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FROM THE PRESIDENT



March is a beautiful and busy time in Adelaide with the Fringe, the Festival and usually good weather.

Our Club will also be busy.

The Club meeting on March 1st will have Sara McIllduff from No To Violence, a phone counselling service for perpetrators of domestic violence.

On March 10 we will be hosting the streaming of the International Women's Day Breakfast.

We have had quite a good response and hope to see as many of you as possible there.

The Board has finalised the documentation to seek sponsorship, both for prizes for events and for sponsoring some of our activities. We are anticipating sponsorship will supplement and support our fund-raising activities.

As we move towards the end of the Zonta year (April) I would like to find out how members would like to be involved in our Club and am seeking your input. This information will assist the members of the Nominating Committee (Daina Long, Kathy Ellis and Helen Joraslafsky) who will be seeking people to fill various roles, as well as enable us to ensure all our activities are covered.

Our Club has many long-standing projects and approaches. The Board has agreed that at our May meeting we have a review and planning session. That is not to undermine or diminish the work that is currently done, but the Board thinks a review process is important. It would also be an opportunity to float ideas of new projects or ways of doing things. So please consider ideas to contribute.

We have purchased a laptop and external hard drive for the Club for use at meetings, for use by the treasurer and for recording minutes.

Currently we borrow laptops for meetings and our documents are held on personal computers or in hard copy.

We have also bought a portable sound system to provide an improved experience at meetings.

A group of our members have been working on a fashion parade fund raiser to be held on 27th April. Please keep the date free, more details are to come.

We are excited about the year ahead and hope you are too.

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

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Happy Birthday

We wish happy birthday celebrations to:

March

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



MEMBERSHIP

Erica Majba

Last month we welcomed Bridget Mather to our club.

Bridget has transferred from E Club Queensland. She has been to our club a number of times and has now moved to SA on a permanent basis. Bridget is CEO of the Coorong District Council, based in Tailem Bend but lives in the Adelaide Hills. Luckily for us she comes to Adelaide to work on occasions. We look forward to her sharing some fresh ideas.

Through our new website a number of prospective members have made contact. A number attended last months' meeting and this

month:

Annette Brock, Mara Rain, Heather Luke and her friend Sue Fleming will be attending.

Also thanks to: Margie, Maxine and Thelma who have invited guests who are interested in learning more about Zonta.

Please make a point of speaking to and welcoming guests.

The committee will welcomed back Janice Watson from deployment from the flood crises. She has been there since December and will miss our March club meeting but aims to attend the nnext Membership meeting on 18 March.



Bridget Mather

SERVICE

Coordinators: Gerry Sanderson/Angela Vandellis

30th January we had an emergency request for extra Breast Cushions for St. Andrew's Hospital. The formal production days were scheduled for a fortnight later so two of the Silent Sewers, Gerry and Ivanka went into hasty production on the Monday and I was able to deliver 20 breast cushions that afternoon.

7th February. After our work at the EADVS, Thelma Margie and Gerry met with the owners of Elle and Elka boutique and secured an agreement to stage the proposed Fashion Parade fundraiser on **THURSDAY THE 27TH OF APRIL.** We also met with Sam, the events manager at The Maid Hotel.

We were forwarded an events package and we had another meeting on Tuesday the 7th of February to plan our strategies.

Things are looking very positive at this stage and we thank Kaye for creating a Zonta letter for us to present to possible donors to offer at the silent auction.

10th February the Silent Sewers met for a sewing breast cushions day and produced 145 cushions

11th February was a packing morning at Ivanka's and I thank Mary, Louise, Thelma and Wendy for their assistance. I was able to deliver the 154 breast cushions to St Andrew's Hospital later that morning.

OPEN GARDEN Roster

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| 13 May | 10am – 12pm | Colleen | Bridget | ? | Gerry 8.30 start |
| | 12pm – 2.00pm | Margie | Kaye | Evangeline | Gerry |
| | 2.00pm – 4.00pm | Verena | ? | ? | Gerry |
| 14 May | 10am -12pm | Bev | ? | ? | Gerry 8.30 start |
| | 12pm - 2.00pm | Beverley | Wendy | Mary | Gerry |
| | 2.00pm - 4.00pm | Erica | Thelma | Leanne? | Gerry |

As you can see, there are 6 vacant roster sections, with another possible vacancy if Leanne is unable to attend. This is a troubling issue because we will be unable to go ahead under these circumstances.

