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From the Governor.....

District 23 Zontians

Trish Collins, D22 Governor has asked that I thank you for your thoughts and prayers during the past weeks for our friends in Zonta who have been affected by the devastating floods and Cyclone Yasi in Queensland. Unfortunately I expect to hear of members in NSW, Victoria and South Australia who may also be affected. The three Districts in Australia are looking at ways in which we can support Zontians and clubs in the affected areas.

I hope you all had a good Christmas break and are looking forward to 2011 with renewed enthusiasm and a New Year's resolution to "drop the Z word" and invite your friends, business associates and relatives to your Zonta meetings and functions with the view to encouraging them to join a great organisation which focuses on advancing the status of women.

I spent much of my Christmas break with my son and his wife in Western Australia but it was not all wineries, shopping and food. As I had a week in Dunsborough and Margaret River I met for coffee one wet morning with Susan Flower, President of the Zonta Club of Dunsborough and some members of that club. The club is very focused on

the Zonta mission and doing some great things

After Christmas Alison Martin, past D23 Governor, invited me to her home to meet with Leanne Sultan (Area 3 Director) and members of Perth Northern Suburbs Club. I later met for coffee with members of the Perth Club. Many of the members I met are already planning to attend the D23 Conference in October and I am looking forward to meeting them again at the Area 3 Workshop. It is always a great opportunity, when travelling around Australia or overseas, to meet up with fellow Zontians, and is one of the advantages of belonging to this great global organisation.

We have just had our second D23 Board meeting for the biennium in Launceston and were given some wonderful hospitality by the small but vibrant Zonta Club of Launceston. This club has been one of concern with a very small membership but with the support of Carole Fuller (Area 5 Director) and good club leadership and enthusiastic members it looks as though it is about to welcome a number of new members and increase in strength. Information from the Board meeting will be passed on to members through their Area Directors.

I was honoured to be guest speaker at

the newly named Hobart Derwent Club. Two clubs with low membership (Queenborough and Hobart East) have amalgamated to form a reinvigorated club with 17 members and some potential new members. The vibes I received at their meeting certainly gave the impression that this club will gain in strength in the near future.

The centenary of International Women's Day on 8 March will be our focus in the coming weeks. I am looking forward to attending functions in Canberra and Adelaide and hope that many Zontians will participate in celebrations in their area. Once again make every opportunity to "drop the Z word". Please share your IWD stories in the next edition of the D23 Newsflash and on the ZI website.



Governor Jane preparing to charter newly amalgamated Hobart Derwent club.

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From the Governor..... continued

Zonta News

The January 2011 edition of The Zontian magazine has been posted out. In the near future, members will be given the option to opt out of receiving a hard copy of the Zontian magazine if they wish.

On the front cover our ZI Liaison Kathleen Douglass is fifth from the left and International Director and past D23 Governor, Beryl McMillan, is on the far right. You may also be able to pick out some of our D23 Zontians in the photograph on the bottom of the cover with the "Zonta Supports UNiTE" banner which was taken at the 2010 San Antonio Convention.

A great communication tool has been launched by ZI.

By the time you receive this Newsflash, members who have their e-mail address registered with ZI, would have received your second ZI e-newsletter. This e-newsletter is scheduled to be sent to members on the second Wednesday of each month. If you have not received either e-mail would you please make sure ZI headquarters has your up-to-date e-mail address. You can do this by logging onto the www.zonta.org website and update your profile in the Member Resources section. ZI have requested that you add pr@zonta.org to your list of acceptable e-mail senders in your e-mail account.

In January, the Zonta International and Zonta International Foundation Boards met at ZI Headquarters in Oak Brook, Illinois. The meetings were very productive, and highlights from the Board meeting will be posted on the Zonta International website soon.

At the recent D23 Board meeting it was agreed that the 2013 District 23 Conference be held at the Esplanade Hotel, Fremantle, WA in October (dates to be confirmed). This will be a great venue and you will hear more about it at the 2011 D23 Conference in Melbourne 7-9 October.

Jean Walker, Zonta Club of Hobart, has accepted the role of District 23 representative on the AWAVA (Australian Women Against Violence Alliance) and IWD Committee. I am sure we will be hearing from Jean in the future with news from AWAVA. More information about AWAVA can be found on their website.

Club Nominating Committees should now be putting together a slate of candidates for their Club's Annual General Meeting when elections for vacant positions will be held. Remember when you were inducted the induction ceremony said "If called upon for leadership responsibilities, you are expected to serve enthusiastically". Membership of Zonta not only provides opportunities to work with other members to provide service,

fellowship and fun. It is a great opportunity for learning new leadership skills and there are many members who have the skills to help you in leadership roles within your club. Please accept, when asked, an offer to serve your club.

My best wishes to you all for a happy and productive Zonta year.
Jane Smith
D23 Governor 2010-2012



Governor Jane and District Board members at work

Welcome newly amalgamated club... Hobart Derwent

On Wednesday 9th February, 2011, the formation of the club of Hobart Derwent was celebrated at the Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania which overlooks the Derwent River, a beautiful scene on a summer evening.

