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KAYE ROBERTS-THOMSON

Welcome to Zonta Club of Adelaide for 2024. The Amelia Earhart Breakfast was a wonderful start to the year. Great food, beautiful weather and location, and a convivial atmosphere. Many thanks to Raema and her group and Heather for organising the food.

Our Christmas lunch was another very enjoyable event at which we were able to acknowledge Beverley Newberry for her 40 years membership of the Club and her enormous contribution in that time.



.We also were pleased to have Mary Burford with us, who had been a nominee for the Heide Taylor award at the Premier's Awards.

In later June the Zonta International Convention will be held. Our application to run a workshop at the Convention on the Young Leaders Program has been accepted. This is an honour for our Club.

I know some of you are getting organised to attend. I would encourage as many as possible to take the opportunity to meet Zontians from around the world in Brisbane this year. If you have any questions please talk to Erica, Bridget or me. To register you will need your Zonta membership number which Erica can provide.

Although our finances are reasonable, we do have a significant number of commitments, particularly scholarships. Fund raising needs to be on our agenda for the coming year. Forms for fund raising proposals will be distributed with the agenda for our February meeting. We were grateful to receive over \$700 from fund raising efforts by the students of St Johns Grammar Belair. This is the second year they have raised money for our work.

The Open Garden on February 17/18 will also help our fundraising. These events not only raise money but also by working together we build bonds between members. The Board is investigating means of tax deductibility for donations and also a donate button for our website.

The Adelaide Town Hall has agreed to host our Women of Achievement awards in May this year. This is an important event held biennially. Further details will be coming, but the Awards Committee would welcome suggestions of names of women who would be worthy recipients.

International Women's Day is to be held on March 8th. Annabel Crabb is to be the speaker. We have held IWD Breakfasts at the Norwood Hotel previously and have a booking for one this year. We will discuss it at our February meeting.

A former member, Wendy Bruce, is rejoining the Club, a warm welcome to her. The Board has approved a leave of absence for Margaret Peters for personal reasons.

Our next Club meeting is on February 7, the speaker will be Dr Sanjuga Vas Dev who is the CEO of the Office for Women in South Australia. I look forward to seeing you there.



Amelia Earhart Breakfast

This was a lovely day held in Botanic Park. The morning was organised by an enthusiastic group of volunteer members and the food and table presentation was superb. Many thanks to all who attended and the great team of volunteers with special thanks to Heather, Mara, Gerry and Carol who ensured we had ample food and drinks.

We would like to thank Lucia's and Aubergines, both from the Central Market, for their generous donations for our raffle.



Women of Achievement Ceremony

The Lord Mayor of the City of Adelaide has agreed to host this ceremony. After consultation with Kaye we are waiting back to have the date confirmed as we have provided them with the preferred date of 8th May, but if not suitable, then the following week, 15th May.

An Awards Committee meeting will be held in the next few weeks to discuss the focus of the event which will then be brought to the February club meeting. At the meeting the committee will ask for volunteers to assist with organising the event.

Young Women in Public Affairs

The club closing date for applications is 1st March. The poster and application form was circulated to MGHS and AHS in term 4 to encourage senior staff to identify from the Year 12 cohort, students who have met the criteria and have excelled. The schools were encouraged to assist the student to access the application and to apply, sorting out referees before completing their Yr12 schooling. Once school resumes a reminder will be sent to schools about this application. If we have a successful candidate, we will award them a cheque for \$200 and they will attend a club meeting to be introduced to the membership.

Young Women Leaders Program

Dates have been provided by Mel Tate and we are awaiting AHS to confirm once Term 1 commences, as their school calendar was not finalised when school ended. Some newer members demonstrated an interest in Mentoring and an explanation session will be held in February with these interested members to further assist them in deciding whether they commit to the program.

Awards Committee membership

The Awards Committee welcomes Rosie Egan who is joining the committee. Margaret Peters has been a valuable member of the committee and will be having a break from the committee.

SERVICE REPORT FOR THE CLUB JANUARY 2024

On the 7th of December we packed **161 Christmas hampers** for the victims of domestic violence at the EADVS. We have had many grateful comments from the clients themselves because the donations have been extremely generous from both the club members and the many friends and businesses who support us.



