



# ZONTA

CLUB OF  
ADELAIDE INC

MEMBER OF ZONTA INTERNATIONAL  
EMPOWERING WOMEN  
THROUGH SERVICE & ADVOCACY

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### FROM THE PRESIDENT



#### Dear Members

The latest Zontian provides interesting reading.

There is a theme of Education being the key factor to achieve gender equality. The magazine highlights some of the young women who have successfully applied for scholarships last

year initiated by Zonta international including Amelia Earhart Fellowship, Young Women in Public Affairs, The Women in Technology Scholarship and the JMK Women in Business scholarship. All of these promote the advancement of women in their chosen fields to make a difference.

**The 2020-2022 Biennial and fundraising goals are outlined:**

#### **Programs and Projects Membership Financial resources**

**2020-2022 Projects are outlined with goals and strategies described:**

- Adolescent Girls' Health and Protection in Peru
- Delivering Survivor - Centred Response to gender based Violence in Papua New Guinea and Timor-Leste

- Let Us Learn Madagascar Empowering Girls Through Education: Phase 111
- Ending Child Marriage A Program to Accelerate Global Action: Phase 11

#### **Celebrating 75 Years of the UN and partnerships for gender equality**

Zonta International was there at the beginning of the UN being the only service club to be included in the simultaneous Women's Conference organised by the United States Department. This conference urged women to begin a "campaign of education and peace and its implementation".

With this beginning ZI projects became formal with the first service project adopted at the 1946 Zonta International Convention called "Action for World Peace".

## **THE ZONTA CLUB OF ADELAIDE INC**

**MEETING  
HOPES CAFE  
3 FEBRUARY 2021  
6 for 6.30pm**

**SPEAKER: Jane Lomax-Smith**

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

It is a tribute to ZI that it holds General Consultative Status with the UN Economic and Social Council, the highest consultative status for a non-governmental organisation.

In the 75 years of partnership with UN, ZI has contributed more than US\$26 million to projects and programs to empower women and girls around the world.

Zonta has a lot to be proud of and I would urge all members to become familiar with its history. It is important that we can describe the goals and projects as we move forward into Zonta's second century.

**At the local level** I think our club should be proud of the work that we have achieved.

The Breast Cushions that are supplied to St Andrews, the Birthing Kits that are packed and sent to developing

countries, the scholarships at high schools and universities. All aimed to make a difference to the lives and health of women and girls. And these are the projects that I am familiar within my ten years with the club.

There have been numerous projects in the previous forty years that Zonta Club members contributed to and should be proud of.

As our club progresses into 2021 and beyond, our club is embracing changes to move us forward. Club members will be hearing about these changes through their committees and as well at club meetings. The website is the first task that committees will address so we can put this work into practice.

At the club meeting next week we will ask that members support the payment to our web

designer to begin the transformation.

**Board meetings**

We held our first Board meeting last week via Zoom. Our February meeting will be held at the Bendigo Bank and we are really pleased that this can occur with COVID -19 restrictions in place.

**Amelia Earhart**

Thank you to all who contributed to our annual Amelia Earhart breakfast. Once again it was a delightful and relaxed way to start our Zonta year. Special thanks to Margaret Peters who coordinated the event for the first time.

**I look forward to working with you during the year.**

**Maxine Panegyres**



# AMELIA EARHART FELLOWS

reunited in Basel, Switzerland  
are Zonta Empowered Women



"Zonta means friendship, networking, service and support for other women, encouraging them to pursue their dreams. The AE Fellowship represented a precious contribution and a constant motivation to carry out our research. Knowing that there are women who are respected leaders in their professional life improves self-confidence and provides inspiration to all girls and women in whom the spirit of adventure is alive."

## SERVICE REPORT

Coordinators: Gerry Sanderson/Angela Vandellis



The usual Christmas gift wrapping processes Zonta volunteers follow to brighten the lives of the clients and their children, at the Eastern Adelaide Domestic Violence Service, fell victim to stricter than normal COVID 19 procedures following the latest lockdown in 2020.

