

NewsFlash

JUNE 2018



FROM THE GOVERNOR

Judy Gorton

It is with a hint of sadness that I write my report for the last edition of Newsflash for the 2016-2018 biennium and I have to say the two years have flown.

Soon, 71 Zontians from District 23 will join me in Yokohama Japan for the 64th International Convention. This is by far the largest number of members from any Australian district and includes almost every member of the current Board and all office bearers in the 2018-2020 Board- what an amazing commitment.

A highlight for me during the past two years has been to attend the Area Workshops and I have managed to get to all five areas twice. The programs have varied greatly, and It has been quite overwhelming to see how committed members are especially in the areas of membership growth, service and advocacy. Thank you to all the members who have opened their homes to me during my visits and to the warm hospitality I have received from members everywhere I have been.

Another highlight has been to attend the Charter dinners of the Zonta Club of Mitchell and more recently the Installation of members of the newest club, the Zonta Club of Cradle Coast Tasmania.

Our Z Clubs have grown to five across the District with the Charter this week of the Z Club of Shenton College, a first for Area 3. In District 23 we now have two Golden Z Clubs to be proud of; Saint Catherine's College in WA and the Golden Z Club of Monash, Caulfield Campus.

It goes without saying that a major highlight was our District Conference held in Geelong last September. What a great opportunity for us to meet face to face and have some fun whilst still managing to address the essential business of the District and to hear and learn more about the big picture of Zonta International. Our International Representative and District liaison Ute Scholz was glowing in her praise of our Conference and of the warm welcome she received from District 23 members.

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KEY DATES

2018

**JUNE 29– JULY 3 ZI CONVENTION,
YOKOHAMA, JAPAN**

DISTRICT 23 BOARD

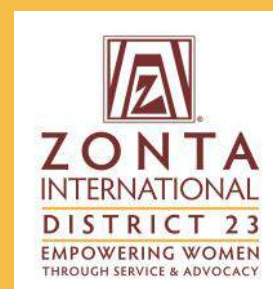
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AREA 3 DIR	JO WITTORFF
AREA 4 DIR	LYN SYMONS
AREA 5 DIR	CHRISTINE HEPBURN

Thank you to everyone for your wonderful contributions which made the District 23 NewsFlash so enjoyable, both for me to compile and for everyone to read.

Thank you to Governor Judy for her patience when I was running late and for her leadership.

Wishing you all a wonderful new biennium and beyond!

Nan Berrett—NewsFlash Editor



From the Governor—Continued from page 1...

Thankyou to all the Clubs who produced newsletters throughout the biennium- these have been a great source of information and satisfaction for me and I have enjoyed reading every one.

I take this opportunity to thank all of the District Leaders, my amazing Board members all of whom have worked so hard on your behalf, the Chairs of our District committees, the District 23 Conference team, and the Centennial Celebrations committee.

I make special mention of our editor, Nan Berrett who has turned our reports into a kaleidoscope of

interesting and newsworthy stories accompanied by great photographs from around the District. Thankyou Nan.

Governor elect Jane Adornetto and I have worked closely during the biennium and I look forward to the new biennium under her leadership. I believe it is safe to say that the District is in good hands.

It has been an absolute pleasure for me to have served District 23 as your Governor during 2016-2018 and I thank all of you for the opportunity.

- Judy Gorton



District Board meeting at Victor Harbour

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has – *Margaret Mead*

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS —

Lt Governor & Governor Elect Jane Adornetto



As this biennium draws to a close, I would like to thank all District 23 members for their continued commitment to membership.

Our total membership as at 4th June 2018 is 794. Whilst we have not met our membership goal of a 5% increase across the district, I am very positive about the membership discussion clubs have had and continue to have. As I have said on many occasions, in so many words, retention is the key to achieving our membership goals. Over the course of the biennium the Board has surveyed all resigning or non-renewing members. This will continue in the future, as it is a valuable tool in identifying membership issues across the district, but also from the positive comments also received.

Please keep having meaningful, respectful discussions at club level about membership satisfaction. Continue to mentor new members. Try to ensure that the workload of the club is spread across many and not a few. **KEEP HAVING FUN!** Our leisure time is precious. Let's not spend it doing something we don't take enjoyment and satisfaction from. Thank you to all Area Directors, who have been de-facto members of the Membership Committee. Your work with clubs has been outstanding.

As the biennium ends and I prepare to hand over to incoming Lt Governor Sandra Burns (who I know is going to do a fantastic job), I've been reflecting on some of the highlights of the past two years for me:

- The absolute honour of being elected as the next Governor of District 23
- The introduction of the District 23 Length of Service pins, presented at our D23 Conference in Geelong in 2017. Who can forget the sight of the huge stage full of members who have served the District for over 20 years?
- The willingness for members to look at how their clubs operate, and make changes if required.

- The positive feedback of bringing discussion about retention to the forefront.
- Working on the Conference Committee to assist in staging a successful D23 Conference in my home town of Geelong last year.
- The ongoing collaboration with Lt Governors from Districts 16, 22 & 24.

Finally, a huge thank you to Governor Judy for your mentorship and friendship over the last two years. Also to my fellow board members - what wonderful collaboration and fellowship we have had. Best wishes all.

NEW MEMBER CERTIFICATES



If you would like a District 23 certificate for new members, available for download

<https://www.zontadistrict23.org.au/resources/admin-documents/>

JANE M KLAUSMAN WOMEN IN BUSINESS SCHOLARSHIP

Applications are due on July 1, 2018 and should be sent to:

Wendy Quinn
Chairperson (2016-2018)
Jane M Klausman Women in Business
Scholarship

Email: wendy@wjquinnconsulting.com

MORE INFORMATION:

<https://www.zontadistrict23.org.au/what-we-do/>



AREA 1—METROPOLITAN & EASTERN VICTORIA —Jasmine Koch

The ZI Convention in Yokohama marks the end of the 2016-18 biennium and beginning of the 2018-2020 biennium. My how the 2016-18

biennium has flown by!

