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### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT KAYE ROBERTS-THOMSON**

This month is the 55th anniversary of the chartering of the Zonta Club of Adelaide. We should celebrate the work that has been done over the years by many committed members as well as the health of the Club in 2024.

The International Women's Day Breakfast held in March was a great success and raised \$969 for UN Women. Our thanks to Mara, Rosie and Maxine for their diligent organisation of this occasion. It was encouraging to see attendees who had found the event on the website.

Over the last 18 months we have welcomed a number of new members into our Club. It is important that all members have the opportunity to contribute to our activities. The Board is proposing that the Club makes a change in relation to our organisation of advocacy and develops a number of issue based working groups. These groups could be short term or longer depending on the issue to be addressed. Issues could be defined and researched, other interested parties could be identified and partnerships developed,, and there could be regular communication with Club members. An advocacy coordinator would need to be identified. Such a structure would give members the opportunity to be involved in areas in which they are interested and it would give the Club both flexibility and the potential to act in a timely manner. This proposal will be put to the Club at the April meeting and if accepted could form the basis of table discussions to identify current issues at the AGM in May.

Another issue on which we need to make a decision is about an invitation to cater for an extra Open Garden in November. We have undertaken to cater for one on November 30, December 1, but have been offered another for the weekend of 9-10 November. Club members would need to be willing to support the additional one so we will decide at our next meeting.

Please note the change in date for Women of Achievement to May 15, 5.30-7pm.

The Nominating Committee for this year has been Kathy, Helen P and Erica. They will present the slate of candidates for. The 2024-2026 biennium.at the April Club meeting. Voting will take place at our Annual General Meeting on May 1. The new Board will be inducted at the June meeting.



The next Club meeting will be on April 3 at Mitcham Girls High School. Please do not forget to book on Try-booking. The speaker will be Carol Theobald who will speak on Women and Climate Change. Carole leads the Zonta Says NOW working group. I look forward to seeing you there.

Two issues have emerged in recent discussions which require further work

1. Women in Prison
  - a. A desktop audit is in progress to identify gaps in what support services women entering prison need.
  - b. Work includes discussions with:
    - i. Seeds of Infinity;
    - ii. NCWSA
    - iii. Minister for
    - iv. Depending on outcome of item 1, a discussion the Dept/Minister Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services SA might be required to progress
    - v. There maybe some merit in making this an Area 2 advocacy piece given the impact on women across the State
    - vi. Work in progress
2. Economic Security – cancellation of the Single Parenting Payment when the youngest child turns 14.
  - a. Advocacy to move the youngest child age to 16
  - b. A National issue
  - c. Discussions with Zahra Foundation given their focus on economic security for women to occur
  - d. Depending on outcomes of c, a discussion with Minister Rishworth at some point.Work in progress



Kathryn Christ with Leanne Longfellow at the March meeting

There have not been any official developments for the Service committee following our flurry of activity with the Burnside Open Garden event.

Thelma and I are looking at pricing and venues for the proposed fashion parade fundraiser but unable to make decisions until all members return from their travels.

#### **FORTHCOMING DATES for Breast care cushions**

##### **SEWING**

17<sup>th</sup> of MAY

16<sup>th</sup> of AUGUST

1<sup>st</sup> of DECEMBER

##### **PACKING**

18<sup>th</sup> of MAY

17<sup>th</sup> of AUGUST

2<sup>nd</sup> of DECEMBER

#### **MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT**

**Thelma Harvey**

Membership enquiries continue to arrive. Isabella McCulloch, Dr Jan Edwards, Lynette Clunies-Ross and Andrea Flynn D'Arcy have attended our recent meetings and are interested in finding out more about Zonta and our club. I have followed up enquiries from three other people and will continue to do so.



The audience at the IWD breakfast..

### YOUTH WOMEN IN PUBLIC AFFAIRS SCHOLARSHIP

An awards panel have met and is further evaluating applicants. Results of panel discussions will be finalised and sent to District 23 by 1<sup>st</sup> April.

### LEADERSHIP PROGRAM PREPARATIONS

Meetings or phone discussions held with EDVS, MCCSA, HEADSPACE, CATHERINE HOUSE, MODERN SLAVERY-Katherine Christ. All on board to support 2024 projects with key contacts in their organisations to meet with the project team. A lively interactive session with AHS students selected for 2024 program was held on 18<sup>th</sup> March. Students asked questions about the program and were provided with an overview of the program content.

