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From the Governor.....

District 23 Zontians,

We have certainly had a busy time over the past few months and can look forward to a new Zonta year with renewed enthusiasm. Most clubs have a new club Board and I welcome those members to their new roles. It is very rewarding to take on a new role and to work with your club to promote the Zonta mission whilst having fun and fellowship.

I have now attended all four Area Workshops and enjoyed every one. Each one has been very different and I have heard some very inspirational speakers whilst having time for fellowship and networking. If I had to pick out the speaker who gave me the most food for thought it would have to be Roger Stack from Tasmania Polytechnic whose topic was "How will Zontians communicate in the future?" Roger's talk certainly gave me an exciting insight into the social media and how we can use it to the advantage of our organisation. I am looking forward to having some time to "blog" and "twitter" and all those things that have meant nothing to me in the past. By the time you read this you should have received your electronic copy of

the 2011-2012 District Directory. At our last D23 Board meeting the Board agreed that the District Directory and District Goals be sent electronically. This will be a cost saving to the District and will give you the opportunity to keep your copies up to date as amendments are received.

When you receive the District Directory would you please ensure that e-mail address books are updated to include the current office bearers. We are an "organisation of executives and professionals" so need to be professional in all that we do.

I am continually concerned about the lack of identification of e-mails that are being sent by clubs. PLEASE use the subject line to give a brief description of the subject matter. If the word "Zonta" is used at the beginning of the subject line recipients will be less likely to delete the message without opening it. Attachments should also be identified with subject, club name and date for example *Zonta Adelaide Newsletter June 11*.

I have received many messages where the subject and the attachments have just been named "minutes" and with no identification on the signature.

You will have recently received your Call to Conference from the Conference Committee. After having spent some time when I was in Melbourne with Conference Chairman, Jasmine Koch, I can assure you that our 2011 Conference is shaping up to be an exciting event and I look forward to seeing many of you there.

In Zonta Fellowship

Jane Smith
Governor, District 23



Governor Jane (r) congratulates Josephine Spaul (ZC Bunbury) at the Area 3 Workshop on being inducted into the WA Women's Hall of Fame.

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Next Newsflash deadline:

7th August 2011

Legislative Awareness & Advocacy

Pauline Glover

LAA is a relatively new area that Zontians have been having to 'get their head' around. I have had the privilege of making some presentations at the Area 2 and Area 1&4 workshops in Clare and Melton. The following is a shortened version of what I spoke about.

A is for advocacy and awareness. The LAA District goals are found in your orange booklet. You will see that there are seven goals and they reflect the international goals. For each goal there is an action, a responsibility, a measure and a time line. It is interesting that in the responsibility column members are not mentioned, however you are all vitally important to the success of reaching these goals and you need to think of yourselves in each of the seven goals. There is mention of the LAA handbook in the goals and this is an area that the committee is working on.

D is for definition and data. Zonta International defines advocacy as the *expression of support for, or opposition to a cause, argument or proposal. Advocacy may include influencing laws, legislation or attitudes.* This definition will be the basis for discussion at the workshop at the conference in October. Data is always useful when measuring a project or an activity. We need to have some data to present at the conference in October about LAA activities. You will all be receiving a questionnaire in early July which you will be asked to complete.

V is for voice. As members of the public and as Zontians we do have a voice. However we need to know what Zonta's policies are about having that voice. Does your club work in collaboration with like minded organisations and do you host educational activities to educate women?

O is for objects. We need to ensure that our LAA activities meet the objects of ZI. They need to improve the legal, political, health, educational and professional status of women and promote justice and universal respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms.

C is for collaboration. Think about whom you collaborate with, when, why and how. This will be a question on the forthcoming questionnaire.

A is for activities and the Advocacy Scorecard. This scorecard should be used for all projects and will be the basis for the data that will be collected. If you haven't already scored all your club projects, please do so to be prepared. We know that the District projects meet the scorecard criteria.

C is for communication. We need to communicate at Club, District and International level. We need to know how to communicate and this will be an area that will be worked on into the future.

Y is for because. We are Zontians and our mission is to advance the status of women worldwide through service and advocacy and we have a specific goal that needs to be addressed.

