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FROM THE PRESIDENT



World News

Once again we are all impacted by the news and vision of the unfolding events in Ukraine. Pictures of women and children in bunkers and on the streets send a timely reminder of the effects on women and children whenever there is an uprising or war in another country. There are three Zonta clubs listed in Ukraine and I am sure we will hear more about them during the next few months.

International Women's Day

For the first time our club will host a breakfast on Friday March 11th at the Norwood Hotel. As you know this is a first for the club. Thanks to Thelma for the idea and Deb for following up and planning with the hotel. There has been a positive response with almost 30 people booking. Places are available should you have friends who would like to attend. (Please contact Maxine for payment details.)

Young Women Leaders

As a club we are preparing for the next **Young Women Leaders** course and once again I thank Raema Mahony and the mentors, Kathy Ellis, Desi Zed, Erica Majba and Maxine for their preparation in getting this started. Working across two schools is no easy feat arranging suitable times for introductory sessions with students and teachers to encourage young women to apply to do the course.

Remarkable Women

There are some amazing women featured in the **Remarkable Women Powerful Stories** on the ZI website. One of the most telling features of the women's stories was that they listened and learned from someone close to them; a mother, grandmother who made a great impact on their thinking and life directions.

Women of Achievement

Thinking of remarkable women and closer to home, the panel met last week to select the Women of Achievement for our club's awards. There are many women who have done amazing things within South Australia. Once again I thank Raema Mahony for managing this process.

As you know the Lord Mayor of Adelaide Ms Sandy Verschoor, will host this event on Wednesday 27th April and we will be looking forward to members attending.

Advocacy

With a state and federal election on the immediate horizon we have the opportunity to be proactive and seek answers from candidates about the myriad of issues that women and girls face. Kaye Roberts-Thomson has led this discussion with the Advocacy committee and has a range of with questions that members might like to ask if and when they meet candidates.

The next combined Advocacy Workshop will be on Saturday 9th April, hosted by the ZC Para District and Area 2 with the theme **Achievement through Collaboration**. Further details will be forwarded as they arrive.

Area 2 Workshop

The Area 2 Workshop will be held on Saturday 14th May with further details to be forwarded as they arrive.

**Maxine Panegyres
President
Zonta Club of Adelaide**

**Empowering women and girls through Service and Advocacy
by 28,000 members in 62 countries worldwide**

Mitcham Presentation Night 2021

President Maxine presented certificates to girls awarded Zonta Club of Adelaide scholarships.



Hafsa Faisal



Ayesha Andary

Happy Birthday

We wish happy birthday celebrations to:

February

23 Thelma Harvey

March

- 7 Lina Rogers
- 22 Jill Olifent
- 23 Sue Watchman
- 28 Colleen Tomlian



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

It's business as usual with the Service Committee continuing to support the Eastern Adelaide Domestic Violence Services on Tuesdays and Wednesdays each week.

Our efforts to support the Wednesday volunteers at the Domestic Violence Service have not been entirely successful in attracting additional helpers in distributing and delivering Oz Harvest.

However, I thank Wendy Bruce for her efforts in compiling a roster for future Wednesdays which appears to be workable with other club members offering to commit to days when volunteer numbers are low.

The core members: Angela and Wendy are rostered on every week with very little wriggle

room to consider the occasional time-out.

Thankfully Lina and Miriam have rostered themselves into volunteer slots that will get us through but with Miriam's studies commencing very soon and when Lina's short-notice duties as a devoted baby sitter are required, this can pose difficulties.

Maxine has added her name to the roster and Gerry has offered to step in when required.

The Tuesday team has been extending its duties to include cleaning the fridge and disposing of out-of-date donations which will lighten the responsibilities on Wednesdays.

We will continue to follow

up with non-Zonta volunteers although this has not yet proven to be an easy task.

Needless to say, the over-worked staff at the EADVS continue to praise the volunteers for their devoted service and reliability every week.

This is in a time where a number of staff are working from home because of COVID and the opportunity to speak face to face with other case worker staff about problems and difficulties is adding significantly to stress levels.

The Service Committee has now submitted our Strategic Plan to Kaye and Jennifer for their perusal.

I think we scored a big tick for our efforts.

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 Robertss-Thomson**

The Advocacy Committee met on Monday, February 11.

