

Newsflash

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From the Governor



Erica Majba

On my rounds of the clubs in my new role as Governor I am often asked two questions:

Am I enjoying the role?

It must be a lot of work?

My answer to both questions is yes. I am enjoying meeting members and visiting clubs. I have inherited a financially strong District, with a great membership growth record and recently revised governance documents. This means the District Board can consider the next steps. As for the hard work, this is okay when it is not viewed as a grind but an opportunity to work with others and discuss future opportunities. Have you identified the **"Conviction"** and **"Commitment"** messages in my story so far? Obviously the next point is **"Courage"**. I have been having some one-on-one conversations with past and present district leaders about how to support our clubs and make our district stronger. Considering change does require courage not only to initiate the conversation but also to listen to alternative points of view. I thank all those who have given me time and provided wise counsel.

Clubs will soon receive the *D23 Goals and Measures*. While the goals are ambitious I believe it is worth stretching our efforts even if we may not prove to be successful in all areas. Clubs will be asked to develop their set of goals for the biennium that align with District and ZI goals. The board will be working on the D23 Strategic Plan at our

February board meeting. This will incorporate actions and timelines into the goals and measures and will align with the ZI Strategic Plan to be released in the New Year.

Congratulations to the following clubs on celebrating special milestones since the last Newsflash: ZC Kyneton 20 years, ZC Noarlunga South Vales 30 years, ZC Central Goldfields 2 years, ZC Geelong 35 years and ZC Pt Lincoln 20 years. While I have not been able to accept invitations to all these events I have done my best to attend as many as possible.

A week in country Victoria in October provided me with opportunities to meet with members of ZC Kyneton, ZC Ballarat, ZC Central Goldfields and attend the Presidents' meeting in Area 4. A week in WA in November for family reasons enabled me to meet members from all the Area 3 clubs at a Founders Day dinner organised by ZC Swan Hills. I was also able to visit members of ZC Perth, ZC Dunsborough, ZC Peel and attend a meeting of the Presidents and D23 leaders from Area 3. Thank you to my home hosts and those who opened their homes for afternoon tea for club members to come and meet me. We have so many members who exhibit great generosity of spirit. I enjoyed every moment of these visits that have provided me with a greater understanding of your part of the world and provided me with an opportunity to share with you some of the wider Zonta story.

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Advocacy initiatives

I have been working closely with the Governors of D22 (Qld) and D24 (NSW & ACT) along with our respective district advocacy chairmen to collaborate on a number of national advocacy efforts. In particular a submission has been made by D22, supported by D23 and D24 to the Prime Minister, Federal Ministers, Leader of the Opposition and Shadow Ministers, giving a national Zonta perspective on the progress made by Australia on the 12 strategic objectives outlined in the 'Beijing Platform For Action'. The Federal Government is required to present a report to the UN Human Rights Council for the Universal Period Review of Australia in March 2015. ZI President Maria Jose has sent an email to the governors congratulating us for our collaboration.

D23 has joined with D22 and D24 as a member of Equality Rights Alliance (ERA), one of the six national women's alliances. To formalise our agreement the Governors have signed a Memorandum of Understanding to outline how we will work together. This is important as only organisations with a national presence may be members of ERA and while we will only have one vote, each district will have input.

THE ZONTA THANKS

For new members I thought it might be useful for you to know the origin of the "Zonta Thanks" (previously known as the Zonta Grace) that is read at each of the Zonta club dinner meetings in D23.



The words are very thoughtful and seem so embedded in Zonta that you may be amazed to know that they were written by Tricia Summerfield a member of ZC Perth in our

district. Tricia became a Zontian two days before her wedding in 1977 and later became the first member of her club to have a baby, although others were mothers when they joined. She tells me that "baby" is due to have her own baby in February.

Tricia was an Area Director of WA, SA, NT when it was part of District 16 (now New Zealand). It was her board that made the decision to divide up the district as the

growth was making it unmanageable. Tricia was President of her club 2001-02 and has again taken on the role finishing her term next year. She is the D23 Chairman of History & Archives 2014-16.

I have Tricia's approval to recirculate the words to the current group of Governors and invite them to include them as part of the dinner meeting procedure. As a new member myself I thought the test of a true Zontian was to know the words of the Zonta Thanks without having to read them. I can now do that, I encourage you to do likewise. Some clubs encourage this by inviting everyone - members and guests, to read and say the Thanks before the meal.

