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From the Governor.....

District 23 Zontians,

This is a very busy time of year for all Zontians with International Women's Day, Area Workshops, Annual General Meetings and election of Board members for the coming year, Handover or Biennium meetings as well as personal activities including family get-togethers in the warm summer days, Easter break, holidays etc. So many clubs have done so much since the Christmas break so please take time to read all the Area Director's reports. There may be some new ideas that you could use in your club.

The D23 Board, at their last meeting, agreed that an award be given by the Governor to recognise Zontians who have given outstanding service to Zonta International and District 23 over many years. It is intended that, where possible, the award be made at District Conference

One of the highlights of the past two months was presenting the inaugural Governor's Award to Heide Taylor, a member of the Zonta Club of Adelaide. Heide is known internationally and locally as "Mother Zonta" for the contribution she has made to Zonta over many years and for the Zonta Clubs she started in many countries.

The Zonta Club of Adelaide hosted a special dinner on Wednesday 2 March to celebrate this presentation. There were over 70 attendees including Zontians from 9 clubs in Area 2, past Zontians, members of other organisations who have worked with Heide and the friends Heide invited. Many messages were received from others unable to be present, including ZI President Dianne Curtis, Past International President Val Sarah and our District 23 Liaison Kathleen Douglass. Members of the ZC of Adelaide had put together a PowerPoint presentation which brought back memories. President Lynn Oxlad prepared and read a biography which outlined Heide's many contributions to Zonta. Heide Taylor is a very worthy recipient of this inaugural award and it was my honour to present it to her.



Governor Jane with D23 Governors Award recipient Heide Taylor & ZC Adelaide President Lynn Oxlad.

On March 5 the Governor General of Australia, Quentin Bryce, was inducted as an Honorary Zontian. Jane Adornetto, our Newsflash editor, was present and has put together a very good report (page 3). Her Excellency's address was excellent and she spoke very highly of Zonta and its work. The organisation of this event was undertaken very ably and professionally by ZI Board Member and past District 23 Governor, Beryl McMillan. It was a memorable occasion and a wonderful opportunity to meet with Zontians from Districts 22 and 24.

As the GG Induction Lunch was held around the time of International Women's Day, Lt Governor Cintra Amos and I took advantage of the trip to Sydney to attend the IWD Luncheon in Canberra (Cintra's report is on page 6). After the lunch in Sydney I drove back to Canberra with Leanne Elliott from the Canberra Breakfast Club, a great opportunity to share our Zonta knowledge. With Sharyl Scott from District 24 and President and District 23 representative of the Australian Women's Coalition, I attended, an IWD Forum held in the Great Hall at Parliament House on 8 March. Women.

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District 23 Website

CaroleTheobold has been working hard to update the District 23 website. Please spend some time having a look at the wonderful improvements that have been made thus far. Well done Carole.

**Next Newsflash deadline:
Sunday 5th June 2011**

From the Governor, continued.....

The forum was hosted by the Hon Kate Ellis MP, Minister for the Status of Women. The moderator was Clare Bowditch, gifted and respected musician, artist and singer known as much for her social commentary as for her singing. The speakers were ABC Online's chief political writer, Annabel Crabb; Director of the Centre for Policy Development Miriam Lyons, who is renowned for her ability to inject new ideas into Australia's public debate on issues including our aging population; 2007 Young Australian of the Year, Tania Major, an indigenous youth advocate and a role model for indigenous and non-indigenous Australians; Director General of Public Affairs for the Australian Department of Defence, Brigadier Alison Creagh, one of the most decorated female officers

in the Australian Defence Force. These were all very inspirational women and I was honoured to have been invited to this event.

I have attended two Area Workshops – Area 3 in the beautiful Swan River area of WA and Area 2 at Auburn in the Clare Valley. Although very different in content and presentation they were both very enjoyable and it was great to meet with many “old” Zontian friends and make new ones. I am looking forward to attending Areas 1 and 4's combined workshop on 14 May and Area 5 the following weekend. I am so thrilled that my sister, Susan Hutton, has been inducted as a member of Launceston club so I will now be able to “talk Zonta” with her as we travel together to Hobart for the Area 5 Workshop.