### WOMEN OF ACHIEVEMENT CEREMONY Date Changed to Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May

Unfortunately, the Adelaide City Council staff member I have been dealing with since November has resigned from the council and had not placed the dates in the Lord Mayor's calendar. The date for the event has now been changed to the next week on **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May 5.30 to 7.00pm**. An official Adelaide Town Hall email invitation will be sent after Easter, to those club members who indicated they could attend.

The women receiving the awards will be:-

Anne Lang -Lifetime Community Achievement Award for support of fitness and physical activities for South Australians

Melanie Tate – Contribution to Protecting Children and Vulnerable Families

Nayana Parange- Innovation in Maternal and Child Health

Suzanne Caragianis- Establishing international charity supporting medical supplies and training in Bhutan

Natalie Wade- Disability Advocate

The committee met on the 20th of March. There was much to discuss, given our revised membership during the last 12 months.

Business cards have been distributed and Trish Palmer has the remainder for members not present at the last club meeting. Please let us know if you need more cards.

A graphic designer who designed our Walk in My Shoes Booklet some years ago, has agreed to help us again. Jo Bourne finalised our business cards and will help design the pamphlet for the workshop for the Convention in June. She will also assist redesign our existing mahogany-coloured folders, which are almost all gone.

**Website:** We thank Erica Majba for continuing to manage the club website on her own since Lina Rogers has left. It is a major task, and we thank her for that work along with everything else she has undertaken.

**Facebook:** Di Lancaster is highly skilled at delving into the Club's Facebook page and retrieving a range of data. It tells us all about the users. It will be useful for Di to inform our club members of this important data throughout the year.

**Women of Achievement.** Print Junction is happy to print the program for the Women of Achievement evening once again. We love to support this business where we can, as they print our breast cushion cards free of charge.

**UN Women's Breakfast .** Because of the success of the club breakfast this year to mark the occasion, we discussed having flyers in local council offices, State Library, Adelaide Library, Norwood Hotel and around Norwood shops generally to promote the event next year. This led to a discussion about Zonta pamphlets and flyers generally being placed in those same spaces in future.

**Other matters:** Given we are PR as well as communication, we discussed seating arrangements at club meetings and ways to ensure that new members get to talk to longer standing members. Also, mentors were mentioned as a way of supporting new members. Folders for new members. A few ideas were floated about what could also be included in folders for new members. This of course needs to be discussed with the Membership Committee and Board.

**Zephyr:** Since Beverley Newberry no longer is responsible for the Zephyr it has fallen to others. Verena Colby, Kaye Roberts-Thomson, and I have taken on this task as an interim measure. We discussed having a roster to put the Zephyr together.

Of course, we rely on committee convenors to send their brief reports and photos straight after the board meeting to ensure that there is adequate time to produce the Zephyr.

The world has 50 million slaves today, and a slave can be bought for \$US70, according to Dr Katherine Christ, a Senior Lecturer in Accounting at the University of South Australia. Appalled by the situation, and noticing an inquiry into Slavery in Australia, Dr Christ and her research team of three Africans, helped contribute to the establishment of the Commonwealth Modern Slavery Act in 2018. "I thought (the inquiry) would have an impact on Accounting," Dr Christ said about her first reaction to the problem.

Today's Commonwealth Modern Slavery Act requires companies and other entities in Australia to report how they are preventing and addressing modern slavery in their operations and supply chains. Also established was the National Modern Slavery Reporting Requirement, applying to businesses and organizations with annual revenues of more than \$100 million.

"If you have a laptop, a mobile telephone, wear T shirts, then you are supporting modern slavery," Dr Christ said. That is how easily one becomes linked to the \$354 billion industry which uses modern day slaves.

Slavery continues to be based on control, coercion, and forcing people to work in activities against their will. "Threats of physical violence," "manipulation of your debt" (if you have travelled from another country you owe the employer the air fare), "charging high interest rates on money a slave owes", "sexual threats," and "locking up victims" are all part of the problem of modern day slavery.

The research conducted by Dr Christ and her team also shows that more and more workplaces are being linked with modern day slavery, and a glaring example of the problem is Pakistan's garment factories. Labor Behind the Label stated that employers in Pakistan's garment factories were in violation of human rights as the factories employed workers in less formal ways to cut costs," and "were using child labor," "enforcing excessive hours," and "ignoring health and safety concerns." The factories are commonly referred to as "sweatshops." Goods produced by those factories are linked to well-known clothing brands such as Gap, Adidas, Marks and Spencer, Puma, Primark, Boohoo and Zara - products which are sold worldwide.

