

Newsflash

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FROM THE GOVERNOR

A Big Thankyou

I have many Zonta leaders to thank for their efforts in the past few months. A special thanks and congratulations to Area Directors for the high standard of the annual workshops/meetings. I was impressed with the professionalism of the organisation and presentations. Best wishes for Area 5 Workshop to be held in Launceston 13 June.

Thanks to Jane Smith, D23 PR&C Chairman and her sub-committee for producing a great new D23 brochure that has been shared with Governors of other districts and ZI and received positive feedback. Thank you to Treasurer Trish for her time and persistence to source and negotiate new name badges and district merchandise. VA2D Anne Miller is working with Trish to design and source new pull up banners to be provided by the district to each club. Together Trish and I have arranged for D23 to send our international payments through Ozforex to enable savings to alleviate some of the burden of the lower value of \$A. My thanks to D23 secretary Jane Adornetto for her time, talents and temperament. Thank you to A3D Jane Moulden who is chairing a sub-committee to outsource the update of our D23 website. This will be a work in progress for some time. Lt Gov Judy has been busy doing some new things – refer to her report. Congratulations to Joanne, D23 YWPA Co-ordinator for the work she and the panel have done on selecting a district winner. Also well done to participating clubs. Thank you Odile, D23 UN Chairman for providing an article for the Newsflash on the eve of travelling to London to attend her mother's funeral.

A final big thanks to all district and club leaders for carrying out your appointed roles for the past year. Your contribution is appreciated and I hope you have enjoyed your term of office. Welcome to all the new club officers I am sure you will contribute your enthusiasm and develop your skills as you grow into your new role.

My role as Governor is quite diverse and I have been fortunate to have a number of experienced Zontians who

are willing to listen and provide counsel. A special thanks to Past Gov Ann for her support. If you are thinking of nominating for a role on the district board I encourage you to seriously consider stepping up. It is not only the tasks that are interesting it is the opportunity to work with a committed group of leaders in a collaborative and supportive environment.

D23 Advocacy Chairman Naomi and I attended the annual meeting of Equality Rights Alliance members in Melbourne. See Naomi's report for details. I would like to stress the importance for Zonta to have a voice at national government level and the networking opportunities that membership of ERA provides. Thank you to Naomi for taking on the challenging role of Advocacy.

While in Melbourne I arranged a meeting with the CEO and Chief Commissioner of Girl Guides Australia. It is now clear that their program of rolling out Voices Against Violence will not be until 2016 and that while Zonta may be invited to participate it will be in a minor role. Zonta has invested much energy in this direction but now must move on.

Congratulations to ZC of Frankston for receiving approval from ZI to change their club name to ZC Melbourne's South East. The club wished to follow the lead of other Melbourne clubs to be recognised as having a larger membership catchment area than one suburb. Congratulations also to ZC Lower Eyre in Area 2 for approval to work towards chartering a new club under the guidance of Belinda Jutzen as SOM chair.

Congratulations to ZC Geelong for their successful submission to host the D23 Conference in 2017. The Governors of D22, D23 and D24 are discussing the possibility of a combined district conference in 2019. District 16, New Zealand may also be involved. Well done to Cintra as D23 Conference Chairman and her skilled and willing committee for the work they have done to prepare for the conference in Adelaide this October.

As this newsletter will be circulated to Governors of D22 and 24 and ZI Liaison Sally Bean I will also publicly

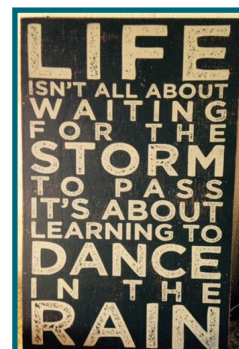
thank them. I am enjoying collaborating with my fellow governors and appreciate Sally's support. We have had several Skype sessions and innumerable emails. In fact "collaboration" and "governance" were the two issues the governors in Australia chose to work together on and provide feedback to ZI Board for their meeting in June.