Many new presidents will be taking up the leadership of their club this month. I wish you all the best for the term of your office and am sure you will find it very rewarding. As well as the support from past Presidents and experienced Zontians the ZI website is the best resource for information.

My best wishes to you all for your Handover/Biennium meetings. May your clubs continue to increase their membership and provide stimulating, exciting and fun programs which will focus on improving the status of women locally and internationally.

In Zonta Fellowship

Jane Smith
Governor, District 23

Vale Dr. Judith Dey, AO

PIP Val Sarah, AM



Judith Dey died on April 9. She was the first of our District Governors. In July 1974 at the International Convention in Boston, Judith Dey became the first Governor of the then District XVI (16), and a voting member of the International Board as it was then constituted.

Judith Dey was a Charter member of the Zonta Club of Sydney in 1966 and was made a Life Member of her Club in 1999. She served as Co-Chairman of the 1984 Sydney Convention, which was an historic event, not only because it was the first time that Australia had hosted a ZI Convention, but it was only the second Convention in Zonta's history - after Wiesbaden in 1976 - to be held off the North American continent. Dr Judith Dey will be remembered at our District 23 Conference in October.

Nominating Committee

Judith Rothe

HIGH PRIORITY

The D23 Nomination form for 2012-2014 that all D23 clubs and Area Directors have received must be completed with the inclusion of the suggested candidates' photo and be returned to the Chairman of the D23 Nominating Committee Judith Rothe no later than **May 31 2011**.

We encourage all qualified members to nominate for positions on the District Board and the Nominating Committee for the next biennium to form a full slate to present to Governor Jane Smith.

Our Committee has been represented at the Area 2 & 3 Workshops and have networked with members, gaining a list of names to begin our mission of multiple candidates for all positions.

We will also be represented at the coming Area 1, 4 & 5 workshops with our own growing list of prospective nominees. *Remember your pledge - if you are called upon for leadership responsibilities you are expected to serve enthusiastically.*

Please contact our committee if you need any assistance with the nomination form and I thank you in advance for your diligence and punctuality.

District Treasurer

Carolyn Colquhoun

“DUES ARE DUE”

Just a reminder that if dues have not already been sent to the District Treasurer, then please do as soon as possible.

Your club's ZI database has been sent to you in an Excel file and it would be appreciated if club Treasurers could update their member records in RED and return to me. Whilst some clubs are sending their paperwork with their cheques, an electronic copy of all paperwork is also appreciated.

If for some reason your club has not received their updated information or their dues invoice by now please contact me by telephone or email c.mc2@bigpond.net.au

FANTASTIC ZI RESOURCES!

The recent new initiative of the **e-newsletter** is a valuable tool for all members to access. Please take the time to read each issue, and click through on the links provided. These links deliver a large amount of extremely useful information that can only assist in making all our lives easier.

Also remember the **ZI Website** has much information across the whole organisation and is a wonderful resource for research and general information. www.zonta.org

Zonta International bestows International Honorary Membership on Governor-General of Australia

Jane Adornetto

Zontians from Districts 22, 23 & 24 gathered in Sydney on Saturday 5th March 2011 for the historic event of awarding the Governor-General of Australia, Her Excellency Ms Quentin Bryce AM, honorary membership to Zonta International. Ms Bryce is only the sixth Australian to be bestowed this honour. She joins Kay Cottee, Professor Fiona Stanley, Dr Catherine Hamlin, Gaby Kennard and Helen Caldicott.

Held during the same week as the 100th anniversary of International Women's Day, the event was attended by Cr Meredith Burgmann, representing the Lord Mayor, who welcomed all guests to Sydney, and Justice Elizabeth Evatt AC, the first female judge of an Australian federal court. Also in attendance were Lynn McKenzie, Zonta International President Elect, who delivered a message from President Dianne Curtis, and two past International Presidents, Ms Leneen Forde AC, former Governor of Queensland and Ms Val Sarah AM.



