

# ZONTA

CLUB OF  
ADELAIDE INC

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EMPOWERING WOMEN  
THROUGH SERVICE & ADVOCACY

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District 23 Area 2**

### FROM THE PRESIDENT



It is amazing how Zonta clubs are being asked to respond to a range of new and emerging issues and being asked to contribute to the debate by sending letters to members of parliament. The most recent, being coercive control

The Advocacy committee has discussed this and club members will hear more as we move forward.

A guest speaker, a Lawyer, at a recent NCWSA meeting suggested that there was a way to go with this proposed legislation to ensure that the legislation did not make a situation worse. We will be awaiting updates on this before we take action.

### DISTRICT CONFERENCE

As the District Conference nears we are being asked to consider a number of nominations for presentation at the Bendigo Conference in September.

### HEIDE TAYLOR HONOUR ROLL

District 23 is seeking nominations for the Heide Taylor award. I will send club members the email and ask that they give consideration to a person who they believe meets the criteria. **The D23 Governor's Award: Heide Taylor Honour Roll** will

recognise and honour individual Zontians who have personified the ideals of Zonta at club level through their support and promotion of local projects and Zonta International.

### DISTRICT SERVICE AND ADVOCACY AWARDS

These projects should focus on recent local projects that empower women and girls to achieve equal rights and secure their access to all legal, political, economic, educational, health and professional resources; AND/OR recent local projects that focus on the prevention of violence against women and girls; AND/OR recent local projects that focus on reducing Child Marriage.

This is an opportunity to highlight the work that we do and I would ask that members give consideration to this award.

**THE ZONTA CLUB OF ADELAIDE INC  
MEETING  
HOPES CAFE  
2 JUNE 2021  
6 for 6.30pm**

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

**PR and COMMUNICATIONS AWARDS**

There are six categories:

- 1 **District 23 Actions – Programs and Projects**
- 2 **District 23 Actions – Membership**
- 3 **Financial Resources**
- 4 **Social Media, Face book, Twitter and / Instagram**
- 5 **Club Newsletter**
- 6 **Functioning in a COVID-19 environment**

Should members believe that we should consider applying for any of these awards, please contact me, a board member, or an awards committee member so that we can follow up.

**CLUB MEETING**

Chris Frick, Area 2 Director, will attend our meeting on Wednesday to induct our new member Verena Colby and welcome Di Lancaster a transferring member to our club.

As well Chris will perform the swearing in of our new Board members. We welcome our new members Verena and Di as well as Chris to our meeting.

**BUDGET PROPOSALS**

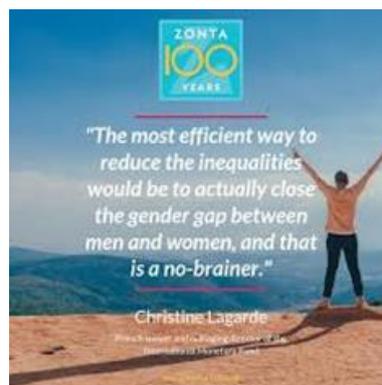
With our papers for the meeting next week you will receive a document **|Scorecard for Selecting or Evaluating a Service Project.**

This is timely as we expect our budget proposals to be presented for members to consider.

I ask that you become familiar with the scorecard so that we ensure our focus remains on Zonta's Mission and Objects.

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

**Maxine Panegyres**



**ADVOCACY REPORT**

**Convenor: Kaye Roberts-Thomson**

One of the issues the Advocacy Committee has been investigating is coercive control. We knew that legislation had been introduced to Parliament late last year.

We wrote to Katrine Hildyard enquiring as to where it was up to. Her response which was a generic response is included in correspondence.

**BOARD REPORT**

**Vice-President: Kaye Roberts-Thomson**

The Board met on Monday May 17.

Issues discussed were the District Conference in Bendigo in September. Members are to be encouraged to attend.

ZI now has the facility for membership details to be updated on line.

Budget proposals from committee chairs need to be submitted.

The Board is to develop a strategic plan.

The proposal for funding for the young leaders course which had been presented previously was endorsed.

**Request:** Material required ie thin cardboard (old greeting cards, cereal packets etc) for labelling food items for women fleeing domestic violence

Please bring along to our meeting on Wednesday

With many thanks

**Angela Vandellis**

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Convenor: **Raema Mahony**

The club welcomes Di Lancaster and Verena Colby as new club members to our June club meeting.

**Di Lancaster** is transferring to our club and is well known to many of our members. She joined the Adelaide Hills Zonta Club in November 2010 and when the Mt Barker club formed she assisted by transferring to this new club.

She served in many positions in that club. Di is working within SA Health Administration and now finds attendance at our club meetings is more convenient to her work and home. We welcome her and know she will bring to our club enthusiasm for club projects.

**Verena Colby** is a Psychologist who worked in Port Augusta in a Domestic Violence service and then in various positions in health in the Riverland. It was during her work that Verena developed a keen interest in gender equality.

She has been involved in local Riverland community projects and served on various committees through her work and daughters' activities.

Verena, her husband and 2 daughters moved to Adelaide not long ago for her husband's work and the girls' education with one now studying at university and the other in Year 12.

It was in Berri that she first heard about Zonta from her mother-in-law, Margaret Colby who was a member of the Riverland Zonta Club. In recent years she has attended various Zonta activities where her mother-in-law is a member of the Mt Barker Zonta Club. Currently Verena works part time at Estia Health as a Lifestyle Co-ordinator and devotes a significant amount of her time caring for her mother. She is keen to form friendships within the club and utilise her skills and passion at all levels of Zonta, when she has time in her busy work and family life.

