batch of Christmas shortbread. On the membership front **Hobart** are planning to canvass prominent Tasmanian women and their friends and **Launceston** is looking to induct a new member.

Breast cushions were on display in Hobart, courtesy of **Hobart Derwent** members, thus gaining publicity for Zonta service projects.

**Hobart Derwent** is also planning a

White Ribbon Day dinner while **Launceston** are in the throes of meeting with other local service providers to plan the White Ribbon events for the Launceston community. But Zonta isn't all work! The **Launceston** Zontians took time out to attend a performance of "Menopause the Musical" preceded by a convivial pre-theatre meal at the Area Director's home (below).



# HISTORY AND ARCHIVES

**Lennie McCall, AM**

Members will be delighted to hear that Val Sarah AM PIP of Ballarat has been invited by ZI President Dianne to chair the "Centennial Committee". Val writes to our committee *"...specifically to open negotiations with the publisher of our 80th anniversary history, for a centennial issue. The invitation came when she had had an opportunity to speak with the new International Board and specifically with our President-Elect to ensure that there would be some continuity moving forward to 2019. It's an exciting prospect, and, even though our Centenary is a few years away, I'm sure there will be a very strong input from Districts worldwide, including District 23. It will be quite a while before we have any firm guidelines to share..."* We send our warm congratulations to Val.

Please let me have your views about what our Committee might like to offer in the way of ideas which could be developed and possibly included in a centennial history. Suggestions by Club members will be most welcome.

For the past four years we have been thinking about and planning for our own District 23 Golden Jubilee in 2016. We are indeed fortunate to have Val as one of our Consultants. Please consider becoming involved.

## **From PIP Val Sarah, AM**

The purpose of the Centennial Anniversary Committee is *"to propose plans to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Zonta International with the publication of a centennial history together with a range of celebratory events in every country of the Zonta world"*.

We have a small committee with specific expertise to offer. You'll be delighted to hear that appointments for 2010-2012 include Ronda Walker as Vice-Chairman. Eva Nielsen of Denmark has provided guidelines for District Historians, and Ronda for Club Historians. Once the Committee has contact details for District Historians from their respective Governors, the companion documents will be forwarded to each District Historian for action as appropriate. Katie Beer of Hawaii will be responsible for planning audio-visual, documentary and oral archive activity, while Amy Lai of Taipei will focus on the potential range of celebrations which Zontians worldwide might like to consider for our Centennial year in 2019.

President Dianne Curtis and I have been in constant contact with the Publisher of our 80th Anniversary history, to elicit ideas for the Centennial publication. In mid-September, we delivered our first report with a 5-phase strategy through to 2020 for the International Board to consider at their Board Meeting in late October.

District 23 is an exceptional District in its focus on history and archive, and Ronda and I are hoping that some fruitful ideas will emerge in conversations at area meetings and at District Conference which could be picked up internationally!

The Centennial Year is a real opportunity for us to shine the spotlight on Zonta's achievements and aspirations for women worldwide - so let's put our thinking caps on!

# AREA 1 REPORT

**ROBIN SCHOLES, AREA DIRECTOR**

During these long winter months clubs have challenged their members with stimulating and thought provoking speakers.

**Melbourne on Yarra** led the way with their very successful "Planning for a Healthy Future" breakfast seminar where over one hundred women listened to keynote speaker Professor Helena Teede from the Jean Hailes Foundation discuss the vast problems associated with obesity and diabetes within our female population. No more amazing was Kathryn Taranto, the guest speaker, who had lived with a pacemaker since the age of 17 and has competed in the New York marathon twice.

At the **Waverley Club** the information, philosophy and vision from the manager of a Domestic Violence Outreach Service left us in awe of what some women must endure and what others can achieve.

**Mornington Club** invited Phillipa Challis, a well-known Zontian from Geelong, who talked about "The Power of the Pin" and how to promote Zonta whenever possible. **Frankston Club** had two members returning from overseas travel and related wonderful stories of different experiences. I had the pleasure of visiting **Melbourne's West Club** on their 29<sup>th</sup> birthday where I inducted their newest member. They too had stimulating speakers – one with a passion for the Williamstown area and the second, a doctor from Uganda who created a word picture of women's lives there.