Wherever your country of birth, whatever your faith or creed, give thanks for the meal we share today in Zonta fellowship.

But remember too, those who have had no food today, not with guilt that we have so much, but with hope, through Zonta service, they too may come to share the same in peace and harmony

ZI Service Project – Voices Against Violence

I have been invited by our ZI President Maria Jose to represent ZI at the opening ceremony of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS) Asian Pacific Conference in Melbourne on December 1. The project Voices Against Violence, run by UN Women in collaboration with WAGGGS and ZI will be launched at the Conference. Contrary to expectations Australia is not one of the 12 participant countries. I have expressed my disappointment to our ZI Liaison Sally Bean. Maria Jose has responded saying she will ensure that there is direct dialogue between the governors of D22, D23, D24 and UN Women and WAGGGS. I will keep you informed.

As we head into the holiday season I wish you all a happy and safe Christmas.



AREA 1



Kay Stewart Director

A meeting in October with Area 1 Presidents provided a valuable opportunity for fellowship, to catch up with D23 news and share ideas on several important aspects of Zonta.

Service: In addition to local service projects and awards, all clubs are active with D23 *Breast Cushions* and *Birthing Kits*.

Advocacy: An Area 1 joint advocacy project last biennium culminated in

presentation of funds to the Royal Women's Hospital for their FGM programme. Novel club activities have included an advocacy stall at the Mayoral Picnic (Frankston), making stars for 'One Million Stars' – an anti-domestic violence statement campaign at the Exhibition Building (Melbourne's East), 'Undies for understanding' at the Gynaecology Awareness Day (Melbourne's West) and public toilet door stickers giving contact numbers in the case of family violence (Mornington Peninsula).



White Ribbon Day features in most club agendas.

Fundraising: As well as their specific club functions, all clubs reported success with Bunnings sausage sizzles and several have partnered with Blue Illusion for fashion and fun, receiving a % of sales. Mornington Peninsula has similarly teamed with an educational book shop. Melbourne's East are continuing to market their famous diaries.

Publicity: While always difficult, the push for publicity has included advertising meetings in local papers, an interview about Zonta on Community Radio (Melbourne's East), participation in a local government evening showcasing service groups (Mornington Peninsula) and Facebook (Melbourne on Yarra).

AREA 2



Nan Berrett Director

It has been an exciting and rewarding time for Zonta Clubs in Area 2 with a number of highlights, including successes at the recent Association of Combined Service Organisations Premier's Awards. Six clubs put forward 12 nominations in eight categories. ZC Adelaide Torrens and ZC Adelaide Hills each won awards, while the ZC of Adelaide received a runner-up award, as well as successfully nominating a young woman, Rachel High, as this year's Heide Taylor Community Service Award winner.

All clubs have been active with a range of advocacy projects and are looking forward to participating in White Ribbon Events and the coming 16 Days of Activism.

The ZC Gawler was joined by the ZC Para Districts and ZC Clare &

Districts to deliver a successful Pelvic Pain seminar in October, with plans to further develop this informational program with the support of Area 2 clubs.

Area 2 has now held three successful Presidents' meetings which are proving to be wonderful opportunities for collaboration and information sharing.

I have been fortunate to visit several clubs in my capacity as Area Director and am constantly amazed at the enthusiasm and hard work which is the hallmark and anchor of these successful groups. So many wonderful and diverse projects which bring Zonta into the public eye as a service club that delivers on its promises and works towards its goals.

I wish all Zontians a happy and restful festive season as we move towards a short break before beginning our work again in the near year.

AREA 3

Jane Moulden Director



Members of Area 3 joined together for the Founders' Day Dinner which is held biennially on the Saturday closest to November 8th. Each of the six clubs take it in turn to host the event on behalf of the current Area Director.

The Woman of Achievement Award, is presented on the night to a woman who exhibits commitment through service or advocacy in the areas in which Zonta works. Each club has the opportunity to nominate a candidate who has not been recognized previously at State or National level for her community service, but whose contribution in the community at local, national or international level is outstanding. The candidates are judged by a panel of two non-Zontians and the previous Area Director. On the night a citation is given for each nominee and this year's winner was Edna Riley whose passion is to help women caught in domestic violence.

