



# NewsFlash

MARCH 2017



## FROM THE GOVERNOR

**Judy Gorton**

Welcome to the March edition of the Newsflash. I do hope the second 6 months of the biennium will be productive and exciting. It is the year of our District 23 Conference in Geelong on the 1<sup>st</sup> of September and I look forward to meeting many of you there. Please mark the date in your diary as this is the time we come together as a District to hear about the wonderful work that Zonta is engaged in throughout the District and the world and to meet and hear from some of our amazing Award recipients. Invite your first timers to the Conference and they will receive a 20% discount off their Registration.

The start of a new year brings with it a number of opportunities to promote the wonderful work that women and girls are engaged in throughout our Areas.

Many of you will have celebrated in January the extraordinary achievements of former Zontian and Aviator Amelia Earhart and I look forward to reading about some of those activities and events in your Club Newsletters.

Applications for the [Young Women in Public Affairs](#) awards program are due on April 1 to coordinator Sue Lear. This Award recognises young women aged 16-19 (i.e. pre-university) who demonstrate a commitment to leadership in public policy, government and volunteer organisations.

It is time for Clubs to start identifying young women for the various Club and District Awards. The 2017 Jane M Klausman Women in Business Scholarship application forms have been distributed to your Clubs and access to other material such as posters and sample news releases can be found on the ZI website under Programs. For additional information please contact Wendy Quinn.

For Clubs who have sponsored a Z and/or Golden Z Club, applications and materials for the 2017 Emma L Conlon Service Award are also now available on the ZI website under ELC Service Award. Alternatively, Chair of Z and Golden Z Clubs is Judy Rothe. Please encourage your Z or Golden Z Club to apply and meet the application deadline of 30 April.

At the 2016 Nice Convention, delegates voted to trial a new category for young professional membership to attract professionals and emerging young leaders who are under 30 years of age. As a pilot program for this biennium they will be eligible for 50% off their ZI membership and 50% off their District dues. Please note, this applies to the current biennium only and the new form, available from your Club Treasurer, must accompany the payment.

This group of women would be eligible to join Zonta at half the cost of Zonta International dues and provides an opportunity to engage former Z and Golden Z members and winners of our educational Awards and programs. Please refer to Membership Chairman Jane Adornetto for more detail.

Did you receive the first edition of the Zontian from Zonta International? If not it is possible that your personal information is not up to date. Remember to make any changes to your details on the ZI website under [membership.zonta.org](#) prior to 1<sup>st</sup> April, and watch out for the next edition which will come to you as an email and not as a hard copy.

I look forward to reporting to you again following the District Board meeting held on 18 -19 March in Hobart.

*Judy Gorton*

## KEY DATES

**2017**

MAR 25	AREA 3 WORKSHOP SWAN HILLS
MAY 6-7	AREA 2 WORKSHOP, TUMBY BAY
APR 1	ZI & D23 DUES
APR 29	AREA 1 & 4 WORKSHOP
MAY 10	CALL TO CONFERENCE
MAY 14	NEWSFLASH ITEMS DUE
AUG 13	NEWSFLASH ITEMS DUE
SEPT 1-3	DISTRICT 23 CONFERENCE, GEELONG
NOV 8	ZI 98TH BIRTHDAY—FOUNDERS' DAY
NOV 12	NEWSFLASH ITEMS DUE

**2018**

JUNE 27– JULY 3 ZI CONVENTION, YOKOHAMA, JAPAN

## DISTRICT 23 BOARD

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## JUNE NEWSFLASH

DEADLINE, MAY 14—ITEMS TO NEWSFLASH EDITOR—NAN BERRETT  
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## International YWPA Certificate—Di Hillman, President ZC Melbourne's East

At September meeting, the Zonta Club of Melbourne's East was pleased and proud to present Nandini Karthikeyan with both her District 23 and International YWPA certificates.

Nandini is currently a student at Presbyterian Ladies College, completing her year 12 studies for the International Baccalaureate certificate.

