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| Dear MembersAs the end of 2020 draws to a close I know we are all wondering how we coped with the challenges thrown at us.  For many of you it meant an extended time in quarantine and many clubs have still not had face to face meetings or events since early March.  However, I do wish to say how proud I am of our members in District 23 for persevering and coming up with very inventive ways to meet via Zoom, and complete service and fundraising activities none of us would have thought of before.The Zonta world has certainly changed and despite not having our Centenary Convention in Chicago in July we did manage to get all the business of the Convention completed by electronic voting and expressing our views on changes to Bylaws by comments and email conversations.  As Zonta looks to the future, we know that we do not necessarily have to return to how we have done things in the past. Covid has provided us with the opportunity to consider conducting our business in other ways.Although I have not been able to physically catch up with clubs or my wonderfully supportive Board, I have enjoyed access to many Presidents meetings, clubs zooms with outstanding “zoom in speakers”.  Our skills have certainly improved in the digital world.It was a delight to be able to join the Zonta Club of Bendigo’s 40th Birthday on 30thNovember.  So many former members were also able to zoom in and acknowledge two Charter members who are still active in Zonta.  Sue Brown is still very active in the Bendigo Club and Di Leggo is a member of a Gold Coast club in District 22.  As a former member of the ZC Bendigo I was very proud to be able to address the club as their Governor.Clubs across the District have been very active in the 16 Days of Activism for the Elimination of Violence Against Women and Girls. See the video link in this edition.I am looking forward to holding our District 23 Conference in Bendigo on the 10-12thSeptember 2021. In the New Year our Conference Coordinators will be issuing the first Conference Newsletter and be advising of some of the highlights you can expect.  We are planning for a Covid free event where we will all be able to catch up and share as we are used to doing.  Our hosts, the ZC Bendigo are busy planning and looking forward to welcoming you to this amazing historic city built on gold.The Board is planning to meet up in person, for the first time,  in Adelaide in April 2021 and also attend the Area 2 Workshop.  Adelaide missed hosting the Board this year so are keen to have the current Board visit.  Hopefully I will get a lot more visits to events and clubs during 2021.Zonta International Committees have been holding zoom sessions with District Committee Chairs and Governors and your Committee Chairs will share this information to clubs through email or at Area workshops.  Zonta International Leadership Committee team is producing models to Develop Core Competencies for Zonta leaders. These will be distributed as they become available.I am looking forward to spending my Christmas in Melbourne and welcoming a grandson to the family.I wish you and yours a very happy holiday season and a New Year which brings a greater degree of normality to our lives. Yours in Zonta**Sandra Burns****Zonta International District 23Governor 2020-2022**Zonta Club of Perth Inc. |

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| **‘Tis the season – to be sustainable!*****Carole Theobald, D23 Futurist/Leadership*** |

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| A picture containing text, tree, posing, picture frame  Description automatically generatedChristmas is a time to share our love with family and friends and be generous with food and gifts.  What shall we give Mother Earth this year?  She likes less waste and fewer greenhouse gas emissions – as they give her runaway global warming and create havoc with her biodiversity.  She also wants to give hope to future generations of women and girls by creating a more liveable, sustainable, safer world.Too hard?  Not really.  As we get out the mistletoe, let’s KISS - **K**eep **I**t **S**hort and**S**imple.* **Buy food that we need** – shop with a list, share leftovers, and compost what we cannot use.
* **Consider sustainable gifts** – donations to the Endowment Fund and tickets to Zonta club events are excellent choices!
* **Minimise plastic and packaging** – wrap presents with re-usable fabrics such as heirloom linen, tea towels, pillowcases, and ribbons.
* **Avoid disposable dinner ware** – plastic utensils take up to a thousand years to decompose and clog the veins of Mother Earth
* **Shop locally** to support the local economy and reduce transport emissions.

Have fun, keep safe and let’s choose our Christmas outcomes. Mother Earth and our grandkids will thank us.Check out [zontasaysnow.org.au](https://zontasaysnow.org.au/) for more ideas! |

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| **Membership*****Kay Stewart - Lt Governor & Membership Chairman*** |

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| **Zonta e-clubs Report**A picture containing person, person, wall, glasses  Description automatically generatedIt’s happening!In the September *Newsflash*, I floated the possibility of establishing an e-club in District 23. I am delighted to say that the idea has gained momentum. We have applied to Zonta International for authorisation to establish a new club and are awaiting their reply. The district is also considering establishing a second e-club specifically in Western Australia to overcome the tyranny of the time zones when trying to set up meetingsA Sponsoring, Organising, Mentoring (SOM) Committee has been established to take on the task of getting our first e-club going. Members are:* Kay Stewart (Chairman)
* Kal Vassiliopolous (Area 1)
* Chris Frick (Area 2)
* Eloise Forbes (Area 4)
* Christine Hepburn (Area 5)

One of the early steps will be for presidents to contact former members of their clubs to see if this format may be of interest to them.If you know someone who may be interested e.g. in an area remote from a Zonta Club, or would have difficulty attending a club, please contact a SOM committee member, your Area Director or Kay Stewart  kay.stewart@monash.edu |

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| **Jane M Klausman Women in Business Scholarship*****Raema Mahony - Coordinator*** |

