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From the Governor.....

Jane Smith

District 23 Zontians

As we come towards of the 2010-12 Biennium it is time to reflect on the past 2 years.

It has been an honour to continue the work of past Governors as part of a successful district team and I thank members of the D23 Board for their support, commitment and friendship. We have become a close knit group of Zontians who have worked together to achieve the goals we set at our first Board meeting in August 2010.

Thanks also go to the District Committees, and the Awards coordinators who contributed to the achievements of our district. The D23 Conference last October was a great success, thanks to Chairman Jasmine Koch and her team.

Where would we be without our valued members? Thank you for being members of your clubs and part of our great Zonta organisation and by contributing in so many ways to advancing the status of women .

I have been part of a great team of **ZEBRAS** (Zonta Enthusiasm Best Resource for Advocacy and Service)—the Governors from the

31 other Districts throughout the Zonta world. It has been a privilege to have met so many inspiring Zontians.

We have seen many changes during this biennium. The most significant has been the use of the electronic media for communicating particularly between Zonta International and members. I certainly could not have carried out the roles I have had during the past six years without this medium and, I admit, it has been a huge learning curve.

Governor's Award During my term I introduced a Governor's Award to recognise Zontians who have made outstanding contributions to their club

and the district. This award has been named the Heide Taylor Honour Roll in memory of "Mother Zonta" who passed away last September. You will see in the Area 2 Report that two more outstanding Zontians have had their names added to this Honour Roll. As I was unable to attend A2 Director Erica Majba made the presentation to Lois Brock OAM from ZC Noarlunga Southern Vales and Marjorie Smith OAM from ZC Adelaide Flinders. Both these ladies have been hard working and dedicated Zontians for many years and are very worthy to receive this award.

Area Workshops

My last "official" role was to attend the Area 3 Workshop in Perth recently. I have been very fortunate to have been able to attend all the workshops during the biennium which have given me the opportunity to meet with many D23 Zontians. My congratulations to the Area Directors and to the clubs who have hosted these events. Each one has been different but the underlying theme has been the same—increase membership and advance the status of women.

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D23 Board 2010-2012—Back: Margaret Hinks (A4) Carol Fuller (A5), Leanne Sultan (A3), Carolyn Colquhoun (Treasurer), Erica Majba (A2) Anna Siebert (Vice A2); Robyn Scholes (A1). Front: Cintra Amos (Lt Gov) Jane Smith (Gov), Nan Martella (Secretary). Absent: Beryl Lester (Vice A2 who took over from Anna during the biennium)

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CONGRATULATIONS, YOU'VE MADE A DIFFERENCE IN WOMEN'S LIVES!

Well done District 23 – all clubs have donated to the Foundation this biennium and fulfilled their commitment to Zonta International, thus keeping our GOLD STAR!

The ZIF report at **30 April 2012** shows total contributions received from District 23 is **\$126,601.95**, which equates to **\$175.59** for each member in the District.

We can also be proud that this biennium **12.07%** of all members in our District who have made a personal donation to the Foundation

totalling **\$12,259.22** from 87 individual members. Thank you for your commitment to improving the lives of women less fortunate.

The Biennial Goal is **\$3,758,000** and contributions to date total **\$4,353,053!**

This Biennium the Funds supported the most (besides the Rose Fund) are ZISVAW and YWPA.

Actual as % of Goal

Amelia Earhart Fellowships	66%
Jane M Klausman Scholarships	84%
International Service Funds	117%
Zonta International Strategies to end Violence Against Women (ZISVAW)	134%
YWPA Awards	147%
Rose Fund (annual operating and program support fund)	145%

I thank Governor Jane for the opportunity to serve as District 23 Foundation Ambassador, it has been a privilege to report on the level of commitment from clubs in our District.



We belong to an **international service** organisation with members striving to improve the lives of women and children **worldwide** through our international service funds, and our awards. Our goal that every club support the Zonta International Foundation's programs and projects has been met this biennium.

Jane M Klausman Women in Business Scholarship

Karen Groves, Coordinator

I am most hopeful that there will be wonderful array of JMK Women in Business Scholarship applications waiting for me on my return from the Convention in Torino!!! The deadline for me to receive the applications from clubs and Areas is **July 1**.

