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FROM THE PRESIDENT



This is my last report to you as president. I would like to thank members for their support during the last two years. I have appreciated the many positive comments during this time of challenge as we navigate out of the pandemic, finding ways to connect and move forward as well as keeping our projects going.

I would like to thank Board members for their work providing advice and support as we have met via Zoom and in person depending on the Covid situation and other circumstances at the time.

I also would like to thank Beverley Newberry for her ongoing work each month producing the Zephyr to keep us all informed of the work of the club.

At the AGM in May, I mentioned the ongoing work of the committees during the last twelve months and I thank them.

Our club provides support in many ways to different organisations and we should be proud of that work.

Area 2 Workshop

The Area 2 Workshop was hosted by the Zonta Club of Adelaide Flinders. I offered my congratulations to the organisers of the day as it provided an opportunity to hear of the great projects that Area 2 clubs undertake.

Erica Majba and I presented information about the Young Women Leaders Program currently underway with students from Mitcham Girls and Adelaide High Schools. Carole Theobald, the District 23 Futurist from the Zonta Club of Perth, provided excellent information about **Zonta Says Now**.

Carole walked the audience through a simulation activity using all of the facets known to making a difference as to how we address the impact of climate change. We also received a copy of the PowerPoint she used.

Hamburg Convention

After the last club meeting Kaye and I found out that we needed to delegate another club to carry our votes at convention as only votes

from the floor will be included. Para District Area is the designated club for this purpose and Liz Bice will act on our behalf. Kaye and I have gone through the convention papers and will provide information to Liz before she leaves for Europe.

Instead of payment towards her registration for the convention Liz has asked clubs to make a donation to the **Endowment Fund**. This fund has been established to provide a long term source of income for the Foundation with interest and earnings from the investments providing an annual stream of income to use for future project or program support without spending of the principal amount. The Aim is to raise \$10 million as the base amount. This should be realised in the next few years. The Board agreed to this request with a donation of \$200 to be made.

Best Wishes

Our thoughts are with our much loved members Aileen Connon, Val Baldwin and Daina Long as they are battling health issues at the moment and undergoing treatment. The next best thing to flowers is chocolate and I took some to Aileen last week when I visited her.

Our very best wishes go to each of these valued club members.

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Retiring members

As you are aware we have had four members retire recently.

Jennifer Stehn

contributed as a board member, club treasurer and convened the market stall project for many years as well as contributing her time with the Eastern Adelaide Domestic Violence Service.

Wendy Bruce

was a Director and Club President, convenor of Advocacy Committee and played a significant role with the stories for the production of the Walk in My Shoes Booklet. Wendy still contributes time at the EADVS.

Akhter Rahman

is preparing to relocate to Sydney to be closer to family and hopes to reconnect with a Zonta Club once she is settled.

Malinda Steenkamp

her personal circumstances have changed and we hope that she will come along to meetings as a friend of Zonta. We are still hopeful of Malinda being a speaker at a meeting later in the year.

Handover Dinner

Next week is the official Handover Dinner and I wish all new Office Bearers and Directors well as they take up their new roles.

Maxine Panegyres
President
Zonta Club of Adelaide

Happy Birthday

**We wish a happy birthday
on 22 June to:**

Angela Vandellis



SERVICE Convenor: Gerry Sanderson

To our enormous relief we have had an excellent level of success following our two-week trial of switching the Oz-Harvest distribution day from Wednesdays to Tuesdays.

As many of you know, it has been of great concern that the onus of having a core team of two responsible in the role of sorting and delivering Oz Harvest supplies food donations to clients, both onsite at the Eastern Adelaide Domestic Violence Service, as well as those individuals and families housed in motels, is becoming unsustainable.

The Zonta Club has a long history of providing this volunteer service and it is with some pride that we list it as a primary focus in meeting the important objectives of the Service Committee.