The procedure we followed in the past has been to involve multiple helpers in gift wrapping children's age-appropriate gifts on one day, and women's gifts on the following day. However, the Christmas party 2020 for clients had to be cancelled because of the large numbers of people expected to attend, and the food handling safety measures that are required to be strictly enforced. After the previous year's cancellation because of the extreme heat, this was yet-another disappointment after a year of fraught circumstances.

The decision made by the Staff at the EADVS was for the Zonta volunteers to wrap **pamper packs** of skin care and hair care products, high-end cosmetics, jewelry and any other items falling into that category.

We were a bit disadvantaged this year because usually there are many generous donations from our club, but this was thwarted because of the cancellation of our own Christmas party plus the logistics of picking up items from individual members. I was very fortunate to have had many pamper products donated to me from both business contacts and a number of friends who had gifted me items.

We were required to make up 50 hampers of lovely gifts, but

we had to use our imagination and judgement to reach 49. Ali and Rachel from the EADVS reported that the clients were thrilled and I'm grateful for the dedication of Bev Gum, Mary Burford and Pam Whittingham.

Pam is not a Zontian but a very efficient and valued volunteer recommended by Sue Watchman.

Mid-January saw those mentioned above, plus Thelma Harvey, trying to tame the many donations we found waiting for us in the clothing shed and despite our dedicated work, we still have a way to go.

Mind you, the clients always find treasure in the chaos.

The Wednesday team are still managing the Oz Harvest food donations. The deliveries have been quite unreliable because of reduced numbers of volunteers to drive the trucks. On a number of occasions Angela, Wendy, Lina and Jennifer have had to donate almost a full day waiting for deliveries and then having to transport the sorted parcels to the clients living in motels. We hope that this will be resolved very soon.

**Mary Burford** tells me that there will be another Breast Cushion packing day at Ivanka's home on a:

**Saturday morning in mid-February.**

Any of you who could attend would be very welcome.

**ADVOCACY****Coordinators: Kaye Roberts-Thomson/Jill de Barrientos**

A letter asking about policies on financial abuse was sent to eight major banks in December. Four banks responded.

Maxine and I have had Zoom conversations with Bendigo/Adelaide Bank and the Bank of Queensland and with the Macquarie Bank on January 29th.

We have also had a detailed response from the National Bank of Australia. The discussion with Bendigo/Adelaide Bank was particularly fruitful.

We discussed how an organisation like Zonta could be involved or assist in making

young women aware of the issue.

**A DETAILED REPORT  
WILL BE PROVIDED AT  
THE CLUB MEETING.**

**PROGRAM/PR****Coordinators: Beverley Newberry/Bev Gum****Meeting 3 February**

Speaker:

Jane Lomax-Smith who will be our first speaker for the year. The main area of her talk will be Lady Moulden, a very interesting woman from our past.

**FINANCE****Treasurer Mary Burford**

We have a healthy bank balance. This month, we paid \$3,000 to UniSA which is why our Fundraising account may not look as good as last month.

The Amelia Earhart Breakfast raised just over \$1,000 but I have yet to receive all the expenses.

We should however be able to forward the same amount as we have in the past few years to Zonta International.

**MEMBERSHIP****Coordinators: Raema Mahony/Aileen Connon**

Our first meeting is planned for 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb an hour before the club meeting. We will discuss recent member's resignations and new enquires. Also on our agenda is making sure members with hearing difficulties are able to

sit at tables close to the speakers at our club meetings.

Progress on the Conversations with Members will be discussed with Bev Gum who is a member of Membership Committee and

PR/Programs Co Chair.

The issue of holding a fellowship meeting will be raised as Covid 19 restrictions may still inhibit this activity.

**BOARD REPORT****Kaye Roberts-Thomson**

The Board met via Zoom on January 18. The main issues discussed were:

- Recap on the successful Amelia Earhart breakfast. Congratulation to all involved especially Margaret for her organisation
- The financial statements for the Club for December were noted. Despite the problems in 2020, it was pleasing to note the finances look to be

in much better shape than had been anticipated earlier in the year. It was acknowledged as a major effort by Club members.