In the past, there has usually been a flurry of activity as the deadline approached, with last minute queries and holdups on the final collation of the nominees' application forms. As I am departing for Convention on June 22, I strongly advise clubs to contact me with any queries prior to that date, so that we can sort out those details before my departure and the deadline.

I would be delighted to receive applications well before the deadline and in fact, I have had one for some weeks now! So, please don't leave it till the last minute.

The important dates to remember in 2012 are:

Applications to be received by clubs/Areas by **1 June**

Selection of club/Area recipient by club/Area selection committee – if needed

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

Selection of District 23 recipient by District selection committee

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

Attachment of Governor coversheet and posting of application to ZI

Applications from Districts to be received by ZI by 1 Sept

Selection of 12 ZI scholarship recipients

Announcement of 12 ZI JMK Scholarship recipients by **15 Oct**

Please be encouraged to promote

this award in your clubs and Areas – District 23 has consistently put forward excellent nominees to Zonta International and along the way, many promising young women have been supported by Zonta and the image of Zonta has been broadened in our communities. For further assistance, my contact details are:



Karen Groves, Coordinator 2010-2012

D23 Jane M Klausman Women in Business Scholarship
56 Hawkstone Street
Cottesloe WA 6011

From the Governor cont'd



Convention News

Only 5 weeks until many of us will be enjoying our time in Torino. It is very exciting that the Keynote Speaker at the opening ceremony will be Michelle Bachelet, Under-Secretary-General and Executive Director, UN Women. I am honoured that I have been asked

by ZI President Dianne Curtis to carry the Australian flag in the opening ceremony.

The **District 23 meeting** will be 1115-1200 in the Sala Parigi Room on 7 July. Our ZI Liaison Kathleen Douglass has advised that she is looking forward to attending and meeting D23 Zontians.

I am sure Ann Horrocks will be looking forward to the Closing Banquet when she will take over as D23 Governor for the 2012-2014 biennium. I wish her and her team all the best as they begin their journey to lead our district during the next two years.

Jane Smith, D23 Gov. 2010-2012

Area 1 Report

Robyn Scholes, Area 1 Director

What an amazing time has passed since our last Newsflash!

The Area 1,4&5 Area Workshop was held at Box Hill Golf Club, a very comfortable venue with a great view. Based on a theme of "Zonta – Embracing the Challenges" all of those who attended will now be prepared to face anything. Our keynote speakers from Southern Health, Shelly Park, CEO and Barbara Yeoh, Chairman of the Board, were dynamic women who shared with us the challenges they had faced before reaching their present positions. It was a stimulating and inspirational start to a day full of interesting and motivating presenters. We are very fortunate in Zonta to have so many women of high calibre and we thank Jane Smith, District 23 Governor, Beryl McMillan, International Board Member, Val Sarah, Past International President and Ronda Walker, By-laws and Resolutions Chair, for their interesting and informative presentations encompassing challenges at District and International levels. Erica Majba, Area 2 Director, challenged members to think about a Zonta Code of Ethics. It will be of interest to us all to see how that develops in

the next biennium.

Zontians learn so much from a sharing of ideas. Group discussions about "What makes a Good Zontian?", "What makes a good meeting?" "How can we improve awareness of Zonta?" "How can we increase our membership/retain current members?" provided a wealth of ideas and suggestions for all to take back to their Clubs. Judy Rothe spoke of the challenges the Victorian Past President's Group have by venturing into Club meetings and facilitating worthwhile discussion and training.

We heard of the challenges of current District projects and possible future projects.

A great way to finish the day was with a Summation by the bright and bubbly Jasmine Koch. I thank all those who attended and assisted and hope you wended your way home feeling invigorated and pleased that you had made the effort to charge your Zonta batteries.

Recently it was my pleasure to attend the Change Over meeting for ZC Mornington Peninsula.

The meeting reinforced all the worthwhile things about Zonta – the warm welcome, the professional approach to the programme and the accompanying Annual Report, the

value for members and their roles and contributions, the pride in and importance of their Service Programmes and commitment to the Aims of Zonta.



