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From the Governor.....



Happy New Year to all District 23 Zontians.

By the time you receive this edition of our Newsflash you should be back into Zonta mode

and planning for the year ahead. I do hope that you all had a good break and were able to spend time with family and friends.

This time two years ago I enjoyed a wonderful experience chilling out (it was cold!) in Chicago at Governor's Orientation. Our D23 Governor Elect Ann Horrocks is now enjoying the same experience of meeting with incoming Governors from all 32 Zonta Districts.

Once again we are saddened to hear of the devastating floods in Queensland and NSW. I have been in touch with D22 Governor Trish Collins who said that the Roma club is the only club being affected by floods at the moment and a few members have had flood inundation from the worse flood ever recorded in the area. Trish will keep us updated and advise if there is anything we can do to support our fellow Zontians.

District 23 Conference 2013

Incoming ZI President Lynn McKenzie has confirmed that the dates for our 2013 Conference will be 12-15 September 2013. The Rendezvous Hotel, situated on the beachfront at Scarborough, has been booked. I visited the venue with Alison Martin and am sure you will love the location. The Hotel is a 15 minute drive from the CBD and 30 minutes from the airport, with easy access to Fremantle, Hillary's Boat Harbour (great shopping), Rottnest Island, Swan Valley and other areas of the beautiful city of Perth.

Congratulations to Josephine Spaul from the Zonta Club of Bunbury on being awarded an OAM in the Australia Day Honours for service to the performing arts, particularly dance, as a teacher and administrator. Josephine was also honoured last year when she was inducted into the WA Women's Hall of Fame.



International Women's Day—8 March

UN Women Australia's theme for International Women's Day 2012 is

Women's Economic Empowerment, which recognises that increasing women's access to quality education, meaningful employment, land and other resources contributes positively to gender inclusion, sustainable development and growth in prosperity.

Across the globe 70 per cent of the world's poor are women. Women earn less than 10 per cent of the world's wages – but, women do more than two thirds of the world's work. On average women reinvest 90 per cent of their income into their families while men invest only 30-40 per cent. In Australia alone, closing the gap between female and male employment will boost Australia's GDP by 11 per cent.

International Women's Day 2012 is about celebrating the vital role women play in enhancing economic prosperity in their families, communities and countries while recognising that significant barriers to achieving women's economic security and equality continue to exist.

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From the Governor..... continued

The following is a report from District 17 Governor Georgitta "Beng" P. Puyat. It reinforces that we belong to a great organisation.

On the evening of December 16-17, tropical storm Sendong (International code name Washi) swept through Northern Mindanao and some parts of the Visayas and unleashed flash flood in the middle of the night that caught most of the victims asleep. Floodwaters came down from the mountains raging like a thief in the night destroying properties, infrastructure and claiming lives in its path. The after-effect was a reversed tsunami like scene that reminded us of Aceh, Indonesia many years ago. This calamity has never been experienced in this magnitude in the Philippines.



If Typhoon Sendong (Washi) was to most a spoiler, ZC of Cagayan de Oro 2 found it to be heaven sent.

Often challenged by its leaders, the members this time saw the opportunity to promote the name ZONTA. In order for the club to maintain visibility in the community, they rose to the challenge of posting a banner across the most visible vehicle used during the relief efforts – the Kia minitruck that Past President Delsa allowed use of.



So without hesitation the ladies opted to have a computer printed tarpaulin done and the minitruck got a facelift:



Zonta's presence brought much relief in the interaction that ensued between the women and the children in that center. "We were aided by the DSWD social worker and the volunteer family drivers as the items were hastily unloaded during the drizzle that was still lingering in the vicinity of the typhoon ravaged area and which naturally still elicited fear and anguish among the evacuees. We learned that they needed firewood with which they could cook food items distributed to them earlier. So we promised to bring them firewood as Past President Delsa's tree farm was, by coincidence, harvesting some mangium trees. We will return with food bags complete with salt, sugar, cooking oil, some plates, glasses and other utensils."



And this is the load that the women as well as the men in the evacuation center eagerly awaited: Firewood!



They could now cook their own meals in the communal kitchen provided. Life at the evacuation center has little by little settled down. Food from the donors need not come in packs as how it was then in the frenzy of the first days soon after disaster struck.



Past President Melit, who lost several relatives herself, talked to this woman who returned to her home. When asked where her home was. She answered : "Kini." (This one.) pointing to the very spot where she was washing clothes. She was so thankful there was water running from the tap.