Our club looks forward to getting to know both Di and Verena in the coming months.



## *Rugs with Love*

It was such a pleasure to attend the **Rugs with Love** event at the Church of the Good Shepherd on Saturday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of May. Over a number of years this initiative has produced hundreds of hand-knitted, crochet, quilt-backed rugs that are truly beautiful. There were over 200 rugs on display for this annual fund-raiser and all of these rugs are destined to be gifted to young children under guardianship.

This group has been active for over ten years and in that time they have made an enormous impact on the lives of young children who treasure the rugs as something they can own for themselves. This lends a sense of comfort and protection when the circumstances of vulnerable children are desperate.

These women meet regularly in a sense of friendship and shared purpose in generously crafting tactile gifts that bring practicality and a restored sense of ownership and well-being to distressed young children.

Former Zonta Club of Adelaide member, Anne Milne, has been active in ensuring that some of the proceeds of this fund-raiser are directed to us and other Zonta clubs in order to encourage and support our own initiatives in service and awards.

*Leanne Longfellow's beautiful daughter Amy is pictured here with a wonderful rug that was gifted to her on the day. Fellow Adelaide Zonta members attending the day are Leanne Longfellow, Di Lancaster, Mary Burford, Gerry Sanderson and Anne Milne.*

**SERVICE REPORT**

**Convenors: Gerry Sanderson/Angela Vandellis**



**The Secret Sewers**

This is the first time I have found time to attend a Secret Sewers' breast cushion construction afternoon, despite having been on the Service Committee for a number of years.

It was wonderful to be welcomed on May the 7<sup>th</sup> by these delightful women who were so hard at work machine-stitching, stuffing and hand-stitching in production line precision.

**140 breast cushions** were delivered to St Andrew's Hospital on the 8<sup>th</sup> of May after a packing

morning held at Ivanka's home.

Bev kindly supplied exquisite cakes from *Dolcetti's* for morning tea. A great big thanks to all volunteers from the club. **You are a delight.**

**Breast Cushion Cards**

Earlier this month the club received an amazing offer resulting from a breast cancer patient wanting to thank the Adelaide Zonta Club.

After her surgery she received a ZCA breast cushion from us at St Andrew's Hospital and was moved to offer us a wonderful proposal. She and her husband own a professional printing company

**Print Junction** with specialized design and printing operations.

They were so grateful to us that they have generously offered to print re-designed A5 cardboard cards for us at no cost to the club.

We are currently looking at updating our information and graphics on the proposed new card and being able to present a more sophisticated product that will not require members like Bev, Mary, and eventually me, from having to use our own printer ink; plus also having to fold literally hundreds of cards.



**Happy birthday wishes**

**to Angela Vandellis who will be celebrating on 22 June.**

**AWARDS REPORT****Convenors: Leanne Longfellow/Margaret Peters**

Members met by Zoom meeting on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> May.

Discussion and decision making revolved around the **new Leadership Program, School Scholarships**, updates on the YWPA and **JM Klausman awards, the SA Women of Achievement Award, UniSA/Zonta Community Grant, and 2022 fundraising commitments.**

**OUTCOMES:****Young Women in Public Affairs:**

Lina Rogers, on behalf of our Committee, will be presenting the Zonta Club of Adelaide YWPA award recipient, **Olivia Webb**, with a cheque at the June Zonta dinner meeting. The Committee thanks Lina for her active support of this award.

**Leadership Program:**

Raema, on our behalf, has finalised documentation of the leadership program to be run at Adelaide High School and Mitcham Girls School in July 2021.

Online mentoring sessions between School participants and Zonta members is being canvassed by Raema as a follow up activity to the leadership sessions. Raema's carriage of the revised Leadership Program is admirable.

**School Scholarships:**

The Committee will support these awards to Adelaide High School and Mitcham Girls High but will revisit in 2022 depending on the success of the Leadership Program which we may wish to expand in lieu of the scholarships.

**UniSA/Zonta Community Grant:**

A selection process is underway for the 2021 recipient.

Unfortunately, the email system of UniSA was hacked last week and the system is not yet fully back up which to date has prevented documentation from being finalised for the provisionally selected candidate.

Hopefully, by the dinner meeting, we may have further news.

**Fundraising:**

A new idea was raised for an Awards fundraising event, or series of events, along the

lines of a Philosopher's Café.

An invited guest speaker (unpaid but gift given) on a topical issue in line with Zonta's current issues of concern.

Pub or café booked room. Entry set "donation" with food and drink purchases up to the individual. Invitations beyond Zonta members. We are still fleshing out this idea but club members' feedback is especially welcome to gauge interest.



Special  
Thank  
you:

The Committee farewells Jennifer Stehn from our Committee as she re-joins the Finance Committee. Thank you, Jennifer, for supporting us through what has been a personally challenging time for you. We look forward to working with you in your finance capacity. (We also look forward, hopefully, to welcoming a new member?)



Get well quickly. Akhter Rahman was admitted to Ashford Hospital for correction procedures regarding her nasal problems and will be leaving early this week.

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

If any member wishes to supply an article or photos, please email directly to [bnewberry@internode.on.net](mailto:bnewberry@internode.on.net) as we would be extremely happy to publish interesting information/events in the Zephyr.



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.

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## COMMITTEES 2020-2021

<b>Membership</b> <i>Raema Mahony</i> <i>Aileen Connon</i>	Val Baldwin; Wendy Bruce
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<b>FACEBOOK</b>	Wendy Bruce; Bev Gum

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