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From the Governor - Ann Horrocks

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Dear D23 Zontians,

It has been a very busy 3 months for all clubs and your District Board. Congratulations to all who participated in the 1M Birthing Kit events and related assemblies, the charters of the Kyneton Z club and the ZC Central Goldfields, celebrating 25 years at ZC Adelaide Hills, the A3 Women of Achievement and Founders Day. These are just a few of the recent events that promote **CREDIBILITY** and **VISIBILITY** in our communities. Other articles will have more detail of these events and other district highlights.



Ann Horrocks at Birthing kit assembly day

Clubs have received copies of the district goals based on the ZI biennial goals and a calendar listing important dates for clubs and the district. All clubs should now be planning what they will do within their clubs to achieve these goals and it is up to all of us as members to encourage this discussion. Your district board will be following through with clubs to report on measures within the timelines. Any feedback is welcomed by your Area director who will bring this back to your board. Area directors are reporting against these goals and sharing your successes. Remember also to continue to communicate with your Area Directors and Committee chairman using the Guide to Club Reporting at the back of the district directory.

The ZI Governing Documents are available on line and can be downloaded but as yet cannot be purchased through the Zonta Store. If clubs are planning bylaw changes

they will need to use this electronic copy. The summary of the 2012 Convention evaluations is also available to members.

The October ZI eNewsletter had some great stories and links with an excellent member profile on 'our own' Julie Monis -Ivett and Birthing Kits. If you have not as yet read this, then I encourage you to log on through the ZI Home page/ Media & News/Publications.

Sometimes we are not sure how as an individual, we can advocate and this eNewsletter provides us with easy links so that we can pledge our support for the right of every girl to an education and also to end preventable childhood deaths 'A Promise Renewed' project of UNICEF. I know members will have acknowledged the 25th November, a day for action to Eliminate Violence against Women but do not forget the following 16 days of Activism finishing on International Human Rights Day. Register your vote at Say NO-UNITE to End VAW.

ZI is about to announce two major initiatives aimed at improving Zonta's **Credibility and Visibility** at all levels. One is a PR Campaign – Zonta Says No which will be run from Nov this year

to Jan 2014. This complements the UN Women Unite VAW campaign. Also an International Service competition with recognition awards being presented at Convention in Orlando to the winning clubs and districts. More information on both of these will be received in the next few weeks. It will continue to be a busy biennium with these and our centennial history tasks.

Our next board meeting is in SA on 9th & 10th February. If there are any questions/issues that you would like discussed please contact your area director before then so they can be added to the agenda. Before our next newsflash the ZC Wangaratta will be reaching their 25th year of service, a milestone they will celebrate on 13th April. I am sure there will be many members also achieving a significant milestone and I congratulate all of you for your commitment to Zonta.

Over the next few weeks clubs will be winding down for their well earned Christmas break and I would like to take this opportunity to thank each an every one of you for your dedicated work at all levels of Zonta and the support I am being given as Governor.

I wish you and your families a happy and safe Christmas season and I look forward to catching up with many of you early next year.

Warmest regards

Ann Horrocks,
 2012-2014 Governor



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AREA 1 REPORT

Debbie Schmidt, Area 1 Director

The beginning of this biennium has been a busy time for Area 1 clubs as they commence their planning for the next two years. Presidents have met twice to share information and be involved in the planning for the Area 1, 4 & 5 Meeting/Seminar on the 23rd March 2013. The Area Meeting/Seminar will be held in central Melbourne and it is hoped that as many members from each area will be able to attend with easy access to the city for most.

Area 1 is also planning to hold its first Area 1 Advocacy Committee meeting early in 2013. With membership from

each club our aim is to assist all clubs with their Advocacy projects and to widen our networks. All clubs have been actively working on their archives and club histories to ensure we meet our deadline for the Centennial Committee.

Zonta International Awards and Scholarships are supported in all clubs as well as most clubs having their own local awards focusing on education for girls and women.

The Amelia Earhart Scholarship will be celebrated in 2013 by the ZC of Frankston and the ZC of Mornington

Peninsula as they hold their annual function on 20th January 2013.