Erica Majba



Congratulations ZC of Darwin on your relaunch

Gov Erica with President Jade and Minister Bess Price



A board Erica saw in a restaurant when in Darwin during the wet. Seemed very appropriate not only for Darwin but relevant to Zonta members and leaders.

NEW ZI BRANDING GUIDELINES

It is easy to get it wrong!

Why not check first before outlaying club funds on new merchandise/banners etc.

Send an image to PR&C Chairman Jane Smith.

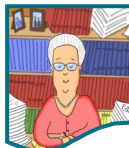


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AREA 1

Kay Stewart *Director*



April/May is a busy time in the Zonta calendar, with AGMs, elections, board inductions and changeovers. I was delighted to be invited by all clubs in Area 1 to make my official visit during this period. As well as bringing members up to speed with activities at the International and District levels, I had the privilege of inducting members into several of the new boards. Although the new financial year seems to inevitably bring with it some resignations, this has largely been balanced by induction of new members.

The combined Area 1 and 4 Meeting in March, 'Kicking goals for Zonta by ticking Zonta goals', was very successful.

Margaret Lynch and I were delighted to have members from all clubs in Victoria in attendance, as well as Gov Erica and Lt Gov Judy from interstate. Our Guest Speaker, Assoc Prof Michelle McIntosh from Monash University inspired us with the potential of her groups' research into preventing maternal deaths from post-partum haemorrhage in developing countries, using an inhaled formulation of an effective drug previously only available by injection. Thanks to all clubs in Area 1



Assoc Prof Michelle McIntosh

for their assistance in various organisational aspects of the day and to the Zonta Club of Kyneton for offering home hospitality to Zontians from more distant clubs to break the long return trip to Melbourne. The Zonta Club of Melbourne's East organised a raffle that raised \$270 for ZIF projects.

The next important date is the Past Presidents' Group 'Building Better Boards' on May 23rd. We are fortunate in Areas 1 and 4 to have a group of experienced Zontians who undertake training activities and provide support for clubs. This day will provide opportunities to learn about the responsibilities of the elected board members and appointed committee chairmen and to explore important aspects for efficient functioning, such as leadership and mentoring.

AREA 2

Nan Berrett *Director*



There have been several highlights for me in the past two months, including attending club meetings where I have had the pleasure of inducting new members and boards. The health of Area 2 clubs is evident by the many new members who have been welcomed to Zonta. The strength of all clubs is reflected in their leadership teams, who are working together for an amazing array of outcomes through fundraising, advocacy and service.

Our Area 2 Workshop, titled *The Visible Zontian*, attracted more than 70 registrants and, according to feedback received, was a hit for those who attended. There was something for everyone to think about, as we covered a wide array of topics, managing to fit in reports from various committee chairmen together with speakers on advocacy, communication, fundraising, membership retention and attraction with recurring themes of relevance and visibility.

Our guest speaker, Dr Sumbo Ndi PhD, ACC, CPC, spoke on the benefits of belonging – which resonated with us all.

We gave clubs food for thought, a chance to begin to reevaluate their club's processes and relevancy to everyone and to celebrate their achievements, no matter how small.



Area 2 Workshop—*The Visible Zontian*

AREA 3

Jane Moulden *Director*



Highlights for Area 3 have been our Annual Area Workshop and International Women's Day celebrations.

Bunbury hosted the workshop this year in the library at Bunbury SHS. It had all the facilities we needed at no cost (!) so we were able to keep the registration to \$25. Way to go for the future. Three guest speakers including Governor Erica led us through Conviction, Commitment and Courage leaving us with lots of ideas and plans for change. Pre-lunch Zumba dispelled any guilt about indulging in the wonderful food on offer.

