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**From the Governor** - Ann Horrocks

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Our 12<sup>th</sup> D23 conference, recently held in Scarborough WA was a resounding success thanks to the diligent planning of the Conference Committee under the leadership of PNS member and past DG Alison Martin. I thank once again all those members who were able to join us. We were delighted that the 2012 D23 YWPA winner Shani Cain was with us for the 3 days and we welcomed Golden Z Club members from St Catherine's College at the UWA on the Sunday.

Clubs by now will have had a detailed report back from their Delegate or proxy and I encourage all of you to visit the D23 website and read the valuable information there. Our amazing keynote speakers Honorary Zontian Prof Shirley Randell AO focussing on **Leadership** and Geraldine Cox AM on **Credibility and Visibility** were followed by Open Forums with other speakers on the these topics.

Our Q&A time should have been longer based on the interest shown. Other highlights were the presentations by Shani and two Amelia Earhart Fellows, a winner from last year and Prof Jackie Davidson a dual winner who spoke passionately on the Square Kilometre Array (represents the collecting area of these new radio telescopes).

Our ZI Liaison Maria Stefanova was a fantastic support during our 2 day board meeting and the Conference. She

presented ZI President Lynn McKenzie's welcome. Maria also used her professional expertise as part of the Credibility and Visibility open forum.

The conference is also the D23 AGM and the opportunity for delegates to decide on the direction of the district. Our updated D23 Constitution and Rules of procedure were accepted and these have been emailed to clubs along with the Governor's Conference report. Your delegates elected your D23 office bearers for the 2014-2016 biennium and I congratulate all those who are taking on these responsible positions within the district. I know that they will do a great job in continuing to keep D23 as one of the best districts throughout the Zonta world.

Zontasaysno – by the time you have received this Newsflash clubs will have acknowledged 25<sup>th</sup> Nov as the day to focus on the Elimination of VAW. Many will have combined White Ribbons and the ZI focus Zontasaysno and worked in collaboration with Soroptimists and other groups working towards the same outcome. All the work we are doing in this area adds to Zonta's Credibility and Visibility – my thanks and appreciation to all of you. We will currently be acknowledging the 16 days of activism and will have seen much publicity from the UN, ZI and the

White Ribbon Foundation with many articles in the media. I hope clubs have uploaded their stories.

Zonta has recently celebrated its 94<sup>th</sup> Birthday and I encourage all clubs to be working on their Club's History in Brief due to the District Historian by 1<sup>st</sup> May 2014.

It has once again been a busy 3 months in Zonta and Service Chairman Karen and I will be getting back in the new year to clubs that have submitted entries into the Service Recognition Awards.

Our thoughts are currently with Zontians and their families in the Philippines who once again have suffered from typhoons – please keep them in you thoughts and prayers and assist where you can.

I wish all members and their loved ones, a happy and safe Christmas and hope you can take time to catch up with family and friends.



(L to R) - ZI Liaison Maria Stefanova; Honorary Zontian Prof Shirley Randell AO and Geraldine Cox AM



D23 office bearers for the 2014-2016 biennium (L to R): Erica Majba, Judy Tennant, Trish McLean, Kay Stewart, Nan Berrett, Anne Millar, Jane Moulden and Marg Lynch.

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**AREA 1 REPORT**

Debbie Schmidt, Area 1 Director

My article this newsflash focuses on how Area 1 Clubs are achieving the D23 Biennial goals that have been developed in line with the ZI Biennial Goals 2012-2014.

The actions taken by Clubs so far this biennium to meet the ZI Goal of Credibility and Visibility has shown a real increase in membership. All 5 clubs have inducted new members and further inductions will take place in December. Increasing Club profiles in the Community and creating partnerships through local projects has resulted in an increase in membership for Area 1.

Advocacy is working well. Our first Combined Advocacy Project is well

underway with most Victorian clubs pledging funds to the Royal Women's Hospital's Deinfibulation Clinic, the only nurse led clinic in Australia providing care to women presenting with FGM. These funds will go towards costs to provide information brochures to be distributed all over the state giving women the information and assistance they need.

