

Newsflash

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From the Governor



Erica Majba

I welcome you all to the 2014-16 biennium. The new D23 board took on their roles following the ZI Convention in Orlando. By now most clubs will have had a Convention report from their delegate or member carrying their proxy vote. These members dedicated many hours performing their necessary roles. I hope their report has inspired you and enabled you to capture some of the flavour of the Convention.

I had the pleasure of thanking Gov. Ann for her two years of service to the district at the D23 meeting held at the commencement of Convention. The money donated by clubs and members in appreciation for her work was contributed to ZI Foundation in her name. Under Ann's leadership the district outperformed expectations.

D23 was recognised at Convention as excelling in so many ways:

- * Best District Service Project Award for **Birthing Kits**
- * Sixth best Club Service Project Award to ZC Adelaide Hills for their '**Expect Respect**' project
- * Largest increase in net membership numbers
- * 100% of clubs contributed to ZI F
- * Beryl Lester, ZC Mt Barker for introducing the greatest number of new members

If you have not already watched International President Maria Jose Landeira Oestergaard talking about the new ZI Service projects, I urge you to do so at a club meeting. Click on this picture to view it on YouTube. It takes 5 mins and gives a great introduction to some continuing and some new projects.



You may be pleased to know that the UN Women's project, **Voices Against Violence** includes Australia as one of the 12 countries where Zonta clubs will work with World Wide Girl Guides & Scouts. Zonta will provide funds for the program and in addition clubs will be invited to support the Girl Guide leaders delivering a non-formal curriculum in schools.

Congratulations to Beryl McMillan, ZC Melbourne on Yarra who was elected as the Australian representative on the ZI Nominating Committee. Alison Martin, ZC Perth Northern Suburbs was unsuccessful in her bid to be an International Director. Sally Bean, ZC Janesville, USA is our D23 International Liaison. As Governor, I will report through to Sally and she will attend our D23 Conference next year.

The role of your D23 Board: Just a reminder that one of the requirements of your Area Director is to make a visit to every club in their area within the biennium. Clubs are expected to cover the dinner costs. While ADs often attend more than once please be aware that some will have more time and opportunity to do this than others. I encourage Presidents to consult with their AD and other board members, before inviting them to attend a club meeting/function about how their visit can add value to your club. This could be speaking on an agreed topic, sharing news of what is happening elsewhere, inducting new members, or attending a meeting or function where the club is showcasing a project so that this story can be taken to other clubs. I was able to attend the ZC Mornington Peninsula 30th birthday dinner and was pleased that the club President arranged an informal coffee get together for me to meet club members followed by a discussion on a current club issue. Board members are keen to get to know club members and develop relationships but their visits need to be more than sharing a meal and fellowship. Think about how their visit might benefit your club.

The first D23 board meeting is in Adelaide at the end of August. The Grand Chancellor hotel is the venue for the meeting, to enable the board members to see the facilities that will be provided at the D23 Conference in October 2015.

In line with ZI expectations, that training will occur at all levels of Zonta, board members have agreed to be available for a half day training session. I appreciate their willingness to commit the additional time. The training will focus on Governance, Roles & responsibilities and Leadership. Practical skills development

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in the use of new technologies eg. Survey monkey, Linked In Group, Skype & FaceTime and Drop Box will also be addressed. Some of the materials will be shared with D23 Chairmen and Co-ordinators. Area Directors will be able to pass on some of their learnings to club Presidents. The motivation behind the IT training is to make it more convenient and cost effective for members to communicate and share information.

My thanks go to all the wonderful women who have accepted leadership roles in our district as members of the D23 Board, D23 Chairmen, D23 Co-ordinators and D23 Committee members and at club level all of the Club Presidents, Club Board members and Club Committee Chairmen. I look forward to working with you and wish you an enjoyable and fulfilling term of office.

If you haven't yet attended a Zonta D23 Conference or ZI Convention I encourage you to put the dates in your diary now and start planning. I cannot count the number of times I have heard Zontians say "I really didn't get the wider aspect of Zonta until I attended a Conference/Convention". Stepping outside your club to meet with other Zontians is an uplifting and exciting opportunity to share ideas but also to realise there are many clubs out there doing similar things.