April and May have been busy months with AGMs, Annual Reports and Board Changeovers. I had great pleasure in attending club meetings to induct new club boards and new members

Once again, the Annual Reports were of a very high quality, showcasing how productive and dedicated each club is to Zonta's mission and how rewarding our role as Zontians can be.

Congratulations to all clubs for your achievements in the past year. Clubs are actively increasing awareness of Zonta, building relationships in the local schools, organisations and local councils, increasing community interest and involvement in hands-on service activities such as breast cushion sewing bees and birthing kit assembly afternoons and giving recognition to talented, deserving young women with awards and scholarships.

I would like to thank the club presidents for their professionalism, commitment and support. You have made my role very enjoyable.

I would also like to thank the Past Presidents' Group for organising the Building Better Boards (BBB) day. Judging by the number of attendees at the BBB day in May, this training is invaluable for newly inducted board members, appointed committee chairs and those who are interested in such roles in the future.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my experience as Area 1 Director. I would like to thank Governor Judy and fellow board members for their collaborative approach, friendship and encouragement throughout the biennium.

I wish my successor Di Hillman all the best for the 2018-2020 biennium. I know she will do a wonderful job as Area Director providing direction, guidance and support to all the clubs in Area 1. The Area is in good hands!

Jasmine Koch

Area 1 Director 2016-2018



AREA 2—SOUTH AUSTRALIA & NORTHERN TERRITORY —

Area Director Pru Blackwell & Vice Area 2 Director Leann Symonds

I vividly remember having the privilege of MCing the District 23 conference in Adelaide in

2015 and sharing with several first timers about its success but more specifically about the capacity of Zontians. In that case it was seeing first hand the work of the Conference planning group, all the lead Zontians across the Conference, doing a huge variety of tasks, including facilitating guests and speakers, sharing best practice and being exposed to the extensive responsibility of a District Board etc etc.

That incident for Leann and I has been replicated time and time again as we have been Area leaders in this biennium.

We've had the privilege of seeing Clubs close up, and at their best and at their most creative.

The diversity of Club approaches to the business of Zonta has highlighted the enduring capacity of

women in this State for whom Zonta is only one of many vital things in their lives. But clearly the friendship, the long term bonds and generosity of spirit enables so much service, advocacy and fundraising activity to happen at a Club level.

Leann and I have worked very closely with the Combined Presidents' Group and together we've put a focus on improved governance and culture, strategic and membership planning and ensuring that we all work towards meeting the vision of Zonta.

Thankyou everyone in Area 2, for keeping the vibrancy alive from 5 amazing rural Clubs to 8 extraordinarily well connected metropolitan Clubs.

Leann and I look forward to sharing our learnings with Eronwy Edwards and Lynda A'Bear as they undertake their roles in 2018 /20.

AREA 3—WESTERN AUSTRALIA —Jo Wittorff



Thank you

As the biennium draws to a close and I reflect on the achievements of clubs in Area 3, I am pleased that I have had the opportunity to witness the dedication and hard work of Area 3 Zontians to fulfill Zonta's goals. It has been my aim to involve members of all clubs at both workshops and I have been delighted that each person I approached to undertake a leadership role, join a committee or do a presentation has accepted without hesitation, in true Zonta style! Many thanks to all those Zontians who have been ready to assist when asked.

Area Collaboration

Since 1985, Area 3 clubs have collaborated to hold an Area 3 Founders' Day Dinner in November to celebrate the founding of Zonta International. This event now occurs every two years and this year the Zonta Club of Perth will host the dinner on the 10th November.

For some time, Area 3 clubs have also collaborated to provide a \$1,500 Area award for the Jane M Klausman Women in Business Scholarship.

Further Area collaboration has occurred this biennium:

Area 3 does not have a Past Presidents' Club however, all past presidents were contacted and gave permission to me to provide a list of their skills and abilities to share with club presidents.

As reported in the previous News Flash, all clubs contributed funds to purchase space and pay

for a sign on the SOS truck to advertise Zonta.

Club representatives have collaborated on an Area committee to update club constitutions.

A suggestion at a Presidents' meeting resulted in the establishment of a link from the McGrath Foundation's website to our District website: <https://www.mcgrathfoundation.com.au/OurMission/OurNurses/OtherBreastCancerCareResources.aspx>

Clubs have formed a 'Gala Dinner' committee to work with Centennial Anniversary Committee Members Dawn Newman and Karen Groves to celebrate Zonta's 100th Anniversary.

Area representatives were invited and met recently with Hon Mike Nahan, MLA at Parliament House where they were able to enlighten MPs on Zonta's mission and publicise Zonta's Centenary.

Convention

All Area 3 clubs will be represented at Convention and look forward to seeing ZC Dunsborough's service project with Busselton SHS represent our District in the **Zonta International Service Recognition Awards**.

As well, projects from the ZC Bunbury and the ZC Perth have been selected to participate in the **'Share Your Story' Festival** at Convention, and we hope District 23 Zontians at Convention will attend this event in support of these clubs.

My sincere thanks to all Club Presidents, as well as Area Coordinators Elaine Newman (breast cushions), Jean Wyder (birthing kits) and Gabrielle Walker (JMK Scholarship) for their valuable contributions and total cooperation throughout the biennium. It has been my pleasure to work with you.

Warm wishes to all.

*Jo Wittorff
Area 3 Director*



LEFT: Area 3 Zontians at Parliament House with Members of Parliament.