I look forward to sending you all a questionnaire when I return from South Africa where I am attending the International Confederation of Midwives Conference. I will be participating in a 5 km walk into Durban with 3,000 midwives from all over the world. The purpose of the walk is to increase the public's awareness to the goals of Safe Motherhood. This is advocacy in action!

Membership

Cintra Amos

INDUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Membership Certificates for new members need to be requested. Inducting a new member is always a very special occasion, and the presentation of this very attractive certificate with its background of Zonta roses certainly adds to the ceremony.

Could Membership Chairs or Presidents please order Membership Certificates from me at cintraamos@bigpond.com well in advance to ensure they are received in time for the induction.

Dues and joining fee are required to be paid to the club treasurer prior to induction. These fees, along with the necessary paperwork must then be forwarded to the District Treasurer within 30 days of the induction. Members are not recognised by Zonta International until fees and documentation have been received.

Have you dropped the "Z" word lately?

"Zonta Having Fun"

All Clubs are encouraged to search their photographic records of events to select an entry for the poster exhibition being coordinated by the Zonta International District 23 History & Archives Committee. The exhibition will be on display at the District 23 Conference in October. Specifications and details will be sent to you in July.

Lennie McCall Chairman.
History & Archives Committee



And they're off and racing to be the first early bird to register for the 2011 District Conference!!

The Call to Conference invitation is out. Be sure to get your copy! I encourage you to book before 15 July to take advantage of the early bird conference registration fee of \$325. That's a \$50 discount.

dinner option. At \$95, it represents good value at a venue of this standard and you deserve to treat yourself. The price includes fine food and drinks (wine, beer and soft drinks) and fabulous entertainment. Plus there will be a great atmosphere and good company which are priceless. It's sure to be an unforgettable night!

Jasmine Koch Chairman

Friday 7th to Sunday 9th October 2011 Don't forget to choose the conference

Status of Women Service

Jill Taylor

The following is an extract from the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade website which shows there has been progress for women in Australia but there is still a way to go to achieve equality.

“Women—towards equality

Women have made significant contributions to every aspect of Australia’s development, including its society, culture and economy. However, women in Australia, as in other countries, have had to battle institutional and social barriers as they struggled for equality of opportunity. Australian women faced setbacks as well as tremendous victories along the road to equality. For example, Australia was one of the first countries in the world to give women the right to vote and to sit in parliament (in 1895 in the state of South Australia and in 1902 federally). Yet the nation’s first female federal Cabinet-level minister was not appointed until 1949. And, until 1966, women working in the federal public service had to resign when they married. The 1970s and 1980s were decades of immense social change, particularly for women. This period saw the emergence of articulate, politically focused women who campaigned in an organised way for equal pay, equal opportunity in education and the workplace, safe contraception, planned parenthood and adequate child-care facilities.

Since then, much has been achieved and women have won greater equality, freedom and choice. Women were awarded ‘equal pay for work of equal value’ in 1969, and federal legislation to ban discrimination on the basis of sex was introduced in 1984. Other reforms included the introduction of improved childcare facilities and community centres, and government pensions for single mothers.

Women today

Today, women make up just over half of Australia’s total population.

More women than men are now educated at secondary schools and universities, and more women than men graduate from university with bachelor degrees. In 2006, women accounted for 54.8 per cent of all tertiary education students and 47.5 per cent of all students enrolled in vocational education and training courses. The majority were enrolled in management and commerce, society and culture, and food, hospitality and personal services courses. Women were not well represented in engineering and related technologies or architecture and building courses (4.6 per cent of all women enrolled). Almost 4.8 million women were in some form of paid employment in January 2008, with a labour force participation rate of 58 per cent, while the unemployment rate was 4.6 per cent (compared with an overall rate of 4.3 per cent for the same month). More than 30 per cent of Australia’s small business operators are women. Women make up more than half of the Australian public service workforce (57 per cent) and hold around 36 per cent of senior executive positions. In the private sector, however, women hold only around 12 per cent of management jobs. Women hold 34 per cent of all seats on federal government -controlled boards and around 23 per cent of chair or deputy chair positions. However, women hold only 9 per cent of private board directorships. In the federal parliament in 2011, 28.3 per cent of members and senators are women. In the Senate, there are 27 women out of a total of 76 senators, and in the House of Representative, there are 37 women out of a total of 150 members. The position of Prime Minister is held by a woman, Julia Gillard, for the first time in parliamentary history.”