All clubs in Area 1 have been busy with fundraising activities and promoting Zonta through their various events and projects. Clubs are supporting either the Breast Cushion Project or the Birthing Kit Project and in some clubs, both projects. Three clubs have inducted new members and it is encouraging that all clubs have potential members attending meetings and events.

I wish all clubs a happy holiday season and look forward to 2013.

AREA 2 REPORT

Jodi Knoop, Area 2 Director

Clubs in Area 2 have certainly hit the ground running with strategic planning, reviewing projects and exploring new partnerships. At the first Combined President's meeting for the biennium it was evident clubs are already looking at ZI Goal 1 "Credibility and Visibility", along with improving processes around club governance (Goal 2).

Area 2 has had one club celebrate 25 years recently and the work towards our new club in formation (Mt Barker) continues with the induction of 7 members into the mentoring club (Adelaide Hills) this month. Other clubs have had new members inducted as a result of recent membership drives.

New club websites, newsletters and development of social media pages is adding to our visibility, with some club members gaining media attention highlighting their Zonta activities.

Our Area 2 Combined Advocacy Group continues to meet regularly with attendance increasing over the past year. Our clubs were well represented at the Premier's Service Clubs Week awards, with awards going to Zonta clubs in more than one category

Coming up in Area 2:

◆ The Annual White Ribbon Breakfast with guest speaker White Ribbon Ambassador Andrew O'Keefe is on Friday

November 23 and has been sold out for weeks. Having a high profile celebrity attending brings media coverage that is very welcome to this cause and to ZI.

◆ Amelia Earhart activities at various sites, 2 clubs are collaborating to host an event at a regional airport in February.

◆ Advocacy Combined Group Meeting in December will be a combined event with the Equality Rights Alliance, the topic will be Affordable Housing for Women

Yours in Zonta, Jodi.

AREA 3 REPORT

Carole Theobald, Area 3 Director

The Founders Day Dinner on Nov. 10th celebrated the spirit and humanitarianism of the Founders of Zonta with all clubs acknowledging and celebrating the Area 3 Women of Achievement Award finalists. They walk the Zonta talk.

- ◆ Caitlin Harrison brought self-sufficiency to the lives of acid burn survivors in Bangladesh
- ◆ Donna Percy a lawyer provides pro bono legal help and accommodation to those suffering from life changing personal injury
- ◆ Vicki Turner a post natal depression survivor produced *From the Heart* publications and programs that reach 35,000 women in Australia

and the overall winner

- ◆ Andrea Creado the CEO of the Ishare Multicultural Women's Centre whose innovation and leadership resulted in programs reaching about 24,000 culturally and linguistically diverse women each year helping them to gain new skills, be less socially isolated and find employment.

Every Zontian was touched by the stories of these impressive women. The evening also showcased the Zonta Club of Peel's excellent archives—reminding all Zontians of the need to get theirs in shape for Zonta's centennial.

All clubs are very active with events for White Ribbon Day, birthing kits and breast cushions and have had fantastic

fundraisers raising nearly \$20,000 between them in just the last couple of months.

A Marvellous effort!



L-R: Judging Panel Chair, Leanne Sultan congratulates Vicki Turner, Andrea Creado and Donna Percy. (Caitlin Harrison was overseas).

AREA 4 REPORT

Jane Adornetto, Area 4 Director

Area 4 experienced a very exciting October, with the chartering of the Zonta Club of Central Goldfields and the Kyneton Secondary College Z Club (*Please see separate article below sent to ZI for inclusion in website*)

The Zonta Clubs of Melton and Geelong have both inducted new members during October and November— 3 & 1, respectively and Bendigo will be inducting a new member in December.

Other clubs have a number of potential members in the wings, with activities planned for information sessions to further reach out within their local communities. It is encouraging that clubs are actively pursuing new

members, but also not forgetting to focus on current members from a retention point of view.

Ballarat celebrated their 2011 YWPA winner, Shani Cain, receiving the D23 YWPA award, presented by Governor Ann Horrocks. A number of clubs have received excellent community participation for events such as the charter of the new clubs; birthing kit and breast care cushion assembly days, and involvement in specific local projects. Albury/Wodonga, Bendigo, Geelong, Wangaratta, Kyneton, Central Goldfields have all received newspaper coverage for events or activities.