L-R ZC Gawler's Naomi Arnold-Resche
ZI President-Elect Lynn McKenzie, Her Excellency, ZI Director Beryl McMillan

ZI Director Beryl McMillan welcomed Her Excellency, distinguished guests and Zontians to the luncheon, outlined the Governor-General's illustrious career as an academic, lawyer, human rights advocate and public official and emphasized Her Excellency's focus on women and women's issues throughout her public life.

In her letter to the Governor-General ZI President Curtis advised "Your accomplishments throughout your extensive and exemplary period in public life have significantly advanced the status of women internationally and you have distinguished yourself as an extraordinary role model and spokesperson for the encouragement of women to pursue high levels of achievement – the major criteria used in determining eligibility for International Honorary Membership in our organization."

In her remarks, ZI Present-Elect Lynn McKenzie advised that International Honorary Zontians

"come from all walks of life and professions, united in their unfailing commitment and dedication to advancing the status of women, world wide."

President-Elect McKenzie also advised "Last week, UN Women was launched in New York, the agency intended to galvanize the UN's worldwide efforts to realize the rights and opportunities of women and girls. I had the privilege to be at this launch. There, the Secretary General for the UN, Ban Ki-moon, said that setting up this agency was 'the right thing to do and possibly one of the smartest things the UN can do.'

This coming week we recognise another milestone, the hundredth anniversary of International Women's Day. As we look forward 100 years, women like yourself, your Excellency with members of Zonta and those like minded people and organisation have an obligation and responsibility to continue to advance the status of women, enabling women and girls to reach their full potential- repeating again the words of Ban Ki-Moon. 'To do so is *the right thing to do and possibly the smartest thing we can do.*'"



In her acceptance speech Her Excellency quoted Amelia Earhart "Never say no when a new adventure offers. Be bold, be bold, be bold!", advising that this captured Zontians' "spirit and enthusiasm".

The Governor-General was first associated with Zonta in 1978 when she was appointed to the inaugural National Women's Advisory Council. In paying tribute to Zonta and Zontians and the work we do, the Governor-General stated "Such hard work - work that is strategic, with a strong practical approach, clear goals and targets and rewarding effective outcomes. That is what Zonta is known for: establishing and supporting programs to enhance the

lives of women, their futures, their potential." In this vein Her Excellency paid tribute to those who established our Breast Care Cushion and Birthing Kit projects. The full text of the Governor-General's speech can be found at www.gg.gov.au

The event was held at the Queens Club, established in 1912 "for social purposes for country and city women." A venue both befitting the importance of the event, where country and city Zontians could enjoy fellowship in a beautiful setting. If fellowship was measured in the decibel level of conversation, both at pre-lunch drinks and at the luncheon itself, then the gathering was a huge success!



L-R Governors Trish Collins (D22), Jane Smith (D23) and Carolyn Evans (D24)

District 23 was well represented with members travelling from all states in the District. The lunch was a great opportunity to meet Zontians from other districts, with tables being made up of members from each District. D23's Kay Stewart did a great job as MC of the event.

Overall, the day presented a wonderful opportunity to be part of Zonta International history, to renew Zonta friendships and create new ones. It also reaffirmed the work we do as Zontians as very important. We must continue our commitment to advancing the status of women through service and advocacy.



President-Elect Lynn McKenzie and D23 Governor Jane Smith

ZI

Status of Women Service

Jill Taylor

At the District 23 Board meeting held in Launceston in February 2011 the Status of Women Service Committee's action plan for 2010-2012 was endorsed. Two actions contained in the plan viz., developing registers for club service activities and a register of past District 23 award winners have been activated. Area Directors have taken responsibility for arranging for clubs within their Areas to provide relevant information so that the register can be compiled and placed on the District website for all clubs/members to access. Please contact your Area Director or myself if you want more information.