The club is an amalgamation of the former clubs of Queenborough and Hobart East. Both clubs had suffered a decline in membership, so discussions were started to solve the issue of low membership. The final decision to amalgamate was reached very amicably and achieved relatively quickly.

The club looks forward to a vibrant future with a starting membership of 17.

The dinner was a very enjoyable evening, with Governor Jane Smith attending and giving an interesting talk on her life's story up to her present role as Governor. She emphasised that anyone can assume a District role in Zonta. Carol Fuller, Area 5 Director and Margaret Hinks, Area 4 Director, also attended, as did Jill Taylor, District Service Chairman. Politicians from State and local government were also present.



Governor Jane with Charter President Lois Green

11th Biennial District 23 Conference

Friday 7th to Sunday 9th
October 2011

It is February and conference planning is well underway! It was a great pleasure to have Governor Jane Smith in attendance at our most recent conference committee meeting and I am pleased to report the committee is working hard bringing together an exciting program.

Just a reminder that attractive accommodation rates have been negotiated at The Sebel & Citigate 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. The accommodation booking form is available from the D23 website – so book early!!.

A conference newsletter with more details will be issued shortly.

Jasmine Koch
Chairman



Congratulations to the Zonta Club of Para District Area who received a Premier's Community Service Award for their "Tickled Pink" Bag project last year which came with a cheque for \$200.



Past President Alexa Little receiving certificate from Premier's Representative.



Since its inception, over 60 of the "Tickled Pink" Bags have been distributed for the comfort of women recovering from breast cancer surgery. This Project was started a few years ago after a request by Breast Care Nurses from Burnside hospital, at which some of our own members had received treatment for breast cancer.

Bylaws & Resolutions

Ronda Walker

The Bylaws of Zonta International provide a process for amendment to Zonta International Bylaws and Rules of Procedure. Any member of a Zonta Club may propose changes to these documents for approval at club level. If the club votes to approve the proposal it is submitted to the District Board for consideration.

Article XIX, Section 2 specifies that "If the district board determines that the proposal does not require further study, it shall publish the proposal to all other clubs in that district at least sixty (60) days before district conference and shall submit the proposal to delegates at the conference."

If clubs or individual members are considering any such proposals for District Conference, I urge you to consult the relevant sections of the Zonta International Bylaws, and to begin this process as soon as possible. This will allow time for consideration by District Board and time to meet the deadline for pre Conference notice to all District 23 clubs. It would be helpful if proposals are sent to the District Secretary as soon as possible, and by 1 June 2011 at the latest.

The current edition of Zonta International Bylaws can be found in the publication "Governing Documents 2010". This booklet is available in the member resources section of the ZI website. The exact location is www.zonta.org/membersresources/governance.aspx. The document can be opened on line, or downloaded as a pdf document.

If you have any questions about this process, or would like assistance preparing a recommendation, members of the District 23 Bylaws and Resolutions committee are available to help you. Members of the committee are Sandra Burns, Ann Horrocks and Ronda Walker; our contact details are published in the District 23 Directory.

Status of Women Service

Jill Taylor

At its February meeting the District 23 Board endorsed an Action Plan submitted by the Status of Women Service Committee. The Action Plan provides direction to this Committee's work during the 2010-2012 biennium and as such will be used in the measurement of the achievements of the SoW Service Committee. The Action Plan includes the following:

- Development and maintenance of a service activity register – to share with clubs to provide ideas for new service activities.
- Development and maintenance of previous Zonta award recipients – to share with clubs to maintain contact with these recipients who live in their communities. These recipients can then be approached to attend club functions and, perhaps become members.
- To increase participation by clubs in the various award activities, this includes more clubs participating and an increase in the number of applicants. Where clubs are closely co-located it is suggested that they join together in fostering and participating in the awards system.

In order for us to achieve some of our outcomes, we will be relying on input from clubs. We have tried to balance the need to place extra burden on clubs with the benefits they will receive by having access to more comprehensive and current information.

We will be enlisting the help of Area Directors to seek information from clubs through their various communication channels including Presidents meetings, workshops, etc. However, this does not prevent individual clubs from contacting myself or other members of the Committee to let us know what you are doing or to seek advice/information from us. Our contact details are, of course, in the District 23 Directory.

It is time for clubs and Areas to begin to promote this scholarship and to plan for the selection process at club and Area levels. Zonta International has uploaded all the materials on to its web site and has launched the scholarship process for 2011.

Zonta International has again conducted a **review of this scholarship** at the conclusion of the 2010 process and a few changes have been made at the start of the process for 2011.

The significant changes to the scholarship are:

- reference/referee contact information is to be included in the application form (going back to an earlier format);
- applicants need to be "living or studying in a Zonta District/region".

An explanatory letter, promoting this scholarship and detailing the time line for this year and attaching all the documents downloaded from the ZI web site, was sent to Area Directors and Club Presidents in District 23 by email on 6 February.