We need two people in the kitchen area to attend to the scones. At least one person serving and making tea and coffee. We also need another person at the till/EFTPOS and encouraging people to buy raffle tickets.

I'm hoping for a solution here because I fear that we will lose this very remunerative fundraising activity if we cancel.

ADVOCACY

Verena Colby

The Advocacy Group met on Monday 6th February 2023 to discuss upcoming events and priorities for 2023.

The focus at this stage is the screening of Brazen Hussies as we had to cancel last year. The date is now confirmed for 26th March 2023 at Mitcham Girls High School.

We hope you can attend - it is a joint initiative with the National Council for Women to raise awareness and inform.

March is a fitting time to recognise and celebrate the role and position of women and to acknowledge the work that has been carried out to date.

The event is also a fundraising possibility - so please bring your friends and families!

We will be enjoying a glass of bubbles and a raffle - which are included in the cost of the \$20.00 ticket.

The group also decided to seek feedback from club members about priorities to focus on for the year - within the strategic plan.

There are numerous projects that can be worked on, and to enable us to focus and achieve the best outcomes, we would like members to priorities these at the next club meeting (1st March 2023).

Our next Advocacy meeting is scheduled for the 6th March 2023, with a Brazen Hussies Preparation meeting on the 20th March 2023.

We look forward to receiving member feedback about priorities for this year.

**All the best
Verena**

FINANCE

Erica Majba

In my role as Assistance Treasurer while Desi is away I carried out the usual tasks. One gratifying task was making a donation to Zonta Foundation for Women, specifically to the Amelia Earhart Foundation.

This was the surplus from our Amelia . Earhart Breakfast in January,

Given the current exchange rate and using my credit card to avoid paying international transfer fees, the Club donated USD\$440.00. In Australian dollars this was \$636.11.

Congratulations to all those who contributed to make this possible.

You will note from the Cash Book Summary for February, that the Adelaide HS scholarship \$2,000, and the Birthing Kit assembly day \$1,500 payments, have been made.

President Kaye will show you the new club laptop and sound system.

AWARDS

Raema Mahony

YWPA closed for club applications on 28TH Feb.

The University SA has agreed to promote the JMK Women In Business and the new STEM Scholarships on their website for external scholarships. They will also assist in providing key contacts in appropriate faculties. JMK club contact is Leanne and for the STEM is Maxine. They will receive applications and call for Panel membership.

Both scholarships close for

club applications on 30th June 2023.

LEADERSHIP COURSE planning is underway with AHS enlisting students, and discussions have occurred with some club members who have indicated they would like to learn more, attend some sessions and shadow the original Zonta Mentors.

The course will commence in May and end with the graduation at our September Club meeting.

At the end of the year, Maxine represented our club at an Adelaide High School assembly of Year 10 students to the student who will be our current 2023 Year 11 scholarship holder.

Our President Kaye, will be attending a presentation on Wednesday 8th March at an International Women's Day assembly to the Year 11 recipient. In our April Zephyr edition photos and a write up on these students will be published.

COMMUNICATIONS

Maxine Panegyres/Tasia Pertsinidis

Archiving

Beverley and Colleen will be working on archiving our club materials for the Mortlock Library during the next few months. This necessitates Beverley being relieved of some of the roles she has had for many years.

Annual Report

We thank Di Lancaster for taking up responsibility for the Annual Report as Beverley will be busy archiving. Di will send out guidelines soon to all committee convenors to assist with this process.

Zephyr

Tasia and Beverley will be

inserting reports from convenors and ask that all articles, no longer than 400 words, are sent to them by the end of Board Meeting week.

Publisher is the current template being used and we ask members if they have other ideas to help with the Zephyr. Tasia writes about our guest speakers' which go into the Zephyr. She also has stories to write on various interviews that have been videod.

Website

Lina and Erica are continuing their excellent work updating our website and regularly attend webinars to update their skills. Our Zephyrs are on the website for a period of twelve months

Facebook

Di Lancaster has some excellent and comprehensive data about responses to our Facebook site. How many hits, types of responses, breakdown of male/female, overseas, local. So many categories can be explored with this data. Please ask Di if you would like more information.

Strategic Plan

Our committee reviewed our section of the club's plan. This has been forwarded to Kaye Roberts-Thomson.

