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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

KAYE ROBERTS-THOMSON



May has been a busy but rewarding month. At our May club meeting our new Board was elected. Congratulations to Rosie, Desi, Verena, and Di elected as office bearers, and Louise, Sue, Carol and Janice as directors. The Board will be inducted by the incoming Area 2 Director at the June Club meeting. We look forward to their leadership over the next biennium. Members will be asked to indicate the area/s of Club activity they wish to be involved for 2025/6 next meeting.

The Area 2 workshop focussed on membership and particularly recruitment. We heard from a marketing manager and a Girl Guides leader and girls from the Riverland. The event was well attended and included a significant number of our Club members.

Perhaps the highlight of the month was the Women of Achievement Celebration at the Adelaide Town Hall hosted by the Mayor, Dr Jane Lomax-Smith. This event was well received and our thanks and congratulations to Raema Mahony for her organisation.

At the end of June the Zonta International Convention will be held in Brisbane. If you are unable to attend it is possible to register to join online through www.zontaconvention.com

The 2022-24 Board met for the last time this month and agreed to a budget for the coming year. It also timetabled the proposed fund-raising events.

August – Women Artists

Late September – Spring Walk

November – Open Garden 30/11 – 1/12

March – IWD breakfast

September – Open garden Netherby 7-8/9

October – choral event

January – Amelia Earhart breakfast

April - fashion parade

It was also agreed that a few club meetings be identified as 'market days' when books and other items could be sold with time allocated for members to look.

Please remember the Community Lottery and encourage family and friends to support our club. Tickets are available at <https://www.communitylottery.com.au/products/zonta-club-of-adelaide>

All money from tickets goes to the Club.

As I complete my term, my thanks go to all members for their support for the Board. The leadership of any group is best when it is shared and Erica, Bridget, Verena, Janice, Colleen and Tasia have worked as a team. I particularly wish to thank Erica, Raema, Thelma, Maxine, Bev and Bridget, and Gerry and Angela as chairs of committees whose work has been outstanding and made the job of the Board relatively straight-forward. Lastly Verena has been an excellent secretary who serves the Club very well. My thanks to you all.

The Club is in good spirits and can look forward to a productive and enjoyable year ahead under Rosie and Desi's leadership.

The speaker at the June meeting will be Dr Jenni Foreman the incoming Area 2 Director who will also induct the new Board. I look forward to seeing you there.



Club members selling caps and shirts at the Area 2 workshop

Transition Arrangements for 23/24 to 24/25 Club Advocacy Framework for 24/25 year will be coordinated by Bev until further advice received from incoming President Rosie .

Current / Future Advocacy Projects

1. Prison Project • Heather to coordinate this project with members who expressed interest in the project . Issues to consider include: • First step for the project is a service project of providing basic products to women entering prison as this has been identified as an urgent need • The goods will be sent through Seeds of Infinity • Zonta needs to establish a relationship with Seeds of Infinity , as we need to build credibility in this area . Guidelines for what are suitable goods that can be donated need to be clear and members twill be encouraged to donate goods . • Second step is development of a framework for this work which will include identifying opportunities to advocate • Project needs to be reviewed in 6 months .
2. Gender Pay Gap • Colleen to take the lead. New members may be interested and be keen to be involved. • Business and Professional Women work in this area and may provide an opportunity for Partnership • National Foundation for Australian Women issue a Gender Lens statement on the Federal Budget each year (Club is a member following the Deductible Gift Recipient status work during 2024. • Workplace Gender Equality Agency is a government agency which promotes this issue – a club subscription could be considered .
3. Other issues in which expressed interest are Zonta Says Now and Women In Technology.
4. 16 Days of Activism Project Lead and club activity to be established.
Zonta Says No Walk 2024 • Bridget to contact Adelaide City Council to determine if an alternate date to the one proposed to Rotary is an option. Currently scheduled for 14/9/24 which doesn't really work for 25/11 date and the 16 days of activism. Update: Adelaide City Council advise 14/9/24 is the only date available this calendar year Leslie Hills Siegloff to discuss at Area wide level need to book now for 2025.
5. Other Items
Movie Night • Bev and Di are working on movie for later in the year with a focus on fun and fellowship Advocacy across Area 2 • Await advice from incoming District Advocacy chair about how they intend to operate in the 24/26 biennium
Current SA issues • "Nordic model" - related to sex work has been defeated •
Bev and Helen to craft letter to Attorney General re move towards decriminalising sex work.
ZC Adelaide to work with NCW and Area 2 Director to encourage all clubs to support this work. •
The Terms of Reference for the Royal Commission into domestic violence should be announced soon.



