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FROM THE PRESIDENT



Once again we find ourselves in uncharted territory regarding Covid-19.

While we are in a relatively safe place in South Australia many are not. And so we are practising our Zoom skills once more with our club meeting this week.

Last August was our first face to face meeting after our initial lockdown which we welcomed after lockdown and zoom meetings for a few months. Some of our committees have continued to use this technology as it has made meeting easier for some groups to meet without travelling to meetings.

District Conference

District Conference planning has continued with Call to Conference papers sent out and the latest Conference newsletter No 5 with the conference program.

With Covid-19 still a threat, the conference planners are preparing for the two scenarios. While Area Director Chris Frick has informed Presidents that refunds will be made automatically if the conference is cancelled, it is difficult to enthusiastically plan to attend when interstate lockdowns are a factor to consider when booking accommodation.

Zonta International Survey

I hope that many members completed the ZI survey recently. It provided an opportunity for all of us to contribute to the future direction of ZI.

Olympic Games

Being able to watch the Olympics during the lockdown has been a bonus for me. I have particularly enjoyed watching our women swimmers and other team event athletes as they have given their all to perform at their best.

What impressed me most was the apparent camaraderie and support our women gave to each other during their races and events acknowledging that they could not do this without the support by their families and others to get where they are.

THE ZONTA CLUB OF ADELAIDE INC

MEETING via ZOOM

**4 August 2021
6.30pm**

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

Several times I heard from the athletes and commentators that they had a plan, had to stick to it and refocus when needed to get back on track to achieve their personal or team goals. Skills required for fulfilling their dreams. Great life skills in fact.

Thank You

Many thanks to our members once again who have been busy supporting our club organising fundraising events and activities.

Mary Burford has been pursuing an open Garden Event later in the year and Gerry Sanderson has been planning for the Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings next Saturday 7th August. We are so grateful for the number of members and friends who have volunteered their time for that event.

Thank you to Gerry once again, for supporting us to have police

checks and working with vulnerable children forms completed and processed.

Website

Erica Majba, Lina Rogers and Wendy Bruce have been busy working on the website pages, following up information, finding photos and editing text. I thank them for the hours they have spent on this task. We are getting there slowly and will have a new email address for the club very soon.

Committees

There have been a few additions and changes to our committees. I thank those who have offered their expertise and service.

Our committees play an important role in ensuring that members have a say and contribute to the functioning and understanding of the direction of our club through your activities.

Wishing you well

Unfortunately Val Baldwin has had another hospital visit and while she is at home she is still unwell

I have spoken to Val and passed on our good wishes to her as she recovers at home. We trust that Val keeps safe and warm during this period.

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

Maxine Panegyres



PLEA TO MEMBERS

DHS Working with Children

SAPOL clearance OR National Crime Check

On behalf of the Board and the Service Committee, I'd like to encourage members to consider applying for these compliance clearances in order to step into a casual role when we desperately need a backup of volunteers at the Eastern Adelaide Domestic Violence Service.

We have had to resort to using backup volunteers at the EADVS over the last week because of a range of circumstances and this has been difficult. Added to the difficulty, is that we can only allow members who hold the two necessary clearances to be allowed on site.

It is a simple step to apply for the clearances. Gerry Sanderson can send a request on your behalf to Natalie Sawyer at Women's Safety Services (Department of Human Services). You just fill in the forms and Gerry will organise them to be faxed from the EADVS to Natalie who will fast-track your request.

SERVICE REPORT

Convenors: **Gerry Sanderson/Angela Vandellis**

Firstly, the Service Committee would like to thank **Desi Zed** for her support of the committee for her tireless support of our fund-raising ventures and breast cushion packing mornings at Ivanka's.

We wish Desi every success in her new role as Treasurer.

We also welcome **Mary Burford** to the committee where her knowledge and enthusiasm will be invaluable.

AUGUST DATES AHEAD:

SATURDAY 7th

The Sausage Sizzle fundraiser at Bunnings.

It seems that we will still go ahead with this fundraiser safely despite the dramas of recent times. Thank you to the many members, friends and family who have put up their hands to assist.

I will keep you all up to date

with developments as we roll out the required organizational progress

SATURDAY 21st

Breast Cushion packing morning at Ivanka's **25 Church St, MAGILL** from 9.00am. We usually work until noon. It's always a lovely activity and new members are very welcome.

WEDNESDAY 25th

A Birthing Kit Assembly will be run at Adelaide High School. Our club has enjoyed a long and enriching relationship with Adelaide High School. Such a relationship shows us all the strong link that exists between service and advocacy.

