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FROM THE PRESIDENT



Kaye Roberts-Thomson, Wendy Bruce and I attended a seminar a few weeks back on ***Building a More Effective Board***. There were two presenters Paul Gordon and Katrina Dunn.

Paul talked about Boards being responsible for:

- Governance
- Compliance and
- Strategy

He covered issues such as the number of board members (no more than nine; no fewer than five), training and review, roles and feedback and member engagement.

Tenure of Board members was discussed. He suggested a portion of board members retire for Board renewal and a portion remain on the Board for continuity and preservation of knowledge. An option for a casual vacancy when specific skills are required could be considered.

Katrina Dunn talked about ensuring clarity around roles and processes for decision making and effective communication with members.

This seminar caused me to reflect on our club as we head into the new Zonta year with our Annual General Meeting to be held in May and a new Board to be in place for the next twelve months.

Members will remember the issue of Board numbers, renewal and regeneration being raised at a recent meeting and this has precipitated conversations with members about this topic.

The Nominating Committee has been working to ensure that we have a slate to be presented at the meeting next week.

Website

Thanks to Leanne who is progressing the redevelopment of our website with committee convenors providing information for their pages.

THE ZONTA CLUB OF ADELAIDE INC

**MEETING
HOPES CAFE
7 APRIL 2021
6 for 6.30pm**

SPEAKER: SALLY NOBBS

**Empowering women and girls through Service and Advocacy
by 28,000 members in 63 countries worldwide**

Compiling good photos has been a part of this and I thank those who have trawled their photos to send them to me for this purpose. Our club has been involved in many projects and activities over the years and photos are a good reminder.

Area 2 Workshop

The Area 2 workshop is to be held on Saturday April 17th. I hope that some of our club members will attend. It has always been a good way for newer members to get to know more about Zonta and the Area we work with. The cost of \$45 reflects COVID-19 safety measures as a larger venue had to be found and a change to the way that food could be delivered had to be organised. Thanks Deb for providing the hamper as our club's donation for a raffle prize.

Combined President's Meeting

At the meeting of presidents

we heard that the guest speaker for the conference, to be held in Bendigo later this year is Jess Hill, the author of **See What You made Me Do**. You may have received an email from our District Governor Sandra Burns inviting your attendance. I would urge you to consider attending this conference.

Service Clubs Association of South Australia (SCASA) Inc

The Annual General Meeting of SCASA (formerly The Association of Community Service Organisations Inc) is to be held on 15th April at Hopes Café. Zonta is looking for a representative to be on the committee for the next twelve months. Should you be interested in finding out what's involved, Bev Gum has filled this role before and I am sure she would be happy to let you know what's involved.

Applications from Service Clubs outlining details of projects are submitted to a panel which considers them and announces winners at a luncheon later each year. Our club has successfully submitted applications for this event in past years.

Committees for next year

Each year the Board reviews our committees and seeks ways to strengthen them. I ask members to consider their own preferences and let me know if you would like a change.

I look forward to seeing you all at our next dinner meeting

Maxine Panegyres

AWARDS REPORT

Coordinators: Leanne Longfellow/Margaret Peters

The Awards committee met on Thursday 19th of March to discuss key agenda items.

In relation to the **YWPA** applicants, Catherine and Leanne circulated the two high calibre applications to the sub committee and then made the final selection.

Catherine shared the following comments:

"We received 2 excellent applications from students currently enrolled at Adelaide University and both former students of Wilderness School; both applications met the criteria to a high degree, especially with reference to positive volunteerism, experience in student government and leadership and a strong sense of female leadership."

Catherine also noted

"Although both applicants did not reference Zonta in a significant way, we felt that this process would give the applicants greater awareness of Zonta."

The preferred applicant has been forwarded to District 23, noting that she "showed the greatest sense of community contribution and sense of service to others."

The committee is grateful to Lina for her work with Wilderness in communicating the award to staff and students and to Leanne and Catherine for their wise deliberations and selection.

School Scholarships generated an in depth discussion

regarding past/ current criteria as well as the need to review the fitness of purpose and the publishing of awardees' names on our website.

Other discussions revolved around the **SA Women's Honour Roll** and potential nominees; the dissemination of information regarding the **JMK award** to the University of Adelaide and University of South Australia web sites; the deadline for our committee's contribution to the **Zonta website**; and the provision of a 2021 **School's Leadership** program (discussions ongoing).

Discussion on the Internship program was held over.

SERVICE REPORT

Coordinators: Gerry Sanderson/Angela Vandellis

This a brief report for the Service Committee because, firstly because I have just submitted both the **Service Committee's front page for the website**, plus the Service Committee's very detailed report for the **Annual Reports** which summarises the April-to-March activities for 2020/ 2021.

When I was gathering information to add to our section of the website, I asked Alison Meneaud from the EADVS to provide me with a testimonial describing the many and varied services provided by the Zonta Club of Adelaide.

The following is a contraction of the information in the

testimonial provided by Alison Meneaud:

Our historical relationship with the Domestic Violence Service goes back approximately 10 years ago.

The initial ZCA contact was by Val Baldwin who would regularly drop off goodies for the women and children.

Since then, our partnership has blossomed into the tightly supportive relationship that it is today.