BIRTHING KITS

On the 11th of May Bev Gum, Wendy Bruce and Mary Burford (Friend of Zonta) worked with Campbelltown Rotary to produce 200 Birthing Kits followed by African drumming and music.



BREAST CARE CUSHIONS

On Friday 17th of May 20 members of the sewing team spent the whole day constructing 196 breast cushions. Sixty-nine of these need to be finished at a date in the near future. We had a packing morning at Ivanka's on Saturday and I was able to deliver 125 breast cushions to St Andrew's later that morning.

We are reserving two of the packaged cushions so that they can be donated to women who have had the breast surgery at hospitals where breast cushions are not provided. We have had a number of these requests over the last few months.

Many thanks to Ivanka Jovanovich, Mara Rains, Mary Burford, Bev Gum, Angela Vandellis, Thelma Harvey, Annette Brock and this author.



OPEN GARDENS

I have received the following invitation from Kate Chattaway (SA Open Gardens) to cater for another Open Garden fundraiser in September on the 7th and 8th. The Board has agreed that the Club should accept this invitation.

The Mosaic Garden that I initiated with Anne Martin (owner) is a firm date and is scheduled for November 30 and December 1st

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Erica Majba

Thank you to the Finance committee, members leading fundraising activities and the Board for their input in developing the budget for 2024-2025. This will be emailed to members with the June meeting agenda and minutes. Members will be invited to comment and approve. The Auditor from BJC Accountants has approved the financial records and reports for 2023-24. Membership Fees have been paid by members and as Treasurer, I have paid the required portion of those fees to District 23 and Zonta International. Steps to join National Foundation of Australian Women will be taken once the new signatories to the bank account are completed. Di is investigating the mobile phone purchase to set up a club PayPal account.

The Finance Committee proposes that the club designate 2 or 3 club meeting nights at which books and other market items could be brought and on-sold (rather than each meeting or ad-hoc). Some time on the agenda to be allocated for buying/selling. Funds to be retained in the club Administration account. Carol has kindly offered to manage unsold books.

Finance committee: Erica, Carol, Desi, Helen @ and Di (as incoming Treasurer)

Women Artists Fundraiser – Erica Majba

Pop-up committee: Erica, Annette (and Andrew), Bev, Thelma, Di, Carol.

A small group of willing workers and creative thinkers met 21/9/2024 to organize the fundraiser series modelled on that of the last two years. Dates to put in your diaries – 1st, 8th and 15th August - Thursday mornings 10.00am-11.30am. An additional activity will be a gallery visit and lunch at own cost on 22 August. The venue is the same as previously – Lochend Community Hall, Campbelltown. Ticket price is also the same as last year, \$20 per session with the last session free. Bookings through TryBooking will open 20th June. Tickets are limited to 30. If you are interested you are encouraged to book early.

The Awards Committee has been involved with organising a few activities in this month.

YOUNG WOMEN LEADERS PROGRAM

This year’s course commenced on the 9th and 10th May with Melanie Tate employed by the Leaders Institute to deliver the course assisted by Bailee Phillips. 20 students from MGHS and AHS were active in all their training working groups. The students have now been allocated into 5 projects teams consisting of 4 students - 2 from MGHS and 2 from AHS. We now have Erica, Maxine, Kaye, Raema, Heather and Sue providing mentoring to the project teams.

This year’s project topics are Modern Slavery, Technology and Coercion with a focus on Multicultural Communities, Thriving Families, Menstrual Taboo and Homeless and Youth. Each project topic has a key contact person with a service delivery agency, which the students will initially meet up with to gain an understanding of the topic from a local perspective. This will develop the students’ interview skills and confidence in connecting to services and provide them with ideas as to the direction of their research.

WOMEN OF ACHIEVEMENT CEREMONY

The 2024 club women of Achievement Ceremony was held last Wednesday night and despite many last-minute apologies there was at least 70 guests. The Lord Mayor Jane Lomax Smith gave a welcoming speech demonstrating her understanding of all our club activities, highlighting the long collaboration our club has had with the City of Adelaide. The MC was Deputy Lord Mayor Keiran Snape who ensured the program of events flowed smoothly.