AREA 5—TASMANIA—Christine Hepburn

Area 5 has a great deal to share as these final weeks take us to Convention in Yokohama and the end of this Biennium.

Forgive me for being excited about the achievements from our clubs over these last months as I share some of the highlights.

The Z Club of Kingston recently hosted an impressive Forum.

Senior student leaders from Taroona High, Ogilvie High, Collegiate, Dover District High, Rose Bay High and Montrose Bay High all attended.

An inspiring panel spoke of their experiences in their first jobs, their views of their future goals when they were young, defining moments in their life's direction and anecdotes of sexism they have encountered along the way.

Guests on the forum panel were:

- Rosalie Martin: 2017 Tasmania Australian of the Year.
- The Hon. Jacqui Petrusma MP: Minister for Women
- The Hon. Joanne Slejka MLC:
- Dr Lucy Tatman: Senior Lecturer of Gender Studies, UTAS.
- The Hon. Rebecca White MP: Leader of the Opposition in TAS
- Cr. Paula Wreidt: Deputy Mayor Kingston Council.
- Susanne Brueckner-Leech: Tas. founder of "Deep Concern" a not for profit organisation that has established a school in Malawi.

Ayame Ochi: A student of medicine, (past student of Kingston High whose dream is to become a cardio thoracic surgeon)

The program was devised and expertly run by Z Club joint student Presidents, Amelie Hudspeth and Sarah Eddleston, with the assistance of the 25 Z Club members.

The program included an overview of the Z Club and their agreed focus of 2018 on equality in education, an interactive game to demonstrate advantage and how it can affect life's outcomes; a wonderful morning tea provided by Kingston's catering students; the guest forum facilitated by the school Principal Dr Libby Robinson, and a future planning session.

Visiting Schools were invited to join Kingston High in their goals of raising funds for several causes, including making Birthing Kits to send to Africa, starting a scholar-

ship for a disadvantaged female student in Tasmania and raising funds or resources for a school in a developing country.

Each of the visiting schools pledged to take Kingston High's visions back to their own school communities, plus several schools were inspired to start up their own Z Clubs.

The Launceston Club proudly celebrated their 40th anniversary with a Civic Reception hosted by the Launceston Lord Mayor, followed by a Dinner at the Launceston Club. Her Excellency Professor the Honourable Kate Warner AC, Governor of Tasmania attended and spoke at both events.

Members were honoured by having with them Governor Elect Jane Adornetto representing Governor Judy Gorton and representatives from all Area 5 Clubs, including the newly elected Cradle Coast President and Secretary.

They celebrated their Charter members, those who have served over the last 40 years and their current members.

The new Zonta Club of Cradle Coast hosted a wonderful Installation Dinner at Illume restaurant in Boat harbour, where Governor Judy presented the President Robyn Smith, Secretary Julia Taylor, Treasurer Chloe Foster and members with their badges. This amazing group of women were supported by members of their mentoring club, the Zonta club of Devonport and a true sense of pride shone brightly throughout the night.

Wrapping up the formal occasions was the Area 5 Workshop with their theme of 'Zonta Today', hosted by the Hobart Club. This event was opened by the Governor of Tasmania where it proved the perfect occasion to present Her Excellency with a combined Area 5 Honorary Membership Certificate and Pin.

There have been many events and activities time and space prevents me from sharing here, yet I would like to acknowledge the incredible commitment and efforts of every member across Tasmania.

Membership growth has flourished within Area 5 this biennium, with each club developing and collaborating in new ways in order to meet the changes within our clubs and communities.

To close, I would like to express my heartfelt appreciation.

First to Governor Judy for her inclusive and collaborative leadership, where you led with those Zonta values each club strives to operate from, empowering your Board at every step.

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To Secretary Faith and Treasurer Trish you have been amazing, always tirelessly at the ready with your expertise, guidance and support.

To Jane, our worthy Lieutenant Governor and now Governor Elect, and each of my fellow Board members, I am immensely thankful for your generosity of spirit, collaborative natures and outstretched hands of friendship. You have inspired me.

And to each of our, now five, Club presidents and members, plus the members of our two Z Clubs, words cannot express how I feel about your support and incredible achievements over these last two years. You really do shine brightly!

Being of service as your Area 5 Director has been an extraordinary experience and I thank you for every moment.

Lastly to Nan, we are grateful for your wonderful efforts in providing our District Newsflash where we have the opportunity to showcase some of our Area highlights.

Georgie Hutchinson, we very much look forward to working with you as our Area Director on your return from Yokohama.

With gratitude,

*Christine Hepburn
Area 5 Director 2016-2018*



Presenting an Honorary Membership to Her Excellency Professor The Honourable Kate Warner AM. Governor of Tasmania

*Zonta Cub of Hobart
Derwent Breast
Cushion sewing day.*





Zonta Club of Cradle Coast Installation Dinner

President Robyn Smith, Treasurer Chloe Foster, Secretary, Julia Taylor, and some of their new members, with Governor Judy and Area 5 Director Christine



Kingston Z Club Forum

From Left to Right:- Sarah Eddleston Co President, Paula Wriedt (Kingborough Council), Rebecca White (leader of opposition), Dr Lucy Tatman (senior lecturer in gender studies at Utas), Rosalie Martin (former Tasmanian of the Year), Jo Sjeika (Member of legislative council), Jacquie Petrusma (Member of Parliament), Ayame Ochi (Medical student at Utas, former student of Kingston High (and my son's ex girlfriend!)), Susanne Bruekner Leech (Founder of Deep Concern charity), Amalie Hudspeth Co President.