IWD was celebrated at a breakfast in Dunsborough by 80 members and guests. The morning included a talk from guest speaker Libby Mettam who is the first woman to be an MLA for the local electorate of Vasse. She spoke on the need for Conviction Commitment and Courage in her role. The morning also included the annual presentation of scholarships and awards to recognize, young and not so young women in the local community. The Peel club celebrated with a breakfast for 200 sponsored by the City of Mandurah and Alcoa. Guest speaker was Ann Banks McAllister who spoke about gender equity in local government and what is being done for improvement. Bunbury continued its tradition of holding high profile IWD Breakfast with 300 attending and guest speaker Michele Cowan. Just short of \$8,000 was raised.

In other events this quarter, Swan Hills hosted 260 people at an evening's entertainment, "Romancing the Stone" which raised \$5,000. A great effort for such a small club. The Perth club took another tack to raise money by holding a dinner meeting in a member's home with guests invited. Ingredients, time and raffle prizes were donated, resulting in lots of fun, fellowship and \$2,000 raised. Perth Northern Suburbs has returned to its old haunt, Observation City (2013 Conference venue), and continues with its strong array of guest speakers at dinner meetings. The March meeting saw Anne Wood speak on "Are Women Lawyers an Endangered Species?"

Many thanks to all outgoing club Board members including Presidents Tricia Summerfield (Perth) and Linley Scott (Dunsborough). Welcome to all new office bearers including Sandra Burns (Perth) and Sue Flower (Dunsborough). Special thanks to those continuing in their roles.

AREA 4

A highlight of this quarter in Area 4 has been the joint meeting with Area 1 held on 21 March. I was very pleased that every club in Area 4 was represented especially given the challenge of distance. The theme of the day was **"Kicking Goals for Zonta – by ticking Zonta Goals"** and excellent presentations covered how ZI goals for Service, Advocacy and Resources are used to create the D23 goals and how our goals at Club level reflect these also. The guest speaker, Associate Professor Michelle McIntosh, spoke on the use



Beryl McMillan
thanking Michelle.

of oxytocin and the reduction in the number of women's deaths through postpartum

haemorrhage. Her work is investigating the production of a powdered oxytocin that will overcome the difficulties of lack of refrigeration in remote areas and third world countries.

Most clubs now have had their AGMs and established their new Boards for the next two years or confirmed their existing one for another year. I have already visited Ballarat, Bendigo, Wangaratta and given a short presentation at my own club in Kyneton. It is one of the pleasures of being an Area Director that you get to visit clubs and meet the members who continue to be the grass roots of ZI. One observation I offer you is the obvious enthusiasm clubs project and this is reflected in the number of new members being inducted at the present time. We must continue to

Margaret Lynch Director

support and encourage them in the objects of Zonta and offer leadership opportunities. One such opportunity is happening in Areas 1&4 on 22 May when the Past Presidents' group will run the workshop "Building Better Boards". I look forward to seeing representatives from as many of our Club boards as is possible.



(L-R) Kay Stewart, Erica Majba and
Margaret Lynch

AREA 5

The activity level in Area 5 remains busy. AGMs have come and gone, with Devonport welcoming new President Vicki Carman-Brown and her Board comprising many newer members. It is good to see **conviction, commitment and courage** in action! Devonport's focus in this biennium will be Advocacy.

We are looking forward to our Area Workshop next month and welcoming Governor Erica to Northern Tasmania. We are privileged to have JMK

International Award winner Tsionawit Gebre-Yohannes as our special guest speaker, and we feel privileged that Tasmania's first female Governor, the Honourable Kate Warner will also be attending

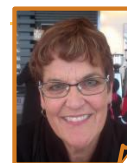
Devonport held their 16th annual Breast Cancer Awareness Breakfast last month with \$1500 raised and donated to Breast Care Nursing at the local level. Launceston Club received good publicity recently when President Christine presented WRD Ambassador

certificates in the Mall and also participated in the local Harcourts "Walk a Mile in their Shoes" event. Good preparation for "Zonta says No".

It is good to see that Zonta looks after their own. Hobart-Derwent Club have been busy helping their long-term member Catherine to pack up her home after the loss of her Zontian companion Margaret.