At this stage I must thank all Club Presidents and members in Area 1 for their support, encouragement and friendship. We say thanks to Pat Gray (MOY), Sandra Hall (Melbourne's West) and Pam Sloss (Waverley) for the great leadership they have shown over the biennium. Kim Cook (Frankston) and Helen Lang (Mornington Peninsula) have proved to be wonderful Presidents over the last year. We welcome Christine Fitzherbert (MOY) and Irena Kaluski (Melbourne's West) to their new roles as Presidents. I will assume the role of ZC Waverley's President.

I wish Debbie Schmidt a wonderful two years and know that Debbie brings great enthusiasm and expertise to the role of Area 1 Director.

Nominating Committee

Judith Rothe, Chairman

On behalf of the D23 Nominating Committee I wish to extend our sincere good wishes to the three D23 candidates that are standing for Zonta International positions at the ZI Convention in Torino, Italy.

- ZI President –Elect—Naomi Arnold-Reschke Zonta Club of Gawler, SA.
- ZI Vice President—Beryl McMillan Melbourne on Yarra Victoria.
- ZI Board—Elizabeth Woodgate Zonta Club of Peel WA.

We had great pleasure accepting and forwarding these nominations to our liaison Alison Martin of the ZI Nominating Committee by August 2011.

The D23 NC presented the slate of candidates at the D23 Conference in Melbourne in 2011 but was recently informed that the D23 Treasurer Carolyn Colquhoun

had resigned for family reasons.

Paula Lioret, the current treasurer of Noarlunga Southern Vales SA had been appointed by the Governor. This appointment was ratified by the current board. We would like to congratulate Paula on her new position and we are confident that she will be an important part of the newly elected D23 Board for 2012-14.

The Zonta District 23 Board has approved the appointment of Lois Green, Zonta Club of Hobart Derwent Inc, as Area 5 Director for the 2012-2014 biennium, which now completes the 2012-14 D23 Board.

On behalf of the 2010-12 Nominating Committee I extend my congratulations and best wishes for a full slate of candidates for 2012-14 to Jasmine Koch and the incoming D23 Nominating committee.

Newsflash Editor

Jane Smith

Our Newsflash editor, Jane Adornetto, has already left for her overseas trip which will end at Convention. She has left me to finalise this edition which has given me an opportunity to thank her for 12 great editions of our D23 Newsflash and to wish her all the best in her new role as Area 4 Director. Thanks Jane!

The months of April and May are always busy ones for Zonta clubs with Handover dinners and installing new board members. I have been fortunate to be invited and able to attend a number of those special dinners – Riverland, Clare, Adelaide Torrens, Adelaide Hills, Fleurieu, Noarlunga Southern Vales and my own club Adelaide. ZC Clare & Districts celebrated their 10th anniversary with an enjoyable luncheon in Clare. Husband Bob and I went to share in the celebrations.

[See details elsewhere in this Newsflash.](#)

Vice Area 2 Director Beryl Lester attended the Handover dinner for Para & Districts as it fell on the same night as the Riverland club, that I attended along with Adelaide club member, Sylvia Barnes. Sadly outgoing President, Marg Colby lost her husband Lance just recently. New member of the Adelaide club, Maxine Panegyres accompanied me to the Fleurieu handover dinner.

Thank you to all the clubs for your hospitality and congratulations to outgoing Presidents and board members for your commitment during your term of office. For those Presidents and board members continuing in their role may you have an enjoyable year ahead as you consolidate your clubs with the knowledge and skills you have gained. My best wishes go to the incoming Presidents and new board members who have accepted the challenge of office. I hear that Glenda Millard, President of ZC Pt Lincoln returned from attending the President's meeting in Adelaide all fired up with new ideas and contacts. The ZC Gawler has a new President and is invigorated largely due to the determined efforts of Naomi Reschke. I have been in touch with Mary Pocock from Darwin and their club has managed to stay on track and keep their executive officers. The story from Alice Springs is not as positive. Currently they have small numbers and will go into recess for a short period until they engage in a membership drive.

It was pleasing to see the solid attendance of new Presidents and board members at the second Area 2 Leadership workshop held on

Saturday 26 May. We had a day of good weather, food, ideas and fellowship. We spoke of the responsibilities of board members of incorporated associations and some tactics to help make boards more effective. I emphasised the benefits of belonging to a global organisation and the value of the resources available on the ZI website. I hope those attending went away with renewed confidence in the year ahead and some contacts. Many thanks to the experienced Zontians who offered their time to assist at the workshop – Beryl Lester, Deb Kennedy, Nan Berrett, Carolyn Colqhoun, Margaret Bunfield, Jane Abdilla and Sharon Schlein.