ZONTA CLUB OF LAUNCESTON—40TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS





UNITED NATIONS REPORT—Kay Stewart, D23 UN Chairman

It is hard to believe that another biennium is coming to a close. As UN Chairman, I have tried to spread the word and increase understanding about ZI's close and long-standing relationship with

the UN. To do this, I have spoken at the combined Area 1 & 4 workshop in Melbourne last year and the Area 2 workshop in Adelaide this year. I have also spoken at club meetings for all but one club in Area 1, one club in Area 3, and all but one club in Area 4. It has been a privilege to speak with so many of you across the district and I thank you all for your hospitality and fellowship.

During my term, it has been exciting to see so many clubs organising or participating in functions for UN International Women's Day (8 March) and UN International Day for the Elimination of Violence

Against Women – also White Ribbon Day – (25 Nov). There has also been an increase in activity related to the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence, bounded by United Nations Day (24 Nov) and UN Human Rights Day (10 Dec). Clubs have taken the initiative to use these opportunities to advocate for women and to raise the Zonta profile in their local communities. Thank you all!

I hope to see many of you at Convention in Yokohama where we will hear about the achievements of the UN/ZI service projects and advocacy projects for the 2016-2018 biennium and deliberate on those proposed for the future.

*Kay Stewart
UN Chairman*



ADVOCACY UPDATE — Naomi Reschke, Advocacy Chairman

Change your community by Advocating for Women's Rights.'

Thank you to D23 Advocacy Committee members (2016-2018) Julie Wiltshire, Debbie Schmidt, Jane Moulden. Your support for Advocacy within each Area has been appreciated.

Thank you to the clubs who engaged with the Inaugural Service and Advocacy Award presented at the D23 conference in Geelong. I encourage you all to take up the challenge and develop and implement a project to share with the District 23 members in 2019 at the Inter District conference in Brisbane.

Thank you to the clubs and individual members who have continued to contribute within their own communities and actively advocate for women's rights and take action to support changes for the benefit of all women.

In early March 2018, the Council of Europe adopt-

ed its gender equality strategy for the advancement and empowerment of women. This is a framework for action.

- Preventing and combating violence against women.
- Guaranteeing equal access to justice.
- Protecting the rights of migrant, refugee and asylum seeking women and girls.
- Combating gender stereotypes and sexism.

Zontians I encourage you to be active in your club.

Be inspired. Be motivated. Be courageous. Be empowered.

Engage with 'Zonta says no to Violence against Women,' D23 Women's Safety Project, State policies and directions and community activities.

Thank you for your ongoing work and support.

*Naomi Reschke D23 Chairman.
Advocacy 2016-2018.*



District 23 Service—chair Cintra Amos

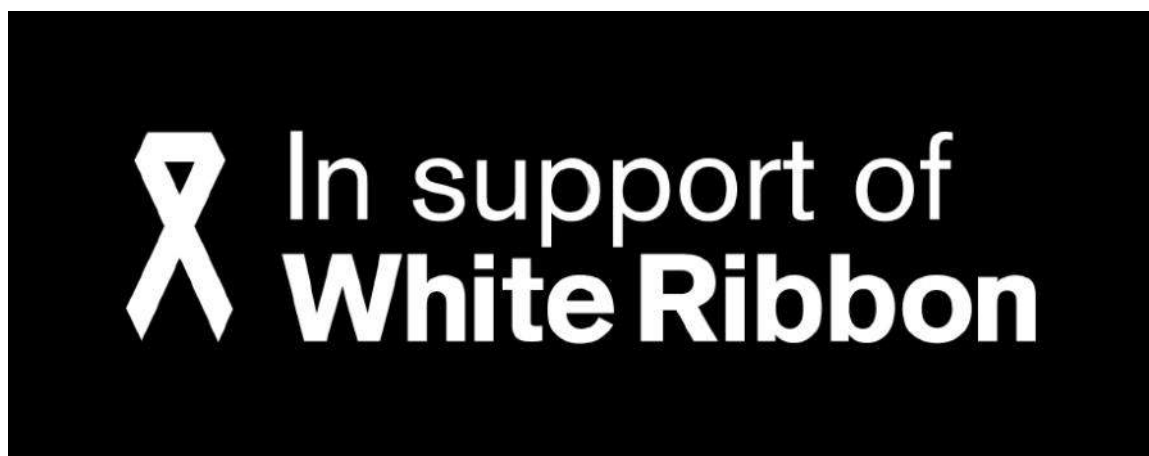
UPDATE ON ZONTA'S PARTNERSHIP WITH WHITE RIBBON AUSTRALIA



In recent months Zonta International has been working on their Affiliation Policy and, at the ZI Board Meeting in May, several amendments were adopted.

The process included discussions about Districts 22, 23 and 24 working with White Ribbon Australia, with particular reference to their policy on Sexual and Reproductive Health.

Our Zonta Liaison Ute Scholz in consultation with ZI President Sonja Hönig Schough has now confirmed that working with White Ribbon Australia is in line with our Advocacy goals and that ZI supports our continuing co-operation with White Ribbon Australia.



Congratulations to Libby Davies, CEO of White Ribbon Australia for many years and who will retire next month, who received an AM in this year's Queens Birthday Honours List.



District 23 Foundation Ambassador — Erica Majba

Congratulations and thanks to those individuals and clubs who have made donations to Zonta International Foundation this biennium. It is comforting to know that 100% of our donations go to support the international projects and

scholarships.

I encourage clubs to make annual donations rather than a one off biennial donation as the routine should mean there is less chance of overlooking

meeting the commitment to donate one third of funds raised to international.

Please note it is not too late to do this - once you have made your club donation to the District 23 bank account an email should be sent to Treasurer Trish alerting her with an attached form indicating where to direct the payments. Directing donations to the Rose Fund at the end of the biennium provides flexibility for the funds to be directed where they are most needed.