Websites have been updated or revamps are underway and one club is awaiting the launch of their first website.

Both of our District 23 Projects are supported by all clubs with regular Cushion stuffing days and Birthing Kit assembly days being held. Zontians

from Victorian clubs volunteered to assist at the Birthing Kit Foundation stall at the Pregnancy, Birthing & Child Expo held in Melbourne in October and was not only great Visibility for the BKF but also for Zonta and clubs in Victoria.

**Upcoming dates to remember :**

- Zonta Club of Frankston and Zonta Club of Mornington Peninsula's Annual Amelia Earhart Celebration on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2014.
- The Annual Zonta Club of Melbourne on Yarra Seminar will be held on the 10<sup>th</sup> May 2014 and Melbourne's East will be celebrating their 35<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

**AREA 2 REPORT**

Jodi Knoop, Area 2 Director

It has been another very busy quarter for Area 2. Preparations for the upcoming White Ribbon Day continue with many events planned. Clubs have been proactive with involving local media and collaborating with other organisations to ensure Zonta is as visible as possible. A brief snapshot of some club activities and projects:

**Adelaide Hills:** A very busy November is planned with a fundraiser in the form of a shopping spree at the Wohlers Furniture store on Richmond Road on November 10th with the Wohler family giving the history of the store and then afternoon tea while attendees choose Christmas Presents for loved ones. The Expect Respect morning at Mt Barker on November 22nd where the children from the local primary school will be presented with certificates for their artistic entry toward the calendar produced to celebrate the Expect Respect morning. This is a huge project for the club and they particularly thank Bev Hocking, Di Strutton, Di Bartel and Kristina Macaulay for the work they have put in to this.

**Noarlunga Southern Vales:** A special October meeting for 6 members to celebrate outstanding long service to Zonta. These members have served Zonta for a total of an incredible **179** years! One has 40 years, three have 29, one has 27 and one has 25. They are also involved in a mosaic project with a number of other community agencies, the aim is to make a statement against violence in the community and the mosaics are on display at a local football club.

**Adelaide:** This club has completed a long term project contributing to the Breast Cancer Clinic at The Queen Elizabeth Hospital. The project included a collection of artist Michelle Wheardon's abstract impression of her breast cancer journey. A second project supporting Zonta says NO, is titled "Walk in my Shoes". This is a display of shoes and stories to celebrate the courage of women who have walked out of domestic violence. "Walk in my Shoes" will be launched on November 25.

**Fleurieu Peninsula:** A successful fundraiser Spring Garden Party and High Tea at 'Taringa Park', Middleton was held in October. There was a raffle, with prizes for the garden, donated by a number of local businesses and Zonta members. Guest speaker, June Taylor, radio and television producer, travel host, garden writer and herbalist talked on travelling to some of the most beautiful gardens of Europe.

An Area wide project is in the planning stage. The Area 2 Pelvic Pain Seminar will be held early next year and promises to be the start of something that supports young women experiencing this usually silent health concern. Watch this space for updates on this exciting initiative.

Yours in Zonta

**ZONTA INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION** *Bev Mattingley, ZIF Ambassador*

On behalf of the Foundation a big thank you to participants at the D23 Conference for your magnificent support of the Foundation be it from the raffle, retiring door donations and personal contributions.

A reminder to clubs that all contributions to the Foundation must be received by 31 March 2014 to be acknowledged at the International Convention.

I am proud to say most clubs have already made contributions, this is most encouraging for our District.

**16 Days of Activism to Stop Violence Against Women**

begins on 25 Nov

(International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women and White Ribbon Day) and ends on 10 Dec (Human Rights Day).





**AREA 3 REPORT**

Carole Theobald, Area 3 Director

Thanks to the efforts of all clubs, Area 3 is going from strength to strength with 170 members plus 15 Golden Z Club members and more 'potentials' in the wings.