So, **JMK Coordinators and Area Directors – please watch out for this email and please only use the materials for 2011!**

For those who wish to go to the ZI website, they need to log in, go to "Member Resources", go to "Tools" and go to "Awards, Scholarships and Fellowships" and select "JMK Scholarships". If any of the coordinators in the Areas or clubs need assistance with acquiring the application form, the guidelines, the evaluation criteria or background information and statistics on the scholarship, please contact me!

The important dates to remember in 2011 are:

- 6 February—Application data forwarded to clubs and Areas. Promotion of award by Areas and clubs in District 23.
- 1 June—Applications to be received by clubs/Areas.
- Selection of club/Area recipient by club/Area selection committee – if needed.
- 1 July - Applications to be received by D23 Coordinator. Selection of District 23 recipient by District selection committee.

- 1 August—Application of D23 recipient to be received by Governor. Attachment of Governor coversheet and posting of application to ZI.
- 1 September—Applications from Districts to be received by ZI Selection of 12 ZI scholarship recipients.
- By 15th October—Announcement of 12 ZI JMK Scholarship recipients

Please be encouraged to promote this award in your clubs and Areas – District 23 has consistently put forward excellent nominees to Zonta International and along the way, many promising young women have been supported by Zonta and the image of Zonta has been broadened in our communities.

Karen Groves

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Zonta International Foundation

On behalf of Zonta International Foundation I sincerely thank individual members and the Adelaide Flinders, Bendigo, Melton and Port Lincoln clubs for sending donations during December 2010 while the Aussie dollar was high!

CONTRIBUTION FACTS

15 of our District's 36 clubs (42%) have contributed **\$13,523.74** to our Foundation. Well done, but we have a way to go to reach our traditional 100% of all clubs!

Of our 683 paid members **23 individual members** have donated a total of **\$4,090.21**. How fantastic if individual members could donate just over \$4.00 a month (the cost of a cappuccino!) or \$50 during 2011. Each club could appoint a ZIF ambassador to collect donations at meetings, so let's think of innovative ways to achieve this goal!

Did you know that the following reports are now available on the public side of the website? Any person can easily obtain up-to-date reports on Zonta International projects and awards, and can view the following contribution reports via <http://www.zonta.org/WhoWeAre/OrganizationalGoalsResults.aspx>.

- *Actuals to Goals
- *District Ranking
- *District Comparison, 2010-2012 to 2008-2010 at 31 December
- *Individual v. Club Gifts

Total global contributions, 1 June 2010 - 31 December 2010 are US\$822,908, which is 21.9% of the 2010-12 biennium goal and while the results so far are very good, it is important to maintain this momentum.

With our global biennial goal of raising a **minimum of \$3,758,000** to support our programs and projects of

Zonta International, to sustain the future of the women we are committed to help, we need to surpass this goal. Some members and clubs in our District have commented that ZIF is wasting money sending letters with postal receipts for donations. It's one of those things, that ZIF is damned if it does and damned if it doesn't. May I suggest that when making an **on-line donation** if members or clubs don't want to receive a thank you letter, this can be indicated in an email to Christina Petzke at cpetzke@zonta.org. However, as donations in District 23 are usually forwarded via our District Treasurer, Carolyn Colquhoun, if members or clubs do not want a letter of thanks then I am sure Carolyn would be happy to advise Christina Petzke when transferring our donations to ZIF. Happy fund-raising!

We thank clubs for maintaining their enthusiasm and commitment to support the birthing kit project, which is now in its 12th year. No one would have believed that we could grow as we have and it is the Zonta clubs in Australia that we have to thank for enabling the project to be sustainable.

BKFA AGM

The Birthing Kit Foundation (Australia) had another successful AGM where we welcomed Ruth Jackson as a new board member. Jenny Weaver continued as our Chairperson, Julie Monis-Ivett as Vice Chairperson, Maggi Gregory as Treasurer and Di Bartel as Company Secretary. The meeting was relaxed and informative, highlighted with the showing of a film on a training program in DR Congo by Dr Luc.

Kit Production

The production of kits is on target with about 25,000 left to be booked between now and June 30. If planning an Assembly Day – book it NOW. 70,000 kits have already been booked or made since June 30 2010. Over 750,000 kits made, 7,500 Birth Attendants trained and 50,000 kits made in country.

Birthing Kit Project and overseas growth.

After the Convention the BKFA board realised that the Birthing Kit Project will grow outside of Australia, especially in the USA. In some states it is a District Project. Ideally the BKFA would like to work with Zonta International to harness the enthusiasm from overseas clubs in a coordinated way so the project grows under the umbrella of the BKFA. It would be ideal to utilize the skills and processes the BKFA have developed over 11 years to ensure the project grows with minimal problems. This is an exciting possibility.

Hunter Hall Charity Scheme

The Birthing Kit Foundation was accepted for the Hunter Hall Charitable Scheme and received a welcome donation of \$16,660. The scheme allows shareholders a vote to donate a percentage of the profits to charity.

Future scope

The scope of what we, BKFA and Zonta, can achieve is only a factor of how much money we have to work with. We could eliminate female circumcision in rural Ethiopia impacting on tens of thousands of young women for their lifetime, along with improving maternal and neonatal survival at childbirth with suitable funds. We have the program that is proven to work and is accepted by the local Traditional Birth Attendants.