**Yours in Zonta
Jane Smith, Governor District 23**

Z Clubs **Phillipa Challis**

As previously reported we will soon see the charter of a new Z Club in D23. Z Clubs were established in 1948 which makes them one of Zonta International's longest running programs. This has seen thousands of

school students develop leadership skills, explore career options and participate in community, school and international service projects. The formation of a Z Club can occur in a number of ways. The Young Woman in Public Affairs award is one of them. Schools of students who enter the YWPA become aware of the mission of

Zonta International. Opportunity then exists for the clubs to explore and develop the formation of a Z Club in that school. Indeed every club in District 23 with YWPA entrants has the opportunity to pursue the encouragement of the young women of today to become leaders of tomorrow.

Has your club nominated a YWPA Recipient for 2012? Applications Close 1 April 2012

A letter was recently sent to all club Presidents outlining some of the changes to the YWPA 2012 application form. ZI have asked that all clubs adhere to the strict guidelines. In particular the word limit on each question. It is important that you check the application form before sending it to me.

Thank you to all clubs who have supported this wonderful program. It considers and awards young women not for their academic or sporting achievements, but for their commitment to others, their extra voluntary work and leadership in their schools and their communities.

It is one of the best programs we have in ZI: All Zonta clubs in the world can work on it as a club project and at the same time they are involved in an

international project, which offers awards (from the ZIF!) to all district recipients and to the five best as international recipients!

Thank you also to all clubs who have made generous contributions to the Zonta International Foundation Young Women in Public Affairs Fund. Your contributions ensure that this program continues and provides wonderful opportunities for young women all over the world.

IMPORTANT STEPS TO TAKE BEFORE YOU SEND IN YOUR CLUB'S YWPA RECIPIENT'S APPLICATION FORM FOR 2012

1. Ensure that the YWPA Award Application form is the correct one for **2012**. As advised previously the YWPA Application form has changed.
2. ALL questions must be answered within the word limit.
3. Please ensure that all forms are

sent to ensure your application is eligible.

A checklist was sent with the letter. Do not forget to include the application cover sheet for clubs (This is a separate form to the application form)

Applications for the 2012 YWPA AWARD must be received by 1 APRIL 2012. This is a Sunday, so if you are sending by post I must receive them by Friday 30 March please. Late entries will not be accepted.

Good luck to all clubs and thank you again for your support.

If you need further information or assistance please contact Bianca Heaney D23 YWPA Coordinator, mobile 0417 398 559 or email bianca.heaney@optusnet.com.au or you can check the ZI website www.zonta.org

Jane M Klausman

Karen Groves

Breast Cushion Project

It is that time of the year again!!! 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 website and has launched the scholarship process for 2012. I have sent 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, to Area Directors and Club Presidents in District 23 by email on 6 February. **JMK Coordinators, Club Presidents and Area Directors – please watch out for this email and please only use the materials for 2012!**

For those who wish to go to the ZI website, they need to log in, go to "Member Resources", go to "Tools" then "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! **Process and important dates to remember in 2012 are:**

*Application data forwarded to clubs and areas - 6 February.

*Promotion of award by areas and clubs in District 23.

*Applications to be received by clubs/ areas - 1 June.

*Selection of club/area recipient by club/area selection committee – if needed.

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

*Selection of District 23 recipient by district selection committee.

*Application of D23 recipient to be received by Governor -15 August

*Attachment of Governor coversheet and posting of application to ZI.

*Applications from Districts to be received by ZI - 1 September.

*Selection of 12 ZI scholarship recipients.

*Announcement of 12 ZI JMK Scholarship recipients - 15 October. Please be encouraged to promote this award in your clubs and areas. District 23 has consistently put forward excellent nominees to ZI and along the way many promising young women have been supported by Zonta and the image of Zonta has been broadened in our communities.

For further assistance, my contact details are: grovesbk@bigpond.com (08) 9383 1137 or 0413 083 300

I would like to thank the members who completed the Breast Cushion Report for the six month period 1 June 2011 to 30 November 2011. Based on the reports received from clubs participating in the project and area coordinators, 1741 cushions were distributed during that period. That's 200 more than for the same period in 2010. What an amazing effort by all participants!

The data collected is very useful in so many ways. It is interesting to note several clubs are holding working bees at schools and involving other members of the community, which provide a great way to promote Zonta and what we do. The club working bees are usually fun, even if you can't sew there is always a something you can do plus it's a great chance to catch up for a chat. At the same time it is very rewarding to know that your contribution has provided comfort and support to so many women.