One thing that many of you may not know is that we had membership from ZCA on EADVS management committees for targeted projects such as the building of the Community Garden

(\$50,000 project) and the building of the Domestic Violence Education Centre, kitchen and counselling rooms (\$250,000 project).

Peter Milne, the husband of former ZCA member, Anne Milne architecturally designed this space with its beautiful light-infused pyramid ceiling.

I'll provide other information in future Zephyr publications but I feel that we members really need to know how magnificent our involvement is.

We bring energy, time, compassion, love, skills, laughter, conversations and sometimes tears. **Work is love made visible**

ADVOCACY

Coordinator: Kaye Roberts-Thomson

The Advocacy Committee did not meet in February. There was an Area 2 Combined Advocacy Planning Meeting on February 13 attended by a few members. The meeting was led by Katrine Hildyard .

The main outcome was a vision statement:

In 5 years time there would be no domestic violence deaths or serious injury

Three key areas were identified to address in our campaign:

- 1 That Coercive control is treated as seriously as physical violence.
- 2 That education should be implemented in every school and the community regarding respect and equality.
- 3 The aim to implement women only police stations regarding a domestic violence situation.

A SWOT analysis of these areas was then undertaken.

The Advocacy Committee will plan using this in 2021.

On March 22 letters from the Club (as previously circulated) were sent to the

- Prime Minister
- Leader of the Opposition
- Minister for Women
- Opposition Spokesperson on Women



about the culture in Parliament House.

Thanks to members for their input and in particular Wendy Bruce and Sue Watchman.

BOARD REPORT**Kaye Roberts-Thomson**

The Board met at Norwood Bendigo Bank on February 15. The main issues discussed were:

- The need to follow-up St Andrews re the offer of donation for breast cushions
- The financial statements for the Club for January were noted.
- It was noted that members need to be reminded about the Community Lottery.
- A review of Hope's Café as a venue for monthly Club meetings was discussed. Club members to be surveyed. A suitable sound system to be obtained. It was agreed to reintroduce place names
- It was agreed to provide a donation of \$200 to the Athelstone Men's Shed as a contribution towards the expenses for provision of wooden boxes for hampers.

to ensure good mixing new and old members.

PROGRAM/PR**Coordinators: Beverley Newberry/Bev Gum**

Our April meeting will have many club members absent due to the holiday/Easter period.

Sally Nobbs will be an interesting speaker and we will hear of her work with a school and community in Nepal.

At our last committee meeting

we decided to endeavour to highlight our club actions in various media outlets.

A 2021 Calendar of Events is being prepared. We would be pleased if committee coordinators would advise us of any actions to take place in 2021.

Akhter Rahman has been sick

and we are looking forward to her regaining health. She still wishes to perform in a musical event for a club fundraiser.

**Happy Birthday wishes to
Bev Gum
18 April**

MARKET/HAMPER UPDATE MARCH 2021

From 1 January to 31 March 2021 the Market Team has made:

- 89 Hampers for Ray White, Glenelg
- 30 Thank you gifts
- 1 donated Hamper to Athelstone Men's Shed

Raising approximately \$3,000 profit for our Club

EASTER HAMPER RAFFLE

\$5 per ticket

available at our

Member's dinner meeting to be held 7 April 2021



NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

NCWSA is the umbrella organisation for women's groups in SA and as such it is often contacted for comment on issues. Its primary focus is on advocacy. Maxine and Wendy are our delegates and Bev is an individual member. Meetings are held on the first Thursday of the month at 91 South Tce at 7pm. If you are interested let one of us know.

The guest speaker at the last meeting was Rita McDonald a member of the Anti-Poverty Network and Raise the Rate Alliance. Her topic was "Lived Experience of life on Newstart". This was a harrowing account of the vulnerability of older women. I have a copy of her account if you wish to read it.

An article by Amethyst DeWylde entitled "My friend Rita was starving to death. How is this even possible in Australia today?" can be found at <https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2021/mar/13/my-friend-rita-was-starving-to-death-how-is-this-even-possible-in-australia-today>

The results of a recent survey designed to identify the topics to be focussed on in the next 12 months was also discussed. The top three were

- **Housing**
- **Homelessness, and**
- **Working with other organisations on the 16 Days of Activism Campaign.**

The next meeting is on Thursday April 8th 2021 – speaker, Rebecca Sandford, President of the South Australian Law Society.

Thank you to our members who have contributed to this month's Zephyr:

- **President:** Maxine Panegyres
- **Vice President:** Kaye Roberts-Thomson
- **Service** Gerry Sanderson/Angela Vandellis
- **Advocacy** Kaye Roberts-Thomson
- **Awards** Leanne Longfellow/Margaret Peters
- **Program/PR** Beverley Newberry/Bev Gum
- **NCW** Wendy Bruce
- **Sub-editor** Wendy Bruce



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ZONTA INTERNATIONAL

Founded in 1919, Zonta International envisions a world in which women's rights are recognized as human rights and every woman is able to achieve her full potential. In such a world, women have access to all resources and are represented in decision making positions on an equal basis with men. In such a world, no woman lives in fear of violence. Its Objects are:

- To improve the legal, political, economic, educational, health, and professional status of women through service and advocacy.
- To work for the advancement of understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of members.
- To promote justice and universal respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms.
- To be united internationally to foster high ethical standards, to implement service programs, and to provide mutual support and fellowship for members who serve their communities, their nations, and the world.

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