By the time you receive your copy of this Newsflash it is likely that the Australian Government will have handed down its budget for the next twelve months. If what we hear is any indication there is likely to be cuts or significant reduction in many community services. Most state/territory governments are also foreshadowing they will take a similar approach. It is important that we examine the impact of these service reductions, especially as they might impact on women and children.

The Australian Government as recently as March of this year participated in the United Nations Commission of the Status of Women forum held in New York where it endorsed the priority theme for 2011 which is:

Access and participation of women and girls to education, training, science and technology, including for the promotion of women's equal access to full employment and decent work.

It will be interesting to see how these two imperatives are balanced when the budget is handed down.

Please change email details in your District Handbook for Bianca Heaney YWPA Co-Ordinator to:
bianca.heaney@woolindustries.org

Breast Care Cushion Project

Jasmine Koch

In response to my previous D23 newsflash article and requests from many clubs that have exhausted supplies of the Tontine filling, the District has a new cushion filling supplier.

I am pleased to report, with many thanks to Elizabeth Davis (A1&4 BC Coordinator), Easyrest Pillows are prepared to supply Zonta clubs with a superior quality cushion filling at a very good price.

The special discounted price for Zonta is \$35.64 (inclusive of GST) for a 10kg bag which fills 100 cushions compared to the regular price of \$58.80 per 10kg and to Spotlight \$12 per kg.

There are minimum order requirements, and as the company is based in Melbourne, interstate delivery costs would also need to be taken into account.

More information regarding contact details, ordering requirements, payment options and delivery costs has been sent to Area Directors for passing on to Club Presidents.

I would like to thank the clubs that completed the Breast Cushion Report for the six months ended December 2010 and their participation in the project resulting in over 1500 cushions being distributed in that period. That's a great effort!!!

Jane M Klausman

Karen Groves

Dates to remember for the Jane M Klausman Scholarship

1st June—Applications to be received by clubs/Areas.

1st July—Applications to be received by D23 Coordinator.

1st August—Application of D23 recipient to be received by Governor.

1st September—Applications from Districts to be received by ZI.

15th October—Announcement of 12 ZI JMK Scholarship recipients.

Public Relations and Communications

Faye Juetz

Recently I had the pleasure (?) of receiving an email that had travelled to and fro for a considerable time before reaching my inbox. Not only was the original subject by now a bit obscure, it also contained the comments of each previous recipient, so it was a lengthy tome to say the least. Fortunately, earlier discussion was "polite", but most of it not relevant by the time it got to me.

This reminded me that there is such a thing as "email etiquette". In the "old days" we were taught at school how to write letters, (reinforced later in the workplace), and to this day I find it difficult to deviate from that training, even when texting or emailing.

Which brings us to the modern world of technology where we communicate instantly and sometimes disastrously – no such thing as proofreading once that button has been pushed! Mr. Google provides many references to email etiquette, however, the most helpful reference for Zontians is contained in the ZI Club Manual available on line at www.zonta.org.

While it is now perfectly acceptable, in fact, encouraged to conduct Zonta business online - notices, invitations, letters, as well general email communication - principles still apply.

It is really important to identify Zonta business in the subject line, e.g. "Zonta Club of XXXX - Letter of Invitation" as is attaching well set out and named documents. This makes for ease of filing both for both sender and recipient. Before forwarding a received email, delete all non-relevant material – this saves space and sometimes "face" – hit "send" and there is no turning back.

I would urge **ALL** members to log on and have a look at the Zonta International Website policies and guidelines – we don't need to re-invent the wheel when it is all there to help in the smooth and professional running of your club.