Woman of Achievement Award Nominees

Rabia Siddique, Edna Riley (winner) and Betty McCleary.
Lia Comben (absent)



ZC DARWIN IS ALIVE AND GROWING!

Congratulations to the key drivers in Darwin - Acting President Jade Ritchie and long term member Mary Pocock.

Also well done to Anne Miller, Vice Area 2 Director for the support she has provided. Welcome to new members - Lea Watts, Ingrid Nadjarian, Leandra Brady-Walker, Sharon Roxby and Dianne Borella.

ZC Darwin has saved its charter position and is now able to further develop their membership and become active in the Darwin community. We look forward to hearing more from you.

Could all members who send emails to Presidents in Area 2 or D23 please include Jade Ritchie on their bulk email list - zontadarwin@gmail.com



Area 3 Director Jane Moulden and JMK winner for Area 3 Lori-Ann Shibish

We also presented the Jane M Klausman Women in Business Scholarship for Area 3 to Lori-Ann Shibish who is completing her Master's Degree in eco-tourism.

Congratulations to Swan Hills for a wonderful evening.

Sunday saw Area 3 Presidents assemble for a special Intercity meeting with Governor Erica in attendance. I also invited everyone serving in a position on a District 23 Committee and past District Governors. This resulted wealth of knowledge being exchanged.

Governor Erica also had a chance to attend the monthly meetings of the Dunsborough and Perth Clubs

AREA 4

Margaret Lynch Director



The first meeting of the Area 4 Presidents was held on Sunday 26 October at Eynesbury Estate. I wish to thank all Presidents for making the effort at this busy time of year. Of the eight clubs five were able to come the others sending apologies.

The Area 4 Clubs have been busy. The assembling of Birthing Kits and making of Breast cushions are happening in many of the Clubs as well as a wide variety of other activities supporting women and families. The **Bendigo** club is also looking for new projects to support.

There is a strong push to highlight the 'Zonta Says NO' campaign via support for White Ribbon events. **Central Goldfields** have partnered with their local Rotary Club, **Melton** are holding a "Candlelight Vigil" with Phil Cleary and Noel Dickson speaking. **Kyneton** will have a presence at the Kyneton Show with 'Zonta Says NO' bookmarks and information about prevention of domestic violence from the White Ribbon resource site. **Geelong** will host 'An Evening with Rosie Batty' on 5 November.

Ballarat and **Kyneton** are both having events in January to celebrate and remember the achievements of Amelia Earhart. The interest in Zonta continues to flourish with the enthusiasm from two **Z Clubs** in our area promoting Zonta to the younger age group. Not to be forgotten was the milestone anniversary - 35 years for the club of Geelong. Congratulations! There was great interest expressed in considering a joint advocacy project. This will be followed up in the New Year.

AREA 5

Julia Taylor Director



As 2014 comes to an end, I would like to acknowledge the continuing great work done by the four Area 5 Clubs.

Three of our Clubs have attracted new members this year, and Devonport Club is inducting its first Gen Y member.

Sadly, we have also said farewell to a long-term Zontian from the Hobart Club. Margaret Smith passed away peacefully last month. Margaret was instrumental in helping to establish our Tasmanian clubs with her close friend Catherine Mair.

I also wish to acknowledge the passing away of Doone Kennedy, Tasmania's first female Lord Mayor and an Officer of the Order of Australia who was a former member of Hobart Zonta.

I would like to welcome Launceston's new President, Christine Hepburn. Christine stepped into this role when Kerstin moved to Melbourne, she has a small but very vibrant Club. Congratulations Christine.

Club highlights this year are:

- ◆ Launceston hosted a very successful High Tea for 'BabyMum Centre' for young mums, with some teen mums attending this event.
- ◆ Hobart Club has been getting very positive feedback from their *Breast care cushions*.
- ◆ Devonport and Launceston are now on Facebook.
- ◆ Hobart-Derwent and Devonport Clubs have steady membership growth.
- ◆ Devonport hosted a fellowship dinner with *Soroptomists* and *Inner Wheel*.

I wish all Zonta members a very safe and happy Christmas with loved ones, and I look forward to our next Zonta year in 2015.