Share your skills

We know what needs to be done, we have the information. If you have skills in grant applications, ideas for a PR event, fundraising ideas, how to become an organization recommended for philanthropic donations and how to make bequeaths a simple procedure or any other ideas, please let us know. info@birthingkitfoundation.org.au

The women birthing and babies being born in unsafe, unhygienic conditions need your help.



Julie and Jenny with Dr Luc at the Fistula Hospital in Ethiopia



Children in Ethiopia in a Kabelle in Afar region. These girls will be saved the painful process of circumcision because of our training seminar.

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS...

Zonta International Incentive Program

As you may already be aware, Zonta International has developed a Membership Incentive Program to assist every club in the world to reach their biennium target to attain a net increase of at least one member!

Zontians who successfully recruit two or more new members between 1 June 2010 and 31 May 2012 will receive a special pin and be recognised at International Convention in Torino in Italy.

Zonta's public image is YOU. Prepare your one minute "elevator speech" to use when asked "What is Zonta?" - A global organisation of executives and professionals working together to advance the status of women worldwide through service and advocacy.

Always wearing your Zonta pin, carrying a Zonta brochure at all times, and "dropping the Z word" whenever possible creates opportunities to talk about Zonta and what we do, and you may be surprised at the responses that are received and the new members that result!

Have you dropped the "Z" word lately?

Eight happy faces of Zontians from the Peel Club after the completion of a working bee wrapping Christmas presents for the Women's Refuge in Mandurah. Club members sourced toiletries from many businesses around Mandurah or made a donation themselves. Toilet bags were sewn together by the group and a variety of items placed in each bag and wrapped as Christmas gifts for the women to pamper themselves a little.



BFMCF Borneo for Breast Cancer Trek December 2010

SARAH CUNNINGHAM Zonta Club of Adelaide Flinders

The Flinders Medical Centre Foundation launched the trek at the annual October "Pink Ribbon Ball" in 2009. As a GP with a love of the outdoors, travel, exercise & orang-utans it was a great way to combine these loves whilst fundraising for breast cancer researchers at the new Lance Armstrong endorsed LiveStrong Cancer Centre in Adelaide. I always watch the pro cycling events on TV & Lance's story strikes a chord with me – the same chemo drugs he had for his testicular cancer I also had for ovarian cancer in my teens. I've been involved with the Zonta breast cushion project since 2002, and as a cushion recipient in 2006 it all seemed a perfect opportunity!

Charities get "Inspired Adventures" to market adventure trips. Once participants have raised a designated amount for the charity, they can then pay off the trip component. "Inspired" assist participants with fundraising tools & ideas. On my trek were 12 likeminded women from 20 to 62 years. A couple had trekked Kokoda, others drive in the annual "celebrity bash". All had a great sense of humour! Channel 7 are a sponsor of the FCMF, so weeknight newsreader Jane Doyle came too. That meant Rob the Channel 7 cameraman left war zones to be landed with a bunch of women in Borneo!

We trained on weekends solo or in groups throughout 2010 up Mt. Lofty, Cleland reserve, Black Hill & Morialta Conservation Parks. We met the 2 girls from Sydney en-route in Kuala Lumpur.

Leaving Kuching, the capital of Sarawak (a Malaysian state of Borneo) we went 5 hours by bus then 2 hours by longboat to our Iban longhouse base. Our jungle trek was through their tribal land. The Iban were wonderfully welcoming & great teachers. They are no longer head-hunters! We drank rice wine with the chief and met the families who live in the one longhouse. In the epitome of communal living over 160 lived in that longhouse-which is extended & another door added when a couple get married!

Wiry, fit 50kg porters carried 35kg of food & camp gear in wicker baskets on their backs! Bayang & Paul guided us to our jungle campsites. We slept under mosquito nets in open sided shelters, and cooked on a campfire. Afternoon & evening rainstorms or ground leeches & wasps didn't dampen our enthusiasm, but the porters snorting & farting kept us awake! We had lots of laughs. The scenery was amazing. The gradients steep. The footing was slippery. The nights were quite cold. The days very hot & very humid. We'd never sweated so much. The hardest day was more strenuous than Kokoda. The birds, the bugs, the ground deer, the

gibbons calling. It was all fabulous.

And what about the orang-utans? Well we tracked down tens of nests & heard them crash through the jungle, but we only actually saw them when they came down to feed at the Semengoh Wildlife Centre in Kuching! And no one was disappointed. The jungle, the local people, our guides, the trekkers were the highlight. After 9 days in Borneo many strong friendships have begun...

I raised \$7,800 & the whole trek has so far raised over \$60,000 that will fund 2 breast cancer researchers at the LiveStrong Cancer Centre in 2011. You can find more photos of the trek on my blog at www.sarahsborneotrek2010.blogspot.com



Australia Day Honours Congratulations—Dr Millicent Hughes OAM

Dr Millicent Hughes from the Zonta Club of Adelaide has been awarded an OAM in the Australia Day Honours. The following is from "The Advertiser" newspaper.