Business Cards

Maxine is working on updating our business cards with new logo, tagline etc.

THE SERVICES CLUBS ASSOCIATION OF SA PREMIER'S COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS

Margaret Peters

On Sunday, 26th February, eight Zonta Club members shared a lunch table at the Glenelg Golf Club to celebrate the Premier's Community Service Award. The Zonta Club of Adelaide had nominated the ***Young Leaders Program*** in the Youth Award Category.

This program superbly led by Raema Mahony, with support from not just the Awards Committee members but also a cross section of Zonta members, was one of three nominations, the other two being *Tour the Solar System*—Soroptimist International Murray Bridge and the *Youth Sailing Challenge*—Rotary District 9510.

We had to wait for previous awards before hearing the **Zonta program had won the Youth Category**. Our President, Kaye Roberts-Thomson, accepted the award. We were delighted and proud.

After more category awards were announced the highlight was the final award, **The Premier's Distinction Award**. The winner of the nine categories are eligible for this award and ***The Young Leaders Program*** won.

This is the first time that the Zonta Club of Adelaide has won this prestigious award which also provides \$2,000 to the Winner. Kaye had a second walk to accept this unexpected second award on behalf of our Club. Our table was overjoyed.

Congratulations to Raema and to all the many club members who took part in this program and to all the Club members for supporting it. An award of distinction, indeed.

LAST MONTH'S SPEAKER
Law Reform, Human Rights Act needed

By Tasia Pertsinidis

**THIS STORY IS ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA
LAW LECTURER, DR SARAH MOULDS**

Esteemed Law Lecturer at the University of South Australia, Dr Sarah Moulds, this week spoke about the intersection between International Human Rights Law, Australian Law, and enhancing females in that setting.

Women's Rights and Human Rights

Dr Moulds said that Women's Rights and Human Rights were covered by various things including: the United Nations Declaration of Human Rights; the Convention against Age Discrimination; treaty Monitoring Bodies; Domestic Regulation; Domestic Policies, and Court Rulings.

Human Rights are solid principles that we can defend and uphold" but convention does not have the power to protect the status of women in Australia if it is not passed by Parliament, Dr Moulds said.

Police Officers enforce that section of the law, unless other steps are taken.

"It is a fantastic principle, but there are limitations for its legal enforcement.

"If we want it to be a law we have to do something.

"Zonta's mission is enshrined in an International Convention and it has the potential to enshrine it in Australian Law," Dr Moulds said.

Normative and Structural Limits

Dr Moulds listed Liberalism, Capitalism, Colonialism affect entrenched gender norms and Federalism, can cause a barrier.

The Constitution divides power between the Commonwealth and the States, and with areas such as State Health budgets, Commonwealth legislation is essential.

The case for the area of Equal Opportunity is State Law.

The Federal Government can only do what is in section 51.

We have got "to include Human Rights," Dr Moulds said.

Dr Moulds said South Australia "started the ball rolling" in that area with its Equal Opportunity Legislation, as the Federal Government was allowed to enact the law through its External Affairs power.

Dr Moulds said gaps in the law existed in the areas such as "housing, gender based violence, the gender pay gap, and birth control."

Where Consent Law is concerned, a jury needs to be satisfied a case has been proven beyond reasonable doubt.

She said South Australia needed to get the ACT's and Victoria's law on (voluntary) consent.

"We need stand alone legislation, a principal of statutory interpretation, and to amend that legislation to have a big future impact, Dr Moulds said.

"Women in front of a Judge without police or lawyers, should be able to get an outcome!

"We have to give people the opportunity to tell their story," Dr Moulds said.

She said climate activists were taking court action because a Minister had "a duty of care" about the environment, but that duty of care did not include the rights of indigenous people, and children.

Dr Moulds said that Zonta should use its special consultative status with the United Nations by asking questions about issues relevant to Australia.

Reforming Equal Opportunity Laws

"It's not ok to treat people differently because of Domestic Violence.

"We have an under resourced Equal Opportunity Commission in this state, in Australia, and Internationally," Dr Moulds said.

In the areas of disability, and sexual harassment laws, we need to create an environment where "sexual harassment doesn't happen" – instead of a person having to "prove that it was sexual harassment."

"It's time for a Human Rights Act in South Australia, through Parliament, to be used through the Executive, and in the Courts.

"We want every human to have a say," Dr Moulds said.



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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