More information can be found on the Department’s website www.dfat.gov.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

What is a Parliamentarian?

Ellen Cox

The District Parliamentarian assists the Governor to abide by the parliamentary authority being used to conduct business meetings. District 23 has adopted Renton’s Rules as its parliamentary authority, which sets out meeting procedures.

The Parliamentarian must also have good knowledge of District and Zonta International by-laws and rules of protocol.

The District Manual states that the Governor should arrange for a Parliamentarian knowledgeable about the parliamentary authority adopted by the District to be present at all conference business meetings. It is also recommended that the parliamentarian reviews the entire conference agenda and script before conference begins. Source: ZI District Manual 2008.

Clubs also have a Parliamentarian. Club Parliamentarians should have good knowledge of the By-laws and be ready to assist as an advisor to the President, Officers, Committees, and members when requested. A Parliamentarian never should interrupt or disrupt meetings. They should be diplomatic, tactful, reliable, discreet, impartial, fair, ethical and objective. A Parliamentarian has no power.

Source: Extract from –‘Points to Ponder’ by Elaine M. Jachim, Past District 2 Parliamentarian.

Jane M Klausman

Karen Groves

Dates to remember for the Jane M Klausman Scholarship

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.

Area 1 Report

Robyn Scholes

We have now entered into the next phase of our Zonta year. Our new Boards are installed, Club committees are established and we are planning and preparing for our new projects and ways to service our financial commitments. Sometimes we seek outside direction to assist in going forward and this has been provided.

What a great source of stimulation and provocation of ideas was available to Zontians attending the Area 1&4 Workshop held in May in Melton. Our theme, "Education Creates Choices" was the motivating force behind the day and a series of impressive speakers from different fields related their experiences to the topic. Zontians, both old and new, love catching up on what is going on in Zonta. Beryl McMillan's presentation on ZI Headquarters enabled those of us who have never visited Chicago to have a closer link. How relevant to hear Pauline Glover speak about Legislative Awareness and Advocacy, or Judy Rothe remind

us that the District 23 Nominations are to be finalised soon, or Ronda Walker advise about D23 By-laws & Resolutions. These are but are few of the wonderful Zonta women who provided great, current information to members. It was so special to have our Governor Jane Smith and the Lieut. Governor, Cintra Amos present and members appreciated having the opportunity to speak with these women face to face.

Our Area 1&4 Workshop no longer has a training component in it. However we are fortunate to have a Past Presidents' Association in Victoria made up of former Club Presidents. The wealth of knowledge and expertise within the group is immeasurable. Training of current Zonta Board members is available to everyone within both Areas, whether new to a position or recycled. The harnessing of such experience and imparting it to others is a win /win situation.

We congratulate the Zonta Club of Melbourne on Yarra members who

have recently celebrated their 45th birthday. Their club was the first to be chartered in Australia. The day was suitably celebrated - some members, who were not born then, donned the dress of the 60's whilst those of us who could remember those times chose not to. The Charter President attended and the very entertaining guest speakers included Prof. Jean Armstrong, an Amelia Earhart Awardee, Caroline Almonte, the inaugural Frances Quinn Encouragement Award Winner, and Savindhi Perera-Jainudee an YWPA award winner.

Lastly I conclude with the exciting news that Area 1 has an Applicant for the Jane M Klausman Women in Business Scholarship. Anamika currently attends Monash University and is working on her Master of Business degree. She is a delightful young woman who also supports an organisation called WIN (women in Need) and another called Project Dovetail. As our first applicant for a few years we wish her all the best.

Area 2 Report

Erica Majba

The recent focus for clubs in Area 2 has been on inducting new boards and members. I would like to thank those club members who have served on their club's board during the past 12 months. Zonta needs to have people who not only commit and get things done but also those who show leadership by taking on the responsibility of guiding the club to fulfil its goals.

Area 2 will be holding a Leadership workshop on 25 June. This is an opportunity for new and experienced board members to get together to share ideas and learn about their responsibilities.

I attended the **Adelaide Hills** biennium dinner in May and inducted the new board, including new President Sherry Proferes. I also inducted new member Bev Hocking. Lisa Thorne has been appointed as Bev's mentor.