The D23 Conference hosted by Perth Northern Suburbs with support from all A3 clubs was a great success and helped many members to connect the global mission of Zonta with local activities. It was marvellous to see local members engage with the 'Rebels' motorcyclists at the conference hotel to spread the reach of the Zonta Says No message.

Fundraising since August has totalled over \$18,000 and included: Quiz morning, morning tea (Bunbury); Melbourne Cup lunch (Dunsborough); High Tea and photo exhibition (Perth); Mystery Dinners (Perth NS); Raffles, sausage sizzles, Fashion Parade, Casserole nights (Swan Hills).

Service activities have included clubs making 140 breast care cushions (plus Bandyup Prison 87); assembling 2,200 birthing kits with the help of schools, universities, CWA, Freemasons, Girl Guides and friends; and raising \$2,526 for the Birthing Kit Foundation at the

Pregnancy, Baby and Children's Expo in Perth. Clubs have pampered mothers of children with disabilities (Peel), provided holidays for women from the Zonta House refuge (Dunsborough), hosted camps for families recovering from domestic violence (Perth NS), trained young women in protective behaviours and donated books to mothers and babies during Literacy Week (Bunbury) and donated underwear and toiletries to refuges (Peel, Swan Hills).

Advocacy activities include speakers on domestic violence, migrant women, refugees and microfinance, holding a UN Women Spring Walk (Perth NS), a Missing Person memorial service and walk against violence (Peel) and planning for White Ribbon activities (Bunbury, Perth NS). Clubs continue to support women in their studies (Dunsborough, Perth NS, Swan Hills) with Area 3 JMK awardee, Natalie Meyer, receiving the D23 JMK Award.

PR has been strong with web sites, social media, newsletters, newspaper articles, radio coverage and the launch of the History of the Zonta Club of Perth book.

With all this happening – who wouldn't want to be a Zontian?



**L-R Setting up the Birthing Kit Stand for Pregnancy Expo:** Letitia Depiassi, (President PNS) Jean Wyder (Birthing Kit Coordinator PNS) and Wendy Atherton (ZCP)



**UN Women Spring Walk (Perth NS)**

**AREA 4 REPORT**

Jane Adornetto, Area 4 Director

A highlight of the past few months was our District 23 Conference in Scarborough, WA in September. All Area 4 Clubs were represented, with 28 Zontians making the cross-country trip. I know all delegates and attendees have brought back inspiration, renewed commitment and many new ideas for clubs. The fellowship was fantastic, and it was also great to have a breakfast President's meeting (with delegates standing in for some Presidents). As always it is great to get-together as an Area and share successes and also trouble-shoot any areas of concern.

I have recently had the pleasure of attending, along with Governor Ann, anniversary celebrations in Ballarat for 35 years, and Albury/Wodonga for 25 years. It is wonderful to learn more about the history of clubs, but also beneficial for the members to realise how much has been achieved over the respective periods. Congratulations to past and present members of these clubs for the difference they have made in advancing the status of women in

their local communities. I know the successes will continue in the future.

November is extremely busy, with all clubs planning varied activities for White Ribbon Day and the 16 Days of Activism, all the while promoting Zonta Says No. Selling white ribbons, to dinners with special and relevant guest speakers and walks in various communities, are among some of the planned events. Wonderful advocacy with Zonta at the forefront.

I know a number of clubs have induction of new members planned, or have a number of people very interested in joining clubs. It is great to see a continued focus on membership and the effort clubs are making in retention as well.

As 2013 draws to a close, I take this opportunity to wish all members well for the coming festive season and look forward to catching up with as many of you as possible in 2014.



Charter President (PIP) Val Sarah & President Donna Campbell celebrate Ballarat's 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.