Conviction, Commitment, Courage



Membership

Judy Gorton (formerly Tennant)
Lt. Gov & Membership Chair
2014-16



In the first edition of News Flash for this new biennium, Governor Erica invited the members of the Board to tell you something about our Zonta journey- needless to say, some of did and some of us didn't. So here is a little about me. I joined the Perth Club in April 1988 and was invited to join by my Aunt who, two years later became Club President and invited me to be her Secretary. What an enormous learning curve that was! In hindsight, there is no better way to familiarise yourself with the Zonta protocol, history, Awards programs, and the various levels of Zonta at Area, District and International, and I would encourage all new members of Clubs to consider taking the step to "get involved" –you won't regret it.

I then went on to be President of Perth Club, Area 3 Director, Chair of the District Nominating Committee and Chair of the Jane M Klausman Women in Business Scholarship.

I am still working full time in a job I love as an Adviser to a Minister in the WA State Parliament, and in my spare time I enjoy spending time with my two Grandsons, Aiden and Mason. Like many of us as we get older I take care of the affairs of my Mum who is nearly 90. Often this is a challenge that we don't expect to have but my personal motto has always been "just do it".

I am fortunate to have married a special man in May this year, and thankfully he is fully supportive of my Zonta work. Both of us love to travel.

As your Lieutenant Governor I will continue to work with my fellow team members Prue and Annamarie to encourage membership growth. Even though District 23 excelled in the area of membership growth during the last biennium, we must not rest on our laurels in growing and retaining our Club membership.

The distribution of new member certificates has slowed down a little and I encourage Club Presidents and especially Membership Chairs to email me with the names of new members. Please continue to do this even if you don't wish to distribute Certificates. To date I have sent 23 new member certificates to Presidents throughout the District however I have no doubt there are more, so please let me know.

It is pleasing to see that women are showing an interest in Zonta membership via the ZI Web site and I have received two referrals this way during the last fortnight. These have been forwarded to the relevant Club Presidents and both have been followed up in a timely manner.

As this will be the last NewsFlash prior to the festive season, I take this opportunity to wish you all a safe, healthy and happy Christmas.



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.....

Service

Carole Theobald *Service Chair 2014-16*

November is a key time to take action to reduce Violence Against Women. Did you know that one woman a week is killed through domestic violence in Australia? New and updated **Zonta Says NO to Violence Against Women** campaign materials, including presentation templates and tips, a press release template, social media templates, and reporting form, are now available for Zonta districts and clubs on the **Zonta Says NO to Violence Against Women website-**

<http://zontasaysno.com/advocacy-tools>

The 25th November is the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women and also White Ribbon Day. This day is the start of the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence that ends on 10 December, Human Rights Day. Many states will have Silent Domestic Violence Memorial Marches or other events around this time. The new District 23 Zonta Says No bookmarks are excellent tools to raise awareness. Use the bookmarks at events, on your desk at work, or in your books when reading on the bus or train (tuck it into your kindle if necessary!) and of course, don't forget to hand them out to friends, family and book club members!

Through our Zonta service, we do make a difference to our world.

Young Women In Public Affairs

Joanne Metzger *YWPA Chair 2014-16*

It's great news that some clubs are nominating a candidate for this award for the very first time! It's so easy! Everything you require is available on line at the ZI website. From an initial YWPA award advertisement sample to the application form and all supporting information – it's all there easily accessible. Here's the process:-

GO TO ZI HOME PAGE

(AND FOLLOW AND CLICK THESE TABS)

- WHAT WE DO

- INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

-YWPA

IN 'RELATED INFORMATION'
SIDE BAR

- 2015 APPLICATION

- AWARDS TOOLS

(THERE'S ALSO INSTRUCTIONS FOR SAVING AN
APPLICATION FORM AS A PDF)

The only changes to past years are that the young woman must be between 16 – 19 years by April 1st 2015 and does not have to be attending a Secondary School. She may be employed, a student at University, taking a Gap year or simply in between jobs. The main criteria are that the young woman is actively committed to volunteerism, has leadership experience and that the age limit is met. Also the winning applicant cannot be a family member of a Zonta Club member.

So it's not too late - don't let a fabulous young woman in your region miss out on the opportunity to take part or even win a Zonta YWPA AWARD!