Many clubs are focusing on membership and using the summary provided from the group work at the Area 2 Workshop on "Drumming up Membership" to plan actions that will result in new members. At the combined President's Meeting held in May those attending had time to

discuss the collection of suggestions. The **Adelaide** club has introduced some of the ideas including purchasing and wearing Zonta badges. The tiny butterfly clips badges are popular, as they can be worn on a variety of clothing and are useful to initiate a discussion about Zonta. Business cards and designated Membership events are also being implemented. If you are a Membership chairperson and have not seen the 8 page document with the "word cloud" created by Nan Berrett, please contact your President or Secretary for a copy. **Adelaide Flinders** held their third successful rug exhibition showing 110 rugs produced in collaboration with many individuals and groups in the community. A very successful and hands on service project that has inspired many to contribute their time and materials and given comfort to those who have received them. Congratulations to Jenny Weaver and the committee of the Area 2 – LAA Combined Group for the stimulating forum held Sat 4 June. Four young women: Amanda Salha, Jasmine Woods, Chelsea Lewis and Hannah Browne, presented their

views on the issues they see facing young women today. While they each presented different points of view there were some common themes. A great afternoon of ideas, discussion, fellowship and good afternoon tea.

Thank you to Anne Miller, Adelaide Flinders for being willing to assist District Treasurer Carolyn Colquhoun by maintaining the district membership data base. Also thank you to Belinda Jutzen, ZC Pt Lincoln for offering to be the Area 2 Breast Cushion Co-ordinator. I am still seeking a Zontian who lives in Adelaide to work with Belinda to assist with deliveries and storing of filling.



ZC Adelaide Hills - Erica Majba A2D, new member Bev and mentor Lisa.

Current Success Stories

In India, we are funding a 5 day Awareness and Training program for 200 midwives and volunteers in Cuddalore district in Tamilnadu South India.



A young woman at the training program in India.

In Ethiopia, Rotary International donated \$18,745 towards the in-country production of 10,000 kits at the Fistula Hospital. It took an enormous amount of negotiation and time working with the local Rotary club. Sourcing of supplies and bulk buying is not an easy concept in Ethiopia. In DR Congo, we completed a

successful 3 day midwifery training program for 100 TBAs in Buheba Village. The BKFA funded in-country production of 2000 kits. The supplies were sourced in Nairobi, Kenya, a complex learning process.

In Vietnam, BKFA funded Red Cross to source 9000 locally made kits in Lang Son province.

In Ethiopia, BKFA funded Abraham's Oasis to source 2000 locally made kits.

Sustainability with kit production does not come easily. Initially the BKFA pays for supplies. Then ideally there is progression to the kits and training being locally funded. In developing countries frequently there are no white pages, no phone, power or internet. The logistics can be enormous and time consuming and fortunately people who live in these countries are used to everything taking time. What takes us two hours may take two years.

All of the above programs have been fully funded by the BKFA.

Where are we now?

In our 2010 – 2011 year 120,000 kits were made.

Our 2011 – 2012 year 100,000 kits are planned to be made.

The Zonta Birthing Kit project is strong and thriving, only made possible by clubs paying \$2 per kit. It costs more than \$2 to make and

transport, therefore, to balance the books the BKFA works hard to raise approximately another \$100,000. Until we receive AusAID funding or a suitable donation we will not have any midwifery training programs or in-country production of kits. Our application for AusAID Accreditation is only weeks away from being completed.

Fundraising is not easy, however, with trialling what has worked and how much time and effort has been expended and to what gain, we are making progress. Featuring on the Mama Mia website and Madison magazine website the week before Mothers day, along with the Mothers Day card option on our BKFA website, where a handwritten message in one of our beautiful cards is sent on the donor's behalf to their mother, we received nearly \$5000.

This worked so well that a personalised card to "honour a woman/person in your life" with a donation is now a permanent option for Christmas cards, birthdays and special events. If you would like to see or purchase from our selection of cards please contact Margaret Parsons on margaret53@ozemail.com.au

Many thanks for your support, and be assured that with or without AusAID funding the Birthing Kit production by Zonta clubs is strong and thriving.