Albury/Wodonga members celebrate their 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with members from Wangaratta, Governor Ann and A4D Jane

**AREA 5 REPORT**

Lois Green OAM, Area 5 Director

All clubs in Area 5 have had a busy quarter and have been busy working to achieve ZI's goals. Membership is either stable or has increased. In the last Newsflash article, Launceston had 8 members; this has now increased to 10. Devonport has reached its highest ever membership at 32. Hobart and Hobart Derwent have remained at last year's numbers, with a possibility of new members.

On 11<sup>th</sup> November, Hobart's meeting celebrated Zonta International Founders' Day with a talk on an international theme by the Principal Liaison Officer-Multicultural from the Dept of Premier and Cabinet, Dr. Suzanne Mallick, to Zonta supporters and friends. All guests were presented with Zonta information kits: a great promotion for Zonta.

Hobart and Hobart Derwent (and soon Devonport) have produced their own club brochures; Devonport now has a website [www.zontadevonport.org.au](http://www.zontadevonport.org.au)

Hobart Derwent has designed its own banners for use at all events. Hobart and Devonport both have business cards for promotional events. Area Director Lois has spoken at a School for Seniors lecture. Hobart Derwent's successful fundraising event, the annual quiz night, is supported by many non-Zontians, including politicians. Raising visibility is a high priority for all clubs.

Area 5 clubs continue to support the District projects. Launceston, only recently re-formed, has had a birthing kits assembly day after helping at a Devonport assembly day. Launceston is also looking at making breast cushions as Hobart and Hobart Derwent do already. Devonport recently assembled 1000 kits.

At a local level, all clubs are involved in projects, often in partnership with other organisations, to improve the status of women. Hobart works with the (Hobart) City Mission in Small Steps (housing for

young mothers with babies). Launceston is investigating supporting the "Little Bird" program for primary and secondary girls or the (Launceston) City Mission's "Mums and Bubs" program. Devonport supports the Warrawee Women's Shelter and a local family affected by domestic violence.

Partnerships have been made with Soroptimists (Hobart Derwent and Devonport) and with Inner Wheel (Devonport). White Ribbon is supported by all clubs through sale of ribbons or events. The "Zonta Says No" t-shirts will be appearing in this year's "Walk the Talk" march with the Soroptimists in December.

I would like to wish all Zontians in Area 5, and District 23 as a whole, a happy Christmas and a healthy and safe New Year.

**JANE M KLAUSMAN SCHOLARSHIP**

Robyn Scholes, Chairman

Although our District 23 Candidate for the Jane M Klausman women in Business Scholarship 2013, Natalie Meyer is extremely capable and presented with great qualifications, she unfortunately did not receive an International scholarship. Winners were announced recently and applications presented to Zonta International Foundation came from 31 women from 20 countries. Judging must have been strenuous but as you can see from the list of countries of the winners, spread fairly.

Successful candidates came from Canada, Swaziland, USA x2, Denmark, New Zealand, Hong Kong, Poland, France, Romania, Taiwan and Australia.

We congratulate Teegan Green sponsored by the Zonta Club of Brisbane North in District 22 who was successful in achieving an international scholarship. The Jane M Klausman Women in Business Scholarship is valued at US\$7000 so is a valuable reward for excellent effort.

So now we will turn our efforts to next year. The information for the JMK Women in Business Scholarship for 2014 is available in January next year. I will send this information to your Clubs in late January or early February 2014.

I urge you to consider pursuing this further as it not only assists young women in their pursuit of a career in the business field, but also exposes many young women to the world of Zonta. The benefits to your Club are many, particularly as you have a wonderful opportunity for publicity in your local press.

**HISTORY & ARCHIVES**

Ronda Walker, District Historian

Among the many highlights of District Conference in Perth was the launch of the history of the Zonta Club of Perth. This impressive publication celebrates 40 years of service to Zonta International and to the Perth community and I congratulate the club on a marvellous achievement. The publication was much admired and there were many requests for further information about the process of self publishing.

Will your club take up this challenge and publish a book for your next milestone anniversary? The options of print on demand, in various formats including electronic publication, solve the old dilemma of estimating likely sales against printing cost per copy.