Thank you to all the clubs participating in this worthwhile district project for their commitment.

Jasmine Koch
2010-12 Breast Cushion Project
Coordinator

From November through to the end of January is a wonderful time for fellowship and allows us to develop great bonds of friendship with each other. Fellowship is so important as it allows us to build strong relationships resulting in a firm basis on which to approach many other more functional and demanding aspects in our Zonta lives.

Frankston and Mornington Peninsula combined for their Christmas function, whilst **Waverley** was thrilled to welcome Libby Cartwright back after her long stay in hospital. **Melbourne's West** dined in style at the RACV Club, enjoying the seafood buffet. The most athletic Club was **Melbourne on Yarra** who held Christmas at a local Bowling Club and had great fun improving their skills.

Zontians by nature are very giving and inclusive. We must never take for granted those members in our Clubs who provide the venue for our various functions. Recently

Melbourne's West held an informal get-together at Sika Kerry's new townhouse in January. It was a fun

way for members to catch up with each other and enjoy the delightful setting overlooking the river.

Mornington enjoyed a delightful "welcome back" coffee and cake for members at the lovely home of Lyn Mc Donald.

We give thanks to Sika and Lyn and all our members who provide places for us to meet or greet. Without you our "fellowship" would be much less personable.

Actually for a supposedly "quiet" time on the Zonta calendar, clubs have been busy. **Frankston** held a successful market stall. They have proudly celebrated their 32nd birthday at the first meeting this year and invited their 2007 scholarship winner to attend and were thrilled to learn that she is pursuing a course in Dietetics and Nutrition.

Melbourne on Yarra held their wonderful fundraiser at Ripponlea again in January. Many attended and dined in the stables which a very atmospheric experience. They also held a sausage sizzle at Bunnings during January.

Mornington held a most successful "Christmas Fair". The club also presented to perpetual awards to Grade 6 girls at two schools in their area, to further the girl's education as they enter secondary school.

The club have also piloted a programme called "A Girls' Way". Through co-operation with a local primary school they sponsored a facilitator who conducted programmes with the Grade 5 girls over a series of weeks. "Internet Safety" and "Personal Relationships," are examples of topics included. The club have a one page overview of this program they will happily provide on request.

Waverley manned the Lions Club Op-Shop for a week in January. Apart from adding to the coffers of the club it also draws on many former members who are willing to contribute despite no longer being members.

I wish you all the very best for 2012 and our Zonta experiences and challenges. May we enjoy and value our fellow Zontians through wonderful Fellowship.

Amelia Earhart

Carole Theobald



Amelia Earhart Day is celebrated internationally on 11 January. Why 11 January? This was the day in 1935 that Amelia was the first person (man or woman) to fly solo from Hawaii to California.

In the West, hats off to Marion Brown and her team at the ZC Perth Northern Suburbs Club, whose Amelia Earhart dinner attracted

about 40 members and guests from the three metro Perth Clubs. The dinner was held at the Royal Aero Club at Jandakot Airport as part of its regular Sunday buffet session with a full view of the runways from the dining room. The event was very relaxed and enjoyable - with good food, good company, raffles and an Amelia Earhart display to set the scene.

We could watch and listen to the RFDS and private aircraft flying nearby and think of what it must have been like for Amelia to cross that huge ocean without today's navigational aids, on her own!



The AE Dinner at the Royal Aero Club, Jandakot Airport

Sadly, in the East, this year's combined Mornington Peninsula/ Frankston Brunch, that has been an excellent event for the last decade, had to be cancelled when minimum bookings were not received. Many thanks to the team for your efforts – let's hope the 'planets align' better for you next year.



Carole Theobald (D23 AE Coordinator) shows Marion Brown (event organiser ZC Perth Northern Suburbs) details of the latest AE fellowship winners.

Much seems to have happened since October 2011. Members of **Para Districts** added their numbers to the YWCA Adelaide November "Reclaim the Night" rally and had a photo opportunity with Minister for Status of Women, Kate Ellis (pictured below).



