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FROM THE PRESIDENT



It has been a very busy month for club members.

Planning is well underway for the Women of Achievement evening on April 27th.

The Awards panel for Young Women in Public Affairs has made a club nomination for this award to be sent to District 23. We will meet the young woman nominee at the club meeting next week.

Mentors have presented information about the Young Women Leaders course to students at Mitcham Girls and Adelaide High Schools to encourage participation in the next course to start next term.

In addition we have hosted the International Women's Day Breakfast and provided Devonshire teas at the Open Garden.

Without the dedication of club members these events would not be possible.

Thank you to everyone who has been involved.

Raffle Winners Open Garden:

Thank you to all of our volunteers who did such a great job for the Open Garden on the weekend of 19th and 20th March.

With Mary Burford ill, so many people stepped up to ensure her planning for the event was carried out.

It was such a great weekend really, the weather was warm, the atmosphere was convivial and many people asked about Zonta as they bought Devonshire tea and tickets for our raffle. Desi Zed did a great job in this public relations activity.

With some volunteers unable to assist at the last minute, other club members stepped up to take on extra shifts and help with the packing up on Sunday afternoon.

Our club members had the opportunity to chat with each other as they worked their shift. One member also told me that she found it a great fellowship opportunity as we don't always have time to chat when we are on committees or at club meetings as we are focused on those tasks.

The Mosaic Garden was a lovely place for us to work. We were surrounded by lovely pieces of mosaic artwork around the garden which also enabled us to view many pieces from our tables.

I thank the following people for their amazing contributions.

Mary Burford for all of the planning, **Bev Gum** and **Wendy Bruce** for their work in setting up, **Gerry Sanderson** for working over two days and taking charge of the kitchen clean and pack up, **Desi Zed** for undertaking the role of cashier for two days, **Thelma Harvey** for taking on an extra shift on Sunday, **Miriam Zhu** for staying on for extra hours and helping pack up, **Beverley Newberry** for printing more pamphlets and doing an extra shift on Sunday, **Di Lancaster** for filling in on Sunday and staying for the pack up. Also thanks to **Raema Mahony**, **Jenni Thomson**, **Lina Rogers**, **Kathy Ellis**, **Margie Glover**, **Jennifer Stehn**, **Angela Vandellis**, **Malinda Steenkamp** and **Helen Pertsinidis**. Helen also stayed and assisted with the packing up.

We also thank **Fiona Dorman** (NCWSA president) and her young son **William** who assisted Bev and Wendy with the set up on Saturday.

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There were many visitors to the garden on the weekend and we were pleased to see and chat to former president Lynn Oxlad and her husband Lindsay.

Anne Martin the garden owner was presented with one of our hampers as a thank you.

First Prize was won by Marg Lister from Port Vincent. Second Prize was won by Di Taylor.

Both women were delighted with their hampers.



International Women's Day Breakfast:

On March 11th our club hosted our first Women's Day Breakfast for members and friends with 35 women in attendance at the Norwood Hotel. We also had staff from the Eastern Adelaide Domestic Violence Service come along to support our event.

It was a great success. We had use of the three screens for the streamed presentation of the event and the conversation between Senator Penny Wong and Grace Tame.

Many thanks to Thelma Harvey for the lovely plants that were sold, Margie Glover for selling raffle tickets, Desi Zed for managing the stall and finances on the day as well as members who attended and brought friends.

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On the Mend:

I know you will join me in wishing Desi Zed best wishes as she recovers from her knee surgery last week.

**Maxine Panegyres
President
Zonta Club of Adelaide**

Happy Birthday

We wish a happy birthday this month to Bev Gum who will celebrate on April 18.



SERVICE**Coordinators: Gerry Sanderson/Angela Vandellis**

I'm happy to announce that the status quo in all of projects has been maintained courtesy of our brilliant volunteers who generously donate their time and efforts to ensure that our important work is sustained with efficiency and dedication.

The Breast Cushion production will begin on Friday the 6th of May with the Silent Sewers constructing the cushions. Ivanka, Mary and Gerry will be in attendance to assist the process.

We hope to welcome both experienced and novice packers making an effort to join us.

It is always a pleasurable morning and so rewarding when

one thinks of the lasting effect these cushions play in providing comfort to post-breast surgery patients at St Andrew's Hospital.