In the next few months clubs should be working towards completing a 'History in Brief' for submission to me by 1st May 2014. While this is the due date, I am grateful to those clubs that have already

completed this task and sent it to me. Please don't leave it until the last minute. If club historians would like any help with the 'history in brief' please contact .

**Clubs—'HISTORY in BRIEF'**

**Date Due:  
1<sup>st</sup> MAY 2014**





**MEMBERSHIP**

Erica Majba, Chairman

Greetings all. Since the excitement of the District Conference in Perth I have been a little distracted. Thank you to those who wished me well as Governor Elect. As I have said to Governor Ann, she is a hard act to follow, I can but do my best. I will also go into the role armed with the training that ZI provides its incoming Governors. An advantage for Governors in D23 is that we have many past Governors who remain active in Zonta. Also we have members who are experienced at an international level. I know I will be asking lots of questions and will have their support when I take on the new role following the ZI Convention in Orlando in June 2014. I have congratulated each of the D23 officers who were elected to form the next board and look forward to

working with them. Of course I have suggested they each seek a mentor for their new role, as I have.

On a more personal note I was overwhelmed by the emails and cards from members and clubs following the loss of my mother in October. We all have mothers and if we are lucky we have good relationships with them and they live to a ripe old age. I am aware that many of you have already experienced the loss of a parent or a more tragic loss. Having connections with Zontians within and outside your club who care about you, is a wonderful comfort when times are tough.

Now to membership. Congratulations to the following clubs for continuing their efforts to recruit new members.

Since the last Newsflash I have sent new member certificates to: Adelaide (2), Bunbury (1), Port Lincoln (1), Central Goldfields (1), Kyneton (1), Swan Hills (1). The stars for the period were – Melbourne's East (4) and the emerging club of Mt Barker (3).

I remain involved with the ZI Membership Taskforce – compiling survey questions, analysing the results and making recommendations to the ZI Board. The group consists of seven Zontians from: Norway, Sweden, Germany, Japan and USA (2) and myself. Three are ZI Directors. Working on an international committee does provide challenges as different cultures hold different views of Zonta.

**ADVOCACY**

Pauline Glover, Chairman

Firstly I know that you are all aware of the 16 days of Activism to Eliminate Violence Against Women and I hope that you will consider sharing a story of what your club is doing with ZI.

I have been privileged to be involved in many advocacy activities this year and I would like to share some with you. My reason for doing this is to give you some ideas for your clubs to follow up if you are looking for ideas for advocacy.

In February I attended the National Rural Women's Conference, an initiative of the National Rural Women's Coalition. This coalition is one of six

national women's alliances funded by the Australian Government. They are always seeking input from women to determine advocacy actions for rural women.

In May I attended the Women Deliver conference in Kuala Lumpur. The theme was investing in Girls and Women. There were about 6,000 delegates from around the world and the conference was fabulous. With speakers like Princes Mary, Melinda Gates and Chelsea Clinton to name a few what was there not to like. Family planning was a big agenda item along

with the prevention of sexually transmitted infections. Accountability for Maternal, Newborn and Child survival were featured and will be a focus going into the 2015 conference.

Did you know that one child dies from hunger every six seconds? More than 2.5 million children die every year from malnutrition. One child has died while you have read this report. Check out the web site [Nourish the Children](#). Look up these web sites for inspiration and action.

In Zonta fellowship

**UNITED NATIONS**

Odile Glenn, Chairman

Activism to Eliminate all forms of Discrimination Against Women is still critically important.

[United Nations Population Fund \(UNFPA\)](#) recently addressed an advocacy issue significant even in Australia in its report entitled, Motherhood in Childhood: facing the challenge of adolescent pregnancy,

"Too often, society blames only the girl for getting pregnant," said UNFPA's Babatunde Osotimehin. "The reality is that adolescent pregnancy is most often not the result of a deliberate choice, but rather the absence of choices, and of circumstances beyond a girl's control. It is a consequence of little or no access to school, employment, quality information and health care."