Giving underprivileged women a fair go is the proudest achievement of Medal of the Order of Australia recipient Dr. Millicent Hughes. She has been recognised for her service to the community through a range of women's and sporting groups.

She said a service project building wells for arid areas of Sri Lanka, allowing

women to collect water for their household, showed women in affluent societies cared about those living in difficult circumstances.

Dr Hughes' work in nuclear medicine at the Royal Adelaide Hospital and consultant physician at the Flinders Medical Centre and Women's and Children's Hospital, is also being recognised.

Dr Hughes is a very active member of the Zonta Club of Adelaide and held the position of Area 2 Director 2000-2002. She has also been very involved

with ACSO (Association of Combined Service Organisations) in South Australia.



Dr Millicent Hughes and Lt Governor Cintra Amos at the combined Adelaide & Adelaide Flinders Amelia Earhart Breakfast

Since YWPA started Zonta has given 565 awards to 503 women from 49 countries.

Last year there were 37 entrants from 13 clubs in District 23

Has your Club nominated a YWPA Recipient for 2011?

The Young Women in Public Affairs (YWPA) Awards program recognizes young women for their demonstrated leadership skills and commitment to public service and civic causes and encourages them to continue their participation in public and political life.

Young Women in Public Affairs Awards are made possible by generous contributions to the Zonta International Foundation Young Women in Public Affairs Fund. Even if your Club is not running the program it should consider contributing to YWPA when making your annual contribution to Zonta International Foundation.

IMPORTANT STEPS TO TAKE

BEFORE YOU SEND IN YOUR CLUB'S YWPA RECIPIENT'S APPLICATION FORM FOR 2011

1. Ensure that the YWPA Award Application form is the correct one for **2011**. As advised previously the YWPA Application form has changed. Applications received on last year's form (2010) will not be accepted by Zonta International. It would be very disappointing to find out you have a winner but the award could not be presented because the application was on the wrong form.

2. **For your application to be eligible please ensure that all forms, listed below, are sent.**

- Application Cover Sheet for Clubs (This is a separate form to the Application form)
- Completed Application
- Verification of current enrolment by school official
- Two recommendations
- Applicants signature
- Essay answers do not exceed the number of words allowed.

3. Post the YWPA Application to me at 85 Dodemaide Cct, Merrimu Victoria 3340. Please do not send your application to Governor Jane, even though this is noted on the forms.

4. **PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE IT TO THE LAST MINUTE TO POST!** If your club has already chosen your nominee – why not post it now.

Applications for the 2011 YWPA AWARD must be received by FRIDAY 1 APRIL 2011
LATE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

If you need further information or assistance please contact Bianca Heaney
D23 YWPA Coordinator,
Mobile 0417 398 559
or email
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or you can check the ZI website.

New D23 Mentoring Statement

Cintra Amos

Mentoring new Zontians is vital for them to really feel a part of their club, and mentoring will also enhance the Zonta experience for longer-serving members.

A one-on-one mentoring experience offers rewards to both parties. For the new member being mentored, the process will assist in developing their confidence and knowledge of Zonta, while for those seeking or undertaking a board or leadership role, mentoring can provide practical

understanding as well as an avenue for ongoing support. Those Zontians with appropriate experience to mentor will gain satisfaction and enrichment from the opportunity to share their knowledge and skills.

To demonstrate its commitment to Mentoring, the District 23 Board has developed a Mentoring Statement which will soon be distributed to Presidents and Membership Chairs. This is just the first step in developing guidelines for the complete mentoring process, so that members may gain

maximum personal growth and benefit significantly from their Zonta experience. This, in turn, should result in improved member retention by clubs.

Please look out for this document and use it as the basis for club discussion.

Have you dropped the "Z" word lately?

UPDATES TO DISTRICT DIRECTORY

Changed or new contacts Feb 2011

Please refer to 2010 – 2011 District Directory

p. 6 Webmaster Trish Summerfield – Telephone number 08 938771 24

p.11 Z Club is **no longer** Anzac Hill High School Z Club **is now** – ALICE SPRINGS Z Club

p.11 Clare & Districts President is Janet Whitham – Tel 08 884341 06 email: peewhit@sa.chariot.net.au

p.14 Perth – President Mary Gurgone Tel: 08 93817472 gurgone@iinet.net.au

p.14 Perth Northern Suburbs – President Jean Wyder – Tel: 08 646779 67 Email: wydervision@gmail.com

p.17 Hobart East is no longer. This club has amalgamated with Queenborough.