The distribution team, comprising core members Angela Vandellis and Wendy Bruce, assisted by Lina Rogers and Miriam Zhu, sort and package food donations followed up with the delivery to both onsite and motel accommodations.

We are now into our fourth week of Oz Harvest deliveries to the EADVS relocation to Tuesdays. Not only are the delivery times more reliable but with extra helpers from the regular team available, there is a maximum team of eight to ten volunteers there to assist.

This experiment has now passed the trial period and will be successfully adopted as a solution to our problem.



On the morning of Saturday the 7th May, a smaller team of volunteers than usual helped to package breast cushions at Ivanka's home.

Many thanks to Ivanka, Mary, Bev, Angela and Gerry who worked very hard to complete all of the wrapping. Gerry delivered 135 breast cushions to St Andrew's Hospital in the afternoon.

On Sunday the 8th May Mary Burford, Bev Gum and Wendy Bruce conducted a birthing Kit Assembly at the Adelaide Training Centre.

Pastor Amelia McGlaughlin from the Circle of Hope charity requested the activity in order to unite community members in this worthy activity. 27 volunteers assembled 178 Birthing Kits.

The volunteers comprised young and old and represented a wide range of cultural backgrounds.

This is just what Zonta is all about and we are very proud that our hard-working members are so committed to actively fulfilling our Zonta objectives.

Open Garden

The latest Open Garden event was held at Beaumont House on Sunday 10th of April.

A large team of volunteers assisted this fundraiser including a non-member friend, Colleen Slattery.

The Service Committee was well represented with every single member of the team present on the day. Of course, other committee members are also there in force and it was brilliant that the day turned out to be such a success.

Total revenues for Open Garden events have now reached a spectacular \$7,326.89.

I'd also like to advise that Mary Burford will be taking a two month leave of absence from the Zonta Club in order to regain her health following the pressure she has been under following her serious Covid infection. The Service Committee is in full support of Mary's decision and will ensure that we allow Mary to feel free of any obligations to carry out any of her usual duties within this time frame.



BREAST CUSHION PACKING Dates for your diaries:

26th August and 5th November

will be breast cushion packing days at Ivanka's.

Angela is going to investigate the possibility of getting large cellophane bags from our suppliers which will significantly reduce the wrapping and sticking process we currently use.

We need to do costings and will report back to the club when this alternative has been assessed.

Gerry Sanderson



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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Women of Achievement Awards 2022

Reporter: Tasia Pertsinidis

High achievers in various fields were given a highly prestigious Women of Achievement Award recently at a cocktail party at the Adelaide Town Hall.

The President of the Zonta Club of Adelaide, Ms Maxine Panegyres, told the crowd at the ceremony that it was “a very special honour” to receive a Women of Achievement Award 2022.

Professor of Dentistry, Ms Kaye Roberts-Thomson, said that she was one of four women in her course when she started it and that this award helped “push for more opportunities for women.”

The Mayor of the City of Adelaide, Ms Sandy Verschoor, said those had received Women of Achievement Awards had made “remarkable contributions” in many areas including “science, medicine, engineering, health and business.”

The recipients of this year’s Award were:

Lifetime Achievement Award Section: **Ms Anne Milne (Service), Ms Christine Gordon (Fitness and Wellbeing), and Ms Margaret Scharer (Fitness and Wellbeing).**

Emerging Leaders section winners: **Dr Michelle Perugini (Science and Innovation), Ms Tanya Hosch (Sport and Indigenous Affairs), and Dr Betty-Jean Dee-Price (Disability Activist).**

Club Youth Award Winners:

Zonta Community Development Grant at the University of South Australia: **Ms Jillian Barraud, and Ms Briannon Hoskin.**

Adelaide High School winners: **Ms Morgan Jamieson (Year 12), Ms Mya Wilson (Year 11).**

Mitcham Girls High School winners: **Ms Hafsa Faisal (Year 12), Ms Ayesha Andary (Year 11).**

Young Woman in Public Affairs winner: **Ms Inika Weber.**