All clubs are participating in White

Ribbon Day, with a range of activities in their local communities - participation in community festivals, giving out/selling white ribbons in public places including race courses, waterfront areas and main streets. Area 4 clubs will certainly be visible in the community for WRD.

A number of clubs also have representation on WRD/Violence Prevention committees in their area, and working with these committees not only for WRD but for ongoing activities in the community.

A very positive few months for Area 4, with much enthusiasm from all clubs for 2013.

AREA 4 CELEBRATES 2 NEW CLUBS!

Area 4 had the privilege of celebrating the charter of two new clubs in October - The Zonta Club of Central Goldfields and the Kyneton Secondary College Z Club. As we all know, the chartering of clubs does not happen as often as we would like, so to have two in the same week was exciting and memorable, and certainly a busy week for Governor Ann Horrocks.

The Zonta Club of Central Goldfields in Maryborough, Victoria was sponsored by the Zonta Clubs of Bendigo, Ballarat and Kyneton. Tireless work over a 12 month period by committed Zontians from these three clubs resulted in 21 charter members being inducted. The charter dinner on Friday 26th October was very well attended, and included the Mayor of

Central Goldfields, media and service club representatives as well as D23 Board Members and Zontians from Victoria and other states of Australia. The charter members are looking forward to establishing themselves in the local community and all Zontians in Area 4 look forward to assisting the club in this process.

The Kyneton Secondary College Z Club is sponsored by the Zonta Club of Kyneton. The charter ceremony was held at the school library on Thursday 25th October. School staff are very positive about the Z Club within the school and greater community and the charter members are excited about the projects they have already planned within the local area. It was wonderful to see and feel such positive energy from the Z Club members.

With two new clubs to energise our District and Area, we look forward to 2013 and beyond.

Jane Adornetto
Area 4 Director



Zonta Club of Central Goldfields



Kyneton Senior College Z Club

AREA 5 REPORT

Lois Green OAM, Area 5 Director

“Credibility and Visibility” is an easily remembered theme for the new biennium. All clubs in Area 5 are achieving the “credibility” aim but “visibility” is more difficult. There are still many people who have no knowledge of Zonta. However, every opportunity is taken to promote Zonta.

Advocacy: White Ribbon – Devonport are supporting a mining engineer (male) who is raising the issue of VAW. There are a number of mines on Tasmania’s west coast. Members from Hobart Derwent are attending an event at Parliament House in Hobart. Devonport attended a meeting in Burnie to look at services for women victims of violence.

Funds were also donated by Devonport to ZISVAW.

Health: All clubs (Devonport, Hobart and Hobart Derwent) support women’s health issues through assembling birthing kits. Visibility is enhanced by engaging with schools, neighbourhood houses and other organisations to assemble the kits. Hobart and Hobart Derwent also make breast cushions which are distributed to the major hospitals – another visibility raising opportunity.

Education/self-esteem: Hobart Derwent is now completely funding Cheryl’s Angels, a program to improve the self-esteem of schoolgirls. The local council which was the club’s

previous partner, has now withdrawn from the partnership. Fund-raising events such as a quiz night, have been held to fund this program and the birthing kits.

Media Cover: A donation by Devonport to the Mersey Community Hospital was covered by the local newspaper. Although Launceston is in recess, Carol Fuller is raising funds to maintain an almost complete program of advocacy and support for the coming year. Recently, Westpac held a business women’s event with Anna Stretton at which Carol spoke about Zonta. Carol reports there may be some women interested in joining Launceston and so revitalising the club.

HISTORY and ARCHIVES

Lennie McCall, Chairman

We have been advised by ZI Chairman Val Sarah that guidelines for club and district archivists and historians are now available on the ZI website under Centennial Anniversary Committee TOOLS.

The Committee is seeking two reports during the biennium from clubs and districts, timed to reach the ZI Board in a mid-biennium report and an end-biennium report.