Mary Burford will be reporting on the Open Garden catering fundraiser we ran for breast cushions but there is also a new development that will have an impact on our wider range of club projects.

At the last club meeting we shared the information with members in attendance that any profits we make beyond our Breast Cushion costs will be fed into the club for other projects.

Considering the large profits, we receive via our Devonshire tea stall and the raffle we conduct thanks to Deb Lodge and her amazing hampers; this flexibility in regards to using the extra income is a wonderful windfall to help us sustain our objectives.

A note for your diaries:

The next Breast Cushion packing day will be held on:

Saturday morning, 7th of May at 9.00am at Ivanka's, 10 Church Street MAGILL

PR/PROGRAM**Coordinator: Beverley Newberry**

GET WELL WISHES TO DAINA LONG AND TASIA PERTSINIDIS, both members of our committee.

Tasia has very very active in processing an article about Marjorie Fitz-Gerald, an ex-member of our Club

We will try very hard to obtain publicity about our Women of Achievement event, as per successful previous articles in the newspapers.

ADVOCACY**Coordinator: Kaye Roberts-Thomson****Upcoming Area Advocacy Meeting**

Members are invited to the next Area 2 Advocacy Workshop to be held on Saturday 9 April 2022 at 1.00—3.30pm at the Church of the Good Shepherd, 15 Clayton Avenue, Plympton.

Four clubs will share their experiences of working with Local Governments:

ZC Gawler - Housing Forum

ZC Fleurieu Peninsula - Early Intervention Housing Project

ZC Noarlunga Southern Vales - Onkaparinga Advocacy Collaborative

ZC Adelaide Flinders - Developing a Relationship with a metro Local Government

BOARD REPORT

Kaye Roberts-Thomson

Masks at Club Meetings

As Covid19 continues in our community some Club members are concerned that we are not wearing masks at our meetings. The Board discussed this and decided to recommend that members be invited to wear masks when not eating to make themselves and others more comfortable. This is an invitation from the Board not a requirement of the hotel.

Strategic Plan

At the last Club meeting I suggested that a draft strategic plan would be distributed prior to the April Club meeting and it would be discussed at that meeting. The Board discussed this and suggested that the document was quite complex and detailed and would need more time than would be available at the April meeting. They suggested that after the annual meeting in May, instead of a speaker, a workshop be held to enable a detailed and substantial discussion among all members as to the direction of the Club over the next couple of years.

AWARDS**Raema Mahony (Co Chair)****Young Women In Public Affairs**

The last month has been a busy one for the Awards Committee.

The applications closed this month for the club selection of their awardee for the Young Women in Public Affairs. Our club winner Inika Weber, in Year 12 at Wilderness School was selected. Inika's academic, extra school commitments and long involvement with a local environment community group was impressive. Club members will meet Inika at the April Club meeting when she attends with her mother and is presented with our club cheque for winning the club award.

Thank you to Stephanie for undertaking the task of assessing the applications. She then had a final consultation with Lina and I.

Thank you also to Lina for all her correspondence with the schools last year and this, to encourage them to put forward some applicants. This is a challenging task as all schools have a busy program and the increase in Covid resulted in it being difficult to get a response.

Zonta Leadership Course

The Planning for the Zonta Leadership Course is progressing with Erica and Kathy doing a presentation to Year 10, Mitcham Girls High School at their morning Year 10 Home groups.

Erica worked hard on the PowerPoint presentation and they were joined by Charlotte a 2021 graduate of the course to comment on how she benefited from the program.

On the 25th March Maxine and I attended Adelaide High. We met the girls and 3 school leaders and showed the PowerPoint presentation. Saniah a 2021 graduate assisted with the computer and slides and also talked about what she gained from the course.

On this occasion we were able to show a video of Genevieve, Leaders Institute Facilitator, talking about the content of the course and her role.

The numbers were small for this presentation. We hope two of the teachers who were young and new to the school will assist with enlisting the girls for the course.

These teachers asked questions about Zonta, our schools scholarships and the course aims.

Women of Achievement Ceremony

Our planning is progressing for the Women of Achievement Ceremony on Wednesday 27th April.

Thank you to the members who have indicated they will attend and support this event.

The Awards Committee, Maxine and Kaye have been consulted about recommendations of guests for this event and we are hoping to have some of our previous Women of Achievement awardees attend.