Since 2015, Nandini has actively volunteered in projects sponsored by service organisations such as Rotary and Lions that focus on the betterment of rural women and children. She has attended rural health and training camps in Southern India and is currently working on further projects for a community there. Nandini has also volunteered in her local community by tutoring primary and high school indigenous girls in foster care programs. She represented her school at the United Nations Youth Conference in 2015.

Nandini's strong belief is that education is a source of empowerment for women.

Nandini's goal is to study medicine, qualify as an obstetrician and spend time working with agencies such as MSF (Médecins Sans Frontières).

Guest speaker for the evening was Joanne Metzger, President Albury/ Wodonga and the outgoing Chairperson of YWPA. Joanne said that at all levels it had been agreed Nandini was an exceptional and outstanding applicant.

ZCME is indeed very proud to be able to play a part in furthering the commitment of this amazing young woman to bring about sustainable changes that benefit and empower women.



## ByLaws & Resolutions—Ronda Walker, Bylaws & Resolutions Committee Chairman

The Bylaws of Zonta International provide a process for amendment to Zonta International Bylaws and Rules of Procedure and for amendment to each District's Rules of Procedure.

In this very democratic process, any member of a Zonta Club may recommend proposed changes to the Club for approval and after Club approval the proposal is submitted to the District Board for consideration. District Board may also submit proposals.

Article XIX, Section 2 specifies that *"If the district board determines that the proposal does not require further study, it shall publish the proposal to all other clubs in that district at least sixty (60) days before district conference and shall submit the proposal to delegates at the conference."*

A 2/3 vote is required to amend the District 23 Rules of Procedure. A majority vote is required to adopt a proposal for changes to Zonta International Governing Documents; the proposal is then submitted to Zonta International Bylaws and Resolutions Committee within 30 days of the close of conference.

If clubs or individual members are considering putting any proposals to District Conference, I urge you to consult the relevant sections of the Zonta International Governing Documents and to begin this process as soon as possible. This will allow time for consideration by District Board and time to meet the deadline for pre-Conference publication to all District 23 clubs.

**Proposals should be sent to the District Secretary as soon as possible and by 1 May 2017 at the latest.**

The current edition of Zonta International Bylaws can be found in the member resources section of the ZI website under the tabs 'Governance' and 'Governing Documents'. District 23 Rules of Procedure can be found on the District website under 'Admin Documents' and then 'District 23 Governance documents'.

**If you have any questions about this process or would like assistance preparing a proposal, please contact District Bylaws & Resolutions chairman Ronda Walker.**

*"When the whole world is silent,  
even one voice becomes powerful." - Malala Yousafzai*





### AREA 3—WESTERN AUSTRALIA —Jo Wittorff

In Zonta, we volunteer our time and effort without a second thought because we are committed to the objects of our great organisation. But how can we get others to join Zonta and volunteer with us, or support our cause?

In her July 2016 Hot Topic entitled, *'Inform and WOW, Everyone about Volunteers'*, Susan J Ellis says we need a new way of looking at ourselves, 'creating fireworks through great reports.....that capture delighted attention.' (<https://www.energizeinc.com/hot-topics/2016/july>)

Susan says we need to provide more information about volunteer engagement. Even though today's technology and available software give us the ability to inform our communities about what we do, we don't always take the

opportunity to showcase our work.

When clubs do take the time to report and share club activities, they find that it is truly worthwhile. I am buoyed to see the success Area 3 clubs are having in attracting new members, publicising events, publishing newsletters and thanking supporters through the use of Facebook, web sites, media releases and community newspapers where notices are free of charge to organisations such as Zonta.

'Creating fireworks' certainly pays off. When we never share or report what we do, it becomes invisible. With this in mind, our Area workshop in March will focus on sharing the good things that are happening in our clubs, with the theme, *'Moving forward, together.'*



### AMELIA EARHART CELEBRATIONS IN AREA 3—Jo Wittorff

Clubs in Area 3 celebrated Amelia Earhart month with functions in the Peel Region and Perth Metropolitan area in support of the Amelia Earhart Fellowship.