INTERNATIONAL
SERVICE PROGRAM



ENDING VIOLENCE
AGAINST WOMEN



AMELIA EARHART
FELLOWSHIP



JANE M. KLAUSMAN
WOMEN IN BUSINESS
SCHOLARSHIP



YOUNG WOMEN IN
PUBLIC AFFAIRS
AWARD

Young Women in Public Affairs Award

- Sue Lear, YWPA Chair



Many thanks to those clubs who submitted entries for the 2018 Young Women in Public Affairs

Award. I was really encouraged that we received submissions from 16 clubs this year, an increase from 10 clubs last year. A total of 37 candidates submitted applications to these clubs. The caliber of the candidates was amazing and made the task of choosing just one District 23 winner difficult and challenging, but rewarding. The judging committee enjoyed very much reading and considering the submissions.

The broad range of service and leadership displayed by these candidates both in their schools and in the wider community is amazing. Their international awareness and/or experience is quite remarkable for such young women. The candidates were able to clearly articulate their ideas for the empowerment of women and girls both in their own communities and globally. After reading of their goals and aspirations, I feel confident that these young women will be very valuable members of society and many will be our future leaders.

The successful District 23 candidate and the International winners will be announced in early July.

I extend my grateful thanks to all clubs and especially to those club members responsible for coordinating the YWPA awards throughout the biennium. Because of your support and dedication District 23 clubs have been able to recognize 26 young women for their service and leadership.

Looking forward, all materials for the 2019 Award will be published on the ZI website at the beginning of August. I encourage all clubs to begin thinking about the 2019 Award and identifying worthy young women in their communities.

It has been a real pleasure and honour, and so very rewarding, to carry out the role of Chairman of the Young Women in Public Affairs Award for this biennium. I hope that the Award will continue to grow in the 2018-2020 biennium.

Sue Lear

Chairman Young Women in Public Affairs Award

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HONOURS FOR ZONTIANS



CONGRATULATIONS TO DISTRICT 23 ZONTIANS WHO RECEIVED AN AWARD IN THE 2018 QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HONOURS:

Ronda Walker OAM. Zonta Club of Kyneton for her work for Zonta both at club, national and international level, volunteer firefighter and radio operator with the Kyneton Brigade of the Country Fire Authority, committee member of the Friends of the Kyneton Museum, Lyceum Club Member and former local government Councillor with the Shire of Kyneton.



Dr Frances Gentle AO, Zonta Club of Melbourne on Yarra for distinguished service to people who are blind or have low vision, particularly in the area of special education, and to policy development and practice on inclusiveness and standards.

Zonta Club of Fleurieu Peninsula celebrations 40 fabulous years

- Margaret Stephens, PR & Communications Committee

The Zonta Club of Fleurieu Peninsula celebrated 40 fabulous years of community and International service with a dinner at the Victor Harbor Golf club on Saturday 7th April.

Ninety-two people attended, including District 23, Governor Judy Gorton and Board members, Zontians from other clubs in South Australia and past and present members of the Fleurieu Zonta Club, their partners and guests. Rebekah Sharkie, MP for Mayo and member of the Zonta club of Mt Barker, was also present. The event was co-compered by singer/entertainer Linda McCarthy and President Glenys Brown.

Glenys congratulated 12 Charter members present including Charter President, Ann Horbelt, visiting from Kangaroo Island with her husband Theo. Ann congratulated the Club on its 40th Birthday and spoke about its early years. The club was started by Michelle Parsons, a young journalist, formerly a member of the Adelaide Club, and Adelaide club member, Dr Heidi Taylor, responsible for starting and mentoring a number of Zonta clubs. The members were a group of 32 enthusiastic business and professional women of all ages. Ann said many of the Adelaide Zontians were amazed at the vitality of the club and some of the events and fundraisers they organised.

Charter member Liz Cooper, a former Board member and President, who was later our club's Woman of Achievement Award recipient in 2011, spoke about these years, giving lively descriptions of events.

Following the dinner, Governor, Judy Gorton congratulated the club on its achievements over forty years in 'Empowering women through Service & Advocacy'. Judy then presented Certificates from Zonta International to the three continuous Charter members, Faye White, Margaret Dent and Jane Bohnsack. A certificate for 25 years' service was presented to Jenny Bartholomaeus, and members of over 30 years and 20 years' service were congratulated.

Margaret Stephens launched the fourth book in the history of the club, *"The Fourth Decade, 2008-2018"*, with its eye-catching cover and black and white and coloured photos. Margaret said she had recorded the significant events and activities of the Zonta club over the last ten years with an emphasis on members, their talents and the skills they have contributed.

The evening was a wonderful opportunity for catching up with past members and concluded with a chance to dance to the music of Linda McCarthy.



L-R Charter members: Marg Dent, Rosemary Builder, Chris Sheridan, Elaine O'Shaughnessy, Pat England, Jane Bohnsack, District Governor Judy Gorton, Ann Horbelt, Liz Cooper, Marian Schutte, Jenny Boothby, Faye White.

Zonta Club of Fleurieu Peninsula celebrations 40 fabulous years



President Glenys Brown, Jane Bohnsack, Marg Dent and Faye White cutting the cake.



25 and 30 years plus service: Justine Henwood, District 23 Area 2 Director Prue Blackwell, Betty Dawe, Margaret Stephens, Jenny Bartholomaeus



Zonta International Centennial Anniversary Committee

Beryl McMillan OAM, Chairman

Dear Zontians

As convention in Yokohama approaches, this means we are close to a biennium in which we will honour and empower Zontians and others beyond Zonta who have made major contributions to the empowerment of women. Yes, a biennium! We will celebrate from convention in Yokohama to the end of the 2020 convention in Chicago.

