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FROM THE PRESIDENT



Welcome to Club activities for 2023. We had a beautiful morning for the Amelia Earhart breakfast to begin the year. Thanks to Raema and her team for their organisation.

The Board met on Tuesday January 24 with a full agenda.

We decided to buy a small audio system and a laptop with external hard drive to keep all our minutes and other documents together. It could also be used for Club meetings if necessary.

We are keen to move on seeking sponsorships for some of our activities and are developing a package to present to potential sponsors.

This is important as one of our recent fundraising ventures, packing for Ray White will not continue.

Deb Lodge is seeking to relinquish her role coordinating the making of settlement gifts and other packages. Our sincere thanks to Deb for her work on establishing and working on this which has provided thousands of dollars to the Club. We are seeking someone to take this role on with Deb's support.

Another activity which has been a good fundraiser has been an Open Garden. We decided to outsource the making of scones but need a volunteer to coordinate the Open Garden in May. There are plenty of helpers who need a leader.

The speaker for International Women's Day this year is

Ambassador Caroline Kennedy.

proposing to hold a breakfast as we did last year (to be confirmed). Date is Friday March 10.

The lunch for the Service Clubs of South Australia Awards is to be held at the Glenelg Golf Club on February 26. Those interested in attending please let me know. We have been winners in the past and have submitted an application this year, thanks to Di and Raema.

Finally we are asking all committees to review how they are progressing in relation to the Club's strategic plan.

I am looking forward to an active and enjoyable year for our Club in 2023.

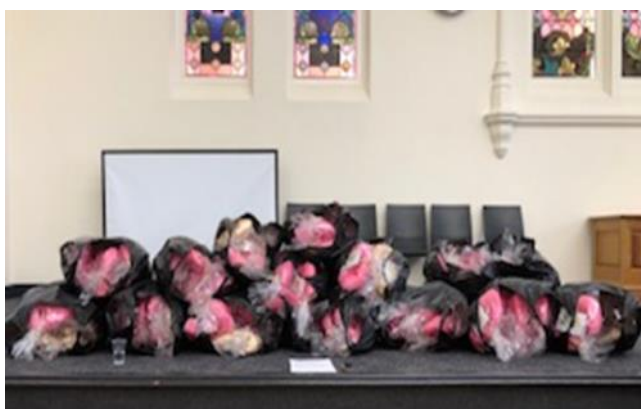
The speaker for our meeting on February 1st is Dr Sarah Moulds. She will speak on human rights in Australia in relation to women.

**Kaye Roberts-Thomson
President
Zonta Club of Adelaide**

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SERVICE

Co- Convenors: Gerry Sanderson and Angela Vandellis



The Zonta presentation at the **Graduating Midwives Retreat** on Friday the 11th of November 2022. I thought that there may be an interest within the club to see some of the images taken by Louise Stevens at the event which marked the last day of the students gathering together before their graduation in April 2023.

It was such a joy to have an appreciative and attentive audience of approximately 90 students and staff and there were many opportunities for us to link the purpose of our club and our service activities with the midwifery profession. Our work in supporting victims of domestic violence is extremely relevant, especially where statistically the rate of cases increases when the women are pregnant. Another strong link is our supervision and guidance in organising school students to pack birthing kits destined for pregnant women in developing countries. This session, run by Angela, was perhaps the most compelling in relating to the audience and their future roles.

Erica gave a concise and interesting background to the projects, structure, world-wide involvement and links to important organisations like the United Nations. Gerry spoke about our activities at the EADVS including Oz Harvest, sorting and displaying donation items, organising Christmas hampers for the clients as well as filling many other practical roles to assist the staff at the service.

At the end of the day the students packed 160 breast cushions which Gerry immediately drove to St Andrew's Hospital. The students also contributed clothing items for the clothing shed at the EADVS.

Many thanks to: Erica Majba, Angela Vandellis, Louise Stevens, Ivanka Jovanovich (who received a standing ovation for her work with breast cushions), Kaye Roberts-Thomson and perhaps this author.

CHRISTMAS HAMPER PACKING AT THE EADVS

I know that many of you know about this annual activity with a number of volunteers assisting the Service Committee to assemble items to be packed into Christmas hampers at the EADVS. This session, held on Wednesday the 7th of December, was once again a well-organised and skilled conveyor belt of high-level efficiency.

I thank the following happy volunteers: Erica Majba, Maxine Panegyres, Margie Glover, Louise Stevens, Miriam Zhu, Eleanor Corby (Verena's daughter). It was a fantastic morning and I'm so pleased to say that we had an ample supply of gifts to fill the required 55 hampers.

Thank you to all of the generous donors within the club who contributed beautiful gifts, some of them delivered to my home. A significant number of my personal friends have also made substantial and generous donations as well. Added to this, I organised an earring assembly workshop at my home with my young nieces, their friends and other family members to create 55 sets of beautiful earrings to add to the hampers.

Alison Meneaud was utterly delighted with our efforts and although we didn't get to see the distribution of the gifts, I was assured that the clients were both delighted and very moved.



IMPORTANT DATES

Silent Sewers breast cushion sewing day **Friday, 10th of February**

There is to be a breast cushion packing day on **Saturday, 11th of February**

Open Garden at Coinda, near Bridgewater, over the Mothers' Day weekend **Saturday the 13th and Sunday the 13th of May.**

I admit to having some trepidation that many of you will have other important commitments with your families over that weekend and it will be extremely difficult to cover the roster. Plus, as luck would have it, the Saturday clashes with another breast cushion packing day.

All of this presents a challenge and I'm hoping and praying that this important fundraiser will be a success.

Unfortunately, I will have to see what happens with the availability of members to assist because it will definitely clash with your family plans.

Happy Birthday

We wish a happy birthday to our members during
January and February 2023

January

24	Margie Glover
28	Tasia Pertsinidis

February

9	Catherine Alcock
16	Kathy Ellis
17	Kaye Roberts-Thomson
23	Thelma Harvey



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ZONTA INTERNATIONAL

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- 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.
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