The report template also appears on the ZI website for clubs and districts. Each form is very simple, and the due dates for reports from clubs to district, and districts to international, are clearly marked.

We look forward to hearing about the progress you have made - it's a learning curve for all of us, but will be well worth it!"

**District 23 Conference**

Alison Martin, Chairman

12th Biennial District 23 Conference
Friday 13th to 15th September 2013
 to be held at **Rendezvous Hotel,**
Scarborough WA



Zonta Shows the Way:
Credible & Visible!

Top 10 reasons to attend the
bi-annual District 23 Conference -
have you booked the date in
your diary?

Welcome our International Representative:
 ZI Director Maria Stefanova of Bulgaria

Support Governor Ann Horrocks and the District
 23 Board members elected in Melbourne 2011

Meet and talk with nominees for District 23 Board
 positions for the 2014-16 biennium

Renew friendships with Zontians from all Areas
 of District 23

Hear inspiring Keynote Speakers.....
 more to come later

Opening and Closing Flag Ceremonies

Learn more and make decisions at
 Business Sessions

Enjoy the camaraderie at The Captain's Dinner

Buy from the Zonta Seashores Market Place

Have fun and make new friends

We encourage you to make plans and book your Spring holiday in Western Australia before or after the District 23 Conference 13 to 15 September 2013, where we will celebrate all that we achieve in District 23!

Visit the District 23 website,
www.zontadistrict23.org
 to read the Conference #1
 Newsletter and check out the
 'Book your own Accommodation
 form.'

How to book:

Rendezvous' Book own Accommodation form is now on the District 23 website. To receive the special Zonta Accommodation Rate members should email groupres.perth@rendezvoushotels.com with the Block name **Zonta International** and Block ID **183421** or phone (08) 9340 5505. **Rooms booked after 21 August 2013 will be at the best available rate at the time of booking.**

We encourage you to book your accommodation early with Rendezvous or if you wish, check on-line to compare rates or seek other alternative accommodation.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Jasmin Koch, Chairman

Do you have the 'X' factor or should I say the 'Z' factor?

The District 23 Nominating Committee is seeking qualified members to nominate for positions on the 2014-2016 District 23 Board and Nominating Committee.

You may like to think about nominating for a position or identify other potential candidates to the current Nominating Committee which comprises Jasmine Koch (Chairman), Jo Wittorff and Jill Taylor.

Our contact details are set out in the District Directory.

In January, we will send out more information including nomination forms, guidelines and submission deadlines with a view to compiling a slate of candidates for presentation at the D23 Conference in Perth in September 2013.

Enjoy the festive season and best wishes for the new year.

MEMBERSHIP*Erica Majba, Chairman*

I have been sending out a revamped District Membership Certificates to new members and included a letter of congratulations to clubs and welcome to new members (please contact me a few weeks prior to induction).

Based on the certificates requested, I congratulate – Gawler 3, Waverley 2, Melbourne on Yarra 1, Clare 1, Adelaide Torrens 1, Devonport 1, Swan Hills 2 and Peel 1.

In addition 7 new members have been inducted into the ZC Adelaide Hills. These new members will form the new ZC Mt Barker when they have reached the required number of 20 members to be able to charter and become Independent.

Congratulations to Beryl Lester the SOM Chair. Congratulations also to the newly chartered club of ZC Central Goldfields (21 new members), Ronda Walker, SOM Chair and sponsoring clubs of Kyneton, Ballarat and Bendigo.

What a well planned and lovely evening. It was pleasing to see the support from Zontians from many clubs and States.

Officially the district membership numbers 31st October were 723. This does not take into account the 7 new members in Mt Barker. I am thus pleased to report that D23 has already met our Membership target for 2014 of 730.

There is however still much to be done to invigorate clubs and ensure we do not lose members without every effort being made to make our clubs a place that people choose to join and stay.

Please look out for an **email to Presidents and Club Membership Chairs** of membership ideas focused on **RECRUITMENT** and take some time to discuss.

I invite all clubs to send membership ideas to me so they may be shared. I extend my best wishes and support to

Launceston and Alice Springs for the work that will need to be done in those clubs in the coming months so that they can increase their membership to at least 6 members as required by ZI.