When we join with the school's staff and students to pack birthing kits, we see the link very

clearly. Students learn first-hand about helping women in developing countries.

ADVANCE NOTICE

SATURDAY 23rd and SUNDAY 24th OCTOBER OPEN GARDEN

Mary Burford has firmed up the proposed **Open Garden fundraiser at Stirling**.

The Zonta Club will serve scones, jam and cream with tea or coffee. We won't be able to have a raffle this year but we will be able to organise a table to sell our market products.

All proceeds raised go to Breast Cushions. A brilliant initiative Mary.

Last year we made more than \$4,000 over the two days.

Helpers needed so put it in your diary.

AWARDS REPORT

Convenors: **Margaret Peters/Leanne Longfellow**

A Zoom meeting was held on the 19th July. Discussion revolved around several key issues.

We reviewed our latest fund-raising initiative, **The Philosopher's Café**, which under Covid restrictions raised \$271 at its inaugural meeting in a private room at The Goodwood Hotel on July 1.

A second meeting is to be held on the 16th September at the same venue with the guest speaker, Dr Jessica White, from UniSA.

Pre information has been

circulated by Leanne to club members and will be updated prior to the date. Leanne has devised and circulated to club members a **survey** pertaining to this new fundraising initiative.

Our long-term **Scholarships** to Mitcham Girls School and Adelaide High School is under review. An invitation has been sent to both schools' principals to meet with Zonta Awards Committee members, including our Zonta School representatives, to discuss a viable outcome.

It was decided to place the **Women of Achievement**

Award as an item for discussion at a future club dinner meeting. We are keen to seek members' views regarding its continuance.

The **Young Women in Public Affairs** (YWPA) Award is in the capable hands of Lina who has kindly agreed to continue her stewardship of this annual award. She is already coming up with ideas for next year.

Thank you, Lina.

Lina is also currently devoting much time to the refreshing of the club's **web site**.

Breast Cancer under Arm support bag: St Andrews Hospital

Dear All

I have just had breast cancer surgery. A big surprise as I have a check every two years and really could not believe it.

I received your breast cushion and would like to offer my appreciation for this bag as it has been a great comfort for after the surgery

I had never heard of your organization before and if I can help in any small way after the next few months I would be willing to do so.

I notice on your web site you also help with Domestic Abuse. I was a victim of this for many, many years and about 25 years ago I just had to do something about it. I found no support even from the Holden Hill Police station.

I went through a terrible time and have come through that with the help of my 3 sons and we all now lead a good life

Thankyou once again for the comfort bag and I wish you all the best.

Our Membership Committee is joining with Advocacy Committee to organise a movie fundraiser. The movie: **Death on the Nile** an Agatha Christie movie has been booked for Sunday 13th February at 2pm for a 2.30pm movie start at the Regal Cinema on Kensington Rd Tusmore.

Raema Mahony

**Happy birthday wishes
during August to**

- 9 Jenni Thomson**
- 9 Beverley Newberry**
- 15 Ivanka Jovanovich**
- 18 Raema Mahony**





Zonta International is a leading global organisation of professionals empowering women worldwide through service and advocacy.

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.

ZONTA CLUB OF ADELAIDE INC BOARD 2020-2021

President	Maxine Panegyres	Vice President	Kaye Roberts-Thomson
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Directors	Leanne Longfellow; Raema Mahony; Helen Pertsinidis; Deb.		

COMMITTEES 2020-2021

Membership

Raema Mahony
Aileen Connon

Val Baldwin; Wendy Bruce; Di Lancaster

Advocacy/UN

Kaye Roberts-Thomson

Kathy Ellis; Jill Olifent, Colleen Tomlian; Miriam Zhu;
Helen Pertsinidis; Verena Colby

Service

Gerry Sanderson
Angela Vandellis

Ivanka Jovanovich; Janice Watson; Thelma Harvey,
Jenni Thomson; Mary Burford; Margie Glover

Awards

Margaret Peters
Leanne Longfellow

Catherine Alcock; Raema Mahony; Lina Rogers;
Beverley Newberry; Stephanie Steensma

PR/Program/Website

Beverley Newberry

Daina Long; Akhter Rahman; Tasia Pertsinidis;
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Finance

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Carol Summers; Sue Watchman; Desi Zed;
Helen Joraslafsky

Website

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Erica Majba; Lina Rogers; Wendy Bruce

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