A good fellowship experience.

Julia Taylor Director



Lt. Governor Report

I recently had the opportunity to connect with my Australian counterparts in Zonta, Ansmarie Van Erp, Lt Gov District 22, Janette Curtis, Lt Gov District 24 and Judith Anderson the Immediate Past D22 Governor who served as Moderator for our early morning Skype session.

Our discussion was based on topics identified by International Director Winnie Teoh, namely membership growth, recruitment and retention. Undoubtedly three of the most significant issues that help to sustain and revitalise our Clubs.

The issue of mentoring was discussed in detail and all of us agreed that this was a key factor in the retention of our current membership by keeping members active and interested in

Zonta. Whilst there is not a lot of information to be found on the ZI website about mentoring, you may like to visit our own D23 website and take a look at the Mentoring Statement and Guidelines prepared back in 2011, but still very relevant.

Feedback from Clubs throughout the District who have a mentoring strategy in place is positive. Many new members are open and willing to have someone that they can turn to for information and support.

On a broader scale, Lieutenant Governors from around the Zonta world have established a joint LinkedIn group and this social medium provides another avenue for me to connect with like-minded Zontians. The LinkedIn process is an opportunity to join an

Judy Gorton Lt. Gov & Membership Chair

informal discussion about a variety of subjects. Last month the formation and benefits of eClubs was discussed and although we currently don't have any in D23, it may be an option in the future.

I recently undertook a task of rewriting the Zonta Installation ceremony for use by Clubs when installing a new member or a new Board. With assistance from experienced Zontians as well as D23 Board, I believe we have come up with a good alternative. I am looking forward to using it when I induct a new Club member and the new Board at the Zonta Club of Swan Hills later this month. I have emailed a copy to all Clubs, so you might like to have a look and use it if appropriate.



Next **Newsflash** issue out in **September**
Articles due by **14th AUGUST**

Email reports and articles to editor: hmalanczak@gmail.com

Sandra Burns *Chairman*

D23 Nominating Committee

IT'S TIME TO STEP RIGHT UP.

Nominations for positions on the 2016-2018 D23 Board and Nominating Committee are currently open, but close very shortly – **30th June 2015**.

Please consider and encourage members in your club, who have experience in Zonta and would like to further develop their leadership skills, to nominate for higher office.

Positions for D23 Board to be elected

at the Adelaide Conference are: Governor, Lt Governor, Treasurer, 5 Area Directors, and 3 members of the nominating committee.

Please contact our nominating committee if you are thinking about nominating for a position or have identified other potential candidates. Financial assistance is available to support the travel required for these Board positions, along with a budget to carry out various roles.

Nomination forms are available on the District website or by emailing Sandra Burns E: cjburns1@bigpond.com.

If you wish to discuss nominating, your D23 Nominating Committee are:

Sandra Burns (Chairman), Jane Smith and Christine Fitzherbert. Our contact details are set out in the D23 Directory.

Zonta is keen to grow, support and further develop your leadership skills.

Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarship

Wendy Quinn *D23 Chair*

The scholarship was established in 1998 from a generous bequest by Jane M. Klausman, a member of ZI, New York, USA. The scholarship is awarded annually to women pursuing undergraduate or master's degrees in business management.

The scholarship program, operating at a Club level, provides a wonderful opportunity to promote ZI through media coverage, involvement with educational institutions and the direct involvement of young women setting out on careers in business.

Eligibility

The program operates at the Zonta club, district/region and international levels. Each year Zonta clubs provide

awards for club recipients. ZI awards scholarships of US \$1,000 each at the district/region level and 12 international scholarships in the amount of US\$7,000 each. The scholarships are awarded each year and may be used for tuition, books or living expenses at any university, college or institution offering accredited business courses and degrees.

The 2015 Scholarship program has been open since February with information provided in the March edition of D23 Newsflash including a link to the updated resource tools on the [ZI Website](#).