The Zonta Club of Peel held its annual Amelia Earhart Evening on the 24<sup>th</sup> January with several dignitaries attending and Professor Lyn Beazley, former Chief Scientist of WA, as guest speaker. A 'Hat of the Era' competition and an Amelia Earhart Quiz added much hilarity to the evening.



Peel President Lorraine Webb with Gov Judy at the AE Dinner in Mt Lawley



'Hat of the Era' - Zontians enjoying Peel's Amelia Earhart evening

The Zonta Clubs of Perth Northern Suburbs and Swan Hills combined to organise an Amelia Earhart Fundraising Dinner at the home of Swan Hills Zontian Ruth Thomas, overlooking the Swan River in Mt Lawley. Zontians from Peel, Perth and Bunbury joined the two organising clubs and enjoyed a delicious three-course dinner along with great camaraderie.



## CONGRATULATIONS!

Hearty congratulations to ZC of Perth Zontians who were recognised for their outstanding contributions to the community and the state of WA. We are very proud of these two wonderful Zontians.

### DEBBIE MASON



**Debbie Mason**, the founder of Starting Over Support (SOS) was awarded the City of Bayswater's 2017 Australia Day Citizen of the Year.

Through Debbie's passion and pure hard work, SOS has helped 200 domestic violence victims leaving a refuge to set up homes with furniture and household goods. Read more about the award here: <http://www.bayswater.wa.gov.au/council/news?strMode=newsDisplay&nltemId=3036#nd>

### LENNIE McCALL AM

**Lennie McCall AM**, was named a Freeman of the City of Nedlands for her outstanding work for the community, WA Historical Society and innovative work at the State Library.

The honour was conferred by the Governor of WA Kerry Sanderson at a ceremony in Nedlands in November 2016.



## ZONTA SERVICE

When considering Service projects, clubs should ensure that proposed projects are compatible with Zonta's mission and vision.

Each project must advance the status of women in some way, and address at least one of the Objects of Zonta.

While a Service project may include elements of advocacy, public relations and membership, its main definition is that members are engaged in a practical or "hands on" way to help women achieve their aspirations and enjoy a better quality of life.

Local service projects should also address UN Sustainable Development Goal #5 to **Achieve Gender Equality and empower all Women and Girls**.

Club Service Chairs and Club Presidents have recently been asked to hold in-depth discussions with their members over the next two months to enhance understanding as to what constitutes a Service project, particularly as opposed to Fundraising. When funds are given to other organisations to carry out a project, this is not deemed to be Service.

Already there has been lively and spirited debate with some "grey" areas arising – I am very much looking forward to hearing the outcome of more club conversations!

Cintra Amos  
D23 Service Chair

## District 23 Conference Save the Date!

### *Leading the Way...*

**1-3 September, 2017**

**Geelong, Victoria**

Governor Judy Gorton and the 2017 Geelong Conference Committee invite all District 23 Zontians to join them in Geelong in September.

You are promised an excellent program with inspiring and thought provoking speakers, super social events and wonderful company in Victoria's second largest city on beautiful Corio Bay.

If you have not attended a District Conference yet, plan to come to this one – it will be memorable.





## AREA 2—SOUTH AUSTRALIA &amp; NORTHERN TERRITORY —Pru Blackwell &amp; Vice AD Leann Symonds



## TOOLS, TIPS &amp; TRICKS

## Membership retention:

Make sure you , perhaps the membership chair, meets face to face with the new member after approximately three meetings and check in with them. Have a good long coffee, ( whatever suits you both) with them, make it chatty, with informal questions like “ is it what you expected” “How does it feel for you” “can I help to explain anything” “what will be the most important thing that will keep you coming?”