As the new biennium gets underway, there will be announcements and additions to the website as a result of decisions in Yokohama. In the background, the ZI Centennial Anniversary Committee members have been beaver- ing away. The History group, under the Co-Chairmanship of PIP Val Sarah, has been working on a history of Zonta. The writing of this is being undertaken by Eva Nielsen, a member of the Centennial Anniversary Committee since it was established in 2010 by PIP Di- anne Curtis. In addition, there will be stories published that give us a peek into the lives and achievements of amazing Zontians. We will also be treated to regular in- spirational quotes by famous women, to be published on the website from next year.

The Coordinating group of the Centennial Anniversary Committee has been working on Questions and Answers about the centennial, an event checklist to assist clubs

and districts in their planning and guidelines for special Centennial Awards. These awards will be made at Dis- trict and Country level, and clubs may choose to give similar awards in their local communities.

Of course, each district will have a committee that will liaise with clubs and motivate, enthuse support and com- municate with them. It is planned that the International Centennial Anniversary Committee will work with district coordinators and share ideas and successes from across the Zonta world.

Clubs may plan new activities or may choose to add spe- cial touches to regular activities and events to inform people beyond Zonta about our 100 years of empowering women.

Our District 23 Centennial Anniversary Committee mem- bers are: Margaret Rowland (Coordinator), Naomi Ar- nold, Donna Campbell, Karen Groves, Dawn Newman and Julie Wiltshire.

Watch this space for more news from our District Centen- nial Anniversary Committee at the beginning of next bien- nium

*Warm regards, Beryl McMillan
Chairman,*

Zonta International Centennial Anniversary Committee



CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY
ENDOWMENT CAMPAIGNBELIEVE • INVEST
EMPOWER

When PIP Leneen Forde was President-Elect in 1989, she wrote a fascinating article on the history of Planned Giving, which appears below. The concept is, apparently, “as old as the hills”. READ ON!

“Although there are earlier references to philanthropy, the Babylonian Code of Hammurabi is the most concise. Writing nearly 4,000 years ago, an ancient Babylonian King entreated his subjects to see that *“justice is done to widows, orphans, and the poor”*.

Moses, nearly 3,500 years ago, appears to have been the originator of the “tithe” – giving one tenth of the harvest’s yield for the relief of the poor. Philanthropy became an important aspect of Jewish life.

In Asia, Buddha formed a religion based on personal restraint and charity to the poor. The Kings of the religion donated money to become some of history’s earliest and biggest donors.

The Library of Alexandria, one of the ancient wonders of the world, was founded as an early act of philanthropy. Scholars from all over the civilized world studied and exchanged knowledge at the famous centre for learning.

Two thousand years ago, the Christian era heralded a new age of philanthropy. Love and concern for mankind were two key features. Funds were organized to feed the needy and later orphanages, almshouses, shelters, and hospitals were established.

In the Middle Ages, the Merchant-Banker class was

PLANNED GIVING—NOT A NEW IDEA

PIP Val Sarah, Member of the CAEC Committee

generous in supporting work and programs to overcome poverty and disease – both major problems of that period.

But the big growth in modern philanthropy took place in America. The social structure in the 19th Century required a great deal of generous support ... As a result, most of the major service clubs of the world originated in America, Zonta included.

Nowadays the largest charitable gifts are in the form of bequests or planned giving. Do you have a Will? If not, why not? And if you do, when did you last review it? All Zontians should have a current Will to guarantee that your affairs are settled in the manner you wish.

As Zontians, each of us can use this unique way to make a significant gift to our Zonta International Foundation. All donations, however large or small, help to promote the causes in which we believe. Why not do something for Zonta today? Where there is a Will, there is a way!

This was written a few short years after the introduction of our Zonta International Foundation.

Now, as a vital part of Zonta’s 100th Anniversary celebrations in 2019, we can contribute to the Centennial Anniversary Endowment Fund through One-Time Gifts, Pledges, or by leaving a legacy in our Will.

For information about the campaign, please contact a member of the CAEC team

<https://zontaendowmentcampaign.org/about/>



PR & COMMUNICATIONS

- Jane Smith, Zonta D23 PR & Communications Chairman & Webmaster



I have enjoyed my four years in the above positions and have learned many new skills but I am looking forward to passing on these roles for the new biennium.

My committee included Nan Berrett as Newsflash Editor and Hiliary Pope as photographer. I thank these two members for their contribution to these roles.

The D23 Website has been my greatest challenge. Carole Theobald from the Zonta Club of Perth had spent many hours over a number of years setting up the previous site and keeping it up to date. When I took on the role of assistant webmaster in 2012 I knew that I did not have the considerable skills that Carole had but that I would try to learn from her. Four years ago it was decided that the website needed to be updated. The D23 Board agreed that a professional web design company be contracted to build a new site. I worked with this company and the new website became "live" in time for the ZI Convention in 2016. I have been on a huge learning curve since then learning how to use the WordPress website program. I am now ready to hand this over to a new webmanager and I am sure that Governor Elect Jane Adornetto would be keen to hear from anyone who has some knowledge of WordPress who would like to take on a new challenge.

The D23 PR&C awards were a large part of my role. I was fortunate that Robyne Leslie from the ZC Adelaide Torrens offered to assist with these and organized two young girls, who were working in PR, to be the judges. There will be some changes to these awards in the coming biennium and I challenge all clubs to enter at least one of categories.

Good PR starts at ground level. I attended my first D23 Conference at the Hilton Hotel in Adelaide in 1999 when Margaret Rowland was D23 Governor. I was so impressed with the professionalism, or-

ganization and presentation that I knew then that I wanted to be involved with this organization. During the past years I have attended a number of club functions and have been disappointed at some by the lack of observation of protocol which so impressed me at the conference...