By now most Clubs should be well

underway with their selection processes at the local Club level but there is still time to select a nomination for the District level. I would like to encourage all Clubs to be involved.

Key Dates for the 2015 Timetable
Applications for D23 Scholarship to D23 Coordinator by 1st July

Nomination from D23 to ZI by 1st September

Announcement of 12 ZI JMK Scholarship recipients by mid October 2015

If any Clubs require assistance please let me know. Help is at hand.

The JMK Tasmanian Story

Governor Erica has requested that I provide a summary of the Tasmanian way of doing things for the JMK Scholarship.

I have been involved with the process over the last 4 years and I cannot claim any credit for setting up our process. I inherited a well established system that has made it very easy to continue to administer each year and more importantly almost automatically enables us to access very high calibre applicants who are likely to be successful in obtaining higher levels of the scholarship.

In Tasmania the four Zonta clubs work with the University of Tasmania (UTAS) which has several sites across the state. Each of the clubs contribute proportional funding towards the local scholarship and forwards this to the organising club (ZC Hobart Derwent) which co-ordinates the selection process. The Tasmanian winner becomes the Area 5 nominee for the district level of the scholarship program.

How is it done:

Our Tasmanian process involves inclusion of the JMK Scholarship in the

annual official scholarship program for UTAS. This means that the eligibility criteria and explanatory information are included along with many other scholarships on the website of the University. This gives us an inbuilt marketing tool and access to all current and prospective UTAS students who are exploring scholarships. Applicants for UTAS scholarships are able to utilise the same application form to apply for multiple scholarships.

The process of advertising the scholarship and administering the coordination of the selection process is supported through the UTAS Scholarship Unit. UTAS Staff work closely with our JMK selection panel. The Hobart Derwent Selection Panel comprises 3 members. The Chair person has a liaison role with staff from the UTAS Scholarship Unit. Each year in late March /early April we receive applications from about 20-30 UTAS students via the UTAS Scholarship Unit. These are students who have marked JMK as one of the scholarships they are interested in winning and the Scholarship Unit has verified their eligibility.

The interview panel then shortlist the

applicants and confirm with the UTAS Scholarship Unit who they would like to interview and the time of the interviews. UTAS undertake the communication with the students and also provide access to interview facilities.

Once the outcome of the selection process is determined the results are communicated to the UTAS Scholarship Unit who then arrange for letters to unsuccessful candidates and payment of the Area 5 scholarship to the successful candidate.

I can highly recommend this approach to other Clubs. For relatively little ongoing effort we now have a reasonably guaranteed supply of suitable high quality applicants and considerable support for the logistics of managing and marketing the JMK scholarship. Our outcomes speak for themselves with two District winners in recent years including our 2014 District 23 International JMK Scholarship winner Tsionawit Gebre-Yohannes.

I can provide more detail and assistance for any Clubs interested in finding out more about how to do something similar in your area:

Wendy@wjquinnconsulting.com

Service

ZI SERVICE RECOGNITION AWARDS

These awards were established to recognize outstanding service projects undertaken by Zonta clubs and districts which benefit women in the local community. International winners will be announced at the 2016 ZI Convention in Nice. To be part of this judging we must first have district winners to submit! I now call on all clubs to submit **at least one entry** to D23 Secretary Jane Adornetto **by 30th October 2015** for evaluation by the D23 selection committee.

The entire process of nomination is described in the guidelines on the ZI website at:

<http://www.zonta.org/ClubsLeadership/Tools/ServiceTools.aspx>

A brief summary is as follows:

There are two categories of projects to be considered for the Awards:

1) Service projects that empower women and girls in general to achieve

equal rights and to secure their access to all legal, political, economic, educational, health and professional resources; and

2) Service projects focusing on prevention of the root causes of violence against women and girls through education.

Districts may nominate one project in either category.

Clubs may nominate up to two projects, one in each category.