From these questions you can

glean a lot about how the new member operates, some likes and dislikes and some real objectivity about how welcoming your Club has been.

First impressions always count ! and treat them **real** special but don't look desperate. !

## Club meeting agendas

Keep them crisp

Construct the agenda in line with the ZI 5 strategic direction headings, followed by ZI Projects and District information, (allocate the latter two amongst members which enables each to do their own research and better their understanding and the Club's of the Zonta bigger picture).

Develop discreet ways to keep membership seating rotated so that dinner can be shared with a different member every time you meet.



## District 23 welcomes the Zonta Club of Mitchell —Lt Governor Jane Adornetto

On 13<sup>th</sup> December 2016 District 23 welcomed its newest club, the Zonta Club of Mitchell. The club becomes part of Area 4 in Victoria. Whilst the club was officially established on that date, an event will be held in April to celebrate the charter of the club.

I had the pleasure of joining members for their December dinner and very much enjoyed the enthusiasm of the group and their plans for the coming months. Funds are already being raised for the Birthing Kit project and local young mothers in need benefitted from gifts provided at the December meeting. The club is off to a great start, working to empower women through service and advocacy. I know all District 23 Zontians join with me in welcoming our newest members and wishing them all the best.

Club office bearers and contact details are:

President : Trish Bulluss  
Secretary: Cathy Coppinger  
Treasurer: Renea Johnson  
[zontclubmitchell@gmail.com](mailto:zontclubmitchell@gmail.com)



## AREA 4—WESTERN &amp; NORTHERN VICTORIA—Lyn Symons

Area 4 has grown by one club; with most of the 17 members of club 1959, Zonta club of Mitchell, being inducted last Thursday. It is exciting to welcome a new cohort of members and to revisit the exciting but daunting task of creating and sustaining a new club. A huge thank you to the Zontians,

principally from the Kyneton club for ensuring the adherence to protocol whilst encouraging the enthusiasm.

Keep the date of 8th April free for joining in the celebratory charter dinner.

Club's in Area 4 have all begun the year with plans and activities including special events for Amelia Earhart day and International Women's Day. The outstanding calibre of speakers for IWD offers members a variety of themes to reflect on.

The Past Presidents group met to shore up arrangements for the Building Better Boards on 4th June.

This will incorporate our next Presidents meeting. Further details will be sent closer to the date. This day will be a fantastic follow on from the Area 1 & 4 meeting on April 29th. Titled 'Back to Basics' the day promises to inform newer members and invigorate seasoned attendees.

## ADVOCATING FOR WOMEN'S ISSUES — *The Zonta Path*

Statement from ZI President Sonja Hönig Schough & Maria José Landeira Osetergaard

For more than 100 years, women worldwide have been marching, demonstrating, writing petitions and making proposals for law changes that shall improve women's lives, secure equal rights and a life free of violence.

In many countries, and despite all this work, women's rights are still not respected as equal rights, women do not have access to all resources and are not represented in decision making positions on an equal basis with men, women suffer from violence at home, at work and in open spaces.

Changes in governments have a huge impact in the direction taken by the local or national governments towards improving women's lives. Steps forward during one governmental period, can be followed by a step back in the next period.

Today, we are witnessing times with risk for major changes worldwide in laws affecting women's issues and therefore our advocacy actions are needed more than ever!

It is therefore very important to be clear that Zonta International, its districts and clubs in all communication, verbal or written

- SHALL BE non-partisan and non-sectarian (Bylaws article III, Policy, section 1).

- MAY express themselves about and become involved in principles and public issues having a bearing on the Objects of Zonta International<sup>1</sup>, following the policies established by the Zonta International Board (Bylaws article III, Policy, section 2).

- SHALL follow [Zonta International's advocacy policy](#) when advocating locally and globally on issues that will improve the lives of women and girls

- SHALL NOT ADVOCATE FOR NOR AGAINST political parties or the appointment of specific persons to any political positions in any country.