Another Area 2 club, **Adelaide**, celebrated 30 years, and yes pearls did feature. All members received a gift of a necklet with a single fresh-water pearl. The event was attended by Mrs Liz Scarce, an honorary member of **Adelaide Flinders**, and His Excellency Rear Admiral Mr Kevin Scarce, Governor of South Australia and D23 Governor Jane Smith. The club also celebrated in November with an International dinner with club Jane M Klausman winner Sonia Zaiee, invited as the guest speaker. Sonia was recognised as a winner of the District Award by Governor Jane. The presidents of clubs in Area 2, Lt Governor Cintra, District Treasurer Carolyn, Vice Area 2 Director Beryl and various district committee members, celebrated the year by sharing a meal at my home prior to Xmas. This was an informal affair and well attended. Amelia Earhart club functions took place in January. **Adelaide Torrens** held their event at the RAAF base with the speaker being a young

woman from the Air Force. **Adelaide and Adelaide Flinders** again held a successful combined breakfast under the trees at Botanic Park. The weather for once was kind, and the atmosphere as always friendly and relaxed.

In February **Fleurieu** will hold their Needlework Exhibition at Victor Harbor with over 300 entries and many stall and displays. This is a huge event and requires a lot of woman hours. They are also hosting a gala event to launch the exhibition. The club has generously offered to work on the following weekend to provide the food and drinks for the Area 2 luncheon to be held at Middleton during the D23 Board meeting. This will enable Zontians to meet the board members and share some fellowship while sipping a white wine on the balcony overlooking one of the best beaches in the country.

Planning is in full swing for the Area 2 Workshop to be held 31 March in the Adelaide Hills and hosted by **Adelaide Flinders**, supported by the **Noarlunga Southern Vales**. This will give the incoming Area 2 Director (Jodi Knoop) and incoming Vice Area 2 Director (Deb Kennedy), currently presidents of the respective clubs, the opportunity to work together and to garner some experience before taking on their official roles.

Celebrating International Women's Day, most city clubs join with 12,000 other women to attend the UN Women's Breakfast on 9 March and special events are hosted by clubs in regional areas. **Pt. Lincoln** has successfully engaged Kadija Glba as their guest speaker for their event on

3 March., Khadija is the 2011 Advantage SA Young South Australian of the Year for her work among the state's refugees. I would ask clubs to continue to forward their club newsletters to me, Beryl Lester and to the Presidents of the other clubs in Area 2. They provide a great source of information. I particularly liked the inclusion of material about Amelia Earhart from the ZI website in the ZC Adelaide Torrens newsletter. I think this is a good way to inform new members about Zonta matters. Finally I include a photo taken at Rita Fletcher's surprise birthday party end of last year (Rita is seated in the centre). Zontians from many clubs came to celebrate with this wonderful Zontian whose name was included on the Heide Taylor Honour Roll at the District Conference in 2011. Rita has decided it is time to hand over her special project to another club member from **Noarlunga Southern Vales** receiving great publicity at the same time in the local newspaper. She has for seven years led a club project to provide book awards to girls in 8 local secondary schools. This is a great record creating a high profile for Zonta in the local region and strong relationships with the schools.



One of the rewards of participation in Zonta International is the fellowship that comes from being part of an international organisation of individuals who share a commitment to improving the lives of women worldwide.

The International Convention is an opportunity to enjoy this fellowship by meeting with fellow Zontians from around the globe. Many of us have made lasting friendships at Convention while learning more about Zonta International and its

efforts to advance the status of women worldwide.

Many D23 Zontians are busy making plans for trips to Italy (and beyond) for the 61st Zonta International Convention, 7 to 12 July in Torino, a city rich in history, culture and natural beauty from. There will be a large contingent of D23 Zontians attending this Convention.

The Convention webpage www.convention.zonta.org is full of exciting information.

Birthing Kit Project

Julie Monis-Ivett

From 100 in 1999 to 1,000,000 kits in 2012

1,000,000 women and babies have benefited from our kits, many tens of thousands of whom would have otherwise died. A massive achievement for our Zonta Organisation.

Surviving childbirth is the first step. Many women could also incur embarrassing and disabling infections and injuries. It is hard for us to imagine the pain and suffering from gynaecological injuries without anaesthetics, analgesics, antiseptics and antibiotics.

Our program reduces these infections and injuries and the subsequent suffering.



Our training programs have stopped female genital circumcision in parts of Ethiopia. We have changed the lives of hundreds of little girls every year. Sometimes the benefits are not foreseen. For us, receiving a certificate at their 3 month assessment in DR Congo for a Traditional Birth Attendant may seem a small gesture. For them it is possibly the only document they will receive in their lifetime, and it is cherished.