I also invited some of our senior Zontians to come and help out – Rita Fletcher, Lois Brock and Marjorie Smith. Being the agreeable people they are, they all accepted. This enabled me to make a special surprise presentation.

On behalf of Governor Jane Smith I presented awards to Marjorie Smith, ZC Adelaide Flinders and Lois Brock, ZC Noarlunga Southern Vales (pictured below). They have both been selected by Jane to have their names added to the Heide Taylor Honour Roll for members who have contributed outstanding service to Zonta. Both women have received recognition elsewhere for their commitment to community, the highest being the Order of Australia Medal. However this presentation was about their commitment to supporting women through Zonta. It was a proud moment for both.



Rita Fletcher (centre) ZC Noarlunga Southern Vales, although unwell on the day, was determined to attend to congratulate two colleagues who now join her on the plaque



Lois Brock and Marjorie Smith with A2 Director Erica Majba

My term as Area 2 Director is coming to a close and I like many Zontians completing a term of office either at club or district level, I feel some remorse. Just as I was getting into the swing of the role it is over. When I took on the position I had no idea how rewarding, stimulating and sometimes taxing, the role could be. I have formed and firmed many Zonta relationships in SA and NT. For me the tasks were manageable i.e. reporting and organisational.

I hope the personal support I provided to Presidents and some individual club members was sufficient. At all times I did my best and generally that was enough to assist in resolving issues and re-energising people. I feel privileged to have been asked to share some of the challenges that some clubs are experiencing.

I have been fortunate to have two wonderful women as Vice Area 2 Directors – Anna Siebert, from July 2010 – Oct 2011 and Beryl Lester from Oct 2011 to July 2012. Both were great to work with – supportive, full of good ideas and willing to take on challenges. Sometimes the tasks may be difficult but there is joy in sharing the load. I believe both Anna and Beryl found their term of office enjoyable.

I look forward to my upcoming role as Lt. Governor and hope that I may continue to serve Zonta in the best way that I can.

The Area 3 Workshop was hosted by the **Dunsborough** club and was held at Palmers Wines on the 19 May 2012. The theme was "Passion" and the guest speaker Ani Lewis (Mind Coach and Training of Neuro-linguistic Programming) kept us all captivated with her inspirational journey and her driving passion for life.

The Area was very privileged to have the District 23 Governor Jane Smith (pictured below) attend the workshop to provide the key elements for Zonta leadership and to host an open forum on matters raised by members.



The workshops of Naming and Inflaming/Keeping your Passion for Zonta were highly successful and as you can imagine full of fun with much laughter. The day finished with a beautiful musical serenade which allowed members to leave feeling refreshed. The workshop Dinner was very successful and it was great to see so many partners and friends join us for a sumptuous dinner. Congratulations to President Jane Moulden, the workshop committee and club members for hosting such a wonderful day.

Dunsborough also held a five day respite holiday five women who have been victims of domestic violence.

The women were nominated by Zonta House in Perth from a recent course to help restore their independence. The use of a holiday home, linen and cleaning were all donated by a local business and one of its clients. Club members welcomed the women on arrival, provided them with a meal for the first night and enough provisions for them to be self sufficient for the rest of the week. For the first time the accommodation was based in central

Dunsborough so was within easy walking distance of all facilities and the beach. This way the women could do as they pleased. The only complaint was that when they went home they were very sore – from laughing so much!

Peel Club's 19th Golf & Auction Day was held at the Pinjarra Golf Course on the 1st April 2012. This event has been held annually for the past 19 years and was the inspiration of our Zontian and Charter Member Bev Jackson. To date an amount of \$167,000 has been raised for Breast Cancer Research in Western Australia from this event.

A luncheon is prepared by the Zontians of the **Peel** club each year. The South West Esther Foundation reported a very successful set-up outcome and thanked the **Bunbury** club for its assistance to purchase office computers, technical equipment and laptops for the young women in the program. The Non Traditional Trade Award was presented to Ashley Chitty for her achievements in Engineering (Fitter and Machinist). She is currently



employed by BHP Billiton Worsley Alumina. Ashley was highly recommended by her employer and she also won the Aboriginal Academic Award at the South West Institute of Technology Awards Night on the 30 March 2012.