The network of Zonta fellowship is calling you.



Wishing a speedy recovery to Past Governor Jane, who is also our D23 PR&C Chairman

Diary Dates	
16-18 Oct	D23 Conference
2-6 July	ZI Convention
2018	ZI Convention Yokohama, Japan

AREA 1

The start of another biennium! I am excited to have the privilege of being Area 1 Director and look forward to meeting many Area 1 Zontians.



Kay Stewart
Director

By way of introduction....

I recently retired from a full-time academic position as Associate Professor in Pharmacy at Monash University, but retain an adjunct position. My husband, Peter, and I have two daughters. Our older daughter and her husband live in Adelaide and have three girls, aged 12, 10 and 9. Our younger daughter lives with her husband at the Gold Coast and has two boys aged 5 and 3 and a stepdaughter aged 14 (in Tasmania). With a niece in Perth, I have ready-made reasons to travel to all D23 areas!

I joined Zonta in 1971 as a charter member of the Zonta Club of Brisbane and served as President there and later in Victoria. I have previously served the D23 Board as Chairman of the UN and Service and Advocacy Committees, and recently as YWPA co-ordinator.

Although I have long and varied experience in Zonta, I am expecting to learn much from clubs in Area 1 while sharing news of D23 and ZI with you and offering support for your endeavours.

AREA 4

I joined Zonta in Kyneton because I wanted to be part of ongoing service and advocacy in the local areas and because I also heard from members about the international and global connections.



Margaret Lynch
Director

During my time I have held all positions of leadership in the Zonta Club of Kyneton the most challenging being the position of President.

As I take up the AREA 4 Directors' role I hope to share my experiences with the Presidents, keep contact with the Past presidents group and encourage clubs to think about the important role of succession for leadership within their Clubs but also into the other levels of Zonta.

I have been in education for the past 35 years and worked at many levels from classroom to policy and planning. I believe that education provides the optimum opportunity to bring peace, equality and justice globally.

The role Advocacy can play in achieving this is great and I hope to further my own knowledge, skill and experience in this area as I become an active member of our new Board.

AREA 2

As I begin my term as Area 2 Director I have been able to reflect on why I was inspired to become a Zontian 12 years ago. Those reasons are still valid for me today and include a passion for fairness and equality so all women, no matter where they live in the world, are offered opportunities and hope. As a woman living in a rural region of South Australia I am an advocate for women's voices and a keen mentor for women developing their own businesses.

I serve on the board of a not for profit organisation which supports carers, many of whom are women, and am involved in the development and growth of the Clare Writers' Festival. I have a background in media and a passion for communication. I love the



Nan Berrett
Director

idea of being able to send an email with my thoughts at the click of a mouse and enjoy the connectivity of social networking. I look forward to continuing growing the visibility of Zonta within the framework of our core objectives.

Vice Area 2 Director, Anne Miller, supported by Governor Erica Majba and the rest of a small but dynamic team have been working to reinvigorate the Zonta Club of Darwin – a project which has every chance of success and I know we are all in support of this 30 year old club continuing well into the future.

We are moving into an exciting time where Zonta will play an increasingly important role in women's leadership and I feel privileged to have the opportunity to work with a dynamic group of presidents – if our first president's meeting is anything to go by we have interesting and informative times ahead.

AREA 3

Firstly thank you to everyone in Area 3 for your trust in me and your offers of support.

The activities of Area 3 over the last three months have been incredibly varied, but all with one goal in mind –helping women achieve their potential. Peel is supporting an Anger Management program for teenage girls while Bunbury is funding Self Defence Workshops for young women.

Improving our visibility continues to be a theme with Bunbury and Perth Northern Suburbs updating their websites while



Jane Moulden
Director

Dunsborough is in the throes of setting up theirs with a grant from Lottery West.

While Dunsborough celebrated its nominee Eilidh Lucas winning the D23 YWPA Award, Perth Northern Suburbs was busy selecting their nominee for the next one. A gala dinner saw three finalists present a talk on "A woman who has inspired me" The women were as varied as the girls but all were exceptionally talented and inspiring in their own right.