Thanks to Judy Rothe, D23 Centurion, who has joined the Membership committee.



Beryl Lester SOM Committee chair Mt Barker and President in training, Di McCallum at the Mt Barker High Tea

JANE M KLAUSMAN SCHOLARSHIP*Robyn Scholes, Chairman*

Many thanks to Karen Groves, District Chair, for her dedication to the Jane M Klausman Women in Business Scholarship over the past four years. As you will know this scholarship is awarded to women studying at a tertiary institution and working towards an Undergraduate or Master's degree in Business Management.

Awards can be made at three levels.

At a **Club level** the recipient receives an award as designated by that Club. All Club recipients then go onto selection at **District level** where there is a US\$1000 award from ZI for the winning candidate. Further selection

occurs at **ZI level** from candidates worldwide. Twelve winners are chosen and each receives US\$7000 to go towards their future studies.

Great promotion and exposure of your Club and ZI can be achieved through the JMK Scholarship and promotional material is available to all Clubs.

Important dates for your Club are:-

- ◆ **January 2013** – Applications for JMK Scholarship for 2013 are available and I will send them to your Club President before 6th February 2013. You then find and select an appropriate candidate.

- ◆ **1st July 2013** – Club selection's application sent to me. After a selection process, by a panel, the name and application of the successful recipient is forwarded onto District23 Governor, Ann Horricks.

- ◆ **1st September 2013** – District recipient's application sent to ZI

- ◆ **Mid October 2013** – recipient notified.

Our District winner for 2012, Whitely Bejah was a worthy recipient. Let us work together to find another such talented young woman in 2013.

ZONTA INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION*Bev Mattingley, ZIF Ambassador*

Zontians are being challenged this Biennium to make a personal donation to the Foundation.

Just imagine how many more women we could help if this was achieved.

The Foundation relies on Clubs and Zontians for donations to make sure our great programs and awards are fully funded.

The Foundation needs nearly \$5,000,000USD this Biennium, so

Zontians in District 23, wouldn't it be marvelous if our District achieved the ultimate of each one of us making a donation.

The challenge is yours!

**** **NEW EMAIL ADDRESS FOR ZONTA CLUB of BUNBURY INC (WA)**

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BIRTHING KITS

Julie Monis-Ivett

From Saturday August 18 through to September 13, Zontians from far and wide joined together in Brisbane, Adelaide, Canberra, Sydney and many regional centres to celebrate their work at the Millionth Birthing Kit Celebration Functions.

Tens of thousands of women and babies are estimated to be alive today because they received one of these 1 million birthing kits made by volunteers in Australia. In recognition of this magnificent milestone and achievement, many people gathered to thank Zonta.

The Governor-General, Ms Quentin Bryce AC CVO as Patron of the Birthing Kit Foundation (Australia), and recent Honorary Zonta International member, sent a message.

"Dear friends, I'm sorry I'm unable to join you to celebrate Zonta's the millionth birthing kit. What a wonderful achievement – truly inspiring. I have the greatest admiration for the way Zonta gives hands on practical support with generosity of spirit. Thank you for what you do. Affectionate Greetings Quentin"

Past Zonta International President Val Sarah and Ambassador for the foundation also sent a message. *"Little could they have envisaged the extraordinary journey they were undertaking – one which would lead to the creation of a Foundation, motivating clubs and communities to create birthing kits on assembly days far and wide, becoming the 3rd largest supplier of birthing kits in the world after UN agencies, training over 9000 birth attendants in-country, encouraging the production of kits in-country, and managing the logistics of supplying about 140,000 kits each year to 22 countries."*

In Adelaide, 170 people attended this wonderful function. The room looked wonderful, the breakfast was good, but the speakers were fantastic. With a surprise visit from Professor Shirley Randell, our latest Australian ZI Honorary member, she spoke about her work in Rwanda. Ms Penny Williams gave a very interesting talk on her role as Australia's first Ambassador for Women and Girls. Then, our special guest speaker Dr Luc Mulimbalimba Masururu from DR Congo spoke which inspired and moved everyone. He has

distributed over 70,000 kits and trained 520 birth attendants including the most desperate Pigmies and Maasai Mara women. In his eyes the greatest benefit of birthing kits was in stopping the spread of HIV. He has built a hospital where he makes his own birthing kits and he has done so much more. He is only 34 and is the youngest MP in DR Congo. He shared his journey which has not been easy. It is a labour of love for his people.