Perth club has had a special relationship with the Senior Ngarinyin law women since 2004. This friendship was forged during a memorable camping trip when twelve Zontians met these inspirational women 'in country', sharing our stories, learning and listening... In 2007, five members made the return journey and stayed at the Ngallagunda Community that is on the Gibb River Station. Members

learned more about the culture, fished, cooked and played together and were privileged to be shown



some very special rock art and participate in traditional ceremonies. In 2012 the friendship continues... see www.zontaperth.org.au to find out more about the Ngarinyin and Yarri Wada stories. Perth would appreciate it if you could look at the website and consider making a purchase of the artwork or a donation to this worthwhile project. Please call Karen on +61 (0)8 9383 1137 or email zontaperth@yahoo.com.au to find out more.

Swan Hills saw distribution of its funds in April to the Midland Women's Health Care \$4,000, Zonta House \$1,000, Koolkuna Womens Refugee \$500, Studies Assistance Grant 2 x \$600, AIDS Council Womens Interest \$300, Jane M Klausman \$300, Breast Care Cushions \$200, Zonta International Foundation \$3,784.75. For a small group of women the club has a huge impact in its community. Congratulations to all the "Swan Girls" for a job well done.

Perth Northern Suburbs has commenced the initial planning for the District 23 Conference with Incoming Governor Ann Horrocks, with Alison Martin to be the Conference Chair. The core committee will meet in August. The ZI Biennium theme is Credibility and Visibility. Updates to come....

In signing off I would like to thank everyone for their support and assistance over the past biennium. I have felt very privileged to represent the Area 3 clubs and members at an area and district level. I have very much enjoyed getting to know you all and will continue to keep in contact. I welcome Carole Theobald as incoming Area 3 Director and wish her well for a successful term. Best wishes to all.

Leanne Sultan

Area 4 Report

Margaret Hinks, Area 4 Director

As we come to the end of this Zonta biennium all clubs have been concentrating on the C's that are change-over and convention. 4 of the 7 clubs have members attending convention and we wish them safe travels. Many are taking the opportunity to extend their time away to travel to other parts of the world. To everyone attending convention we know that will be a great time of fellowship and information.

Ballarat, Bendigo, Geelong, Kyneton, Melton have all held their change overs with Albury Wodonga's to be at the end of June. I have attended all but Bendigo and they have all been great times with new and enthusiastic members of the new board taking over and planning for the next biennium.

As this is my last Newsflash I want to congratulate all clubs for the last two years of service to Zonta International at all levels. You have all made a

difference in your community, nationally and the world.

I have enjoyed my time as your area director and have made many new friendships. I thank all clubs for the way that you have supported me in my role and personally. Thank you.



ZC of Bendigo Changeover



ZC Ballarat's Board with AD Margaret Hinks



ZC Wangaratta Changeover - Carol Myles president, AD Margaret Hinks and incoming AD Jane Adornetto



ZC of Kyneton's Margaret Lynch handing the gavel of office to Ronda Walker

Area 5 Report

Carol Fuller, Area 5 Director

One of the most gratifying parts of being an Area Director is being able to represent and promote Zonta International in the public arena. One such example in my time in office has been my involvement with the Bendigo Bank Material Girl Art Prize for 2012.

Most Zonta clubs in Area 5 have been a part of Material Girl since its inception in 2002. The concept of an art prize specifically for Tasmanian women artists came from an initiative by Women Tasmania, an office of the Department of Premier and Cabinet. It was inaugurated on International Women's Day 2002 as a way to support this very special unsung group in our community. The concept was for an art competition specializing in textile to commemorate the thousands of women (and children) all around the world and through the ages, who have been exploited, used, abused and even enslaved by a multitude of textile industries from rug making to fashion garment manufacturing. We all know of the back street sweat shops here in Australia and even more so of the horrific working conditions found in these industries in countries such as Indonesia, China and India.

Over the ten years that the prize has been awarded, the parameters have been broadened until today it includes all forms of artistic endeavour; textiles, ceramics, painting, photography and more.