Lifetime Community Award- Anne Lang OAM – for her life time commitment to women’s fitness and well being



Women Awards-



Melanie Tate
CEO & Founder – Puddle Jumpers Inc



Suzanne Caragianis OAM,
Founder iInternational Charity



Nayana Parange
Contribution to Maternal Health



NatalieWade,
Law and Disability Activist

AWARDS Continued

Club School Awards

Gillian Logan	2023 Zonta Community Development Grant University SA
Kashish Gautam	Year 12 Adelaide High School
Lilly Collins	Year 11 Adelaide High School
Amelie Martin	Year 12 Mitcham Girls High School
Katherine Davey	Year 11 Mitcham Girls High School
Mariam Qanitah	Young Women in Public Affairs

Below is a message from Nayana Parange (WOA Contribution to Maternal Health)

“Receiving the Woman of Achievement award is a humbling and deeply meaningful moment for me.

It isn't just about me, but a recognition and celebration of the collective power, strength and resilience of women and allies everywhere.

It is a testament to the bonds that connect us across continents, transcending barriers of race, class and creed, while also underscoring the work that still lies ahead.

As I accept this honour, I do so with a deep sense of gratitude and purpose. Here's to all women who have dared to dream and refuse to take no as an answer.

Below is a thank you note from, Anne Lang (Lifetime Community Award)

“I am sending you a brief note to say thank for an enjoyable and very professionally conducted ceremony on Wednesday 15th June at the Adelaide Town Hall. I was a reluctant attendee as I felt that this award should have been for a more worthwhile participant but Zonta members and the Lord Mayor made the event very special. Thank you to everyone involved, particularly Erica and Maxine who nominated me. It was a lovely evening, speeches, photographs, food, drink and the wonderful entertainment.

Many thanks (my yellow rosebud is still very happy)”

PR and COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE

Maxine Panegyres

The last planned committee meeting did not go ahead.

Folders

In the meantime I have been working with Jo Bourne the graphic designer, on the new club folders. Kaye and I have chosen the new design and I will be contacting printers.

Pens

I have a contact to enquire about pens for the club and am seeking a quote. The pens will be orange with 'Zonta Club of Adelaide' on them and possibly the website address.

Pamphlet

Kaye and I finalised the pamphlet for young women leaders and are awaiting the final details from NAFW to include. Jo Bourne believes a QR code should be included as well. We need to get the details soon in plenty of time for the convention. The tax deduction section was removed from pamphlets for use for the Women of Achievement. I had 20 printed and they were inserted into the folders.

National Council of Women SA

A PowerPoint presentation was given at the May NCWSA. Colleen set it up and I finalised it and presented it last week at NCWSA. It was well received by the meeting. The Board agreed it should be shown at the next Club meeting.

It was a pleasure to welcome Isabella McCulloch as a member of our club at our May meeting. Thank you to Maxine for her help in collecting a yellow rose and badge for Isabella. Our committee decided to trial the wearing of a yellow rose to our meetings to help identify us. We hope that all members, particularly our new members will see each of us as someone easy to approach and willing to handle introductions. Thank you, Di, for this suggestion. At this stage, three prospective members plan to attend our June meeting.

The Committee encourages all members to wear their nametags for Club meetings and events. This will help new members and those of us with occasional memory lapses.

May NCWSA meeting summary.

This month had a strong focus on the various member Clubs and Associations who are active members of the Council. Our own Club's work and role in the community was presented by Maxine.

We suggest that the PowerPoint is presented to our Club members as a means of reflection and awareness raising of our history for all new members.

Items of note from the meeting include:

- The members survey. Please complete if you have not.
- National History month which looked at the history of member associations through a poster presentation and Muriel Matters. This included our own Club's PowerPoint presentation.

NEXT meeting:

NCWSA June Meeting - Seminar

a. Location St Peters College, Junior Hall

b. Guest - Hon Katrina Hildyard MP, Minister for Women

Meeting dates:

Thursday 13th June 2024

Thursday 11th July 2024

Thursday 12th September 2024

Thursday 10th October 2024

Thursday 14th November 2024

Thursday 12th December 2024



Filipino Choir at Women of Achievement Ceremony



We wish a happy birthday to our members
in June

June 9 Rosie Egan
22 Angela Vandellis

DIARY DATES

JUNE

- 5 Club handover meeting. Speaker: Jenni Foreman Incoming Area 2 Director
- 10 Board meeting and handover dinner
- 27/6 – 30/6 Zonta International Convention - Brisbane

JULY

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

August

- 7 Club meeting Reports on Convention
- ? Women Artists

SEPTEMBER

- 4 Club meeting YWL Graduation Lucy Hood MP
- 7-8 Open Garden

NOVEMBER

- 30—1 December Open Garden

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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