Please forward any queries to your YWPA D23 Chairman, Joanne Metzger

Z and Golden Z Clubs

Judith Rothe *D23 Centurion 2012 - 16,
Z & Golden Z Club Coordinator 2014-16*

D23 have a Golden Z Club from St Catherine's College University of Western Australia and two Z Clubs one in Kyneton Secondary College and the other in Geelong Mathew Flinders College. The Z Club from Girton College in Bendigo is in recess. I have contacted my liaison and hope to see them regain new and old

members again in 2015.

Our two Z clubs have decided to fundraise and contribute to **"Days for Girls"** ZI project. The Kyneton Z club packed 400 Birthing Kits on Saturday 25 October 2014 after fundraising. The Golden Z club has over 40 members. They have organized support for Zonta House (Women's Refuge in Perth) and Positive Pathways a program for women who have been in the refuge. They have also worked with Ishar Multicultural Women's support service.

Special thanks are extended to Presidents and members from the sponsoring Zonta clubs of Perth, Kyneton & Geelong, but especially Advisors and Liaison Officers Sandra Burns Golden Z Club, Joanne Metzger Geelong Mathew Flinders College and Marian Orr and Katie Matthews-Tough Kyneton Secondary College who enthusiastically keep these junior clubs vibrant and actively engaged.

Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarship



Wendy Quinn
D23 Chair 2014-16

This is my first NewsFlash Report as the incoming D23 Chairperson for the JMK

Women in Business Scholarship Committee. Thank you to Robyn Scholes for looking after the role for the last 2 years. It has been an exciting beginning for me in this role with the recent announcement of an International Scholarship for our 2014 D23 nominee Me Tsionawit Gebre-Yohannes. You will no doubt all have connected with the information about this award sent out from the District Governor. Tsionawit is currently undertaking the next part of her university studies (Honours Research) interviewing women in Ethiopia. She will be back in Australia in June 2015 and be involved in sharing some of her story and adventures with our Zonta Clubs during that time. I have been involved with Hobart Derwent

Club of Tasmania for nearly 2 years where I serve the as one of the Directors and the Chair of the Service Committee. I work part time at the University of Tasmania coordinating a post graduate program on management and leadership in health and human services. I also run a small consulting business that specialises in leadership and change management.

At this stage of the year the JMK Scholarship process has just been completed for 2014. In January 2015 the website will have updated information for next year's round. I would like to encourage any Clubs/Areas that have not entered JMK nominees to think seriously about having a go for 2015. I will say some more about this next Newsflash but the starting point is to locate any Universities in your Club or Area and make contact with them to inquire if they have a scholarship unit. Most universities do and they will usually be very happy to add the MJK Scholarship to the other scholarships that they advertise and administer. I will explain the process we use for Area 5 Tasmania in the next Newsflash.

The 'Emma L Conlan' Service Award

This Annual award was established in 1961 and named in honour of Emma Conlan who focused much of her work in Zonta on young people.

The goal is to recognise Z Clubs and Golden Z Clubs whose projects and programs best express the ideals of Zonta International.

Application requirements:

Only clubs in good standing may participate in this award program of the Z Clubs and Golden Z Club

The Advisors and Liaison Officers will download the *Application Forms* and present them to their junior girls for completion before the allocated date early in 2015.

The best Z Club and the best Golden Z Club will receive for -

First Place: US\$1000 and a certificate
Second Place US\$500 and a certificate
Third Place US\$250 and a certificate.

For further information check the [ZI website](#) or contact me at judyrothe8@gmail.com

AMELIA EARHART FELLOWSHIP

Adrienne Williams AE Chair 2014-16

FROM AMELIA'S COCKPIT

Greetings all. This is my first report to you and I am pleased to say I have contacted all relevant tertiary organisations in our District 23 to encourage suitable applicants to apply for the great awards from the Fellowship Program. I have even tracked down one from British Aerospace here in Adelaide but feel quite frustrated that I have no way of knowing how many, if any, applications have been submitted.

So the easy part is over. The rest is up to individual clubs to hold a function to contribute funds to the [AE Fellowship Program](#). ZI cannot continue to provide such financial support to these highly motivated women unless the money is topped up. I realise many clubs in D23 have overlooked putting Amelia Earhart's birthday celebration on January 11th into their club planning calendar. I have sent an email to all club contacts asking to be advised of what you are planning and I intend to collate dates and send it out to all clubs so we can support each other,

especially if we are travelling interstate at that time.

