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FROM THE PRESIDENT



There have been a few things to celebrate in the last few weeks.

The Termination of Pregnancy Bill passed in the Lower House to make abortion a health issue not a criminal one. It also makes explicit the higher standard of medical care and decision making that exists in South Australia.

Zonta clubs in SA supported this bill and made their voices known as part of the process. When we all work together we can achieve more.

The commencement of the roll out of the vaccines provides some optimism that we can slowly start to resume activities and have confidence to start travel again, if only within our own borders.

Small steps at first to lead us through this pandemic. We have been fortunate indeed to live in South Australia and not experience the long lockdowns that others have.

The Area 2 Workshop is to be held on Saturday April 17 and it should be an interesting event.

Obviously last year's workshop could not go ahead so it will be good to be able to get together.

A Combined Advocacy planning afternoon was held on 13th February with Katrine Hildyard, Member for Reynell, leading those present through a planning process to develop a draft action plan for a combined project.

Katrine demonstrated real skill in bringing together ideas and opinions of all in attendance. We all agreed that working together to focus on achieving an outcome involves all being on the same page and developing strategies to influence those who can bring about the change.

Zonta, as a women's organisation, has the potential to influence others to support legislative change to bring about better health and safety needs of women. Especially if we work together with a strategic plan to do so.

THE ZONTA CLUB OF ADELAIDE INC

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

Story on International Women's Day

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

FAREWELL AND THANK YOU



Ashleigh Bandiera is to leave our club as a member and focus on her health needs.

Ashleigh has been an active member providing support and excellent communication with Adelaide High School about our 50th birthday celebrations, She Leads Course for Girls and leading us through meetings about our website development hosting our initial meetings using website facilities available to her.

We value her contribution as a member and wish her well in her future years.



Jill De Barrientos

Jill has most recently co convened our Advocacy Committee with Kaye Roberts-Thomson.

With growing children and their ongoing needs, a family business as well as working, Jill has made the decision to leave the club to focus on her family priorities. Jill wants to be kept informed about club events and is hoping to see members at these activities.

It was really great to have Jill attend the Amelia Earhart breakfast recently and we wish her well.

Val Baldwin is home again after recuperating at Griffiths Rehabilitation Hospital.

Val has told me that she has a lengthy program of continued rehabilitation to undergo to build up her strength and she is looking forward to that making a difference to her health.

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

Maxine Panegyres

AWARDS REPORT

Coordinators: Leanne Longfellow/Margaret Peters

Our committee met on the 18th February 2021. We have established the **third Thursday of each month** as our new meeting time. Issues discussed were

1) the two applicants for the *YWPA award*. Lina was congratulated on her great work in securing two excellent applicants;

2) progress on the last of our three year contract with UniSA for the *Community Development Grant* with applications for 2021 being called for shortly;

3) promotion of the *J.M.Klausman Women in Business Award* at the

Universities of Adelaide and South Australia;

4) our draft reading of the entries on the *website* for the Awards Committee;

5) a decision was voted on to rename ourselves with the simple overarching title of *The Awards Committee* rather than The Awards and Scholarships Committee;

6) a lengthy discussion regarding privacy issues if award recipients from Mitcham and Adelaide Girls High School were named individually on our web site as they are/were School Card holders.

Further information is being gained from both schools regarding this matter.

It was also noted how pleased we were that Chiara Foti-De Blasio, the 2020 recipient of the Zonta/UniSA Community Development Grant was a guest at our February dinner meeting and shared how our grant supported and extended her Honours thesis focus on media representations of mothers with a mental illness.

Leanne has a digital copy for any club members interested in reading this work.

SERVICE REPORT

Coordinators: Gerry Sanderson/Angela Vandellis



Lina Rogers and Thelma Harvey

There hasn't been a lot to report for the Service Committee since the last report other than the fact that Ivanka played host to another breast cushion packing day on Saturday the 20th February.

There was a pleasing crowd of Zonta members: Wendy, Lina, Desi, Thelma, Bev, Mary, Angela, Maxine, Gerry and of course, Ivanka and her friend Kathleen.