We are working on ideas for our 1,000,000th celebration. Let us know your suggestions at

info@birthingkitfoundation.org.au.

We will let clubs know when and where it will happen.

Please check the new Zonta Portal on our website

www.birthingkitfoundation.org.au .

We are also planning a data base with a listing of kits made by every club, and their destination. Any other suggestions will be gratefully accepted at

info@birthingkitfoundation.org.au.

We thank the positive response received from clubs with the new \$3 kit price. Clubs are now a part of the Zonta Birthing Kit Project involving kit production, training programs and in-country kit production. Previously most clubs were only involved in kit production. This step was essential to making the program totally sustainable in the long term.

Many clubs are thinking smartly on how to raise funds. Some have received grants, some companies like Rio Tinto fund an assembly day as a team building exercise. Many clubs are asking high schools, other service and community clubs to contribute and help. The minimum number of kits to order is now in lots of 200.

Ruth Jackson, a board member with a PhD on maternal mortality and Ethiopia's development agenda, recently applied and received a grant of \$74,750 from AusAID for training and in-country kit production in Ethiopia with 3 of our partners. We hope this is the first of many



successful independent grant applications. The board has also approved training for 80 Maasai Mara birth attendants in Kenya, 100 Pigmie birth attendants in DR Congo, along with 2 training programs for a total of 250 birth attendants in Tamilnadu, South India.

The Birthing Kit Foundation (Australia) board has two new directors. Fiona Smith, our previous Project Administrator (her mum, Elizabeth Smith, was a Zontian!) and Naomi Arnold-Reschke, who is a past District 23 Governor. Naomi has served for many years at executive level at Zonta International including on the Zonta International Board. These are two women of immense experience and we look forward to working with them. There are now 7 directors on the Board with over 140 years of Zonta membership. Our Ambassador is Past International President Val Sarah. With your club support and our leadership this is truly a Zonta Project. Erica Osborn our previous Volunteers Coordinator has stepped up to be our new Project Administrator, and we welcome Hilary Caruthers as our new Volunteers Coordinator.

Brisbane Breakfast and Brisbane South clubs made 8000 kits and produced this brilliant film which is on You Tube. <http://youtu.be/I60IB2mvCyc>

Please share all PR with us so we can include it on our website. This will be an exciting year made even more special with our 1,000,000th kit.

Public Relations & Communication

Faye Jeutz

I am sure clubs will be looking at their memberships leading up to April/May. If you have some tips/innovative ideas about attracting potential members through publicity and public relations (networking), I would be interested in hearing from you with a view to sharing them in the next Newsflash.

Remember the great evening we had at the District 23 Conference dinner? The consensus was that the band

was fabulous – well, we certainly picked a winner! This is an excerpt from their website:

www.thelongandshortofit.com.au -

have a look at the nice photos taken at Williamstown on their home page. We can say "we knew them before they were famous"!

"WE WON THE DARYL KIRKUP AWARD AT TAMWORTH COUNTRY MUSIC FESTIVAL 2012

To our great surprise, we won a new

award at Tamworth Songwriter's National Awards night held on 24th January 2012. This is "an award to an artist considered by a panel to be deserving of exposure through the CRS publicity organisation" We are so excited and appreciate the recognition and look forward to the publication of some of our original songs. A big thank you to Tamworth Songwriters' Association & Daryl Kirkup from CRS Publicity."

Area 3 Report

Leanne Sultan

New Year greetings from Area 3 where the work continued over the holiday season. **Perth** finished the 2011 year with a special fundraising Christmas party held in the Samson Cellars in Fremantle that raised over \$6000, including a \$2,500 donation from Tong Foundation. There was a competition of table decorations with member artist, Lesley Meaney's hand-built ship being the winner.



Another mammoth collection of clothes has been sorted for their Ngarinyin friends with 42 boxes to be freighted to the Kimberley by Regal Transport once the roads re-open. The club's relationship with UWA goes from strength to strength with students donating clothes and also helping out at a recent birthing kit assembly day – this all augers well for the Golden Z Club that the club hopes to sponsor in coming months. Members are busy planning the club's 40th anniversary-of-chartering celebrations this year with three events in the pipeline! The Lord Mayor, Lisa Scaffidi, will be hosting a civic reception for the club at the City of Perth on 19th April. In later months there will be a seminar to launch the findings of the club's Lotterywest funded research into how funds have been raised and used in the last 40 years. This will provide guidance to

Zontians, and other service clubs, on those methods that are most likely to be most effective today. In addition, the club is planning a celebratory dinner to round out this special year. A book of the club's history is being put together and it is a race against time to see if it will be ready for the civic reception or the celebratory dinner!