Currently I am waiting to hear back from one of the women who will receive an award however it appears she has returned to the APY Lands where her community is in isolation due to Covid.

In talking to all the awardees they are thrilled to be acknowledged by our club and looking forward to the event watched on by some family members.

OPEN GARDEN**TO BE HELD****10 April 2022****at****10.00am to 4.30pm****Beaumont House****631 Glynburn Road, Beaumont SA 5066****Please contact Mary Burford**

LAST MONTH'S SPEAKER

Bridget Mather
by Helen Pertsinidis

The importance of Affordable Housing options was discussed by Bridget Mather who spoke about the Older Women Co-Housing Association (Qld) Inc Community Housing Model. This is not to be confused with social housing (Housing Trust in South Australia equivalent).

It is estimated that about 400,000 women in Australia are at risk of homelessness today.

The issue is of great relevance to Zonta members because older females are the fastest rising group of being at risk of homelessness.

In Queensland 51% of older women compared with 15% of older men sought help with housing or were in a housing crisis.

The waiting period for social housing is in excess of 10 years, and because women often take breaks from their careers caring for children or elderly parents, their Superannuation upon retirement is around \$120,000.

Many factors which increase the risk of women experiencing homelessness include, gender inequality, inadequate social or affordable housing, low income/under employment, pay gaps, relationship breakdowns, job loss, illness, family and domestic violence, accident or injury.

With the above in mind, Ms Mather gave the example of the different types of housing options commencing with renting on **one side of the spectrum and ownership on the other side of the spectrum. Rental housing** included, Crisis accommodation – Transitional - Social Housing - Affordable Housing - NRAS Housing (market based renting) – Private Market rents. The other end of the spectrum was ownership and the two models that exist there are 'Affordable housing' and 'Private Market Housing'. The 'Affordable Housing' concept is based on the assumptions that it provides older women with safe, affordable, and financially secure housing through ownership, and companionship, as there are five women living within these Affordable housing developments independently, but like sharing with a group of five friends.

The key design features of the Community Housing Model include that it incorporates the essentials like a kitchen, landscaped courtyard, and privacy. In the garden pavilion area there is a shared laundry, entertainment space, kitchen, toilet and garden shed providing occupants with the ability to share these facilities as they desire.

The land is around 800m² and located close to public transport, shops and medical facilities, and provides a design for aging people such as wide doorways, and wheel chair access.

The key for such developments in the future was in locating appropriate land for acquisition, dealing with planning development issues, and holding Co-housing workshops for potential buyers.

The example Ms Mather gave was that of a woman who had a \$100,000 deposit but still couldn't afford to get into the housing market.

She discussed the Community Housing model which entailed the buyer having the ability to buy their accommodation and therefore have a shared equity in the property and also their own privacy.

The Community Housing Model is operational in Queensland, whereby the development proceeds with the assistance of key advisers who provide their services on a pro-bono basis, professionals such as Architects, Planners, Builders, Solicitors, Town Planners, Financial Advisers, Social Media, Financial Modeller, Administration services and Member communication.

As each State has different Planning laws the models will differ, Also finding developers can be difficult because it is a Not-For-Profit development, and finding locations close to the city where land is at a premium limitations too.

How the Community Housing Model Works

A maximum of five women would buy into the development, and they would hold their legal interest as a Tenant in Common, reflecting their legal share, for example if the property was valued at \$500,000 property, and the woman had paid a \$100,000 towards her interest in the property, her equity as a Tenant in Common would be represented as a share equivalent to one fifth of the property. Upon a Tenant in Common becoming deceased, their legal interest in the property under the terms of their Will can be sold to another party subject to compliance with the Memorandum of Association (A Constitution of the conditions of the sale of the properties; for example, they must live in the property and it can't be rented for commercial purposes, as well as age group, and gender restrictions etc).

There are concept plans for more Community Housing properties outside of Brisbane metropolitan areas, such as Caloundra.

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

- **President Maxine Panegyres**
 - **Service**
 - **Advocacy**
 - **Awards**
 - **Open Garden**
 - **Last month's Speaker**
 - **Sub-editor**
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| Gerry Sanderson |
| Kaye Roberts-Thomson |
| Raema Mahony |
| Mary Burford |
| Helen Pertsinidis |
| Wendy Bruce |

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



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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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