District Treasurer Carolyn Colquhoun

Audits

It is the role of the Club Treasurer to Close the books at the end of the fiscal year and prepare them for the annual audit, examination or review and arrange the audit/examination/ review." *ZI Club Manual October*

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It is the responsibility of the Club Board to ensure that the financial records of the Club are examined and verified by an independent person. It is not necessary to pay for an auditor. There are many qualified people who have this experience such as bookkeepers and retired accountants. Some accounting firms will do this gratuitously as part of their corporate

service activities.

Some clubs may feel a small stipend is appropriate, and affordable. It is up to the clubs to decide, however you may wish to explore the alternatives above.

Club Financial reports should be included as part of the Annual Report. A copy of the annual report should be sent to the D23 Governor.

The District 23 website has recently been re-vamped.... have you seen it yet?

www.zontadistrict23.org.au



ZC Dunsborough celebrated its 20th Birthday and Changeover Celebration Dinner on May 6th 2011. 85 Zontians and guests joined them to help make this a very memorable occasion. Two of their mentors - Jean Oldham OAM and Freda Jacob, both from the Zonta Club of Perth – attended so we could thank them for choosing Dunsborough to charter a new club. Three remaining Charter Members - Jan Boston, Kris Carter and Sharyn House - were presented with 20 Year Service Award Certificates and then cut the birthday cake. 10 Charter members and 5 Past Presidents attended.

ZC Peel celebrated its 19th Birthday on 25 May. It was my privilege as Area Director to attend the party and induct new club member Angela Tomlinson, install secretary Lorraine Webb and board member Cathy McCloud. Charter members Paddi Creevey, Liz Woodgate and Bev Jackson were present. It was a wonderful achievement for the club's PR members to have the club's iconic golf day featured with a 1/2 page spread in the Australian Women's Golf Magazine Autumn/Winter edition.

ZC Perth Northern Suburbs celebrated their 30 year milestone at their special June birthday Meeting. A memorabilia birthday card tribute to the club for each member was a lovely souvenir of the occasion, most

ably put together by Dawn Newman, with assistance from Bronwyn McCormack. The club had an original invitation, program and menu that revealed the venue was the same as the charter dinner, remarkable considering the club has had several meeting places since its inception.

The club currently has eight members with over 20 years service, and six members with over 10 years service, amounting to 335 years of service! The addition of the newer members' service made a total of 381 years, and the club has raised over two hundred thousand dollars.

ZC Bunbury's Membership Committee has been busy following up attendees of their IWD breakfast who expressed an interest in membership. A 'Zonta Information Sundowner' was held for 14 potential members in April. One new member was inducted in May and a further three inductions are planned for June. As a result of Bunbury's 'Application for Funding Process – Round One' three community organisations have received support for their projects.

ZC Swan Hills co-hosted the Area 3 Workshop "Fellowship to Membership" in March which was a great day to catch up with everyone, have some fun and meet some new friends. The club felt privileged to have D23 Governor Jane Smith and

Nominating Committee member Sally Gordon with them to share the day. A big thank you to all Swan Hills members who assisted to make the day so very enjoyable and a huge success.

ZC Perth's Freda Jacob retired from Zonta after 39 years of inspirational service. She was a very active Zontian, helping to establish the clubs in Peel, Bunbury and Dunsborough and providing valuable mentorship to just about every member and warmth and friendship to all. Freda was also WA's first occupational therapist and was instrumental in setting up the Independent Living Centre. Her last job (active to the end!) was to install the incoming board...she will continue to support the club in her new 'friend of Zonta' capacity!



Perth President, Mary Gurgone, presents Charter member, Freda Jacob, with flowers and 'well wishes' for her retirement from Zonta.

Meeting Membership Goals Have you dropped the "Z" word lately?

Sandra Burns, Membership Chairman—Zonta Club of Bendigo

ZC Bendigo has been working hard to achieve its membership goals for 2010-11. From June '10 to June '11 the club has attracted and inducted **eight new members**. Recruiting and retaining members is every Zontian's responsibility and new members help to enliven the club with fresh ideas and enthusiasm. It is however the role of the membership committee to ensure prompt follow up of interested people and welcome them warmly to club meetings. Over a number of years the club has held "What is Zonta" evenings as part of one of our regular club meetings. These have been quite successful, not only for prospective members, but as information for our own members, especially those more recently involved with Zonta. This year the

membership committee held a "What is Zonta - coffee and cake evening" at a local café. Eight ladies attended and in a very informal gathering the "mysteries" of the way Zonta works and its aims were discussed. This is proving a very successful way of meeting the needs of interested women in our city.