Upcoming Elections

We decided to form an open question to put to parties and candidates for the State election on 19 March. The question could also be used for the Federal election in May. We would encourage members to ask the question whenever and wherever they may come into

contact with a candidate. We contacted the Area 2 leadership and they have developed a letter to send to the various parties. The Combined Advocacy leadership thought the question was a good idea but no action was forthcoming.

The question is"
I am a members of Zonta International which advocates for the well-being of women

and girls. Over 50% of voters are women, please would you outline how your policies on safety of women homelessness and climate change will improve the lot of women and girls in SA?

Budget for 2022

We began discussions on the contribution and programs for the budget discussions.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY BREAKFAST**In conversation with Penny Wong and Grace Tame****MC: Sonya Feldhoff, ABC Radio Adeliade****11 March 2022 at 6.30am****Venue****Norwood Hotel, Cnr Osmond Tce and Norwood Parade****Thanks to Thelma Harvey for our club hosting of this event**

MEMBERSHIP**Raema Mahony (Co Chair)**

There have been a few enquiries regarding our club membership requirements.

These have come from our Club website and Facebook sites. Information letters have

been sent to these women and one woman has indicated she will attend the March meeting.

AWARDS**Raema Mahony (Co Chair)**

The University of S.A. Community Development Award has been paid in anticipation of the applications closing.

Leanne and Raema will be representing our club on this panel which will meet in late April.

Leadership Course. Meetings have been held with the Zonta Mentors to plan for a presentation at both Mitcham Girls High and Adelaide High schools in March.

These presentations will be to Year 10 students to explain the forthcoming course and assist these students in making a decision about whether they enrol in the course and the 8 weeks Community projects which the Zonta Mentors will be conducting.

Young Women in Public Affairs Scholarship. Our club has received applications for this Zonta International Scholarship.

Catherine and Leanne will be assessing the applications and will choose a club nomination.

This YWPA club nominee will be then forwarded to the District 23 to compete for the YWPA D23 scholarship.

Lina has worked hard on coordinating our club's promotion of the scholarship in the schools and will finalise the process with our club winner's application being sent to D23.

OPEN GARDEN TO BE HELD

19 and 20 March 2022

We are doing this in conjunction with the Silent Sewers group who will be looking after the gate.

It is polling day but I'm sure we can fit it all in and you can always do a postal vote as you will not be home on the day.

Please contact Mary Burford

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

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

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

**LAST MONTH'S SPEAKER
JILLIAN BARRAUD**

**New research into sexual violence against women in India
By Helen Pertsinidis**

A new book on Feminism is soon to be released which will feature some peer reviewed research by Ms Jillian Barraud.

Holding an Honours Degree in Social Work from the University of South Australia, Ms Barraud gained assistance for her final year of her Honours thesis through a Zonta Scholarship.

The Honours thesis was written in four sections.

The first question examined the underlying pre-suppositions or assumptions of Indian men treating women as inferior?

Secondly, how did this representation occur? Ms Barraud elaborated on these points by speaking about India's colonization by the British, and the impact this had on the values of Indian society.

Ms Barraud said that although Indians were considered inferior to the British, there still was some potential for them to be considered 'civilised.' (In doing so, there were two different cultures working side by side that believed sexist practices were acceptable).

The representation of Indian women and violence towards them in traditional Indian society was therefore different from that which was encountered in Western society.

Ms Barraud gave an example of the type of sexual violence that occurred against women.

"A young, Indian, female student who was studying physiotherapy at university was attacked on a bus and gang raped by men, and later succumbed to her injuries,"

Ms Barraud said.

"The men were convicted of murder," she added.

India is largely a patriarchal society. This dominates the thinking of most Indian men, leading to them viewing women as subordinates and leading to crimes such as sexual violence.

Ms Barraud also mentioned, that while patriarchy is most common in India, matriarchy does exist in some, rural areas of that country.

The third question in her thesis was, What problematic areas have remain and what are the silences? And her fourth question was "How can the problem be thought of differently?"

Ms Barraud said that the majority of the problems and crimes in Indian society stemmed from sexism and misogyny towards women, and that this problem was not unique to Indian society but also existed in the Western world.

She also discussed the problem of cultural sexual violence, a practice which discouraged women from discussing or seeking support for countering sexual violence.

The highlight of her thesis is how Ms Barraud sought to deliver solutions to this dilemma.

She referred to some courses of action for improvement - to seek social discussion, discourse, and to find more methods of protecting women who had been sexually violated.



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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