Individual members SHALL NOT use district/club websites or district /club social media pages to express personal views

### ADVOCACY UPDATE — *Naomi Reschke, Advocacy Chairman*

Zonta International supports UN Sustainable Development Goal Number 5.

**"Achieve gender equality and empower women and girls."**

Make it a Focus for your club – Educate yourself. Plan. Implement. Document .

How can we support women in District 23 to achieve gender equality. ??

**What about \*** a focus on financial literacy in your area. Many women are uncomfortable talking about money and experience difficulties with financial decisions. Women experiencing economic abuse from their partners, women living in isolated regional areas who can't access information or older women and carers who are alone and unable to access banks, computers networks or support.

**What about \*** a focus on keeping ourselves safe and linking with **Our Watch Australia**. [www.ourwatch.org.au](http://www.ourwatch.org.au). "Harassment and inequality should be treated like a work place hazard."

See all **Our Watch** news and share ideas with club members.

**What about\*** meeting with the Minister for Women in your Area and discussing Zonta's mission . What is the agenda for the Government of the day in your Area and how can Zonta work with the Minister to achieve gender equality for all women.

**What about\*** taking one issue and advocate for change by raising awareness, meeting with policy makers, organising a workshop.

**Document your progress with photographs and put them on the D23 website. !!!!!**

**Congratulations to Area 2 Director Pru Blackwell who met with the Minister for Women in SA along with Naomi Reschke and Cintra Amos.**



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## ADVOCACY REPORT—Area 5—Julie Wiltshire

The Devonport Zonta Club had three members walk or run in the Burnie 10 high profile North West race this year, with the view to encourage potential members in that region to join up.



On 24th November, the Zonta Club of Devonport joined forces with sister clubs, Soroptimists, CWA and Inner Wheel to Walk the Talk in the CBD, with guest speakers, police and politicians to raise awareness of domestic violence. Devonport members were wearing their **Zonta Says No** T shirts or their club polo shirts. Last year, this event was awarded the Devonport City Council's Australia Day Community Award.

This year hundreds of ribbon stars were made, to join forces with a wider Australian community project, "A Million Stars", to raise awareness of domestic violence. In addition to the walk event in the mall, there was a week's display of shoes in the Community Health Building window, at the end of the Devonport Mall. It had a large "Why the Shoes?" banner, with the exact number of pairs of women's shoes, that will represent the number of women who have lost their lives to domestic violence this year. This window display caught the eye of, and drew many comments from, many mall visitors last year and this year. The clothing shop, Rockman's also were happy to dedicate a whole shop window display to the theme, **Zonta Says No**. There are many photos of this event on the club's Facebook page.

As far as Advocacy goes for the

Launceston Zonta Club, they have done a few things.

Advocating for women's issues - amongst them are Gender Equity, the Care Economy, domestic violence, pay equality, financial literacy etc through submissions to Government via Economic Security for Women and the Tasmanian Women's Council.

Speaking at a Human Rights event December 2016 White Ribbon event Speaking at different Rotary Clubs

Area 5  
Director  
Christine  
Hepburn has been invited

to join a steering committee for a DPaC (Department of Premier and Cabinet) & State Growth project on a workforce development plan for women.

The research/consultancy will focus on assisting women to return to the workforce. There will be a number of ways that Christine can utilise this opportunity for advocacy.

The Zonta Club of Hobart Derwent distributed 500 copies of the "What you can do to stop abuse" brochures to chemists, doctor's surgeries, UTAS and a Child & Family Centre, State

wide conference etc.

Assisted the Ogilvie High School Z Club with a Grade 9 student "Domestic Violence Youth Forum" – 70 students in attendance from 12 High Schools discussed ways to continue to raise awareness for White



Ribbon Day and the Zonta Says NO Campaign, share ideas about continuing and directing the conversation about family violence. Guest speakers were female members of the Tasmanian Police force. The forum concluded with a cookie decoration competition and morning tea.