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| Governor Sandra Burns with 2020 D23 JMK recipient Marina Sarkoski and Area 3 JMK Coordinator Dr Bev McNamara, member of the ZC of Perth Northern Suburbs\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ The 2020 District 23 winner of the Jane M Klausman Women in Business scholarship is **Marina Sarkoski.** To receive this prestigious award and the substantial prize of US$2,000, Marina needed to demonstrate outstanding potential in the field. Marina is one of only 32 students from across the Zonta districts worldwide to receive a scholarship. Having won the scholarship, Marina is now in the running for one of the six JMK international scholarships that attract a prize of US$8,000.Marina is just the kind of student that the Jane M Klausman Women in Business Scholarship represents. She is currently studying the Masters of Business Administration at Edith Cowan University (ECU), Western Australia. Clearly an exceptional student, Marina has also won the ECU Business and Law Excellence Scholarship, which is awarded to those who show excellence in their field and commitment to their studies. However, Marina is more than just a Higher Distinction student. She also volunteers and contributes time to mentoring other students. She was the president of the ECU Women in Business student group, and works tirelessly to help young women reach their potential through meaningful career direction and professional network development.   Marina’s achievements are particularly notable. She migrated to Australia from Macedonia with a Bachelor of Law and found transferring her knowledge and experience challenging in a new country. Undaunted, she enrolled in postgraduate studies and combines this with working full time for the Western Australian Government and being mother to two young boys. *Submitted by Dr Bev McNamara, JMK Women in Business Scholarship: Area 3 Coordinator* |

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| **Bendigo's 40th Birthday!** |

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| **A picture containing text, clipart  Description automatically generated Zonta Club of Bendigo Members**who celebrated their 40th anniversary online through Zoom and invited other clubs to join them. Governor Sandra, a former member of the Bendigo club, addressed the group and praised the club members for their dedication and service to their local community and to Zonta International. A PowerPoint presentation outlining major events of the club was shown and a toast was proposed by club president Janet Cobden who said the club was looking forward to hosting our district conference in 2021. Bendigo’s response to support from district clubs is below. **ZONTA BENDIGO SAYS “THANKS FOR THE SUPPORT”** Now we have been in the Bendigo Community for 40 years, and have just celebrated our birthday, we would like to thank those who have wished our club well and supported us in our community service over these years. To the members, former members, past presidents, D23 and Area 4 leaders, other Clubs and community partners who attended out Zoom birthday party a big thank you to you too. We all enjoyed our birthday cupcakes.Graphical user interface, application  Description automatically generated Special congratulations go to Sue Brown who is a charter member of our club and is still actively leading our breast cushion and advocacy projects. 40 years of service is an amazing achievement. A picture containing text, indoor, person  Description automatically generated*(From: Bendigo Facebook page)* |

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| **Advocacy *Christine Hepburn - Chairman*** |

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| **Orange-ing District 23: Zonta Says NO to Violence Campaign**As this topsy turvy year draws to a close, the spirit of our D23 members remained high as they came together to Orange the World!  The amazing efforts during the 16 Days of Activism, 25th November to 10th December, has seen a remarkable 92% club participation rate. The wonderful variety of activities, actions, and awareness campaigns have been captured and, thanks to PR&C Chairman, Jo Wittorff, now provide an inspiring visual record of the power of collective advocacy.  It’s devastating to know domestic and family violence, in all its forms, has increased during the Covid-19 pandemic conditions. As such, your advocacy takes on a heightened impact so, I would like to extend my warmest congratulations and thank you to each and every one of you. Well done, you are amazing![CLICK HERE](https://youtu.be/UYuQevNtkow)**TO VIEW VIDEO**We acknowledge the Zonta Club of Para District Area for the following articles on "The Origin of the 16 Days of Activism" and also the "Difference between Equity and Equality", published in their latest newsletter.[CLICK HERE](https://mcusercontent.com/8768fff487017ab980483a15e/files/567bd358-d13f-4ad9-9456-6dc7743ded54/16_Days_Equality_Vs_Equity.pdf) if you'd like to learn more. (Thank you Para!) |

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| **Zonta International Foundation for Women*Eronwy Edwards - Ambassador*** |

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| District 23 has raised $3,680 during the month for the Zonta International Foundation for Women. Congratulations and huge thank you to all those members who donated.  |

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| **Public Relations and Communications *Jo Wittorff - Chairman*** |

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| The **District 23 brochure** has been updated for the 2020-2022 biennium for publicity purposes. It is available on the [District website](http://www.zontadistrict23.org.au/resources/admin-documents/) and can also be [downloaded here.](https://mcusercontent.com/8768fff487017ab980483a15e/files/a5fe3568-4067-4773-8460-f2bd83a32194/District_23_Brochure_V7.pdf)The District will be providing printed copies to each club in early 2021 via Area Directors. |

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| **Area Workshop Dates 2021****Area 3               27th March****Area 2               17th April****Areas 1 & 4       8th May**  **Area 5               15th May**                                                  (Also ZC Hobart's 50th Anniversary!) |

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| **District 23 Conference 2021**A picture containing text, grass, outdoor, sign  Description automatically generated Have you saved the dates?**16th District 23 Conference in Bendigo, Victoria on 10-12 September 2021**Be on the lookout for the first conference newsletter that will be distributed early in 2021 [CLICK HERE](https://www.zontabendigo.org/2021-d23-conference.html) to go to the Zonta Club of Bendigo website |

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