There continues to be strong support for District projects with Perth and the Golden Z Club at St Catherine's College holding a Birthing Kit Assembly Day

AREA 5

A great Orlando Convention has been and gone and now it's time for the new biennium, new board and new Area 5 Director.

I would like to thank Lois for the great job she has done in the last two years and introduce myself.

I have been a member of the Devonport Zonta Club since 1997, but I had a 6 year break between 1999 and 2005. I was invited back to Zonta at the right time in my life. My second time as a Zontian has given me a greater understanding of Zonta and fuelled my passion for Zonta and women's issues. My background is Child Health Nursing



Julia Taylor
Director

in NW Tasmania and I am currently working as a Nurse Home Visitor in the *cu@home* program for teenage mothers. This is a very intensive program over two and a quarter years and graduation is when the child turns two. Working with teen mums is very challenging and at times is also very rewarding.

I have also worked in Women's Health with migrant women in the past. Their stories inspire me and have contributed to my intense interest in the lives of women in the world. Following on from a very inspiring Zonta workshop earlier this year in Hobart some progress is being made in Area 5 to enhance the visibility of Zonta with websites and a Facebook presence. Watch this space!

I think this biennium will be very exciting!



ZI Foundation

Ann Horrocks
Ambassador

I am honoured to be appointed Foundation Ambassador during Gov Erica's biennium as we all work towards achieving Zonta's mission. Although the D23 Goals are not as yet finalised our challenge this biennium will be to meet or exceed the achievements made by D23 clubs in 2012-2014. To do this it will be important to understand the role of the ZI Foundation and also the programs and projects it funds. I hope I will be able to assist in this regard.

In 2012-2014, D23 continued to be honoured for all clubs giving to ZIF. Seven clubs received certificates at Convention as all members had given as individuals. I am sure we can maintain this level of donations.

The current ZI Service and ZISVAW projects and the Awards programs were all detailed in the copy of the Zontian received by all members in

July. If you did not receive this Important issue contact your club treasurer. I will elaborate on these programs during the year. You will have noticed that both the Rwanda and Liberia projects are continuing but in an expanded capacity.

Each biennium's programs are fully funded by the previous biennium's donations to ZIF, so it is important to maintain our giving to ensure constructive programs again in 2016-2018. The UN is very appreciative of Zonta's contribution as we do not support any programs that are not fully funded prior to their start.

Do not hesitate to contact me on horrocksbendigo@gmail.com if I can be of assistance in any way. I wish all clubs every success with their fundraising as they work towards supporting ZIF and our mission.

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Membership

Judy Tennant/Gorton
Lt. Gov & Membership Chair 2014-16

Zontians, welcome to the new Biennium. Part of my role as your Lieutenant Governor, is to chair the District Membership

Committee and together with my team members, Pru Blackwell and Annamarie Perlesz we will be doing our best to encourage growth in our Zonta Clubs.

It was wonderful to be present at the Convention in Orlando and to hear the accolades given to District 23 regarding membership growth during the last biennium, and I do hope that we continue this trend throughout 2014-2016.

Correspondence has been sent to all Club Presidents reminding them that New Member Certificates are available and these will be sent out in a timely manner. Presidents and membership chairperson, please remember to include the name of the new member as well as their induction date so that this can be included on the certificate.

We are off to a great start with New Member Certificates having been sent to the following Club Presidents, Bunbury (3) Peel (2) Kyneton (4) Melton (1) and Adelaide (2). Congratulations to all new members and a very warm welcome to Zonta International.

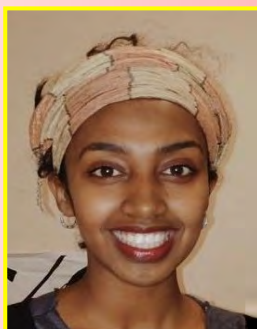
Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarship

Robyn Scholes
D23 Chair 2012-14

We have now arrived at the culmination of our Jane M Klausman Women in Business Scholarship year. Thankyou to the following Zonta Clubs for submitting applications from amazing women who are studying at various tertiary institution and will later pursue a career in business.