Area 1 Report

Robyn Scholes

This is a lovely bitter/sweet time of year for Zontians. It is the time of AGM's and farewells to past Presidents and Boards and welcoming and installation of the new. As Area 1 Director it has been my pleasure to visit Clubs at either AGM's or Installation ceremonies and have a much better insight into the yearly overview of Clubs achievements. As a result of this I wish to commend the following:-

***Club Presidents** - Elizabeth Davis (President of Mornington Peninsula) and Jenny Peplar (President of Frankston) who have given two years of great leadership to their Clubs. Both have volunteered so much of their time, energy and dedication to ensure that their Clubs prosper, and are vibrant contributors to their communities and Zonta at large. We thank them for all they have done. Then we have the Presidents who are mid-term – Pat Gray from Melbourne on Yarra, Sandra Hall from Melbourne's West and Pam Sloss from Waverley, who are working with such diligence and zeal to provide the direction and leadership necessary for

their Clubs. Well done.

***Boards and Committees.** After listening to reports from various Club members it has reinforced again how versatile women can be. How often do we see women step up and perform either within their comfort zone e.g. Amanda Connors who produced a truly professional Annual Report for Melbourne on Yarra, or out of their comfort zone such as Heather Phillips from Frankston who so successfully chaired the Finance and Service Club and raised thousands of dollars together with her committee and Club members, which subsequently supported numerous projects both on a local and international level? These are but two examples. As we all know there are many Zontians in our Clubs who step up to positions that require them to develop new skill and understandings. By doing so not only does Zonta benefit but the individuals also grow.

***Club members.** These are our hope and our future Board and Committee members. They are also the experience and source of knowledge that give a Club depth. When I view

the names of members within each Club my mind recalls the value of each one. Mornington Peninsula has a wonderful Perceptor Program which encourages members to develop closer ties, and the value of each member.

***Club projects.** An overview (via the Annual Reports) of what has been achieved within twelve months is a great reinforcement of what Zonta is about. All Clubs within Area 1 contribute to ZI Foundation. They support the Breast Care Cushion and Birthing Kit projects to varying degrees. All provide a Scholarship for women/girls to continue their education. Frankston supports women in a Positive Living Program, Waverley supported the local Safe House for women experiencing domestic violence, Mornington Peninsula supports a Literacy Program, Z/C Melbourne's West have a Youth Service project and Z/C Melbourne on Yarra support go Red for Women. Of course the wonderful Amelia Earhart Brunch organised by the Z/C of Mornington Peninsula and Frankston is to be applauded.

Area 2 Report

Erica Majba

Adelaide's successful International Women's Day breakfast was held on March 8 followed by the IWD luncheon the following day. Both functions provided great opportunities for Zontians to network with other women and celebrate the IWD centenary. Congratulations to the Zonta Clubs of Riverland and Pt Lincoln, who ran their own functions, and the other regional clubs that joined with other women's groups on the day.

Also in March I had the opportunity to speak about mentoring to the members of Adelaide Flinders and the Fleurieu clubs. I was pleased to induct new member of the Zonta Club of Noarlunga Southern Vales and personal friend, Kaye Mahomet. It is such a good experience to visit other clubs and see how well they do things and also what you can learn from them to take back to your own club. You do not need to wait to be invited, as you are always welcome. Check the back of your District Directory for club meeting nights and then contact the club Secretary to get details. Venture out in pairs – it is fun.

Our recent Area 2 Workshop held in Auburn, a small town in the Clare valley, was well attended, with members from all clubs (including Alice Springs and Darwin) as well as some prospective members. Pleasingly we had a good number of Zontians attending their first workshop. Let's hope they come back again next year. I hosted the event with the Zonta Club of Clare & Districts, and the Zonta Club of Adelaide Torrens provided valued support. Collaboration between the two clubs worked well with some good bonds formed and the workload shared. The focus of the day was the positive benefits of volunteering and in particular why we belong to Zonta. The theme "Dance to your Drum" was taken up by guest speakers Jo Rattray -Stewart and Tracy Vanderpeer, providing great inspiration as well as some thought provoking ideas. During the day there was input from many Zontians with expertise in particular areas and important stories to tell. A high energy way to finish off the day was provided by local group "Tumbadrum" running a drumming workshop that engaged all in the making of music and singing. Many

members stayed for the dinner and went sight-seeing the next day. The feedback sheets showed overwhelming satisfaction with the day.