After your function I would appreciate a short report and photos for the next Newsflash. Now this is not necessarily cause for a huge function with lots of work. Our club has a BBQ and a guest speaker. So if you need some suggestions please contact me and I will try to give some assistance. We are not locked in on the date of her birthday. Ours have been held in December, January or February over the years, dependent on other functions planned.

United Nations Odile Glenn
UN Chair 2014-16

Since the ZI Convention in Orlando the International UN committee has developed their 12 page Strategic Plan to meet the overall International goals agreed at that meeting. Our District Board is using the information from the International Board to develop the District goals which will be finalized in February. This means there is still a window of opportunity for Club UN Groups to send me their wish lists or to share the plans you have already made.

As I discussed in the last Newsflash some crucial decisions will need to be made by the UN in 2015 about what follows the expiry of the Millennium Development goals.

As I write this no less than 80 Zontians have registered to join Simone Ovar at the NGO forum in Geneva to frame and co-ordinate our input on the 12 Critical Areas of Concern adopted as the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action (BDPFA).

This is part of the process of discerning what women around the world believe are the highest priorities to be successful in empowering women to achieving equality in all spheres and nations. I have listed here those 12 areas which were considered critical 20 years ago.

Women and the environment
Human rights of women
Women in power and decision making
Education and training of women
The girl child
Institutional mechanisms for the advancement of women
Women and the economy
Women and health
Women and poverty
Women and the media
Violence against women
Women and armed conflict

More details at:

<http://beijing20.unwomen.org/en/about#sthash.NazC27zk.dpuf>

The next key meeting from Zonta's perspective will be the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) meeting in

March 2015. The focus will be to review progress in implementing that 1995 (BDPFA) twenty years on (Beijing +20).

From this review the goal is to identify the priorities needed in the post 2015 development Agenda in order to achieve gender equality and empowerment of women so that UN organisations like UN Women and CSW can advocate with credibility and strength for the priorities thus discerned to feature in the framing of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) which the UN aims to finalise during 2015.

Because of Zonta's consultative status we are all entitled to attend the parallel events at CSW59 in New York [March 9-20 2015]. If you have the Conviction and Courage for this area of advocacy, make the Commitment to consider planning your business or holiday travel to USA to coincide with joining the 1000s of NGOs in New York in March.

More information is already available at: unwomen.org or ngocsw.org or sustainabledevelopment.un.org

Advocacy

Naomi Reschke

Advocacy Chair 2014-16



Advocacy is an expression of support for, or opposition to a cause, argument or proposal. It may include influencing laws, legislation or attitudes'. ZI Definition 2014.

Advocacy Plans in Clubs and Areas in D23 are turning into Action .

Congratulations to **Area 1&4** for improving access for women and raising awareness in support of the Deinfibulation Clinic at the Royal Women's Hospital in Melbourne. There are an increasing number of immigrants and refugees arriving in Australia who have experienced Female Genital Mutilation and are seeking culturally appropriate information about options for reversal of FGM. A cheque for \$7,000 was presented to the clinic.



Working in Partnership with other groups can enhance the outcomes for women and girls in community. Many Clubs are forming partnerships with others to bring about positive changes for women and girls. ZI recently announced the partnership with Girl Guides and Girl Scouts and UN Women towards ending violence against women. Voices against Violence project "Stop the Violence: speak out for girls' rights", will reach approx. 800,000 young people, boys and girls, aged five to 25 years. Your club may like to consider linking and working in partnership to address the many issues for women and girls in our communities.

Area 2 and 3 members are working with White Ribbon committees and engaging with local Government, Police, Domestic violence units and other agencies to raise awareness.

Zonta members in Tasmania are stepping

out into Government and advocating in State parliament. Wearing Zonta Shirts in the Public gallery Zonta members will support the Minister for Women to mark UN International Day for the elimination of violence against women.

Act now and set up your club Advocacy plan for Action.**Reminder-16 days of Activism against Gender Violence- 25 Nov—10 Dec.**

I would encourage you to look at the violence- related issues affecting women and girls in your local community and to determine what concrete advocacy actions your Zonta club can take to address these issues. Visit the website www.zontasaysno.com for more information and ideas for advocacy.