Such a variety of messages came from each of these speakers. All were very relevant to our Zonta world. I am very proud of these clubs looking to provide exciting and interesting meetings for members and visitors. If membership is to increase then we must continue in this vein. At the same time clubs have participated in birthing kit assembly days, breast cushion sewing days, fundraising through sausage sizzles, preparation for Education Awards, follow-up on prospective members and a myriad of other Zonta activities.



Melbourne On Yarra Seminar. Judy Rothe (Chairman District Nominating Committee) in middle, Ronda Walker (By-Laws and Resolutions Chairman) centre - back

## **E-mails from Clubs to District**

When saving a file to your computer before attaching it to an e-mail would you please include the name of your club and the date. For example Zonta Port Lincoln minutes 090910. This makes for ease of identification when receiving the e-mail. Refer to District Directory for distribution information.

## **Newsflash Idea**

Presidents, print off a copy and hand it around at your meeting to encourage members to read their copy.

## Area 2 Report

Erica Majba, Area Director

Denese Wyatt, from Volunteering SA & NT was the guest speaker at the September Presidents' meeting. She gave us some insight into the importance of branding with her research and inside experience of the battle of the brands between Myer and David Jones. Her message to Zonta clubs was about the importance of using club branding on all external communications, especially on fund raising fliers. Also that we all are promoters of Zonta and can do this through use of business cards, signatures on our emails and by word of mouth.

My message was for clubs to ensure that they use the appropriate branding provided by Zonta International and accessible on the ZI website.

In news from the Northern Territory, the **Zonta Club of Alice Springs** invited me to run a 3 hour workshop on Zonta, to provide some background to the many new members. Club members provided a great lunch, held a meeting following the workshop and met again for dinner. A great Zonta day. I thank them for their hospitality.

Through Volunteering SA & NT, I was able to invite the **Zonta Club of Darwin** to assist in manning a stand at the Fabulous Female Expo held at the new Darwin Convention Centre. This was a great chance to talk to many women about Zonta that should lead to a number of new members for their club. It also provided me with the opportunity to come to Darwin and meet many of the club members.



Above: Zonta Club of Alice Springs in a work shop.

Below: Darwin Expo—Maryanne Grey, Kaye Mahomet (VSA&NY) & Erica Majba.



## Area 4 Report

Margaret Hinks, Area Director

**Albury/Wodonga** held a Birthing Kit assembly day on 30<sup>th</sup> of October. They have conducted a fundraiser for the Carer's accommodation at Albury Base Hospital which will be open soon. Some members were models for a fabulous evening of fashion and fun which was most successful. The club continues to hold a BBQ at Harvey Norman every 8 weeks

**Ballarat** will hold an all-day Women's Health Forum, with subjects such as "How to Roar" - Dealing with life's frustrations, "Mind over Bladder" - it's a breeze to sneeze, "If you buy it on special is only has half the calories", "I don't look good in lycra – exercise is a four letter word". Does that make your mind boggle at what the day will be like – one of great fun as well as lot of information!

**Bendigo** held a birthing kit assembly day and with lot of prior preparation they were able to assembly 2600 kits!!!. Their next big fundraiser is "Travel in Style" - learn how to plan and pack a wardrobe and choosing colour. Jobs with a Difference is an annual event aimed at increasing networking opportunities for young women and raising awareness about the diversity of employment opportunities and careers for females in our community. The program seeks to bring attention to careers that may not normally be considered by females.

**Geelong** are hoping to make their club more visible in the community by taking part in the Farmers Market. A shopping tour was held in October and Hats & High Tea was held to celebrate Melbourne Cup Day.

**Kyneton** members have taken part in the very successful Kyneton Daffodil Festival and held a Girls and Glamour night on October the 27<sup>th</sup> which in past years has been very successful.

**Melton** is very busy fundraising with a fashion parade last month, a Christmas market in October and White Ribbon Trivia night in November. They again facilitate a Workshop with Donna Zander on Domestic Violence from a women's point of view, for the Victoria Police in Melton and Caroline Springs. Following last year's workshop there are now 35 police members who have taken part in this workshop.

**Wangarratta** held a successful fundraising dinner and their Annual ZAPA (Zonta Awards for the Performing Arts) awards night dinner.