"THE BENEFITS OF OBSERVING ZONTA PROTOCOL

1. Projects a good image to external audiences by adherence to standards.
2. Reflects a well-structured organization.
3. Provides a clear order for handling affairs which follows a clear order of precedence.
4. Promotes good internal public relations through courtesy among members.
5. Promotes the retention of members through a formal recognition system."

This quote is from the Protocol Manual which can be found on the ZI Website and the D23 Guidelines for the Role and Responsibilities of the Club President, section 5, which is on the D23 website. I would encourage members to become familiar with these manuals and to never miss an opportunity to promote good PR..



VALE MARY COLVILLE

Mary Colvill, long time Zontian and member of Zonta Club of Noarlunga Southern Vales died suddenly on May 30th 2018. She was on life support in the Flinders Medical Centre following a brain aneurism which Mary suffered two days prior.

Mary and one other Club member had together attended an annual "Rugs with Love" event on the weekend prior to her untimely death.

Mary was a well loved and stalwart member of Zonta Noarlunga Southern Vales

She joined the Club on June 1st 1993 and has served as both President and Treasurer.

Mary was a quiet achiever and highly dependable and loyal Club member.

She was the Club's breast cushion Co-ordinator and had just received supplies for the next cushion making event.

According to the Club's 2000-2001 Annual Report Mary was one of four committee members who started Breast cushion making with their first stuffing afternoon held on July 15 2000. From that occasion 56 cushions were delivered to Royal Adelaide Hospital (RAH) on August 2nd. The breast cushion project was then presented to the 6th D23 Conference in Geelong in 2001 by Mary and fellow Club member Barb Baldock and was adopted as a District project.

Several clubs had already been making these cushions, inspired by the Zonta Club of Botany Bay in District 24 who had been making them since 1996.

The project won the Premier's Encouragement award to Service Clubs in 2002. \$3,000 was the prize and it was distributed equally between all Area 2 clubs that participated in the project.

ZC of Noarlunga Southern Vales has now made and distributed 5000 breast cushions to RAH and beyond

Mary received an Outstanding Contribution Award 2016 from Katrine Hildyard MP for Reynell and an Australian Government Volunteer Award 2017 from Hon. Amanda Rishworth Federal Member for Kingston

Mary will be sadly missed by her husband Mike, sons Justin, Scott and beloved grandson Kai. She had been excitedly looking forward to her annual caravanning, 3 month trip with husband Mike in the next few days. Mary and Mike belonged to several Clubs including her loved Quilting and Card Groups and will be sorely missed by many, many friends.

Mary was respected for always speaking her mind and was definitely one for "separating the forest from the trees"

*Jane Morrison and Paula Lioret
President and Treasurer
ZC Noarlunga Southern Vales*



ZONTA CLUB OF MITCHELL CELEBRATES 1ST BIRTHDAY



Celebrating—President Trish and Secretary Cathy & members.



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

(ZC of Melbourne on Yarra)

Val Sarah AM DSJ PIP—Co-Chairman History (ZC of Balarat)

Tebbie Clift—Co-Chairman Events

(ZC of New York)

While the focus to date has been on the History of ZI (ably led by Val Sarah) which will culminate in the launch of a publication at the 2020 Convention in Chicago, commencing in the New Year, more attention will be given to types of events. Tebbie is already working on ideas and suggested activities that will be forwarded to each of the Districts for feedback. From this collaboration it is hoped that many great ideas and resources will be shared around the world and more tools uploaded to the ZI website's Anniversary Committee.

What can you do as a member? LOTS! Get together, put your thinking caps on and come up with some brilliant ways in which to celebrate. We'll only get one chance at this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity! Let's see what we can orchestrate to put Zonta on the world stage in 2019 and beyond!



CENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

- Margaret Rowland, Chairman

The Centennial Anniversary Logo now available for use by Clubs as we enter the 2018 – 20 biennium. The centennial toolkit can be found on the My Zonta section of Zonta.org under Tools/ Centennial Anniversary Tools. Note the ZI President's Elect theme, honour and empower

Combined Districts' Centennial Conference will be September 6 – 9th 2019 in Brisbane at which there will be specific Award presentations.

District 22 will produce a postage stamp with the Post office for the Centennial celebrations.

ZC of Adelaide will be celebrating its 50 years birthday in 2019.

South Australia will be celebrating 175 years of Suffrage in 2019 so there will need to be good co-ordination with the State to ensure this doesn't overshadow Zonta's celebrations.

Area 2 celebration to focus on a whole of State dinner/ birthday bash for all Clubs on Friday November 8th or Sat 9th 2019

Dependent on current Governor's term, seek a Government House function

Every Club Centennial celebration event. This looks like it will be very well received. There is a history in Area 2 of combining and supporting each other's activities, which has not been as strong the last few years, and there was a lot of verbal support for the idea .

May is always history month in Adelaide and the committee can look at the logistics of hosting our own history event the Z story.

Determine linkage with City of Adelaide Mayor-ess Herstory event

The meeting of Presidents with the Area Director was the catalyst for setting up an informal committee, rather than relying on each club to come up with ideas. I lead 3 short "Speed Dating" sessions at the Area 2 workshop which were very well attended, and stirred some enthusiasm.

Our new Club boards are in place and are enthu-

siastic.

CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS for the next biennium

CHAIR: Margaret Rowland (Area 2)

Area 1& 4: Donna Campbell

Area 2: Naomi Reschke

Area 3: Karen Groves & Dawn Newman

Area 5: Julie Wiltshire

Consultant: PIP Val Sarah

I hope you all have a wonderful Convention and come back refreshed. I think we are in for a very busy Centennial Biennium.