Submit your reports online to ZI and be active in Zonta.

For further information and support please contact Naomi Reschke (Advocacy Chairman)

naomireschke@bigpond.com

ZI Foundation

Ann Horrocks
Foundation Ambassador



To celebrate Zonta Internationals' 95th birthday and also in support of our Foundation, ZI has encouraged all members to donate in November through the campaign-



If you have missed this milestone, I encourage all members to still donate online at-

<https://zontafoundation16394.thankyou4caring.org/sslpage.aspx?pid=298>

If you are in the habit of donations at Christmas in lieu of giving presents (even for Kris Kringle), I encourage you to donate to ZIF (link above) or to one of our District projects for example the Birthing Kit Foundation at <http://www.bkfa.org.au/donate/>

Many clubs over the Christmas period have an Amelia Earhart event, a social catch up or even a club supper meeting.

Have you thought about making this a ZIF meeting where either the Club or individuals donate to the foundation?

If individuals donate, do not forget to send the form listing all the names and donations. (Contact D23 Treasurer Trish if you do not have a copy) To justify the amount of paperwork acknowledging individuals by ZIF, may I suggest that these donations be a minimum of perhaps \$10. **In saying this, any amount at all is very welcome by ZIF.**

As your D23 Foundation Ambassador I have recently sent an email and PowerPoint presentation of all the ZIF projects and education awards to all Club Presidents and Service Chairmen which I hope will be shown or have featured pages copied into your newsletters.

Unless we promote the achievements of the projects supported by ZIF then it is hard to encourage donations.

In the last few days all members have received a ZIF Foundation Update from ZI. If you did not receive this, follow up with the club treasurer to confirm your registered details.

Two ZISVAW projects are detailed in this update:

Voices against Violence. A Program to be run with the Girl Guides – It is disappointing that Australia which was initially one of the 12 countries is no longer listed.

Project Delaying Early Marriage in Niger.

If you shop on line at amazon.com try using Smile.amazon.com and list 'Zonta International Foundation' as the charity of your choice and they will receive 0.5% of your eligible purchase. Every little bit makes a difference

Do not hesitate to contact me on horrocks-bendigo@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.

As most clubs will take a short break over summer, I wish all members and their loved ones a happy and safe Christmas and hope you have some time catching up with family and friends.

Message to Members from the ZI Foundation

Donations to ZIF from clubs or individuals should specify what project or program they wish to support. Moneys given in this biennium, fund the projects approved at the 2016 Convention for the next biennium. This enables ZIF to contract with the support agencies knowing that they already have the money available for that service or ZISVAW project. This is really appreciated by the UN Agencies.

Service and ZISVAW donations:

We cannot specify the individual projects

as they may not be continued in the next biennium or may even be oversubscribed. If either of these things happens then the surplus money must be returned to the donor. You can be confident that all money given to Service and ZISVAW will be spent on these projects, split between the approved projects as needed.

Education Award donations:

Any money allocated to a specific scholarship/fellowship program will be spent on that program as they are continuing on from year to year and if oversubscribed we know that these moneys will be used in coming years.

Rose Fund:

If an individual or club is unsure where to allocate their donation then they can specify the **Rose Fund**. This fund is used to 'top up' any Service, ZISVAW or Education award that may not have achieved their goals for raising funds.

Foundation Pins:

Wear your pin with pride and explain to anyone who asks its significance. If you have achieved and received a higher level with your donations to ZIF, then please give your old pin to your AD or a D23 committee person. These will be collected and sent to ZIF for re-use.

Venue- Mallard Duck Swan Valley and Pre Dinner Drinks

Woman of Achievement Winner: Edna Riley (Swan Hills nominee) & Zonta pendant prize

Photo Album

Founders Day Dinner Hosted by ZC Swan Hills in Western Australia

2014 Area 3 JMK Women in Business Scholarship winner Lori-Ann Shibish.

The D23 Team pic – L-R : Trish Summerfield (Pres ZC Perth), Carole Theobald (D23 Chairman Service & IT/Webmaster), Erica Majba (D23 Gov), Judy Tennant-Gorton (D23 Lt Gov), Jane Moulden (Area 3 Dir), Jo Wittorff (Member D23 By-laws & Resolutions Committee) and Tyril Houghton (Member D23 Advocacy Committee).

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