This event created a great interest in Z clubs so we hope to Charter the Kingston High School Z Club shortly.

A number of members again participated in the "White Ribbon March" to Parliament House as did the Z Club members.



## UNITED NATIONS REPORT—Kay Stewart, D23 UN Chairman



February 6 was the UN **International Day for Zero Tolerance of FGM**. It is estimated that over 200 million women and girls alive today have undergone some form of female genital mutilation (FGM), and that this will happen to another 15 million girls aged 15-19 by 2030.

International President, Sonia Honig Schough, released a statement (<http://www.zonta.org/Media-News/Presidents-Corner-Blog/Blog-Detail/zonta-international-committed-to-helping-end-female-genital-mutilation-by-2030>) of ZI's solidarity with the UN on this issue: 'We join the United Nations in recognizing the International Day for Zero Tolerance of Female Genital Mutilation and reiterate our support of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, which prom-

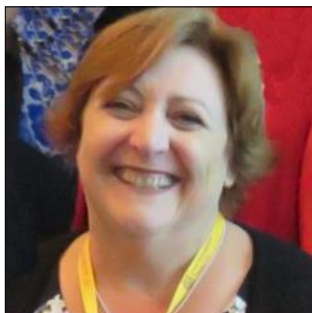
ises an end to this harmful practice by 2030'. Although not currently directly supporting anti-FGM projects, Zonta recognizes that FGM is an extreme form of discrimination against women and girls that violates their rights and is harmful in many ways. From 1998-2002, Zonta International worked with the US Fund for UNICEF to reduce incidence of female genital circumcision in Burkina Faso, which resulted in 40% drop in the number of girls affected from 66.4% percent in 1996 to 25% in 2005. The government now recognises FGM as an issue of public health, violence and individual rights, rather than an acceptable traditional practice.

ZI is committed to ending violence against women and girls in all its forms and promises to continue advocating for the Sustainable Development Goals so that FGM is abandoned by 2030, and encourages clubs and members to do the same.

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## MEMBERSHIP—Lt Governor Jane Adornetto



I'm happy to report I am receiving regular emails from clubs requesting membership certificates for new members. Keep up the good work on your recruitment efforts.

I recently took part in an electronic meeting with Governors and Lt Governors across the Zonta world to discuss mem-

bership. International President Sonja and International Membership Chair Winnie advised of plans to introduce a Global Membership Drive, with early April being the expected release date. What we have heard thus far is very exciting and I am looking forward to having more information available to present to upcoming Area Meetings/Workshops.

Increasing our membership base is a key component to future success at club, district and international level. "Recruiting to Retain" is a crucial part of this strategy, and an area that needs much consideration at club level. Recently, as District 23 Membership Chair, I have surveyed over 80 members who resigned or did not renew their membership at financial year end 2016.

At the time of writing I had a response of approximately 20%. Whilst some of those responses indicated motivation for their resignation such as relocation of illness to the member or a family member, the majority expressed dissatisfaction at some aspect of their club life. Reasons included:

- ◆ Not listened to – new ideas put forward and dismissed.
- ◆ Financial cost of being a member – not explained fully before joining.
- ◆ Clubs refusing to change the way they operated.

- ◆ Too many emails
- ◆ Unreal expectations of time commitments
- ◆ Being "put down" by other members
- ◆ Too few members doing all the work

I know these responses only express one side of the story, however I will be working with area directors to encourage clubs to spend time objectively assessing their club and its operations, and engaging all club members in these discussions. There are many tools available to self-assess our clubs. I have recently asked all club membership chairs to look at the "A Vital Club Life" presentation on the ZI website. The newly updated Zonta Club Manual – accessed from the Zonta International website - includes a SWOT analysis, a well-known method of looking at your club's Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities & Threats. Area 3 Director Jo Wittorff has recently compiled a number of assessment tools that cover various aspects of club life, which I will provide directly to club Presidents and Membership Chairs.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with queries on any membership matters.