Heightened interest in our club is generated following birthing kit assembly days (advertised locally) and our annual IWD Dinners. During these events we distribute "interest" forms and follow up on these contacts. Our website has also brought us a number of new members. We invite those interested in membership to attend at least three meetings to ensure that we are the type of club and activities they

are looking for. At present we have a number of very interested women attending as visitors and hopefully our numbers and diversity of classifications will continue to increase. New members with new ideas and contacts are the strength of a successful, active and involved club.



L-R Sandra Burns (Membership Chair), Sunnie Watts (Bendigo President) and newly inducted member Sandra Lockwood.

Area 4 Report

Margaret Hinks

Saturday May 14th was indeed a busy day with 60 Zontians from Areas 1 & 4 meeting together at Melton for their Area Workshop. We were indeed fortunate to welcome many members of the district including: ZI Board Member Beryl McMillan, Governor Jane Smith, Lt Governor Cintra Amos, District Chairs: Judy Rothe - Nominating Committee; Pauline Glover – LAA; Faye Juetz - P.R & Communication; Ronda Walker – By-Laws & Resolutions; Jasmine Koch - 2011 Conference; Committee members: Bianca Heaney – YWPA; Annamarie Perlesz – ZISVAW; Jane Adornetto - Newsflash Editor; Ann Horrocks representing Amelia Earhart; Stella Coffey - O.M.C.; Hilary Pope—Past Presidents' Group, and our guest Sharyl Scott, President of the Australian Women's Coalition Inc. Chairs and committee members gave us updates on all committees. The theme for the day was "Education Creates Choices" and

included a great list of speakers addressing this theme. Michelle Mayhew spoke of her involvement in a local school with the CHIC program (Choices, Hopes, Identity, Connections) conducted with Year 8 girls. Beth O'Brien from Dame Phyllis Frost Correction Centre for women gave us insight into education within the prison system. Ray Brown from the Smith Family enlightened us on the ways that the Smith Family helps underprivileged children with funds for education and how we can help with the sponsorship of a child. The raffle proceeds were given to the Smith Family to support a girl child with her education. Ailsa Page gave us some entertaining and interesting ways to market Zonta to prospective members and the greater community. Penny Paxman from "Tick Life Coaching" gave us some ideas for ourselves with her address on "Learning for Living".

Clubs have also been busy with Ballarat, Melton and Wangaratta

completing their changeover. On 5th June we are looking forward to a board training day at Kyneton, put together by the members of the Past Presidents Group. There has been a good response to this and we look forward to a day of fun, fellowship and training for members old and new.



Attendees at the Area 1 & 4 Workshop

Area 5 Report

Carol Fuller

As the golden, balmy days of Tasmanian autumn give way to the showery, grey days of winter we extend a warm welcome to all our new Presidents in Area 5; Anne Brelsford at Launceston, Julia Taylor at Devonport, Jill Taylor at Hobart and a continued year of office for Lois Green at Hobart Derwent. We wish these Zontians fulfilling and productive tenures. While the sun still shone brightly in Hobart, our new club **Hobart Derwent** hosted a very successful Area 5 Workshop. We were lucky enough to welcome Governor Jane Smith to the workshop along with 26 Tasmanian Zontians. The overall theme was Practicalities with a concentration on Communication, Networking and inevitably in this day and age, Social Networking Technologies. Roger Stack, a Polytechnic IT lecturer, inculcated the assembled Zontians into the slightly scary but absolutely fascinating world of Facebook, Twitter, YouTube and Virtual meetings and conferences.