Her research also showed the worldwide problem of modern day slavery was "getting worse" because "people are viewed as being disposable", so the attitude of a slave being a lesser being has not waned or has not improved. Today's 50 million slaves are in 167 countries, with 61 per cent being in the Asia Pacific region. In line with that, an additional 10 million are expected worldwide, in the next five years.

About 26 million are in forced labor supply chains, 71 per cent (35 million) are women, and 10 million are children.

Countries with the highest prevalence of modern-day slavery are: India, China, North Korea, Pakistan, Indonesia, DR Congo, Turkey, Russia, and Nigeria. However, modern day slavery also exists in wealthy, first world nations, such as the United States and the United Kingdom, and Australia.

Modern day slavery also exists in areas one least expects – the hospitality industry, as forced labor in embassies, the agricultural sector, the fishing industry, some of the mining industry, , and even at local Nailbuzz nail salon.

But there is another big problem which keeps modern day slavery going; that it is "hidden in plain sight," making it difficult to detect, according to Dr Christ. Modern day slavery is also difficult to detect in its early stages when employment is made to look very appealing, promises are made about working conditions but not kept, slaves often work in locations which can be isolating, and without adequate or no representation, these people remain modern day slaves who often do not have a way of getting out of their situation and remain exploited for years, if not life.

"It is obvious that businesses are part of the problem, when they should be part of the solution," Dr Christ said. However, the message has got through to some, such as Mr Andrew 'Twiggy' Forrest, Director of Fortescue Metals, who said: "If you look into your company and do not find a problem, rejoice, and if you do find a problem rejoice because then you can do something about it."

A Global Movement against slavery also has emerged with various Acts being in place – the United Kingdom's Modern Slavery Act of 2015, the Commonwealth Modern Slavery Act of 2018, the Modern Slavery Act of 2024 in Canada, and an attempt is being made to establish an Act for the European Union. The Acts are placing an emphasis on businesses to become more aware and report problems associated with modern day slavery. There are also telephone Apps available which allow people to report unacceptable practices associated with modern day slavery.

"We all need to inform ourselves about this problem, Dr Christ said. "Write to your own Member of Parliament. Lobby. Government has power. "We also need to get this message out to younger people

# Service Clubs Association of SA

<http://scasa.org.au/>

As part of our Annual General meeting, all members of Service Clubs, family and friends can join us and hear our guest speaker from the 'Royal Flying Doctor Service'.



Royal Flying Doctor Service



**When:** Thursday 18th April 2024

**Where:** Hope Café 243 The Parade,  
Beulah Park  
*Located at rear of the Clayton Wesley  
Uniting Church*

**Time :** 7pm start for 7:15pm

Light refreshments will be provided so to assist with catering please advise Chair Bronwyn Heard at [bheard167@gmail.com](mailto:bheard167@gmail.com) or leave a message on 0417 197 219

This also your opportunity to put forward your ideas and suggestions for the committee moving forward, so if you would like to include an item for discussion please **contact secretary Les Dennis** at [lesdennis@bigpond.com](mailto:lesdennis@bigpond.com) by the 11th April to have your discussion point included on the agenda





We wish a happy birthday to our members  
in April

April 18 Bev Gum

## DIARY DATES

### APRIL

- 3 Club meeting. Speaker: Carole Theobald on Women and Climate Change
- 15 Board meeting

### MAY

- 1 Annual General Meeting Speaker: Sue Jackson on BlazeAid
- 4 Area 2 Meeting
- 15 Women of Achievement ceremony Adelaide Town Hall
- 20 Board meeting

### JUNE

- 5 Club handover meeting. Speaker: Jenni Trewen, Incoming Area 2 Director
- 20 Board meeting
- 27/6 – 30/6 Zonta International Convention - Brisbane

### JULY

- 3 Club meeting Speaker: Helena Kyriazopoulos CEO Multicultural Communities Council of SA
- 15 Board meeting



## 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.

## ZONTA CLUB OF ADELAIDE INC BOARD 2023-2024

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## COMMITTEES 2023-2024

### MEMBERSHIP

Convenor: Thelma Harvey

Members: Raema Mahony, Janice Watson, Margie Glover, Daina Long, Erica Majba

### ADVOCACY

Co-Convenors: Bridget Mather, Bev Gum

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Co-Convenors: Gerry Sanderson, Angela Vandellis

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Maxine Panegyres

### ARCHIVIST/ HISTORIAN

Beverley Newberry

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