### NEW MEMBER CERTIFICATES

If you would like a District 23 certificate for new members, please email me at

[janeadornetto@gmail.com](mailto:janeadornetto@gmail.com),

with the following details:

**Name of new member**

**Name of club**

**Date of induction**

Certificates can be mailed, or emailed (preferred method).



## PUBLIC RELATIONS & COMMUNICATIONS —Jane Smith, Chairman



In the last edition of the Newsflash I mentioned the Zonta Print Portal. This was not a success and has been abandoned. Templates and samples for business cards, stationery, brochures etc. are now available on the ZI website <http://membership.zonta.org/Tools/Resource-Library>. You will need to log into My Zonta to access these. Login instructions are in the November

edition of the Newsflash.

### District 23 Conference and PR and Marketing Awards

The first Conference Newsletter has been distributed

so it is time to start thinking about your club's entries for the 2017 Awards which will be presented at Conference in September. The Guidelines will be sent to club PR Chairmen/Presidents in March. The closing date for applications is 30 June. Robyne Lesley from the Zonta Club of Adelaide Torrens will again be co-ordinating the judging of entries.

### D23 Website

I have had a couple of members contact me to say they are getting an error message when they try to access our website. If anyone encounters a problem would you please let me know.

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE

—Ann Horrocks, Chairman

*Have you considered leadership positions at your club or within the district?*



*Do you have the desire to "lead" or guide other individuals using your practical skills and abilities?*

Remember there are many members who have held these positions who will be very happy to mentor you throughout your time in office.

We encourage you to 'put your hand up' or whisper quietly in a friend's ear that you would like to stand for a position at your club or on the district board.

The only prerequisite at club level is for the position of President where you must have been on the club board for at least one year (except charter clubs).

For a District position you are required to have been on your club board for 2 years and/or been a district chairman. In addition, for the position of Governor, Lt Governor or Area Director you must have spent at least one year as a club president. District Nominating Committee positions require that you have spent at least 2 years in an elected club position.

**If interested in nominating for a district position please contact one of the D23 Nominating Committee members:**

**Ann Horrocks** [horrocksbendigo@gmail.com](mailto:horrocksbendigo@gmail.com)  
**Belinda Jutzen** [wiseonesbee@gmail.com](mailto:wiseonesbee@gmail.com)  
**Margaret Lynch** [bjmmlynch@hotmail.com](mailto:bjmmlynch@hotmail.com)



District Governor Judy Gorton has announced a new committee made up of past Governors and other senior Zontians who have held leadership roles. This group—the 'D23 Centennial Anniversary Celebration Committee'—is comprised of the following members.

*Margaret Rowland—Chairman*  
*(ZC of Adelaide Flinders)*

*Karen Groves (ZC of Perth)*

*Dawn Newman (ZC of Perth Northern Suburbs)*

*Naomi Reschke—D23 Chairman*  
*Advocacy (ZC of Gawler)*

*Julie Wiltshire (ZC of Hobart Derwent)*

It will be the task of this Committee to work across the District to encourage clubs and enthuse all members to focus on events that will promote Zonta's centenary. As one of ZI's goals this biennium, the Anniversary will be a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to ....

- ☐ **Celebrate our successes and longevity.**
- ☐ **Increase Zonta's visibility.**
- ☐ **Influence opinions and attitudes about women's issues.**
- ☐ **Enhance ZI's impact as leading advocates for issues affecting women and girls.**

Districts around the world will be setting up similar committees, all working towards this common goal. Heading up the International Committee are—

Beryl McMillan OAM—Chairman

## Z & GOLDEN Z CLUBS—Judy Rothe, Co-ordinator

District 23 is moving forward.....

A new Z Club was chartered and sponsored by the Zonta Club of Hobart/Derwent on Monday 20 March 2017. Kingston High School Z Club will be the second Z Club to be chartered by this fabulous Zonta Club.