The Open Garden roster is detailed below Please consider it as a draft at this stage because I'll be running it past the volunteers to see if they want changes.

The Silent Sewers have now filled the gate roster so that removes a huge burden from our shoulders. The Open Garden Scheme will also be loaning us a second EFTPOS machine to use at the gate. Many, many thanks to Dymphna Sprod from the Silent Sewers and Virginia Sheridan from the Open Garden Scheme. I will be, again, inspecting the Burnside OG venue when I return from Perth after the 30th of January.

We have been the happy recipients of a huge donation of 50 – 60 breast care cushions via Sarah Cunningham, the Area 2 Breast Cushion coordinator. I have been in communication with Sarah since last year when she donated a generous quantity following the withdrawal of the Zonta Club of Noarlunga. We still need to gift wrap the cushions but we're very happy that this will give us a buffer when demands from the hospital peak as they have in the past.

I have mailed off a breast cushion to a woman in Perth who has had complications following breast surgery. I'm a bit surprised that Zonta clubs in Perth seem not to have a breast care cushion program. Perhaps they do but it's not widely known.

IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday 7th February, Club Meeting.

Please bring promised food donations (if they can be frozen) for the open Garden. The list appears below.

Saturday and Sunday 17th/ 18th of February Open Garden

Friday 23rd February Breast cushion sewing day

Saturday 24th February Breast cushion packing day

If any of you who could not attend the last meeting would like to contribute wonderful edible items for our Zonta catering table, please let me know ASAP BECAUSE THERE WILL BE A HUGE DEMAND OVER THE TWO OPEN GARDEN DAYS.

This is a hugely experimental slant from our usual scones, jam and cream traditional catering approach. We have had to be creative because of the reduced kitchen facilities and safety elements we are faced with. We are really relying on club support because if we have to go out and purchase the short-fill products on Sunday, we will face an embarrassing slur on our consistently high reputation.

Please help us out because Zonta relies on being asked to cater for these Open Gardens in order to fund our important projects.

Please find the draft roster below and if there are any concerns or problems, I am happy to negotiate alternative times. [ADDRESS: 46 HIGH STREET, BURNSIDE](#)

FOOD DONATIONS for Open Garden	
Please bring to the Club Meeting on Wednesday the 7th of February , if can be frozen	
Maxine to be decided	Melanie Biscuits/ cake
Erica Slices	Margie Slices or biscuits
Bridget Cup cakes	Colleen Biscuits
Kaye Log cake	Margie Slices or biscuits
Bailee Biscuits/ Log cake	Colleen Biscuits
Melanie Biscuits/ cake	Tasia Log cake/ cup cakes
Heather Biscuits	

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SATURDAY	EFTPOS			
10.00am – 12.00	Mary Burford	Deb Lodge	Maxine Pane-gyres	Kaye Roberts-Thomson Margie Glover Gerry Sanderson SET UP
12.00 – 2.00	Angela Vandelis	Kathy Ellis	Rosie Egan	Evangeline Koutsikas
2.00 – 4.00	Erica Majba	Annette Brock	Trish Palmer	Bridget Mather Gerry Sanderson
SUNDAY	EFTPOS			
10.00am – 12.00	Jill Olifent	Colleen Tomlian	Mara Rains	Gerry Sanderson
12.00 – 2.00	Bev Gum	Mara Rains	Helen Pertsinidis	Heather Luke
2.00 – 4.00	Bailee Phillips	Melanie Tate	Di Lancaster	Gerry Sanderson Kaye Roberts-Thomson PACK UP

Our website is a great asset in drawing prospective members to our club. We have had four inquiries from people about membership which have arisen from the website. One of those people, Lynette Clunies-Ross, attended our Amelia Earhart picnic in the park and is interested in attending meetings and finding out more about Zonta. Hopefully, our other prospective members will be happy to meet me for coffee and attend an upcoming meeting.

Wendy Bruce, formerly a long standing member and former President of our club, would like to rejoin. We are delighted to welcome her back.

Our President, Kaye, has invited new members to her home for morning tea on Saturday, 2nd March, to find out more about Zonta's aims and objectives and to promote the convention in Brisbane in June.