Margaret Rowland





Z & GOLDEN Z CLUBS—

Judy Rothe, Co-ordinator



Governor Judy and members of the new Shenton College Z Club sponsored by the Zonta Club of Perth.



Amelia Earhart Fellowship Program

- Liz Woodgate, Chairperson D23 Amelia Earhart Fellowship

Two Australian women were among the 30 selected candidates for the 2018 Amelia Earhart (AE) Fellowships and have accepted the award.

Ashwati Das currently studying at Purdue University, USA in the field of Aerospace Engineering/Astroynamics and Sarah Elizabeth Morris currently studying at Cornell University, USA in the field of Mechanical Engineering. Sarah holds dual citizenship of Australia & Canada and was born in Victoria.

A biography of each AE Fellow is available on the Zonta International website.

The Amelia Earhart Fellowship is highly sought by women from all around the world. This year, we received 149 applications. The International AE Fellowship Committee wishes it could have awarded more than 30 Fellowships to the other very deserving applicants.



I would like to thank the many Clubs who have promoted Amelia Earhart Day during the biennium and made contributions to the Amelia Earhart Fund from fundraisers and by donation. Your commitment to this Fellowship program to assist women across the world with their PhD aerospace related studies is much valued.

As an outcome of a review of Zonta's Fellowship and Scholarship programs, The Zonta International Board made a decision to reduce the number of Fellowships awarded each year from 35 to 30, effective 2018, with the value of each Fellowship remaining at \$US 10,000.



**Birthing Kit
Foundation**
Australia

2 MILLION BIRTHING KITS!

2 million birthing kits is a milestone to be celebrated!!

The BKFA board felt it was appropriate that the Adelaide Hills club that assembled the first kit now be privileged to assemble the 2 millionth kit. On June 16th 2000 kits will be assembled and the enthusiasm is such that there are over 60 volunteers attending. Champagne and cake for everyone!!!

Only with Zonta support has this milestone been achievable.

One needs to also understand that the impact on the ground of this simple program has a greater reach than simply providing the resources for a clean birth.

In April volunteers from Australia visited DR Congo primarily as the 6 Australian guests invited to celebrate the unveiling of the DR Congo Australia Friendship monument. It was very special and we were very privileged to be there. This monument is to recognise the support since 2006 of many Australians with the progress and growth to the hospital and extended community throughout South Kivu Province.

Dr Luc Mulimbalimba's influence into the many remote communities was initiated by him distributing birthing kits, from there it grew as the programs developed with training programs. Meanwhile the MHCD Australian Support Association (MHCDASA) organised containers of medical and humanitarian goods and Zontians and donors funded microcredit and development programs.

3 Zontians were part of the group: Jenny Weaver Zonta Adelaide Torrens member, BKFA Chairperson and MHCDASA treasurer, Shirley Lamb Zonta Adelaide Torrens member and Julie Monis-Ivett Zonta Adelaide Hills member, BKFA Director and MHCDASA Chairperson.

We met Traditional Birth Attendants who all distribut-

ed kits, all wanted more training and all were empowered by now being in the village midwifery club. We met midwifery students about to graduate after 4 years study and go home to their remote communities to provide professional health care. We visited Pygmies and many communities distributing our kits and progressing with our microcredit goat, pig, agriculture and many business programs. In Nyringongo one pygmy after 9 months was starting to build a new home of 2 rooms, such is the impact of a US\$80 goat microcredit program to her life. We visited Luvungi hospital and saw the benefit of our containers with beds, anaesthetic machines, autoclaves and much more. Everything of value came from Australia. We saw the sec-

ondary school started 2 years ago where over 240 orphans are educated for free. We visited Katogota village devastated by war where rebels raped and killed over 350 people in one night. On May 10th the anniversary of the massacre Dr Luc was able to start at least 10 microcredit programs from donations.

Since 2013 there has been peace in most of DR Congo, especially after Julie Bishop while at the UN introduced arti-

cle 2117 that allowed UN soldiers to shoot armed aggressors. There was peace in 6 months.

Jenny, Shirley and I are very privileged to be in Zonta and to be able to share in this trip.

At all times we were safe, drove in good 4 WD cars, had freshly cooked food and clean accommodation.

We hope to place the full story of our visit on the District website in the coming months.

Jenny and I look forward to talking to everyone attending the Convention in Yokohama.

Kind regards

Julie Monis-Ivett OAM



CELEBRATING A BIRTHING KIT MILESTONE—2 MILLIONS

On a cold wet day in June members of our club and other Zonta Clubs, Birthing Kit Association of Australia Board and Staff, plus many friends and volunteers gathered to make the two millionth birthing kit. It began as an idea from Dr Joy O'Hazy who had heard of the loss of life to mother and child, in childbirth, in so many developing countries.

In 1999 six Zonta members put together the first one hundred kits on Joy's dining room table. These kits went to Papua New Guinea. Now we are celebrating the making of the two millionth kit. These kits have gone to over twenty countries including Viet Nam, India, DR Congo, Ethiopia and Timor. The whole purpose of the birthing kit is to provide a clean birthing environment for women in remote regions of developing countries.

It was an honour to be asked to host this assembly day in recognition of the fact that the Hills club started this project and were the drivers for many years until it became a foundation in its own right.

We celebrated with champagne, cake, coffee and afternoon tea.

Julie & Joy made the 2 millionth kit, and Bev accepted the award for the club from the Birthing Kit Foundation.

- Doone Winnall



BIRTHING KIT MILESTONE



This woman is in the goat microcredit program and is a Nyingongo pygmie. She has her new two bedroom home framework beside her.