The new club HOBART DERWENT. Meets 2nd Monday: President Lois Green: Secretary Julie Wiltshire

p.17 Launceston meets on 4th Monday

Amelia Earhart Fellowship

Carol Theobald

On 16 January 2011, the Zonta Clubs of **Mornington Peninsula** and **Frankston**, jointly hosted a lovely Amelia Earhart Brunch with guest speaker 2010 Amelia Earhart Fellow, Lauren Burns. About 100 people were at the event that was held at the Mornington Peninsula Golf Club. Carole Theobald 2010-2012 D23 AE Coordinator provided an overview of the award and a little about the life of Amelia Earhart and then Ann Horrocks 2008-2010 D23 AE Coordinator, introduced Lauren Burns and presented her with her wings and certificate. Guests had come from far and wide including Alison Martin, ZIF Ambassador from Perth. Lauren gave a very informative presentation about her research that analyses the design of natural tree joints. She explained that trees are natural composite materials that had evolved over millions of years to a very efficient form. She applies the knowledge to improve the joints of modern composite materials that are used to build aircraft such as the new Boeing Dreamliner. Biology/aerospace engineering is a new field of science and there are only about a dozen people in the world researching this area. Lauren described how she had used her US\$10,000 to buy her first laptop computer and also to attend an international conference in Nice, where she won an award for the best student research paper. The AE Fellowship has certainly helped Lauren progress in her chosen field.

After the brunch, attendees 'kicked on' to the nearby McClelland Gallery and spent a delightful afternoon of artistic discovery, walking through an outdoor sculpture exhibition in a natural bushland setting. This was a great opportunity for fellowship and fun! Well done to the organizers for putting together a special, memorable event.

On 23 January, the Zonta Club of **Perth Northern Suburbs** hosted an Amelia Earhart dinner at the Royal Aero Club at Jandakot Airport. This was a casual affair, with guests mixing with the regular clientele of the restaurant. A large Zonta banner and a special Amelia Earhart display raised awareness of the Fellowships among the 40 Zontians and guests as well as the regular clientele. Special guest was Carolina Fasano, a member of the Zonta Club of Swan Hills. Carolina has the distinction of receiving three Amelia Earhart Fellowships in the mid sixties that supported her through her PhD studies in astrophysics. She was also on the ZI Amelia Earhart selection committee in the nineties. The raffle with a prize of an hour's lesson in a helicopter will be run over the entire month of January to maximize interest and profit and will be drawn at the end of the month.

The closing date for the 2011 AE Fellowships was on 15 November 2010.

Emails were sent to all universities with aerospace related science and engineering courses in District 23. In addition, a personal request was made to Lauren to also promote the award among her peers, which she agreed to do. Lauren Burns has also confirmed that she will be delighted to present at the District 23 Conference in October.



Lauren Burns Amelia Earhart Fellow 2010, receives her Amelia Earhart Wings and Certificate at a ceremony in Melbourne. L-R: Carole Theobald D23 AE Coordinator 2010-2012, Lauren Burns AE Fellow and Ann Horrocks D23 Coordinator 2008-2010.



Carole Theobald and Carolina Fasano (recipient of 3 AE Fellowships) with the Amelia Earhart display at Jandakot, WA.

Nominating Committee

Judith Rothe

The Nominating Committee is taking a fresh approach this biennium and we will deliberate after receiving suggested candidates from past and present D23 Area Directors for the Board and Nominating Committee positions for 2012-2014.

As mentioned in the December issue of the D23 Newsflash in the Nominating Committee report we would like to submit at least two nominations for each position, with a

possibility of more, to meet the recommendation from Zonta International who has informed each District of their vision of multiple nominations for all positions.

After receiving the lists of potential candidates for nomination from the AD's to lead our District into advancing the status of women worldwide with enthusiasm and dedication *and with the inclusion of our own list* we will approach the

qualified members for their approval and then send out the appropriate forms for consent.

The final slate of candidates will then be presented at the 2011 D23 Conference in Melbourne.

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Area 1 Report

Robyn Scholes

As a rule, the period between our very enjoyable Christmas Club celebrations and resuming Club meetings in early February is a time when Zontians catch their breath and pursue family and holiday activities. This has not been the case in Area 1 as fundraising activities have been in the forefront.

During the second week in January the members of the Zonta Club of **Waverley** manned the Waverley Lion's Op shop for the week. A good percentage of the profit for the week is then donated to the Club. It is an interesting and enjoyable way to add to the coffers. Some members even manage to bring home a "bargain" for themselves.

In mid-January, the Zonta Club of **Melbourne on Yarra** held a wonderful evening in the gardens of Ripponlea. Ripponlea (under the auspices of the National Trust) is a very grand mansion built in the 19th century which is surrounded by beautifully maintained gardens, a

picturesque lake and is the ideal location for weddings and performances in the grounds. Despite the absolute deluge of rain, a fantastic evening was had by all who attended as we sheltered in the historic stables and wined and dined. A great way to share fellowship and raise necessary funds.

For a number of years now the Zonta Clubs of **Frankston and Mornington Peninsula** have pooled resources and organised a brunch to celebrate Amelia Earhart Day - January 11th as in 1935 this was the day that Amelia Earhart became the first person to fly solo across the Pacific. Many Zontians and friends from far and wide attend this wonderful occasion. At the brunch, Lauren Burns, an Amelia Earhart recipient for 2010 was presented with her wings and certificate by Ann Horrocks, the previous A/E District co-ordinator. Carol Theobald the current A/E co-ordinator was present and spoke of the life and achievements of Amelia.

Lauren Burns spoke of the research work she is concentrating on in the field of Biology/aerospace engineering. Profits from the day are donated to the Amelia Earhart Fund.