Projects may be new projects this biennium or may have commenced in the past and are still ongoing this biennium. They must take into account the benefits they have given to the women or girls in the local community and the visibility and credibility they have provided to Zonta.

The Club projects that won in the previous biennium cannot be resubmitted.

I encourage all clubs in District 23 to nominate their service projects for this award. Last biennium 7 clubs submitted entries in Category 1 and 9 clubs in Category 2. I am sure we can increase this number of entries. I look forward to receiving many entries from clubs.

Please contact me if you have any queries.



D23 Success in 2014

Winner of District Service Recognition Awards - **Birthing Kits**

One of top six Club Service Recognition Awards - **Expect Respect (ZC Adelaide Hills)**

UNITED NATIONS

The ZI UN Committee has started using teleconferences to communicate with District UN Chairmen. We have been able to hear first hand from, and interact directly with, those who attended the UN Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) 59 and have taken part in the advocacy initiatives made possible by being there.

Fifty five Zontians attended CSW59 world conference on women's issues held in New York in March 2015. Overall they found the outcomes disappointing. Firstly, there was a reduction in political commitment to the equality agenda. The second note of concern is that the avenues for Non-Government Organisations (NGOs) like Zonta to have input into their discussions are being reduced. (Note from Governor Erica – "CEO of International Women's Development Agency who also attended, reported that fundamentalist groups resisting change are gaining support").

Despite these concerns there are

things to celebrate from CSW 59. In particular, ZI President Maria Jose took part in one of the Official meetings on the UN Campus at the invitation of the Danish government. The Voices Against Violence Project was the focus. A link to the presentation is on the [ZI website](#). I encourage you to take a look.

The second teleconference was on the progress of developing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). These goals are planned to replace the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) which were promulgated in 2000 with clear indicators and targets to be achieved by 2015. Although none of the targets was completely achieved by all countries it is clear that their very existence focussed the minds, time, people and money in productive ways.

The first 'Zero Draft' of what will become a recommendation to the UN General Assembly in September contains 17 potential goals and 169

proposed targets. [The list of 17 SDGs is being posted onto the ZI Website].

Zonta International is supporting UN Women to:

- retain current Goal No.5 "Gender Equality – To empower women and girls" which has not been included in the 17 SDGs,
- include powerful and realistic targets and indicators and,
- ensure that the 'impact on women' is mainstreamed in every Sustainable Development Goal which goes into the final report.

All of this is very relevant to Zontians in Australia advocating for change for women. Our capacity to influence the direction of change is only limited by **our conviction** about the justice of our cause, **our commitment** to become informed and **our courage** to hold our government accountable for the way behaves in international forums.

Odile Glenn UN Chair

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Z Club & Golden Z Club

Judy Rothe D23 Z Club and Golden Z Club Coordinator

'GOOD NEWS STORY'

ST CATHERINE'S COLLEGE

University of Western Australia.
Sponsored by the ZC of Perth Inc.

Article by President Lauren Rosher

As it is a limited window of opportunity with the University students starting in late Feb and have a long break mid-year (after taking time out for exams) and are out for all of June-July and disappear in October they still gained a great deal last year in 2014 considering their President sustained a head injury earlier in the year.

The liaison from the ZC of Perth Sandra Burns for the Golden Z Club met with the Director of Student Development and the President of the Golden Z Club.

Sandra also attended the first meeting of the club members where they arranged the election of office bearers and their planning to assemble the Birthing kits again this year in 2015 with fundraising for the kits as well as volunteer work for Zonta House, positive pathways and various other programs.

In the first semester they are planning a large networking opportunity 'Starting over Support' for their members with support from the ZC of Perth.