While many of us had already ventured and dabbled tentatively in some of these new phenomena, Roger quite literally took us to another dimension entirely. Many members said that Roger was the most inspiring speaker they had had the privilege to hear in a long time. There is nothing like a stirring guest speaker to whip up enthusiasm. And by the way Roger gave us lots of interesting inside information like; people are no longer responding to emails; too many (I know the feeling) and that the under 35's and over 50's are the largest users of social networking applications. Roger's message was simple, 'get into the new means of communication to spread your word, or die'. As a result Area 5 is about to launch an Area 5 blog. Hopefully this might connect us with some potential new members. Despite the onset of cold weather the fires of Zonta are running hot in the Northern clubs. Further to my mention of a potential White Ribbon Day in the last Newsflash I am

excited to announce that **Devonport** and **Launceston** Zonta in association with Family Violence Counselling and Support Services, Lions and Rotary are planning the 'Touch of White' dinner for WRD week. There will be functions all along the Northern coast; in Burnie, Devonport and Launceston. First we are holding a Men Only meeting to seek recruits for WRD ambassadors from the ranks of local politicians, service men, business men, fire fighters, police, sportsmen et al. Then in November we plan to have these men and their friends sworn in at a 'Touch of White' dinner. As well as this formality we will present a panel discussion from guest speakers including a police spokesperson, a Domestic Violence worker and Angela Barker and her father; survivors of Domestic Violence. The general aim is to raise public awareness of Domestic Violence and to encourage as many men as possible to become active campaigners in the drive to eliminate violence against women.

On the spur of the moment...

Lt. Governor Cintra Amos

After a friend postponed a meeting on 13 May I realised I had a free weekend so, I made the spontaneous decision to travel to Melbourne! Having been overseas when my own Area 2 Workshop took place, I thought I would join the Area 1 and 4 Zontians for theirs!

I managed to get a seat on the same flight as Governor Jane Smith late Friday night so we were able to have a Zonta catch up on the way. Our home hostess, Convention Chair Jasmine Koch was there to meet us and we arrived at her home just before midnight!

Arriving in Melton next morning I was made to feel extremely welcome by the very friendly group of Victorian Zontians. The Workshop was fabulous, and ran like clockwork. There was a diverse range of stimulating and interesting speakers and I enjoyed the panel of District committee representatives. This segment proved to be most enlightening – I think I learned far more from listening to these Zontians than reading about what their committees do – each one spoke with enthusiasm and really brought alive the different aspects of Zonta.

Members are encouraged to always wear a Zonta pin when out and about so District Treasurer Carolyn Colquhoun armed me with a selection of Zonta badges and pins for sale. I am happy to report that there was a healthy demand for these – wearing our pins or badges gives us many opportunities to “drop the Z word”!

Saturday night was delightfully spent in the company of Zontians who were able to stay in Melton for dinner, and on Sunday morning Jane and I met with Zonta International Director Beryl McMillan over brunch to catch up on international news. We then spent many hours with Jasmine discussing exciting plans for the District Conference, later rewarding ourselves with some relaxation over a scrumptious Italian dinner before a very early night in anticipation of our very early departure next morning.

Thank you to A4 Director Margaret Hinks and members of the Melton Club, A1 Director Robyn Scholes and all Area 1 and 4 Zontians – you are to be congratulated on an extremely successful Workshop. Thanks to Beryl for your wisdom and to Jasmine for your hospitality and humour – I had a wonderful visit!

Board Training

Victorian Past Presidents' Group

As reported on the D23 Website, the PPG – Victoria organised a Club Board Development Day ‘Building Better Boards’ held at the Kyneton Bowling Club on Sunday 5 June 2011.

Eleven club boards were represented with fifty four Zontians attending.

The aims of the day were:

- ‘Better understand the role and duties of the Club Board’
 - ‘Open your minds to possibilities’
 - ‘Throw away the blinkers and think outside the square’
 - ‘Recognise and use the tools available’
 - ‘Build better communication between members’
- Six sessions were facilitated by past and current Presidents:
- Why do we have a Board, what does it do?
 - President role and responsibilities
 - Treasurer and budget.
 - Secretary and Directors roles.
 - Committees and how to achieve their clubs goals.
 - Development and management of projects
- An inspiring guest speaker and a question and answer session completed the day.
- Judith Rothe.



Devonport members enjoy Hobart Derwent workshop and the winter sun.

Photo Gallery



Too cute a photo not to use! A baby from Afar region whose birth attendant used one of our birthing kits.



Melbourne on Yarra's 45th Birthday Celebrations



Outgoing Dunsborough President Sue Flower with mentor Jean Oldham OAM from ZC Perth.



Rugs at the Adelaide Flinders rug exhibition