What more fitting project for the clubs of Area 5 to take up? The Material Girl exhibition travels around Tasmania, celebrating our women artists as well as clearly pronouncing our Zonta creed of supporting and advocating for women. How do the four Area 5 clubs participate? While the Bendigo Bank has come on board to finance the administration of the competition, the prize monies come from the three major sponsors; the Premier, Rio Tinto-Comalco and Zonta International. We couldn't be in more prestigious company.

This year it has been my privilege to be a member of the four person judging panel and because my artistic knowledge is fairly limited I have benefitted personally by meeting and being educated by my more expert fellow judges. And aren't personal development and networking some of the reasons that we encourage Zontians to take up higher office

positions? Well there are many other things that have happened in Area 5 since the last News Flash. Some really successful club functions and several inductions and also there have been some losses.

My time as Area Director has been fruitful, informative and interesting as well as challenging and I have really valued the opportunity to meet a larger number of fellow Zontians from across Area 5 and indeed across District 23. I wish all the Zontians who have stepped up to the plate and accepted new responsibilities all the best and hope you learn, develop and enjoy your terms of office as much as I have.



Zonta Emerging Artist award

Little did the 6 Zontians cutting plastic on a Sunday afternoon to make the first 100 kits in 1999, know that they would be the catalyst for 1,000,000 kits being made 13 years later. To celebrate this amazing milestone there are larger celebratory breakfasts/functions being organised in Adelaide, Sydney, Melbourne and Canberra during August and September.

The timing of our 1,000,000th kit in August with many Zontians being away from June through to August to attend the Convention in Torino in July, has resulted in Perth and Brisbane not being able to form committees, however, they will hold smaller functions at clubs. Having the 1 millionth kit Assembly Day on August 18 in Brisbane when 10,000 kits are assembled will in itself be a memorable event to attend.

We encourage Zonta clubs to support the larger city celebration event or hold their own regional functions. We also encourage smaller functions with clubs joining together to celebrate.

Alexander Downer's words "An enormous achievement. Very great congratulations. Incredible."

The prime function of these events is to celebrate our achievements, however, if there are any profits we would like them to go towards our programs, especially our training programs in Kenya, DR Congo, Ethiopia and India.

This is an opportunity for huge PR for Zonta and the Birthing Kit Foundation (Australia).

The BKFA is asking each committee/club to allow \$4/ticket for our PR package detailed below.

Every function will receive a PR package. Let us know of your function and how many people you hope will attend, by contacting info@birthingkitfoundation.org.au to enable us to order accurately. The BKFA has state databases of supporters from high schools, university medical and midwifery students, church and Rotary groups for clubs to access.

Our PR package includes brochures, bequest booklets, donation envelopes, mauve balloons with ribbon and sticks, BKFA UN MDG film, DVD of overseas partners thanking our Zontians and supporters, DVD of photos of the women and babies we assist to run in the background, and donation collection tins, working on pull up banners and carry bags for the sponsorship goodies.

To help facilitate all functions more easily the BKFA has produced generic items that can be customised, or create your own items. I must say our flyer is just beautiful!!!

We will supply the introductory flyer, invitation to the function, invitation for guest speakers, data base of supporters for each state, request for sponsorship letter and some PR articles.

To access these visit the website www.birthingkitfoundation.org.au or contact Erica on info@birthingkitfoundation.org.au and she will email the package.

We are asking each committee to set up a G mail email address for the flyers and invitations. E.g. ballarat1Mbk@gmail.com Once you have produced your flyer and set up your gmail it is IMPORTANT to forward this information to info@birthingkitfoundation.org.au to place your details onto the BKFA website. Establishing a gmail address

information will be on the website.

The BKFA website and hopefully the District websites will have details on all functions so supporters can locate a function and purchase tickets. Thereby, allowing people who hear about our achievements on Radio, TV and in the print media to join in our celebrations.

Some exciting news – Dr Luc our partner in DR Congo and Kenya will be coming to Australia in late August to early September to help us celebrate. So far he will be talking at the September 7 breakfast in Adelaide.

I wish clubs smooth organising for their function and enjoy the event with your friends and family. Those going to Torino – see you there!!! Ciao Julie Monis-Ivett



The above photo is of the trainers and helpers who have to cart 2000 birthing kits, training booklets and food for a 3 day seminar by foot for 12 hours. There is no road access to Buheba in DR Congo.