Bunbury members took White Ribbon Day advocacy to a local shopping centre, where members distributed white ribbons and information to shoppers. On Sunday 15th January, the club staged another highly successful "Sunday in the Park" fundraising event at Myalup Vines Winery.



Bunbury Zontian Joy Frisina distributes white ribbons to local shoppers.

Perth Northern Suburbs started the year off at the Jandakot Airport for a Amelia Earhart Fundraiser event, a big thank you to Marion for organising the event and managing to sell raffle tickets to all the other guests at the venue, ably assisted by Marilyn. They actually had a lot more guests than members which was great. Kath Snashall also had an early start organising the first 2012 breast cushion sewing sessions to boost the depleted stocks, so thank you to those that were able to assist.

Swan Hills will hold their fabulous annual Hot February night on the

26 February- A Rock and Roll evening with picnics, music and lots of fun at Henley Brook.

What a positive start for **Dunsborough** for 2012. A planning day held in the informal setting of Jane's new home promoted frank discussions on members' goals and abilities to support Zonta. They discussed projects they would like to support and a series of projected fundraising events. They also put membership recruitment high on their list of priorities. Strategies will be developed to achieve a challenging target. New ideas were put forward for fund raising events and ways to increase fellowship between members. Not only did they emerge with a calendar of events (all of which were entered in members' diaries) and a budget, but they experienced more fellowship than at an ordinary meeting and came away filled with enthusiasm. I think there is a serious message here.....

Representing Zonta as a past Project 5-0 partner Carol Theobald and I, in handover mode, will be partnering with the Graduate Women of WA to assist in applying for a small project grant to increase cultural diversity amongst Membership Based Associations. The project will involve a facilitated workshop at St Catherine's College UWA with former project 5-0 representatives, OMI designated officers and representatives of major CaLD Communities. As an outcome a plan will be developed for organisations to consider, the challenge will be to implement the ideas with the aim to increase cultural diversity of membership in the following year.

Membership Matters

Cintra Amos

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS...

Zonta International Incentive Program

A final reminder for Zontians who will have successfully recruited two or more new members between 1 June 2010 and 31 May 2012...

Fabulous to learn from ZI that District 23 has recruited more than 50 new members since June 2011, so hopefully many more members from District 23 will qualify!

For you to be recognised, the relevant form (available from the ZI website under Member Resources/ Membership Incentive) must be completed and signed by your club

president, and returned to ZI HQ Member Records no later than 15 June 2012.

Your club will then receive a special pin to be presented to you, and you will be specially recognised at International Convention in Torino in Italy in July 2012.

Have you dropped the "Z" word lately?

Area 4 Report

Margaret Hinks

We hope that all clubs have had a good rest from Zonta and are now ready for a great year ahead.

Congratulations to Sandra Burns and Sunnie Watts from **Bendigo**. Their names appeared in the latest Zontian magazine and will be recognised at convention for their participation in the Membership Incentive Program.

Bendigo was saddened by the death of Gloria Quinn, a charter member of the club, who had given 30 years of

service. Ann Horrocks had the privilege of delivering a eulogy about Gloria's participation in the club (published in the Bendigo newsletter). A wonderful idea for fellowship is a get-together of past and present members. Planning for the new club in Maryborough is well underway with a further meeting to be held in Maryborough in February. Vicki Cronin of **Kyneton** was named as one of the 5 finalists in a new women's event conducted by the Macedon Ranges Shire which

recognises the inspirational women of the local community. Congratulations Vicki.

WHITE RIBBON DAY/ INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

Most clubs held a function or participated in activities to recognise White Ribbon Day and are now planning celebrations for International Women's Day.

Geelong is holding their annual IWD Art Exhibition, with the opening held on the evening of Friday March 2nd.