The Birthing Kit Project has brought people of all ages throughout Australia together for assembly days. The name of Zonta is spreading in government and NGO circles and civil society on several continents. People are being inspired to join Zonta to continue its life changing work.

We were able to receive very positive PR through radio and print with a major emphasis on the work and relationship with Zonta. It is only with Zonta members and their commitment that the Millionth Birthing Kit has been made! Congratulations to all of our supporters on this wonderful achievement.

Yours in Zonta

Julie Monis-Ivett



Professor Shirley Randell with Dr Luc Mulimbalimba

**1,000,000
BIRTHING KITS**

**UNITED NATIONS**

Odile Glenn, Chairman

Thank you to those clubs which have included me in the distribution for their Club newsletters with informative reports on how they have been promoting awareness of Zonta's relationship with the UN.

Clubs not producing a newsletter please do send me the story of YOUR UN-related advocacy, service or fundraiser [which also supports our International Projects in partnership with UN Women], such as coverage of your UN International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women

on November 25 when a number of clubs celebrated White Ribbon Day.

With 125 countries having laws making domestic violence a crime it is clear that laws alone do not change behaviour. They have to be reinforced by community attitudes about acceptable behaviour.

This also involves education about what you CAN actually DO to get the law enforced. This is the reasoning behind the new ZISVAW project for this biennium entitled 'Mass Communication with a Purpose-Global partnership on

Edutainment for Social Change. This partnership is administered through UN Women. An example of the kind of short film which is being produced, tailored each of 10 different countries, was very effective in India and was shown at Convention. I encourage you to view it by visiting: www.youtube.com/user/LetsBreakThrough.

This is just one of the ways we can encourage actions which will reduce violence against women and create cultural climates where ALL women can feel safe ALL the time.

SERVICE*Karen Groves, Chairman***VISIBILITY AND CREDIBILITY**

Clubs around the Zonta world are being encouraged to achieve VISIBILITY and gain CREDIBILITY when promoting and undertaking all their activities.

Clubs are being urged to maintain focus on Zonta Goals and to support Zonta projects. The best way to do that is to be involved in Zonta Service Projects and Awards.

Zonta International will be recognizing clubs which have demonstrated

VISIBILITY and CREDIBILITY with **“Zonta Service Recognition Awards”** at the end of this Biennium at the Zonta International Convention in Orlando, Florida.



Advice will be available soon from Zonta International regarding the way club projects can qualify for these Awards.

In the meantime, I urge clubs to support the Amelia Earhart Fellowship, the Young Women in Public Affairs Award, the Jane M Klausman Women in Business Scholarship and ZISVAW activities, as well as to be alert to the opportunity to form Z and Golden Z Clubs.

PR & Communications*Sandra Burns, Chairman*

The ZI District Liaison for PR & Communications, Therese Marie, has been in contact with all Districts to provide the **ZI Photograph Brief**. I would urge all Clubs to read the brief and ensure they create a cohesive image of our membership and work.

As the brief says we are all familiar with the adage: “Often, one picture tells us more than may words.” But what’s more it also shapes the image of who we are as an organization. Therefore in order to create a cohesive image of our membership and the world, we need actions, words and pictures that support our strategy of credibility and visibility.

We need photography that: conveys our key global themes and which reflect our culture at the heart of Zonta; shows diversity and inclusion, people engaged in activities, contributing, interacting. The advice is to focus on the creativity, not the business.

Photographers are also to ensure copyright, approval for photos and the correct format and processes.

In short ZI is looking for “take away” images of Zonta that are friendly, professional, cross-cultural, people focuses, integrated and global.

It is ZI’s goal to support the Public

Relations and Communication of each District and Club within the District to promote Zonta in a professional and cohesive manner.