A number of students attended the ZC of Perth's March 2015 dinner meeting recently. This article was in the St Catherine's Newsletter

'Hi there,

Welcome to the St Cat's Golden Z Club page. We are a pretty darn awesome club focused on community service and empowering women in Australia and around the world. Some of you may recall being heckled earlier

in the year with Chutney Mary's discount cards (yes that was us). But aside from getting you all 10% off at a rad curry house we also had an amazing bake sale to fundraise for birthing kits, a talk from the wonderful women at Positive Pathways about their program, an awesome guns of steel volunteering day with the ladies from Starting Over Support and we assisted in putting together 1000 birthing kits to be sent to Africa. A massive shout out to our damn fantastic members. Those who helped out on the executive. Executed unbelievable posters, helped shift beds, sold tickets to old people, cooked biscuits, assembled birthing kits and assisted in a college wide heckle for members. You are all amazing people.

For the rest of the college – brace yourselves. Bake sale 2.0 will be coming'.

The St Catherine's Golden Z Club had an absolutely fantastic year in 2014. The club is based at St Catherine's College at the University of Western Australia and in 2014 aimed to not only participate in the signature Zonta Birthing Kit project but also to volunteer with a charity aimed at the empowerment of women within WA. To this end we were fortunate enough to establish a relationship with Positive Pathways and as part of these members of the Golden Z Club volunteered with Starting Over Support in the organisation and collection of furniture.

Volunteer's Day at Starting over Support.

It was a wonderful day and the Golden Z Club members truly proved that they have guns of steel as they were able

to reorganise a furniture storage shed. On the same day members also had the opportunity for a bright and early 5.45am start to staff a 6am car park sale in a neighbouring suburb with all of the proceeds going towards Starting over Support.

Bake Sale at St Catherine's College

Later on that year as part of an effort to fundraise for the birthing kits – the members of the club devised and created a bake sale. Each item at the bake sale was \$3 which corresponded to the price of one birthing kit. The members were able to display and provide information about the Birthing Kits and also spread awareness of this important cause to residents at St Catherine's College

Birthing Kits at St Catherine's College

The Birthing Kit day hosted at St Catherine's College was also an incredible success with other 40 students from St Catherine's College attending and they along with the volunteers helped compile over 1000 kits.

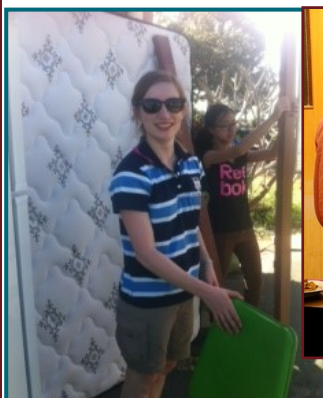
2015 Projects

This year in 2015 the club is hoping to commence a speed networking event for students at St Catherine's College which will give them a chance to meet and network with potential mentors, gain advice about commencing work life and meet some incredibly inspiring future leaders.

The Golden Z Club will also be organizing:

- A Birthing kit assembly day along with our host club - ZC Perth and
- Bake Sales for fundraising and support of SOS is also planned for this year.

The photos below depict the fabulous work of the 'St.Cat's Golden Z club' in 2014. Projects have been planned for 2015 and D23 wish the club another successful year. D23 Golden Z Club and Z Club Coordinator Judy Rothe is always available to assist clubs to consider a Golden Z club in their area sponsored by their own local Zonta club.



Volunteer's Day at Starting over Support.



Bake Sale at St Catherine's College.



Birthing Kits workshop at St Catherine's College.



golden Z club
a Zonta International activity

ZI Foundation

Congratulations to our D23 clubs and to the individual members who have given a donation to the ZI Foundation this biennium. To date 23 of our 36 clubs have donated and 2 clubs have all members making an individual donation.

Remember that the money we donate this biennium allows the ZI President-Elect to work with UN on what projects Zonta can support in the coming biennium (2016-2018).

Our district goals challenge us to increase our donations to ZIF by 5% - we have a long way to go to achieve this measure and also the challenge to increase individual donations by 10%.

Why not take advantage of one of the ZI emails to all members that have the easy link.