The D23 Governor Judy Gorton attended this special occasion.

A new Zonta club for D23 in Area 4 will be chartered on Saturday 8 April.

The ZC of Mitchell charter presentation will be attended by D23 Governor Judy Gorton. The ZC of Kyneton has been prominent in forming this club within the year 2016.

The Area 1 & 4 Directors agreed to include Z & Golden Z Clubs as one of their workshops to be attended by all at their annual combined workshop to be held on 29 April 2017.

How to approach sponsoring a Z Club with the assistance of the Secondary College/School Principle and staff members'.

St Catherine's College University WA Golden Z club is in recession at the moment not returning to University until the end of February 2017 therefore they have not reconvened with their club.

They will scout for new members and look out for new leadership as the current President is in her final year.

[facebook.com/zandgoldenzdistrict23/](https://facebook.com/zandgoldenzdistrict23/)



*Ebony standing on the right was the Charter President of the Kyneton Secondary College Z Club in 2012 and is the dux proximus in 2016*



*Kingston High School Z Club sponsored by the ZC Hobart/Derwent chartered on 20 March 2017.*



## THE CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY ENDOWMENT CAMPAIGN BELIEVE . INVEST . EMPOWER

If you have been wondering what the Campaign is all about, you'll be able to learn more during our District Conference in September.

Basically, the aim of the Campaign is to raise awareness and action to

ENSURE that we can support our international programs and projects into the future

ENHANCE our level of giving, and

ENRICH the lives of *more* women and girls

It is with great pleasure that the CAEC Committee welcomes a group of Regional Representatives in District 23 willing to answer any questions you may have, or help if you wish to make a donation.

They are Liz Bice, Ann Horrocks, Julie Wiltshire and Liz Woodgate. More news, next *Newsflash*!



*PIP Val Sarah, AM, DGSJ  
for the CAEC Committee*



## BETTY DAW RECEIVES AUSTRALIA DAY CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARD —ZONTA CLUB OF FLEURIEU PENINSULA— Margaret Stephens

Betty Dawe, who has been a member of the Zonta Club of Fleurieu Peninsula for 37 years, was honoured at the Australia Day Award Ceremony in Victor Harbor as the City of Victor Harbor's Citizen of the Year. Betty was nominated by the Zonta Club of Fleurieu Peninsula Inc.

Betty has contributed to the community for over fifty years, initially joining the Victor Harbor Branch of ToCH, an organisation providing camps for underprivileged children, serving as secretary for many terms and is a Life member. Betty was a volunteer at the Victor Harbor Youth Club when girls were admitted, using her callisthenics skills to teach girls and help organise gym displays. Betty used her expertise in dance and movement to help air cadets with their marching formations and choreograph dance routines and generally assist in many productions of The South Coast Choral and Arts Society, Victor Harbor High School and the Victor Harbor Theatre Club where she is a life member.

Other community organisations Betty has been involved with for many years include Friends of the Women's and Children's Hospital Victor Harbor/Goolwa

Auxiliary, (Life member and Patron), and Newland Church.

As a Zontian, Betty has been actively involved in club activities regularly participating in working bees and fund raising projects, selling raffle and event tickets, assisting at Birthing Kit Assembly and Breast Cushion Cutting Out days, planting and watering when the Nangawooka Flora Reserve was established and taking part in items at Zonta functions. She has also attended a number of Area Workshops and District Conferences.

Betty received her Award from His Worship, the Mayor of the City of Victor Harbor, Graham Philp, and was congratulated by our local Federal Member for Mayo,



*Photos: (clockwise from top left'*

*Betty Dawe at the podium with Mayor of Victor Harbor, Graham Philp*

*Betty with her Citizen of the Year Award Certificate*

*Group photo of some members of The Zonta Club of Fleurieu Peninsula with Betty, front row, 3<sup>rd</sup> right, Federal Member for Mayo, Rebekha Sharkie, far right.*