With a new year always comes renewed vigour. Clubs are meeting again and energy is high. I have just returned from District Board meeting and have lots to share with the Presidents at our meeting next week. As Clubs we have much to anticipate and plan for. We have our Area1 and 4 Workshop on the 14th May to be held in Melton. New Club Boards and the Changeover meetings are being discussed and planned. Now that we are into 2011, our District Conference is here in Melbourne at the Sebel and Citigate at Albert Park this year (7-9th October) and much is still to be done.

I wish all an exciting and rewarding year in Zonta as I know we will have in Area 1.

Area 2 Report

Erica Majba

Happy New Year to all. The year is young but Zonta has already made a mark in many areas. Three Zontians appeared in the Australian New Years honours list – including **Millicent Hughes OAM** from the Zonta Club of Adelaide. Millicent received congratulations from many Zontians in D23 including the District Board.

Zonta club of Adelaide and Zonta club of Adelaide Flinders clubs' combined to present an Amelia Earhart breakfast in Botanic Park. This is an annual event that is very successful in many ways. The weather has not always been kind, including this year's predicted 42°. However our loyal supporters, who have regularly attended over the years and become familiar faces, once again came and enjoyed the event.

The organisation of this event works well as the clubs rotate responsibility for the food one year and drinks the next year. I would encourage other clubs to consider collaborating it not only bolsters numbers and funds

raised but strengthens relationships with other Zontians.

The **Zonta club of Port Lincoln** also received an Australia Day Award for the "Port Lincoln Event of the Year". This was for the 3rd IWD Breakfast the club has held and included the club's Women of Achievement awards. Guest speaker in 2010 was Meg Lees, former SA Senator and Leader of the Democrats. Up to 200 women from around the Lower Eyre Peninsula attended the breakfast. The event raised \$1,000 for UNIFEM and the \$800 raised from the raffle was put towards the club's Birthing Kit Assembly Day.

Partnership between the **Zonta club of Fleurieu Peninsula**, the Rotary Club of Victor Harbor, and World Vision, Victor Harbor has resulted in an event showing the film "Lighting a Candle". The film documents the lifelong dedication of Dr. Catherine Hamlin and the work of the Fistula Hospital in Addis Ababa in Ethiopia. Funds raised will go to the hospital.

Julie Monis-Ivett from the Birthing Kit Foundation will also speak following the showing of the BKF DVD. At the centre of the organisation is Sue McKay who has spent time in Ethiopia, working with Dr. Catherine Hamlin. The event will be attended by James Grainger, CEO of the Hamlin Fistula Relief and Aid Fund. The event will be held March 6 and I urge all those Zontians who are able to get to Victor Harbor to attend.



Peter Treloar, SA Member for Flinders, Belinda Jutzen, Zonta club of Pt Lincoln President, Bruce Green, Pt Lincoln Mayor and Jane Smith, ZI D23 Governor at the Port Lincoln Australia Day Awards.

New year greetings from Area 3, where at this time of the year members are returning to Zonta business refreshed from the holiday break. Planning is well underway for activities, awards and fundraising events for the year. The focus for the year is to strengthen club membership through fellowship and consolidate strong partnerships with other organisations.

To reflect on Area 3's highlight for 2010 was the Founders' Dinner which was hosted by the Zonta Club of **Dunsborough** at "Lamonts," in the beautiful South West of WA, where the Woman of Achievement Award 2010 was announced. The setting was perfect with pre-dinner drinks on the decking beside the dam and the gallery art collection to view at leisure. The cuisine was delicious and the wines selected from the surrounding wineries. The atmosphere as I moved through the tables was one of warmth, buzzing harmony and of course lots of chitchat.

The build up as the five nominated Women of Achievement—Susanne Hunter (Bunbury); Nicola Hair (Dunsborough); Lesley Anne Reynolds (Peel Region); Dianne Annear (Perth Northern Suburbs); Irina Norris (Swan Hills); being presented at the dinner by the nominating club was very exciting with all nominees being winners in their own right. We all shared the story of some quietly achieving, amazing women who have made such considerable contributions towards their community and the well being of women and children. The announcement of Susanne Hunter as the Woman of Achievement 2010 brought much applause and pleasure with Sue receiving her Award and Gold Z with a Broome Pearl Broach

as the climax of the night.



Thanks to Judy Tennant for convening the judging panel. Congratulations to President Sue Flower, Jane Moulden, committee members and Dunsborough club members for hosting the Area 3's most prestigious evening of the year especially as the club had hosted their Melbourne Cup luncheon during the week before, which each year is extremely successful and well attended.

The planning for the Area 3 Workshop has already commenced with Zonta Club of **Swan Hills** hosting the day at the Mallard Duck in the Swan Valley on the 26 March 2011. The theme is "Fellowship to Membership" and we are looking forward to sharing the day with Governor Jane Smith. This will be a day for all members to catch up with treasured friends in a relaxed atmosphere, meet new members and share membership experiences.