Ivanka Jovanovich and Kathleen

We had a highly productive morning with a total of 167 cushions wrapped and delivered to St Andrew's Hospital by lunchtime. Many thanks to Bev who printed out the new cards with the club's banking details included should recipients of the cushions choose to donate to the cause.

The EADVS staff and the Zonta volunteers are thrilled to welcome Jennifer Stehn back to the service after a long absence and she has resumed her role with the Wednesday Oz Harvest team.

Jennifer has been an integral part of the team and we are thrilled to have her back.



Angela Vandellis, Desi Zed and Maxine Panegyres

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 be obtained. It was agreed to

ensure a good mixing of new and old members.

- It was agreed to provide a donation of \$200 to Athelstone Men's Shed as a contribution towards expenses for provision of wooden boxes for hampers.

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

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 That we investigate 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.

WEBSITE UPDATE**Coordinator: Leanne Longfellow**

We are moving forward with the website!

Last year we formed a website committee to propose ideas to put to the club.

We are currently discussing how to ensure our website is modern and interactive to encourage people to view and interact with it. So far we have accepted a quote from Fiona at DIY Digital to redo the website and decided to leave the

hosting of the website with Greg at Edynam.

We are currently working on the content for the website and are following a timetable to ensure it will be ready before the end of the year.

At our next dinner Andrew Milne (Leanne's partner and Anne Milne's son) will be taking photos of members for these to be included on the website. It is important to have good quality,

authentic photos for this purpose.

As well, Leanne is trawling through lots of old photos to locate suitable ones for the website.

Each committee will provide content for the website by mid- March.

Once we have our new website it will enable us to showcase the amazing work we do and provide us with greater credibility.

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

One of the key focuses of our recent meeting was brainstorming a range of interesting speakers who can inspire us with their stories.

Our next dinner meeting will be presented by the Program Committee and will be a research story of International Women's Day and some of our amazing women.

Next month will be Sally Nobbs who will speak of her work with a school and community in Nepal.

Other inspiring women we are considering are Majba Been from the Muslim Women's League,

Sarah Tunney founder of the Marilyn swim for cancer and winner of the community event for 2021.

Hean Bee Wee, from Asian Women's League and President of the South East Asian National Council of Women,

Isobel Marshall Young Australian of the year and/ or her partner Eloise Hall from TABOO,

Maria Palumbo from Junction on social housing,

Skye O'Meara from APY gallery,

Some of our past honour recipients, past scholarship winners - with a "where are they now".

We would like suggestions from all club members so that we get a diverse range of speakers. Please let any member of the committee know.

It has been slow but we are finally starting our stories of our members, more details next month.

Tasia is investigating ways of getting some of our stories into the media and we are looking forward to seeing our club being recognised.

Beverley is currently working on the Annual Report and a gentle reminder to get your reports in.

In addition as we are moving to a COVID safe environment and having functions again it is important to contact the committee so that the year is balanced.

Reporter: Bev Gum

PROFESSOR PHIALA SHANAHAN

Zonta Club of Adelaide post graduate scholarship recipient



Currently a professor of physics at MIT in the USA, Professor Phiala Shanahan has come a long way since being awarded the Honours Alumni University medal in 2012.

After completing her PhD at the University of Adelaide, she achieved international acclaim when she received the Kenneth G. Wilson Award in 2020 and was named in *Science News* magazine's 'SN 10', the list of young scientists who are shaping the future of science.

OUR FUNDRAISING ENTERPRISE

Deb is running out of jars for the market enterprise which has been so successful in fundraising. She will accept any jars with or without labels.

You can give any jars to Deb or me as I have the task of cleaning any that require it.

Deb, in particular, is looking for Moccona jars of any size. She sells any that are not suitable to buy sugar and vinegar.

Please can you check the back of your cupboards or any of the other places that you store things that one day just might be useful!

Mary Burford



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

COMMITTEES 2020-2021

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

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