ZC Adelaide Area 2	Susannah Hardy 3 rd year Bachelor of Commerce
ZC Gawler, Area 2	Miranda Lawrie 4 th year Bachelor Law/Commerce
ZC Kyneton Area 4	Rita Noonan 3 rd year double degree in Commerce & Chemistry
ZC Bendigo Area 4	Jenny Pike 3 rd year Bachelor of Business (Marketing)
ZC Hobart Derwent (on behalf of Area 5 Clubs in Tasmania)	Tsionawit Gebre-Yohannes 4 th year double degree in Arts & Economics

All of these young women should be congratulated on their outstanding academic achievements as well as their contributions to the community at large. All will be forces to be respected and recognised in their future working lives.



It is with pleasure that we announce that **Tsionawit Gebre-Yohannes** is the District 23 winner for 2014.

Tsionawit arrived in Australia from Ethiopia in 2006 and is now an Australian citizen. She aims to work as a development economist or policy analyst with national or international organisations. She has a strong empathy with Ethiopian women who are migrating to the Middle East and identifies with their problems of

vulnerability to exploitation and abuse. At the same time she acknowledges that there is evidence of women gaining independence and empowerment. She strongly reflects the values and aims that we as zontians pursue. Tsionawit is strongly involved in her local community in Tasmania.

Our congratulations to Tsionawit as our D23 representative and our very best wishes as her application is submitted to ZI for judging on a world-wide basis. As a District winner she will receive US\$1000. If successful at International level she will be awarded a further US \$7000.

It has been my honour and privilege to have the role of District 23 Chair for Jane M Klausman Women in Business Scholarship Chair for 2012-2014. I now hand this over to Wendy Quinn's capable hands and trust that she will find it as rewarding as I have found.



13th District 23

Biennial Conference

16-18 October 2015

Start planning for some serious "panda-ing"

C'mon along, c'mon along,
c'mon along to Adelaide.....

United Nations

Odile Glenn
UN Chair 2014-16

On behalf of our District I was invited to attend a workshop at Convention held for all District UN Chairs. The Incoming International Chairman – Leslie Wright was very enthusiastic about her new role and with the support of outgoing Mary Ann Tarantula

explained why this biennium is a critical time for our advocacy in the UN forums where we have consultative status. Here are some points I have remembered.

The Millennium development goals (MDGs) expire in 2015. As we have been reporting several have been achieved (reducing absolute poverty, increasing primary education) many have made substantial progress but those relating to women's health and empowerment have had very poor outcomes.

A UN system-wide Task Force was set up and, in 2012, and in 2013 produced a post 2015 agenda of 'Realising the future we want for all' which includes 11 themes. All are agreed this is too many (realistic max. is 7 themes). The race is on to advocate for which will be retained in the

The 2014-2016 International President

Maria Jose Landeira Oostergard

Asks us to live up to our Mission with:

**Conviction, Commitment,
Courage.**

Further

"Education is the key to Prevention"

is the mantra she wants us all to keep in mind behind all service and advocacy focussing on the elimination of violence against women.

Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) which Ban Ki Moon wants to be able to announce in late 2015. Some of the criteria being used result from the experiences and learnings from working towards the MDGs.

These include:
Universality is a key. Inequality occurs within as well as between countries so each country should be accountable and recognise that different responses are required in different places to achieve to achieve the SAME OUTCOME.

Re-definition of development to include social and environmental elements.
Acknowledge that peace and security are fundamental to progress in ALL other goals

Human rights are women's rights. Violence against women, the burden of unpaid work were completely absent from the MDGs

What can Zonta do?

At every level: galvanise our constituencies to support **UNITE** for the inclusion of **Stand Alone women's Goal in SDGs post 2015.**

Nationally: Tell government our priorities AND monitor government progress

Locally: Cities for **CEDAW**. Advocate with the Mayor of your civic community to sponsor or ENACT laws locally even if the Federal govt does not. [More on this another time...but look it up].

At the International level Zontians are attending the forums where the SDGs will be selected and modified including Commission on the Status of Women [CSW] and the **Beijing+20 Forum**. Go on to their websites to find out when and where they meet. Hundreds of NGOs including ours will meet in parallel with CSW in March 2015. There is still time to advocate with one voice to take seriously the role of women in creating and achieving Sustainable Development Goals.

Service

Carole Theobald
Service Chair 2014-16

D23 Service Committee - at your Service...