In March, Vice Area 2 Director Anna Seibert and I attended the celebration of the 33rd anniversary of the ZC of Fleurieu. The club is going strong with 24 members, including several charter members who are still very active. The club is active with several local projects and fund raising in the local community and plan to continue to carry on for another 33 years or more!



L-R Anita Willis, President of Zonta Club of Fleurieu, Erica Majba, Area 2 Director, and Anna Seibert, Area 2 Vice Director celebrating ZC Fleurieu's 33rd Birthday..

Area 3 Report

Jo Wittorff for Area Director Leanne Sultan

International Women's Day 2011, has been a year to remember for Zonta clubs in Area 3! Carole Theobald from the ZC of Perth represented Zonta D23 Area 3 on two Perth Chapter of UN Women committees: the Management Committee to oversee the Lotterywest grant of \$550,000 to fund a range of *statewide celebrations* for the Centenary of IWD; and the annual UN Women *IWD Breakfast* Committee.

The Hall of Fame Gala Night on 7th March, attended by 1,000 people, started IWD week with a bang. Zonta, BPW, Soroptimists, National Council of Women, Graduate Women WA and the WA Local Government Women's Association all helped UN Women to make this a BIG event. It was also the formal launch of UN Women in WA. Zontians who attended from Perth, Perth Northern Suburbs, Swan Hills and Bunbury clubs were delighted to witness the following women with "Zonta" connections being inducted into the Inaugural IWD Hall of Fame: **Dr Penny Flett** (Perth), **Josephine Spaul** (Bunbury), **Paddi Creevey** (Peel), **Beryl Grant** (former member of Perth) as well as **Kath Mazzella** (Area 3 Woman of Achievement 2005), **Wilma Dunne** OAM (Area 3 Woman of Achievement 1997) and **Leah Umbagai** (Project Coordinator of the Ilerla Project at Mowanjum – the Ilerla Project came from the D23

Yarri Wada Puppet Project). WA Governor His Excellency Dr Ken Michael AC presented each inductee with a specially minted brooch at an informal ceremony before the formal gala event.



ZC Bunbury's Josephine Spaul with WA Governor Dr Ken Michael AC

On IWD, people in WA woke up to an eight page wrap-around in The West Australian titled, "Celebrating WA Women" which introduced the 100 Hall of fame inductees. A 'Zonta ad' coordinated by Carole was funded by Area 3 clubs!

940 people, including **Perth, Perth Northern Suburbs** and **Swan Hills** Zontians, attended the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre for the IWD breakfast that was the key 'international' event of the week. Guest speakers for the morning included Sue Conde the President of UN Women Australia, Elizabeth Broderick the Sex Discrimination Commissioner and, the keynote

speaker, Manal Omar who is a Middle East peacemaker. **Bunbury** celebrated IWD with a breakfast for over 300 people on 13th March and was supported by members from **Peel** and **Dunsborough**. Guest speaker was WA author Liz Byrski and the club received sponsorship from BHP Billiton Worsley Alumina to fund the attendance of past award winners and Head Girls of local high schools.

Over 160 guests attended **Peel** club's IWD breakfast on 8th March. The Historical Society of Mandurah displayed 11 of their models in period costumes which added to the atmosphere of the day. Paddi Creevey, Peel Zontian, Mayor of Mandurah and new Hall of Fame inductee presented the club's Education Award to Lorraine Murby who is pursuing a nursing career.

103 people from all different ages, walks of lives and cultures attended the **Perth Northern Suburb's** 'Celebrate 100 years of International Women's Day by Saving 100 Lives'. They managed to produce 2000 Birthing Kits in three hours, which have been dispatched to Papua New Guinea. Many participants had learnt of the event from the ABC IWD website and the articles in the Stirling and Joondalup local papers. It was also on the Department of Communities website, as they funded the morning tea.