A few easy tips for clubs to encourage donating to ZIF:

- Make a donation to ZIF in honour of your dinner guest speaker in lieu of a small gift
- Donate when members meet a milestone – membership years or special birthday
- Donate in honour of a past member

It is good to showcase the 2014-2016 projects to your members and the following are a few links to assist you.

DONATE

Ann Horrocks Ambassador

There are many resources available on the ZI website.

Envelopes are available to assist with your donation if you are reluctant to do this online. These will also be available at Conference. If you have any questions about the Foundation or the ZI programs please contact me.



2014-2016 Project Summary:

<http://www.zonta.org/ClubsLeadership/Tools/FoundationTools.aspx>

Videos:

Liberia: <https://youtu.be/IS7ED0zwGmA>

Niger: <https://youtu.be/fb6yaY4BYqs>

Vietnam: <https://youtu.be/zfuZzZwtrq8>

Advocacy

D23 Gov. Erica Majba and D23 Advocacy Chair, Naomi Reschke attended the Equality Rights Alliance strategic planning forum on May 6th and 7th in Melbourne. D22, D23 and D24 are members of the Alliance which is Australia's largest network advocating for women's equality, leadership and recognition of women's diversity.

Equality Rights Alliance (ERA) is one of five National Women's Alliances, led by the YWCA Australia with funding from the Federal Governments' Office for Women. Members are NGO's and social enterprises with a focus on the impact of policy or service delivery on women. The Alliance actively engages with the Australian Government on policy issues as part of a better more informed and representative dialogue between women's groups and government.

The focus areas identified by the Alliance included; housing that meets the needs of women, a sexual and reproductive health project, economic policy and structures that support women, the development of an international agenda and bringing the perspectives of young women to ERA's policy work groups. If you are interested in following up with reports and submissions supported by D23, I refer you to the following:

2014 CEDAW Shadow Report. A non-government perspective on Australia's implementation of the UN Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW), prepared by YWCA. When the Australian government's CEDAW Report is released the Shadow Report will then be available on the YWCA and D23 websites. It will have D23 included as one of the NGO's supporting the document.

Beijing Platform for Action: Beijing+20. Submission prepared by D22, D23 and D24 (Australia). Largely written by D22 with input from D23 and D24. Read on the [D23 website](#).

Naomi Reschke Advocacy Chair

Joint NGO Submission to Universal Periodic Review of Australia 2015 endorsed by 190 organizations. Page 21, alphabetically lists the last organization ZI—D22, D23 & D24.

Special Taskforce Report on Domestic and Family Violence in Queensland to the Premier of Queensland.

Governors of D22, D23 and D24 have provided comment to ZI President Maria Jose to better inform her about the findings and recommendations in the Australia context.

Maria Jose plans to write a letter of congratulations to honorary Zontian Quentin Bryce who chaired the Taskforce. If you would like further information about the QRA or reports please feel free to contact me at naomireschke@bigpond.com

Erica Majba and Naomi Reschke at the Equality Rights Alliance Forum Melbourne.



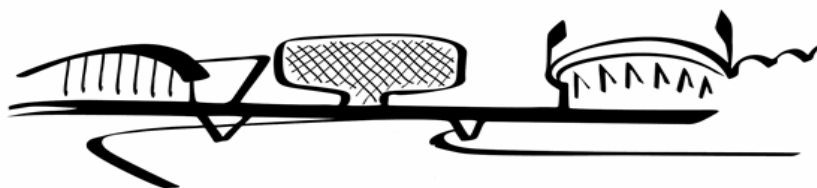
Young Women In Public Affairs

Joanne Metzger YWPA Chair

Watch this space!

District 23 winner and International winners to be announced soon!

Many thanks to all those clubs who submitted entries for the **D23 YWPA Award for 2015**. Twelve clubs from Areas 1, 2, 3 & 4 participated. In total there were 75 YWPA applications made to those 12 clubs. The judging committee has met and the District nomination has been submitted to ZI. We eagerly await the ZI announcement of District and International winners before the 1st of July 2015. For more information please contact me.



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