It is my pleasure to introduce the 2014-16 D23 Service Committee. We are a small team with a wide range of skills and experience who support clubs to *promote the main 'flagship' awards for Zonta International and form and/or mentor our Z and Golden Z Clubs.*

Our Committee consists of coordinators for the:

Amelia Earhart Fellowships (AE):

Adrienne Williams - is from the ZC of Para District Area in South Australia and has been involved in aviation for over 30 years. She has been a pilot for glider tugs, parachute jumps and was also a former President of the SA branch of the Australian Women Pilot Association. Adrienne has a wealth of experience in the area of matching people of all abilities to suitable jobs and would like to hear from you so she can match a hardworking aerospace scientist or engineering PhD student with a US\$10,000 AE Fellowship!

Young Women in Public Affairs Awards (YWPA):

Joanne Metzger - is from the ZC of Geelong in Victoria and loves the way Zontians are daily changing women's lives locally and globally. She currently trains people to help refugees and migrants to overcome their English

language and settlement problems and gets tremendous satisfaction from helping people to realise their full potential. She reckons there are worthy YWPA candidates in all communities and wants to help you by making the process of finding and nominating a young woman as easy as possible. Remember they could win up to US\$5,000 in District and International awards!

Jane M Klausman Women in Business Scholarships (JMK):

Wendy Quinn - is from the ZC of Hobart Derwent in Tasmania and the JMK role is made for her! After an initial career as an occupational therapist, she worked in a variety of service areas in Senior Executive roles. She now applies all that experience to her current roles lecturing in management/leadership at the University of Tasmania, running her own leadership/change management consultancy and serving on various Boards. Your club's nominee could get up to US\$8,000 in International and District scholarships. Wendy says it is easy for clubs to get involved with the JMK process 'stay tuned' as she will show you how!

Z Clubs and Golden Z Clubs:

Judith Rothe - is from the ZC of Kyneton in Victoria and is a former sports administrator for women's golf who has coached folk to use golf clubs left or right-handed! She will apply this even handed approach to 'coach' Zonta 'clubs' to build relationships with secondary schools to form Z Clubs and universities to

form Golden Z Clubs. She is passionate about making a better life for women and girls in the local community and worldwide. Why not contact your local secondary school today and get some coaching from Judith to build the next generation of Zontians?

Service Chair:

Carole Theobald - is a member of the ZC Perth in Western Australia and during working hours is a Project Director with the Department of Transport, bringing people together to build ports and railways. After work she brings D23 Zontians together through her D23 webmaster and Service Chair roles. Her big message today is -go to <http://www.zontadistrict23.org.au> to get all of the team's contact details and links to the awards. Use the awards to get profile for your club and attract new members!

ZC of Perth Northern Suburbs recent YWPA Gala Dinner recognising young women for their leadership skills while also raising the clubs profile and increasing club membership.



Sweet smell of success for Year 12 students - Emily Jansen (Finalist), Megan Rapeport (Winner) and Tessa Lim (Finalist)

Young Women In Public Affairs

Jane Moulden

YWPA Chair 2014-16

The Dunsborough club was especially pleased that their nominee Eilidh Lucas won the D23 Young Woman in Public Affairs Award. In its 23 year history the club has only had 7 nominees. With such a small catchment area potential candidates seemed hard to find. Advertising brought little response and the YWPA was 'shelved' in 1999.

In 2012 the club initiated an Outstanding Young Woman of the Year Award. Each of our five local high schools were asked to select a Year 11 student who showed all-round abilities and a commitment to community activities. She should be a

role model for younger students. After we met the first set of winners it was obvious these young women were perfect candidates for the YWPA Award. So since then, each of the 5 winners have been invited to apply for the YWPA. A club winner was selected and then forwarded for the District Award.

The 'spin off' for Zonta is the amount of coverage Eilidh's awards received in the local press. Eilidh's school, Cornerstone Christian College has only 600 students and have been as proud of her achievements as we have.

By the time this article goes to press Dunsborough will have held a celebratory lunch with Eilidh and her family at Laurence Wines. Dianne

Laurance as personally donated \$1,000 to each of our YWPA winners for the last two years.

Win, win, win all round.