Area 5 Report

Carol Fuller



Launceston member Lyn Nicholson speaks out about Violence against Women

Our delegates returned fresh and inspired from the District Conference to a very busy November of White Ribbon Day events all over the state. Zonta clubs in the North, North West and South teamed up with Family Violence and Unions Tasmania to really put November 25th on the map. In Launceston 65 prominent men from politicians to school teachers were inducted into their role as White Ribbon Ambassadors by Libby Davis, the new CEO of White Ribbon Australia. This was followed by a dinner for 90 in Devonport, in Launceston, a BBQ and panel discussion about Violence against Women attended by 70 men and in Hobart, a morning tea for about 90. While a lot of hard work for Zontians, it was a most rewarding display of the

impact our service can have on our local communities. As well as these big note events, Zontians hit the malls of their cities on White Ribbon Day itself to hand out information, sell ribbons and wrist bands and generally educate people about this alarming social phenomenon. Our 2011 WRD campaign augurs well for further plans in 2012.

On the fellowship and good fun front, Area 5 had some most enjoyable functions in the latter part of the year. Representing Governor Jane Smith, LAA Chair Pauline Glover joined representatives from all Area 5 clubs in celebrating **Hobart's** 40th Birthday. Congratulations them on their longevity. **Hobart Derwent** not only celebrated Christmas at a seasonal dinner but also inducted 5 new members as a special Christmas present to Zonta. Well done. This must be a recruitment record but **Hobart** might be close behind with 4 new prospective members expected to be inducted in 2012.

All clubs performed well in the fund-raising stakes towards the latter part of 2011, particularly **Launceston** where 250 dozen Christmas Shortbread

biscuits were baked and sold, and **Devonport** continued the production and sale of their delicious but deadly Christmas Puddings.

Area 5 clubs have all taken up opportunities to form partnerships with other agencies or organizations in order to promote and accomplish Zonta goals and to better serve our respective communities. **Devonport** and **Launceston** have linked up with Family Violence Counselling and Support Services, **Hobart Derwent's** very successful 'Cheryl's Angels' project which works to raise the self esteem of disadvantaged girls has developed from an association with the local Council.

Not only does this type of partnership strengthen a club's capacity to achieve goals, it also heightens public awareness of the presence and purpose of Zonta International, community respect for what Zonta stands for and the prospect of encouraging new members to become involved. One of the highlights of the past two years of my area directorship has been to see how well recognized and how visible Zonta is in our state.

Legislative Awareness & Advocacy

Pauline Glover

The IWD theme for this year is *Connecting Girls Inspiring Futures*. Checking the IWD website to see what was happening around Australia, especially in our District, I was disappointed not to find Zonta events listed. Australia has 51 events listed that range from executive breakfasts, to birthing kit assembly days, report launches, exhibitions, discussions and cocktail parties. While you may argue that IWD comes under the umbrella of

UN there is an advocacy message in here. We need to see that girls are the future of Zonta and need to support them to be our future and the future for women's human rights, economic rights and political participation. How many of you will have girls at your IWD function? The latest LAA newsletter is available on the ZI website, with topics including World Population Prospects, World Development Report 2012: Gender Equality & Development, the

Millennium Development Goals Report 2011, climate change and the role of the Commission on the Status of Women. The editor, Jean Bryant gives interesting statistics: 2012 greeted 7,013,992,000 world inhabitants. There are 2.6 babies born per second with the UN predicting a world population in 2085 of more than 10 billion. Jean challenges us to appoint a person from our clubs to read these reports and give the club a summary.

LET'S CONTINUE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN WOMEN'S LIVES!

It's a privilege to belong to an **international service** organisation whose members strive to improve the lives of women and children **worldwide** through our international service funds and our awards. Our goal is that every club contribute one-third of local funds raised annually to the Zonta International Foundation to support the biennium programs and projects. Our District is on track with only 1 of our 35 clubs yet to send their donations to our District Treasurer. To that club I urge you to please fulfil your promise as a member of Zonta International. Let's try for a gold star this biennium where **EVERY** club makes a donation. We are so close to our goal!

This list may help you to decide which Funds need more support from your club:

| | <u>Actual as % of Goal</u> |
|--|----------------------------|
| Amelia Earhart Fellowships | 49% |
| Jane M Klausman Scholarships | 64% |
| Zonta International Strategies to end Violence Against Women (ZISVAW) | 85% |
| International Service Funds | 87% |
| Rose Fund (annual operating and program support fund) | 122% |
| Young Women in Public Affairs Awards | 147% |

BIENNIAL GOAL IS \$3,758,000 – contributions to date total: **85.91%**

Much progress has been made, but globally we still need to raise over \$500,000 more to reach our goal before 31 May 2012.