ADVOCACY COMMITTEE REPORT

Bev Gum and Bridget Mather

Justice Responses to Sexual Violence

The Australian Law Reform Commission (ALRC) has been asked to inquire into justice responses to sexual violence in Australia. This Inquiry forms part of the Government's commitment to strengthen and harmonise sexual assault and consent laws, and to improve outcomes and experiences for victim-survivors in the justice system. This Inquiry will be informed by, and build on, the comprehensive inquiries and reviews previously undertaken in several Australian jurisdictions.

In August 2023, the Government hosted a National Roundtable on Justice Responses to Sexual Violence which brought together victim-survivors, representatives from the service and advocacy sectors, other experts, and Commonwealth, state and territory ministers. These discussions informed the terms of reference. For many with experience and expertise in the area, the challenges highlighted were nothing new.

There has been a significant amount of time and energy poured into sexual violence law and policy reform in Australia since the 1970s, highlighting the persistent barriers faced by victim-survivors in seeking criminal justice responses to sexual violence and harm.

It is, therefore, pleasing to see the Australian Law Reform Commission finally listening. However, there is also a degree of community caution about what impact the reforms like this will realistically have, given previous attempts have been routinely undermined in practice.

Commission Status of Women (CSW)

Each year in March, the UN Agency, CSW holds a two week meeting in New York. The largest annual gathering of people committed to women's rights globally. The sessions over the fortnight are done in partnership with UN Women and is complemented by hundreds of workshops held by NGO CSW across the city. Zonta International, through their general consultative status to the UN, takes part in both the discussions and workshops. ZI also publishes a CSW Statement (you need to log into ZI to see this link).

The priorities for 2024 – CSW68 are:

- **Priority theme:** Accelerating the achievement of gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls by addressing poverty and strengthening institutions and financing with a gender perspective.
- **Review theme:** Social protection systems, access to public services and sustainable infrastructure for gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls (agreed conclusions of the sixty-third session)..



While there was some quiet time over Christmas, I was able to prepare a 9 month reconciliation of our accounts against the budget and present that to the board at the January meeting. While we are tracking nicely much has been due to unexpected donations as fundraising events this financial year have been few. There are still two large outlays to come in the coming months for scholarships to Adelaide HS and Mitcham GHS. The Open Garden in February will help offset this outlay.

The Board has approved continued efforts to seek membership to National Federation of Australian Women (NFAW). If the application is approved the costs are minimal and the key benefit is to enable our larger donors (including corporates and individuals) to claim a tax deduction. This requires aligned values, a single focus project and planned and documented efforts to promote and seek donations. This will take some time.

A second initiative is also being investigated, that of activating our DONATE button on the club website. This will not provide tax deductibility but will provide another way for our supporters to make donations using their credit card and enable the club to recognize and thank donors. We will engage Fiona from DIY Digital to provide us with a quote to do the work. Donations during this financial year have been significant and as Zonta becomes better known in the community having an easy way to contribute is important.

I am happy to take questions on these initiatives at our February club meeting. If you would like to check out NFAW please look at their website.



We wish a happy birthday to our members
in January/February 2024 :

- January 28 Tasia Pertsinidis
February 9 Catherine Alcock
15 Kathy Ellis
17 Kaye Roberts-Thomson
22 Trish Palmer
23 Thelma Harvey

DIARY DATES

FEBRUARY

- 7 Club Meeting Speaker: Dr Sanjuga Vas Dev, CEO Office of Women
17-18 Open Gardens
19 Board Meeting
23 Breast Care Cushions sewing day
24 Breast Care cushions packing day at Ivanka's

MARCH

- 2 New members morning tea with information on Convention
6 Club meeting Speaker: Dr Katherine Christ on Modern Slavery
8 International Women's Day Breakfast Norwood Hotel
15 Early registrations closes for Convention
18 Board meeting

APRIL

- 3 Club meeting. Speaker: Carol Theobald on Women and Climate Change

MAY

- 1 Annual General Meeting
4 Area 2 Meeting

JUNE

- 27/6 – 1/7 Zonta International Convention - Brisbane

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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