Advocacy

Naomi Reschke

Advocacy Chair 2014-16

How can we as Zontians in D23 be most effective in our advocacy?

I welcome the opportunity to take up the role of D23 Advocacy chairman and work with members to continue to address those issues which we recognise are important for women and girls in our communities.

Effective advocacy results in positive changes in the lives of women and girls and it is the process of adding your voice and action with others, working together to raise awareness about critical issues and taking action to address those issues that will enable us to succeed.

Zonta International Advocacy Definition states:

"Advocacy is the expression for support for or opposition to a cause, argument or proposal. Advocacy may include influencing laws, legislation or attitudes. Zonta advocacy is an action taken "in the public interest" or for the "greater good" with respect to advancing the status of women and girls and their human rights."

As a strong advocate for the rights of women, I am passionate about sharing, developing and strengthening the many positive projects, ideas and actions that we have in D23.

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D23 Website

Keep up to date with what's happening in D23

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UPDATE - Rejuvenation of Zonta Club of Darwin

Anne Miller Vice Area 2 Director

Past Governor Ann and her Board directed some funds to facilitate the Rejuvenation of Zonta Club of Darwin. To that end Governor Erica Majba and I travelled to Darwin in mid-July. Prior to the trip we had the magnificent support of John McNeur, Volunteer SA&NT and his team who organised publicity, a public meeting and meetings with important people in the town.

The day began with a breakfast meeting with Susanne Everingham - Director of Office for Women's Advancement, then Senior Ministerial Advisor to Minister for Women's Policy and later Lia Finocchiaro - Member for Drysdale. All offered substantial support to Zonta including hosting a launch for the ZC Darwin in late September on the balcony of Parliament house. Minister Bess Price and Susanne Everingham also attended the evening meeting where we met 20 influential women from a variety of backgrounds.

Erica and I gave a presentation on Zonta and the expectations and benefits of becoming a member. We were most gratified that 11 women stayed to form the initial steering committee to work towards the induction of new members in September. They quickly organised a meeting and we have since been in contact with them. Our team of Pru Blackwell, District Membership Committee, Beryl Lester, driver of the new Mt Barker Club and myself will be the support and cheer squad for the Darwin Club. Nan Barrett, Area 2 Director and Judy Tennant D23 Membership Chair, will provide important backup. After meeting the wonderful, enthusiastic women of Darwin we are confident that the Zonta Club of Darwin will again become



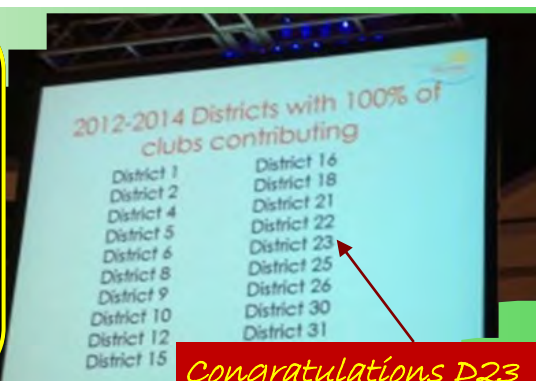
Team Darwin: Anne Miller, John McNeur Erica Majba



Photo Album



D23 members at Convention

Key note speaker -
Dr Marilyn Waring

Congratulations D23

Conviction Commitment Courage



2014 - 2016

ZI President Maria Jose
Landeira OestergaardAnn Horrocks with
Erica Majba with D23
Highest net increase in
Membership Award

Orlando Convention venue



PIP Lynn & Ann Horrocks

D23 Erica Majba, D24 Margaret Bateman, ZI President Maria
Jose, D22 Judith Trevan Hawke, D16 Janette Irvine.

Flags of Zonta nations

International GYN Awareness Day

10 September 2014

Zontians can help to make **IGAD** a reality for every
corner of the globeThe **International Gynae Awareness Day** is all about empowering people to lift the veil on
gynaecological issues by celebrating the beauty that is a woman's femininity.

Get involved, host a:

- ♥ Meeting with a guest speaker speaking on a related topic
- ♥ Office Party
- ♥ Morning Tea
- ♥ Undies Workshop
- ♥ Or Other Event

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