Individual donations

Members at the Melbourne 2011 Conference in October generously dug into their purses and gave a total of **\$891.45** to the Zonta International Foundation and the proceeds from the **Conference raffle of \$1,065** was evenly donated to the YWPA, JMK and AE Awards. Thank you for showing your support to the Foundation.

More and more members are giving individual donations. Members in 23 of our 35 clubs have made a personal contribution to the Zonta International Foundation – a total of \$8,906 has been donated to 31 December. What great news that so many of our members are embracing philanthropy!

Personal donations can easily be made either by sending to our District Treasurer Carolyn Colquhoun, or via the ZI website.

Remember, if **you do not wish** to receive an acknowledgement (receipt) in the mail you need to let Carolyn know **when your donation is sent via the District Treasurer**, or tick the box **"I/we do not wish to receive an acknowledgement/receipt for this gift"** when donating online or via hard copy.

Service

Jill Taylor

As we draw closer to the end of the current biennium I have reflected on the activities of the Service Committee. The Zonta Awards and Amelia Earhart Fellowship continue to be supported by a number of clubs in the District. However, there is always room for more participation. Having said that, I am a member of a very small club and just keeping core activities running is a challenge in itself. One way to engage all clubs is for larger clubs to partner with nearby smaller clubs to participate in the Award programs.

One of the commitments the Service Committee undertook for this biennium was to develop a register of service activities undertaken by all clubs in the District. A request went out through Area Directors some time ago and a small number of clubs responded. We will be requesting Area Directors to urge clubs to

respond to this request within the next 3 months so that an updated register can be handed over to the Service Committee Chair for the 2012-2014 biennium.

Another issue that has been identified is the confusion between service and advocacy and what comes under the jurisdiction of the District Service and Legislative Awareness & Advocacy committees. When service and advocacy were previously combined into one this was not an issue.

However the best place to go for definition is the District Manual that states (amongst other things)

"The District Service Committee encourages and supports, awareness of local service projects focusing on the Zonta International objects and undertaken by clubs in the district".....

"The LAA Committee coordinates at District level activities to implement legislative awareness, advocacy and equal rights....."

The bottom line is that both service and advocacy go hand in hand – one informs the other. This is something for clubs to keep in mind when developing their programs. If we identify an area of need – are our decision makers paying sufficient attention?

Please take the time to visit the ZI website. www.zonta.org There is a good article on it by the President-elect, Lynn McKenzie, about a trip she had to Liberia to see how the Fistula Project is progressing.

Zonta International and District 23 Timeline 201

| Deadline | Action Required | Who to Action |
|----------------|--|----------------------------|
| 2012 | | |
| January 11 | Amelia Earhart Day | Clubs |
| February 5 | Articles due to <i>News Flash</i> Editor, Jane Adornetto | D23 Board & Chairmen |
| Feb 24-25 | District 23 Board meeting in Adelaide | D23 Board |
| March 8 | Zonta Rose Day, International Women's Day | All Clubs |
| April 1 | Deadline for ZI Foundation donations to D23 Treasurer, Carolyn Colquhoun | All Clubs |
| April 1 | Young Women in Public Affairs Club award winners submitted to Governor by D23 Coordinator Bianca Heaney* | Clubs |
| April 1 | Articles due to <i>News Flash</i> Editor, Jane Adornetto | D23 Board & Chairmen |
| April 15 | Emma Conlon applications (Z & Golden Z Clubs) due to District Governor | Z and Golden Z Coordinator |
| April | Club and Area reports due to Governor when template distributed by Governor | Clubs/ADs |
| April 30 | Emma Conlon applications (Z & Golden Z Clubs) due to ZI HQ | Governor |
| May 1 | Deadline for ZI & District dues payment for 2012-2013 to D23 Treasurer, Carolyn Colquhoun. | All Clubs |
| May 1 | Club Officers 2012-2013 Report Form due to ZI and to D23 Secretary Nan Martella* | Club Presidents |
| May 1 | Young Women in Public Affairs District candidate due to ZI HQ* | Governor |
| May 1 | Deadline for ZI Foundation donations to ZIF if not sent to D23 Treasurer, Carolyn Colquhoun. | All Clubs |
| May 9 | Gov report due to ZI and ZI liaison | Governor |
| May 27 | Articles due to <i>News Flash</i> Editor, Jane Adornetto | D23 Board & Chairmen |
| May 31 | Jane Klausman club recipients due to D23 coordinator | Club Presidents |
| July 6-12 | ZI International Convention – Turin, Italy | All Zontians |



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