Canberra UN Women Launch

Cintra Amos, Lt Governor

DG Jane Smith and Lt G Cintra Amos travelled to Canberra on Friday 4 March en route to the Governor General's Induction Luncheon in Sydney to attend the Canberra UN Women Lunch. They joined Canberra Zontians at the event, which was attended by around 1200 people at the National Convention Centre.

Guest Speaker was Princess Kasune Zulu from Zambia, one of Africa's most prominent activists in combating AIDS. Both of Princess Zulu's parents and two of her siblings were victims of this deadly pandemic

and she herself has tested positive for the predictor of AIDS. Looking magnificent in national costume, she was an extremely powerful young woman who delivered her address with passion.

Jane and Cintra had a great time and met some wonderful women, and Princess Zulu autographed a copy of her book "Warrior Princess" (co-written with Belinda Collins) for Cintra, who was travelling to Zambia, Botswana and Namibia during March and April.



L-R - Belinda Collins, Lt Governor Cintra Amos, Governor Jane Smith, Princess Zulu

Area 4 Report

Margaret Hinks

Ann Horrocks attended the opening of the Albury Wodonga Patient and Carer's Accommodation Centre recently and was asked to be the Zonta representative when the initial cheque was handed over by the Rotary and Lion's Governors. This large cheque (in all ways) had the logos of ZC **Albury-Wodonga**, Rotary and Lions. Rotary provided \$50,000, Lions \$40,000 and Zonta, who had put away the money for many years - \$10,000. It was a great evening with the fundraising launched by the Fight Cancer Foundation who will now run the project. Two Zontians first mooted carer's accommodation back in 2002. Ann was AD when Zontians Tonia Timmermans and Maddie Dobson had husbands being treated for cancer and had to find accommodation in Melbourne. The project meets PR and community goals and was a terrific PR exercise and Ann is sure it will help the Albury Wodonga club grow - three new members are now ready to pay up. **Ballarat** celebrated the centenary of IWD with their annual dinner on Tuesday 8 March. Some 137 guests filled the Eureka Ballroom at the Mercure to capacity and gave every indication of having a great evening. Guest speaker for the dinner was Janelle Yates, Development and Communications Manager at Ballarat

Cancer Research Centre, who encouraged everyone to "follow your dreams – throw the blinders away" as she spoke about her ambitions and work.

Bendigo had a wonderful IWD dinner. The club was thrilled with the financial result of the evening of \$9810, but the great atmosphere, the way Zontians responded to their responsibilities for the event and the positive way the attendees responded to the work Zontians do locally and internationally, also pleased President Sunnie Watts greatly.

Bendigo also have plans for their Garden Expo now being finalised.

Geelong held two wonderful IWD events – their annual Art Exhibition, and the March Awards dinner, presenting scholarships to local students and women of achievement. Geelong also had wonderful support in the promotion of their April 7th Evening with Bettina Arndt, including 600 flyers in "show bags" for Men's Health Week, 800 flyers inserted into the Geelong Chamber of Commerce mail out. Geelong is focusing on increasing membership this year, and is gathering momentum with two new members inducted in April and a list of potential members being followed up.

Polar adventurer, Linda Beilharz inspired and challenged the 220 women who shared an extraordinary

evening at the **Kyneton** IWD event. Linda used the experiences of her trek to the North Pole to encourage her audience to take on new challenges, focus on the positive and trust in their own strengths. Olivia Jones, the recipient of Kyneton's YWPA award 2010, also spoke of her future plans and encouraged other young women to take on a role in the community. The club is pleased to announce that the proceeds of the raffle will be used to support Women's Health Loddon Mallee and ZI service projects.

Val Turner has touched the lives of many within the Melton community, particularly teenagers, and at their recent IWD dinner the **ZC Melton** acknowledged her contributions by presenting her with the 2011 Woman of Note award. Val is a member of the Lions Club of Melton for 5 years, also secretary of community radio station 979FM, president of "The Gap" which seeks to enhance the lives of the youth in the area, and a member of the Merrimu Service board, (service to the disabled of Melton).