The isolation makes this a logistical nightmare, however, we are fortunate our agent, Dr Luc is dedicated, as these women who are desperate for our help are receiving training and kits.



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News has been received from Julie Monis-Ivett that Her Excellency Ms Quentin Bryce AC, CVO Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, has accepted the role of Patron of the Birthing Kit Foundation Australia. Her Excellency has detailed knowledge about the kit project and spoke about the project at a luncheon held earlier this year in Sydney when she was inducted as a Zonta International Honorary Member.

Z Clubs and Golden Z Clubs

Phillipa Challis, Coordinator

Successful Z Clubs go from strength to strength when they have guidance from clubs where a member of the sponsoring Zonta Club is a member of staff or has an association with the school.

Such is the case in Bendigo at Girton Grammer where the Z Club members are included and involved with the Zonta Club members in club projects and fundraisers such as the Birthing Kits and Open Gardens event.

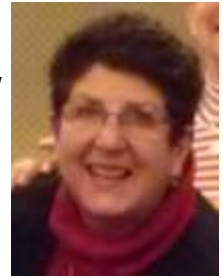
At Matthew Flinders in Geelong the Z Club members are very active with their own projects. They assist with the major events in particular the Zonta Club of Geelong Annual Art show, and they have several working bees making Breast Care cushions.

The Z Club of Alice Springs has closed as a result of the Zonta Club of Alice Springs membership dwindling. In passing on this information, I do so by acknowledging and recognising the wonderful past efforts and contribution to the 20 plus years the Z Club has given serving their community.

The Zonta Club of Perth is working with the residential college St Catherine's at the University of WA with a view to forming a Golden Z Club. The girls at St Catherine's have been attending meetings and were recently involved in a trivia night.

The Zonta Club of Kyneton has sent off a list to Zonta International headquarters of 15 names together

with the funds for the formation of a Z club with a view to its charter being at the end of August. They have held 4 meetings and elected a committee of Yr 10 and Year 8 students. Their Coordinator Kathie Matthews-Tough was recently inducted as a Zontian. In the words of a member of the Zonta Club of Kyneton 'very exciting', and it will no doubt follow the sentiments of the first sentence of my report.



Amelia Earhart Fellowship

Carole Theobald, Coordinator

Beth Jens – 2012 Amelia Earhart Fellow

Zonta International has announced the 35 Amelia Earhart Fellows for 2012 and among them is Beth Jens – a budding astronaut who comes from Torquay in Victoria. On behalf of the District, I sent a congratulatory email to Beth and she sent a lovely reply that is summarised here.

Beth completed two undergraduate degrees in mechanical engineering and physics at the University of Melbourne in 2008. She spent two months in 2009 at the NASA Ames Research Centre completing the International Space University's Space Studies Program. In 2010 she commenced a Master of Aeronautics and Astronautics at Stanford University supported by the Australian Fulbright Scholarship in Science and Engineering and a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship. Her studies involve a mixture of course work and research and her favourite class to date was a series of three courses where she designed, built and tested a rocket. Her current PhD research looks at 'hybrid rocket combustion visualisation' and applications of hybrid rockets to outer planet exploration. She plans to

develop system designs for missions to Europa, Titan and Uranus.

Her lab work is being completed with the NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) through the Strategic University Research Partnership program and this year she will be spending her second summer as an intern in their propulsion group.

She explains, *"I am absolutely delighted to be an Amelia Earhart Fellow in 2012. I have wanted to take part in the program ever since I first heard of it but had to wait until I was finally qualified to apply as a PhD candidate last year. It is an absolute privilege to receive the fellowship established in honour of such an incredible and inspirational woman. I am really looking forward to my coming 12 months as an Amelia Earhart Fellow."*

"All in all, life at Stanford keeps me very busy and is certainly mentally challenging but I absolutely love what I do. The campus is a beautiful place to live and has fantastic facilities that I plan to do my best to take advantage of in the coming years. I had a great time taking horse riding classes on campus last quarter and hope to take this up again when I am back from JPL."

Applications for AE Fellowships are made directly to Zonta International and each AE Fellow receives US\$10,000.



Congratulations to Beth!