The report stresses that tackling teenage pregnancy, requires a holistic approach which seeks to change attitudes in society so that:-

girls are encouraged to stay in school, child marriage is banned, girls have access to sexual and reproductive health including contraception and young mothers have better support systems.



While teenage pregnancy is a bigger challenge in developing countries, the report also found that it is a significant issue in developed ones. In the United States for example, only about half of the girls who become pregnant as adolescents complete high school by age 22, compared to nine out of 10 girls who do not become pregnant

A recent Foreign Correspondent report on ABC television about forced marriage in the UK made it very clear that child marriage can become a problem in any country.

A Northern Tasmanian study published in August 2013 reinforced these understandings of the psycho-social reasons which increase the risk of early teenage pregnancy. Early pregnancy takes a toll on a girl's health, education and rights. It can also prevent her from realizing her potential and adversely impact the baby.

"We must reflect on and urge changes to the policies and norms of families, communities and governments that often leave a girl with little choice, but a path to early pregnancy," said Mr Osotimehin.

## BIRTHING KIT FOUNDATION

Julie Monis-Ivett, BKFA Director

For those who did not attend the District Conference you may not have heard that the Foundation has appointed its first CEO, Ms Karen Gryst. Karen has many skills in Not for Profit administration, PR, fundraising and so much more. She was an outstanding applicant chosen unanimously by the selection panel. Expect to see changes over the next 3 months.

The board decided to make our target for the next year 160,000 kits. Sadly there is still growing demand. We ask clubs to keep the making of birthing kits one of your service projects. We understand the cost has risen and ask clubs to be innovative in their gathering of funds. Many schools pay for all of the supplies, often individual and corporate sponsorship can be found, join with your local Rotary club where they fundraise as well to make twice the number of kits. We have PR we can deliver to you in banners, new brochures, sample kits, photos and films of our Partners speaking on the impact of the kits and training. If interested contact our Assembly Day/ Volunteers coordinator Hilary on [Hilary@bkf.org.au](mailto:Hilary@bkf.org.au)

For those who heard Dr Luc Mulimbimba Masururu speak at our 1 millionth kits celebration functions last year you will be happy to hear that a container organised by some of his supporters from Zonta and the Foundation arrived in September. The container held 13,000 birthing kits along with an immense amount of medical, dental, sports, educational, photographic and film equipment. Nearly 200 bags of clothes arrived. For more information contact me. Thank you to the many Zontians who donated to the transport costs.

This woman lost her leg from a bullet wound last year and finally has a wheel chair from the container.



Baby born in DR Congo with one of our kits made by Dr Luc at his hospital and funded by the BKFA.



## DISTRICT NEWS EXTRA

### Zontasaysno and White Ribbon Events

The photos and stories that are being shared show that almost all clubs have been involved in these campaigns. We encourage you to send your stories to [pr@zonta.org](mailto:pr@zonta.org) and to read on Zontasaysno the fantastic events that clubs from throughout the world have organised. Look at the photo gallery. Club and ZI Facebook pages have great stories as well – share and like these to show your support of this campaign to eliminate VAW.

**16 days of Activism** will still be a focus when you receive this Newsflash. This is a global campaign to raise awareness about gender-based violence as a human rights issue at the local, national, regional and international levels, and demonstrate the solidarity of women around the world organizing in opposition to violence against women.



### D23 Conference support of the Zonta International Foundation.

Thanks to all those who supported ZIF in whatever way at conference.

- ◆ The **\$1580** raised from the raffle organised by ZC Dunsborough has been donated to ZI Service programs.
- ◆ The Door Collection after the ZIF presentation was **\$665** which has been directed to:-
  - Amelia Earhart \$200,
  - Jane M Klausman \$200,
  - YWPA \$200 and the
  - Rose Fund \$55.
- ◆ Individual donations taken through the Foundation Booth were **\$700**.