Wangaratta have been having an extremely busy time, with the induction of new members and a very successful garden party, and are looking forward to the induction of their new board. See photo on Page 8.

Area 5 Report

Carol Fuller

One of the most exciting projects in Area 5 at the moment is one run by the newly amalgamated club **Hobart Derwent**. In association with the local Clarence Council, the club has applied for funds to assist their Cheryl's Angel project which runs in eastern shore secondary schools with the specific aim of helping girls with low self-esteem. Young women must have a special appeal for this club because Hobart Derwent also assists a Young Mums program at the local Neighbourhood House. Hobart Derwent is certainly forming excellent community partnerships to facilitate their Zonta service.

On the celebration front, **Devonport** reached their fifteenth birthday. The club continues to grow in numbers and strength having inducted a brand new member, Judy Nowell and also gaining Roba Rasheed, a transferee from Hobart.



ZC Devonport members celebrating their 15th Birthday

On a perfect autumn day **Launceston** held a very elegant Victorian High tea. The setting was 'Egremont', a beautiful Federation mansion loaned to the club for the weekend by the generous owners Dr Alex Thomson and Dr Marita Bardenhagen. Not only was it such a great day that people were asking when the next one was to be scheduled but it was also a substantial fundraiser.

Launceston also recently inducted a new member, Susan Hutton, sister to our own Governor Jane Smith. Jane has tried for a long time to introduce her little sister to Zonta and Launceston club is proud to be the instrument of success!

Hobart club have also made recruiting a major activity this quarter and have been successful in inducting two new members with three more in the pipeline. Well done Hobart.

In another demonstration of partnering with other community agencies, Devonport and Launceston clubs have been approached by Family Violence Counselling and Support Services to partner in an exciting White Ribbon Day project, involving Angela Barker, the current Victorian Young Person of the Year. We will keep you posted.

Z Clubs

Phillipa Challis

Z Club Geelong members along with the cultural studies students from their school Matthew Flinders Girls Secondary College took part in the 'Young People Speak' Forum at Parliament House in Melbourne in March. The President of the Z Club Naomi Berry was invited to Chair the afternoon session and covered what it means to be affiliated with an international organisation and the mission of Zonta International. Her presentation covered the service projects the Z Club have chosen for 2011 one being a Reach Out project in Afghanistan and funding of educational materials and warm clothing for the girls in the remote area of Panjao.



Club Geelong Members attend Forum at Parliament House, Melbourne

with schools to form a Z Club (or have a current Z Club) that if the name of the school and contact details are supplied, an email/letter would be sent through via your club liaison person to create an international pen pal club to develop a unique friendship abroad with other Z Clubs, which is one of the objectives required of a Z Club. This can be an international project for the club, and can be noted on the sponsoring club's application for formation.

District 4 Z/Golden Z Clubs Convenor Shirley Ellison who has 30 Z Clubs in her District has made an offer to clubs in District 23 who are working

It is encouraging to report that two clubs are currently investigating establishing a Z Club in their area.



11th Biennial District 23 Conference Friday 7th to Sunday 9th October 2011 As you will be aware, the D23 Conference is being held in Melbourne at the beginning of the Spring Racing Carnival in Victoria. But did you know there are signature flowers for the major race days?

The signature flower for the Melbourne Cup, the race that stops the nation, is a yellow rose. The signature flower for Zonta is the Zonta Rose - a yellow rose. Come to Melbourne and be part of the conference designed to raise awareness of Zonta!

Photo Gallery



ZC Wangaratta's Garden Party



ZC Bendigo's IWD Dinner



Area 2 Zontians get drumming!



Her Excellency Quentin Bryce with Dr Julie Monis-Ivett



Governor Jane drumming with Area 2 Director Erica Majba



L-R A4 Director Margaret Hinks, ZI President Elect Lyn McKenzie, Governor Jane Smith, A1 Director Robyn Scholes



Governor Jane Smith with Newsflash Editor Jane Adornetto



ZC Launceston's High Tea