- It was noted that members need to be reminded about the Community Lottery.
- The cost (\$3000) to develop the website was approved by the Board. We will seek club

endorsement for this expenditure to proceed. Each committee will need to decide what content should be included on their website page.

New higher quality photos are needed. Some could be taken at the March Club meeting. Members could bring an additional jacket or similar for different

## **District 23 Zonta says NOW to Gender Equity and Climate Action**

**Reporter: Bev Gum**

District 23 is supporting a great new initiative where Zonta is recognising the impact of climate change on women across the world.

Globally, women are disproportionately impacted by climate change and are not well represented in climate response decisions. Women have less access to education, have more casual and lower paid jobs, and less financial security.

During extreme weather events, women are at greater risk of displacement, experience higher rates of job loss and are more likely to be injured or killed. These events can see a dramatic increase in rates of interpersonal violence, and can precipitate early marriage or forced prostitution as a way to survive.

New technology-based decarbonising industries are emerging and more women and girls need to be educated in STEM subjects to take advantage of future job growth areas.

**Therefore, women and girls need to act NOW to:**

- expand Zonta's health and education programs;
- take action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and prevent runaway global warming; and
- give a stronger voice to women and girls to negotiate a fair global response to the climate crisis.

**Through Zonta Says NOW, we can do this.**

Bev and Wendy had the opportunity to participate in a Think Tank on line meeting and were inspired by the passion of the women trying to change the world by being conscious of the world we live in and leaving the world a better place for those coming after us.

**Climate and the Environment is every woman's business.**



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

<b><u>President</u></b>	Maxine Panegyres	<b><u>Vice President</u></b>	Kaye Roberts-Thomson
<b><u>Secretary</u></b>	Colleen Tomlian	<b><u>Treasurer</u></b>	Mary Burford
<b><u>Directors</u></b>	Leanne Longfellow; Raema Mahony; Helen Pertsinidis; Tasia Pertsinidis; Gerry Sanderson; Sue Watchman		

## COMMITTEES 2020-2021

<b><u>Membership</u></b> <i>Raema Mahony</i> <i>Aileen Connon</i>	Val Baldwin; Bev Gum; Wendy Bruce
<b><u>Advocacy/UN</u></b> <i>Kaye Roberts-Thomson</i> <i>Jill de Barrientos</i>	Kathy Ellis; Jill Olifent, Colleen Tomlian; Miriam Zhu; Stephanie Steensma; Helen Pertsinidis
<b><u>Service</u></b> <i>Gerry Sanderson</i> <i>Angela Vandellis</i>	Ivanka Jovanovich; Ashleigh Bandiera; Janice Watson; Thelma Harvey; Desi Zed; Jenni Thomson
<b><u>Awards</u></b> <i>Margaret Peters</i> <i>Leanne Longfellow</i>	Catherine Alcock; Raema Mahony; Lina Rogers; Leanne Longfellow; Beverley Newberry; Jennifer Stehn
<b><u>PR/Program/Website</u></b> <i>Beverley Newberry</i> <i>Bev Gum</i>	Daina Long; Akhter Rahman; Tasia Pertsinidis
<b><u>Finance</u></b> <i>Erica Majba</i>	Carol Summers; Sue Watchman; Mary Burford; Helen Joraslafsky

<b><u>Nominating</u></b>	
<b><u>PUBLIC OFFICER</u></b>	Colleen Tomlian
<b><u>NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN SA</u></b>	Maxine Panegyres; Wendy Bruce
<b><u>VISITORS BOOK</u></b>	Val Baldwin
<b><u>SCASA</u></b>	Bev Gum
<b><u>ARCHIVIST/ HISTORIAN/WEBSITE</u></b>	Beverley Newberry/Wendy Bruce
<b><u>VOLUNTEERING STRATEGY FOR SA</u></b>	Val Baldwin
<b><u>FACEBOOK</u></b>	Wendy Bruce; Bev Gum

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