District 23 has been featuring on the ZI website so please ensure that you keep up to date by checking the site regularly.

I urge you to take a moment to use the link listed to read the full details of the Photograph Brief.

<http://www.zonta.org/MemberResources/Tools/PublicRelationsTools.aspx>

Z CLUB*Joanne Metzger, Chairman*

As District 23 Z Club Chairman, I had the pleasure and honour of presenting the Charter and Gavel to the newly established Kyneton Secondary College Z Club on Thursday evening the 25th of October 2012.

Zonta International Service Committee member and District 23 Conference Chairman Alison Martin, District 23 Governor Ann Horrocks, Lieutenant Governor Erica Majba and Area 4 Director Jane Adornetto were the other dignitaries present for the celebration. They joined with President Ronda Walker and members of the sponsoring Zonta Club of Kyneton, Principal and staff from the Kyneton College, parents and guests to mark this special occasion.

After the Protocol and formalities for chartering a new club were followed,

congratulatory cards were read out, followed by supper and the cutting of the celebratory cake.

It was a particularly special occasion for me personally, as only the year before I had given a presentation to the Kyneton Zonta Club on “Establishing a Z Club”. With lots of hard work, planning and organisation by the Kyneton members along with the College Principal and staff, it had become a reality!

On behalf of the Matthew Flinders Z Club, President Courtney Mc Glashan had sent a card of congratulations and an invitation to form a “sister Z Club” with the new club to share ideas and successes.

I’m pleased to announce we now have three active Z Clubs in our District 23.



Joanne presenting the gavel to Sally Kurzke, President of Kyneton Secondary College Z Club

Amelia Earhart Fellowship

Marion Brown, Chairman



- ⇒ Generate contributions to the Amelia Earhart Fellowship Fund;
- ⇒ Create visibility for the organization.

Annual Events: Ideas That Work

Women in Science and Engineering Luncheon: The Zonta Club of Dallas hosted a luncheon to encourage young women in the community to explore careers in aerospace science and engineering. The event featured speeches by women with established careers in science and engineering.

Motivational Performances and Speakers: Many clubs host special events featuring historical accounts or costumed performances highlighting Amelia's accomplishments. Speakers and panels featuring women professionals from the fields of aviation, aerospace science and engineering are also popular.

Connect with an Amelia Earhart Fellow: E-mail Zonta International Headquarters to contact Fellows in your area. Fellows may be invited to events as guests or as speakers, sharing their experiences in the advanced sciences and as Amelia Earhart Fellows.

Organize a Joint Event With Local Women's Professional Organizations in Science and Engineering: Contact your local chapter of the Society of Women Engineers, Women in Science and Engineering or other similar organizations. By partnering with other organizations, you may be able to garner more media interest and event participants.

Contact Science and Math Departments of Local Schools: Clubs can get involved in local math and science competitions (general science fairs, model bridges, paper airplanes). From sponsorships in under-funded school districts, to prizes for winning entries, much can be done to encourage young women interested in these fields. It is also a perfect local interest story for the media in your area.

Host a Silent Auction with Aerospace-related Items: Telescopes, private sessions or memberships at a local planetarium, space-related movies, flying lessons, hot-air balloon rides, name-a-star gift certificates, "the sky is the limit" when it comes to ideas for a silent auction. A silent auction can easily be paired with a new or existing event to increase interest and generate more fundraising dollars.

How will your club celebrate?

Zontian. Record-breaking aviator.
Women's rights advocate.

Zonta is proud to honour the extraordinary achievements and uncompromising spirit of Amelia Earhart throughout the month of January.

11 January is Amelia Earhart Day - and in the months leading up to January, Zonta Clubs are encouraged to create annual events to:

- ⇒ Celebrate the achievements of Amelia Earhart;
- ⇒ Encourage women of various ages to follow in her footsteps;

Recently at HQ when going through the archives Val Sarah and Beryl McMillan located this quilt made by the ZC of Wanganui to recognise all of the clubs from the original D16 - it has the names of all clubs embroidered on it.

D16 was split in 1990 into D16, 23 & 24 with D24 subsequently divided into D22 and 24.