Earlier in January I attended the International Women's Day Centenary (IWD) Steering Committee cheque handing over ceremony at the Shire of Peppermint Grove to the Perth Chapter of UNIFEM. The Hon

Robyn McSweeney MLC (Minister for Child Protection; Community Services; Seniors and Volunteering; Women's Interests; Youth) presented the cheque to Perth UNIFEM's Anne Banks-McAllister while our own JMK Area 3 and D23 Awardee Holly Ransom, of Perth's Young UNIFEM was the MC for the occasion. Lotterywest provided UNIFEM with \$500,000 of funding to celebrate the Centenary of IWD in March.



Judi Tennant, Lennie McCall, Leanne Sultan, Alison Martin, Anne Banks-McAllister, Holly Ransom and Carole Theobald

This was a wonderful celebration of the coming together of several women's groups in strong partnership.

I look forward to the year ahead in Zonta Fellowship. Best wishes to all.



Swan Hills members Dee Saunders, Trish Daly, Sheila Watters enjoying great fellowship at last year's car rally.

"Say NO - UNiTE is proof that there is a global groundswell for ending violence against women."
— UN Women Executive Director
Michelle Bachelet.



Area 4 Report

Margaret Hinks

Ballarat club donated groceries etc. to the 3BA Christmas appeal. They have also conducted a successful White Ribbon Day event with 200 people in attendance. The club is now sourcing nominations for the Ballarat Great Women award.

Bendigo will hold their IWD dinner on the 8th March and their speaker will be Sarah Skinner. In response to the recent floods in Central Victoria the ZC of Bendigo will hold a Garden Gala on April 2nd, and also a fundraiser in conjunction with Fernwood. Plans for new signage at the entrance to Bendigo are also in hand.

Geelong are holding their International Women's Day Art Exhibition Women- The Journey" to be held at Art @ Wintergarden, McKillop Street, Geelong from 25th February – 13th March. The club's IWD Awards Dinner is on Wednesday 2nd March, where scholarships and awards will be presented to local women and girls. The club is also holding "An Evening with Bettina Arndt – Men's Health and Sexuality", Thursday April 7th,

Village Cinema, Ryrie Street, Geelong, 7.15 pm, tickets \$20. Contact President Chris Denmead, or Phillipa Challis.

In the 3 weeks leading up to IWD the **Kyneton** club will have a display in the promotion space at the Shire of Kyneton promotion space where they will display the area banners and promote the Zonta Club projects as well as their IWD dinner.

Last year **Melton** donated \$500 to Michelle Mayhew to conduct a CHIC program course at the local Staughton Secondary College; Michelle attended a recent meeting to explain the course and to thank the club for their support for this program and the aims and objects of the program directed at students aged 11 to 15:

- To feel safe enough to share their views about life and about themselves.
- To identify and address some of the issues they face, in a safe and constructive forum
- To experience activities and interactions that enhances their self-esteem and self image.

- To have an increased awareness of self, and of the impact of their choices on themselves and others.

- To gain practical skills such as relating to others, listening, conflict resolution and goal setting.

- To grow in social and environmental awareness, and be empowered to have a positive impact on the world.

Melton will hold their IWD dinner on March 8th and their speaker will be Tracey Bartram.

4 members of ZC of Melton will attend the International Honorary Membership luncheon in Sydney for the Governor General.

Wangaratta assisted with the city's Australia Day celebrations. They have made a donation of a chair to the local Lactation Clinic. On April 6th they will hold a champagne lunch and garden party. They are also planning their IWD careers breakfast. The club has forwarded a donation to ZIF the result of profits from a trading table at their meeting. There are plans under way for a working bee for breast cushions and the club is also looking into assembling birthing kits.

Area 5 Report

Carol Fuller

Area 5 has had a flurry of important events since Christmas starting with the hosting of the District 23 Board meeting and finishing with the Charter Presentation dinner for our new amalgamated club Hobart Derwent.

It was with great pleasure that **Launceston** club hosted our District Board for its February meeting. In the course of the very busy weekend the Board was joined by 20 Area 5 Zontians from Hobart, Hobart Derwent and Devonport at a welcoming BBQ in Vicki Gee's beautiful garden in the heart of the Tamar Valley wine growing area. With canny organization, District Governor, Jane Smith was able to catch up with her sister Susan Hutton who we hope is soon to become a member in Launceston. Jane then travelled south to perform the Charter

presentation to **Hobart Derwent** president Lois Green.

On a more business focused mission, the Zonta Club of **Devonport** received a grant from the Tasmanian Community Fund after a submission by Zontian Jenni Jago which was used to purchase a Liberty Swing for the School of Special Education. This project was completed just before Christmas.



Another creative project was completed by the **Hobart** Club when it supported a group of young women associates to have a clothes, accessories and cosmetics collection for the Hobart Young Women's Shelter. What a great and relevant way of involving our younger women in Zonta service.

In a similar vein, Launceston club's youngest member, Nicole Erb, used her sponsor finding skills and enabled the club to once again donate small, esteem building gifts of cosmetics to those women who were unfortunately forced to seek shelter at Magnolia House over the festive season. Launceston club was very pleasantly surprised to find that our annual baking of shortbread has acquired a standing in the local community producing a demand for the product that exceeded our expectations. This augers well for projects for 2011.