**A fantastic total during conference of \$2945.**

JOIN THE CAMPAIGN TO END VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

[Click here to go to website](#)

**ZONTA SAYS NO**



### D23 Conference Adelaide in 2015 Special Announcement

I am pleased to announce that Cintra Amos, member of ZC Adelaide Flinders and past Lt Governor, has accepted the role of D23 Conference Chairperson for the district conference to be held in Adelaide in 2015.

She is a person with unquestionable organisational skills and we have developed a good working relationship. Cintra and I met today to start planning the committee and looking at the tasks. We will continue to discuss the make up of the conference committee, but much will await my return from ZI training in February 2014.

Please join me in thanking her for taking on the role.

*Erica Majba (D23 Lt. Gov.)*

## DISTRICT NEWS EXTRA—Our Amazing Zontians



Jill Welsh, was recently awarded a Premier's Certificate of Recognition for Outstanding Volunteer Service.



Possibly the best moment at the Zonta Club of Adelaide's International Night in October 2013 was the awarding of a Premier's Certificate of Recognition for Outstanding Volunteer Service to club member Jill Welsh.

Jill is a highly accomplished business woman, having introduced Tupperware to Australia in 1962 and setting up a distribution and sales network of over five hundred people between 1962 and 1980.

However, it's Jill's dedication to Adelaide Flinders' ongoing success that was recognised on this occasion.

Jill joined Zonta in September 1983, just two years after the Zonta Club of Adelaide Flinders club was chartered. Jill served as President from 1984-1986 and, under Jill's strong guidance, Adelaide Flinders grew to become one of the largest clubs in District 23. Jill's presidency was so successful that, in 1986 at the Toronto Convention, Jill was recognised with the International President's Award – the highest accolade and testimony to her leadership.

In addition to her presidency, Jill has also been a member of the club board in 1990-1992, 1996-1998, 1998-2000, 2000-2002, 2004-2006 and 2008-2010. She has been chair of the club Membership Committee for over 10 years and associated with the Nominating Committee for equally long. Jill has also been a tireless Fundraising Committee member, and is especially credited with organising the club's annual movie night, and major fundraiser, for over 26 years. Jill personally sold 160 tickets to the last movie night, and her ability to source donations and prizes is renowned.

Jill has attended 28 area workshops, the majority of district conferences and numerous international conventions including the most recent conference in Turin, Italy, in 2012. She was on the Zonta International Jubilee 150 Committee to celebrate South Australia's 150th Anniversary. Jill was also on the club's organising committees to celebrate both Adelaide Flinders' 25th and 30th anniversaries and Zonta International's 90th birthday. But don't think Jill's volunteering is solely with Zonta! Jill has also been a Red Cross collector and Meals on Wheels volunteer at the Sturt kitchen from 1994-2000 and Burnside kitchen since 2010.

As chair of membership, Jill has had thousands of coffee appointments with prospective members and has made even more follow up calls to explain Zonta and to encourage women to join Zonta. She has personally sponsored numerous new members and she has been a mentor to presidents and club members over the years.

For 31 years Jill Welsh has been a model Zontian, taking on many leadership responsibilities and ensuring the continued success of the Adelaide Flinders club.

*Anne Westley on behalf of the  
ZC Adelaide Flinders*

### District Awards

The **2012-2014 Heide Taylor Awards** have been presented to:

- \* Pat Fraser ZC Ballarat,
- \* Margaret Field ZC Perth Northern Suburbs
- \* Sheila Waters ZC Swan Hills and
- \* Rosalind Deacon ZC Bendigo



### Length of Service Awards.

Congratulations to all those Zontians who have recently received '**Length of Service**' awards from Zonta International ranging in time from 25 years to 40 years. 17 members received their certificates at Conference and many more have been presented since. Remember to acknowledge the great service many members have given to their clubs.



## 62<sup>nd</sup> Zonta International Convention

[Checkout the ZI website for the latest information](#)

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