# Area 3 Report

Leanne Sultan, Area Director

Greetings from Area 3, where at this time of the year we are experiencing an increase in media attention relating to our Zonta projects and activities. Growth in club membership is the focus for all clubs and it is great to report that clubs have a flow of new and interested members. It was also exciting to hear that Holly Ransom the Area 3 Jane M Klausman business scholarship recipient has been awarded the District 23 scholarship.

The highlight for **Zonta Club of Perth Northern Suburbs** was the recent adjournment speech read in the Legislative Council by the Hon Liz Behjat MLC following the Young Women in Public Affairs Award presentation dinner with Bishop Kay Goldsworthy as the master of ceremonies. The speech provided a great opportunity to share the event, projects supported by and information about Zonta International at an international and local level which was a tremendous boost for public relations for the area.

The **Zonta Club of Bunbury** celebrated Literacy Day by giving books to mothers and their newborn babies at local hospitals all through the week around the 8<sup>th</sup> September. 28 books were distributed this year. Adopted in 1965 by UNESCO, International Literacy Day is observed every year, on this date in September, with a new theme. This year's theme was 'Literacy and Empowerment' and events highlighted the critical role that literacy plays in empowering women, who make up 64% of the world's adult population who are unable to read and write.

The **Zonta Club of Dunsborough** reports to be very quiet over the past couple of months, with many members away enjoying the warmer weather. Members enjoyed their Melbourne Cup luncheon which attracted a large following and this year's Founders Day Dinner Celebration where the Area 3 "Women of Achievement" will be announced. A new member was inducted in Oct.

The **Zonta Club of Swan Hills** organised a fantastic car rally as a joint fundraiser with a local theatre group (Marloo Theatre). The day was

a great opportunity for fellowship and fun while building strong partnerships with other community organisations. The **Zonta Club of Peel** has had a great article "Charities band together to buy family a new car" in the local paper outlining the generosity of several organisations coming together to raise \$32,600 in 27 days to assist Lauren who has Nemaline Myopathy (floppy-doll syndrome) to purchase a newly modified Kia van which would fit her new electric wheel chair. A fantastic opportunity for a partnership with Lions, Rotary and Variety WA.

As well, the club's Breast Cushion assembly days are a fun activity supported by community members from the region.

### The Zonta Club of Perth

First the big news! Huge congratulations go to Fiona Crowe and Sciona Browne, who have successfully obtained a grant for AUD\$230,307 from Lotterywest, the official state lottery for Western Australia to ensure the continuation of the education programs in the Kimberley region of WA that commenced through the District 23 Yarri Wada Project. (See Yarri Wada article.)

The club has also recently welcomed two new enthusiastic members, Carolyn McMickan who transferred from ZC Ballarat and new Zontian, Kate Ellson. Club President Mary Gurgone has been travelling in the USA where she visited the United Nations and then went to Mexico to meet her World Vision sponsored child and his family. She is now in Peru doing voluntary work with street kids and members can't wait for her return in November to hear more about her adventures.

Meanwhile Acting President, Tricia Summerfield presented a Guide Leadership Award to Sian Hayes, an inspirational woman who puts a lot back into the community. She currently manages three Guide units: a Brownie Guide Unit, a Girl Guide Unit and a Ranger Unit – all at the same time as well as juggling a job and a family! The club continues to collect clothing for the Zonta House Refuge and has a number of fund raising events coming up including an Evening Soiree in the oldest wine cellars in Fremantle!

Thanks to Carole Theobald and Trish Summerfield from Zonta Club of Perth, Area 3 is involved in the planning group for the Centenary of International Women's Day 2011 which offers another great opportunity to develop strategic relationships with state government, not for profit organisations and the commercial sector to plan for "Celebrating 100 Years" of women's achievements.

As you can see the clubs in Area 3 have continued to use the expertise, experience, and enthusiasm of their club members effectively and efficiently. In striving to do our best to increase club numbers, the commitment we make is to nurture membership and focus on working together for the benefit of others in a fun atmosphere.



Zonta Club of Peel members Hilary Ilingworth, breast care cushion co ordinator and Kathy Mcleod our service chair.



Yarri Wada Coordinators, Sciona Browne (L) and Fiona Crowe (R) have obtained \$230,307 from Lotterywest to continue the education programs in the Kimberley.