



ZONTA
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 ADELAIDE HILLS INC
 MEMBER OF ZONTA INTERNATIONAL
 EMPOWERING WOMEN
 THROUGH SERVICE & ADVOCACY

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Zonta International

- ★ **Mission** Zonta International is a leading global service organisation of professionals empowering women worldwide through service and advocacy.
- ★ **Vision** Zonta International envisions a world in which women's rights are recognised 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.
- ★ **Theme** Empowering Women through Service and Advocacy.

Save the date:

2020 June	Sat 20 th	Area 2 Combined Advocacy Meeting via Zoom. Hosted by Zonta Club of Fleurieu.
	Wed 24 th	ZCAH Club Meeting. 6.45 for 7.00 pm. To be held at Sharon's home.
July		Zonta International Convention Chicago - cancelled. Voting electronically to go ahead, more information to follow.
Sept		Area 2 Advocacy Meeting to be held by Zonta Club of Noarlunga/Southern Vales. Topic: Domestic and family violence.



Our Causes

Zonta stands for women's rights. We advocate for equality, education and an end to child marriage and gender-based violence.

Next Meeting:

Sharon has kindly offered her home for us to get-together safely for the June meeting, 6.30 for 7.00 pm start.

A thought for the day:

In always wanting to be comfortable, you become lazy. In wanting perfection, you become angry. In always wanting to be rich, you become greedy. Sri Sri Ravi Shankar.

Birthdays:

No members have a birthday this month.



President's Report



Dear Zontians and friends,

Welcome to the first newsletter of the 2020-22 biennium. I would like to give a huge thank-you on behalf of the club to past president Bev Hocking for her warm and steady leadership over the past two years. I am very fortunate that Bev has taken over the position of secretary, to keep us running smoothly. It's such an honour to be President and I look forward to continuing the important work that we do. I have no doubt that I will grow and develop myself further in the role of President. I also wish to thank the members who have finished, continued or taken a new role on the board.

Vice-Area 2 director Lynda A' Bear will install the incoming board in an official capacity at our first in-person meeting since Covid-19. This will be one of the last jobs Lynda will be undertaking before she finishes her position in this role and hopefully Lynda gains some extra free time to spend with her newest grandson.

Covid-19 has had such an impact on everyone and the ongoing repercussions are not yet fully understood. Covid-19, the global pandemic, will have a long-lasting impact on the most vulnerable of people. Unfortunately, there is a lot of work to be done to improve the situation for women and girls both domestically and internationally and now more than ever they will need our help.

For us as a club, social distancing has meant that we have had to avoid physical meetings

for most of this year so far and have been forced to conduct meetings through the internet using Zoom. It has been pleasing to see our group rise to meet this new technological challenge imposed on us as we Zoom Zoom Zoomed online. Online meeting may work well for conducting business, but we have all missed the physical connection that can only truly be felt when in the company of likeminded women. As we transition back to physical meetings we will continue to utilise Zoom for members unable to attend in person. This way all members can contribute and stay connected.

Prior to the restrictions, Julie Monis-Ivett spoke to the Onkaparinga Lions Club about the Birthing Kit Foundation. They have very generously donated \$1000 for us to make an additional 200 Birthing Kits. This will be in addition to the 200 Birthing Kits we have assembled through the Birthing Kits at Home program. The program has allowed us to continue this important work outside of our usual assembly day for 2020. The additional 200 kits will be made and distributed in due course.

I look forward to seeing you all in person over the coming weeks as we return to some form of normality, all be it 1.5m apart.

Amanda Waldock
President

Zonta International Webinar and Zoom sessions

By Pam Fletcher, President of Zonta Club of Para District Area

Zonta cares- Our response to COVID 19 Saturday May 16

International President Susanne von Bassewitz hosted this session at the inhospitable hour of 5.30am SA time. This was to facilitate the participation of the 251 attendees across the world.

Susanne reminded us that as club members it is our role to pursue our mission and continue our advocacy while ensuring women have a voice. She provided information on a project of ensuring girls' education in Madagascar. With schools closed as a result of COVID 19, funds of \$US100,000 were reallocated to print and distribute learning materials for 45,000 children to continue with independent learning. There are 4 options of packages of support ranging from \$35 for 2 months of catch up classes, \$50 for self directed learning materials for 22 children at home, \$70 for a recovery bag for a gender based violence survivor in Jordan and \$100 for the development of communication materials in Ghana.

The ZI website has a resource hub for COVID 19 in development and included will be ZI statement and resources, examples of district and club initiatives and links to resources for Zonta partners and like minded organisations. Susanne then introduced a number of Zontians who shared their work during this pandemic.



Shelley Schultz, District 7 Governor spoke about the Zonta Club of Mankato who set up a Zoom session with panellist talking about Mentoring and Empowering Women. They had 39 attend and 5 of them later showed interest in Zonta. Each panellist had a prepared answer to one question. The panellists were from a wide range of the community and survey results indicated this network was a good idea and they wanted it to continue in some format.

Catherine McEwan from the Zonta Club of London has members of very different ages and has held zoom meetings. They have agreed to allow club dues to be paid over 3 months to support furloughed members. Concerned about domestic violence, which is estimated to have doubled, they have linked with NIA which has been providing women with secret phones and vouchers to purchase food. They donated the fees they normally would be paying for club dinners.

Holly Anderson from the Zonta Club of Toronto was able to donate 4,000 latex gloves which had been donated to them for using with birthing kits and donated these to St Joseph's Hospital. They donated their dinner fees of \$900 to food banks table and have helped collect ipads and tablets to allow people to communicate with loved ones in isolation.

The focus was then on Smart fundraising during lockdown. Sandra Burns from the Zonta Club of Perth talked about how they have used wine sales. A local winery unable to open to the public partnered with them. One member received all the wine ordered and it was then delivered to the purchaser. This raised about \$1500. They have also used printed cards with Amelia Earhart quotes. These are then sold with a \$10 donation card inside indicating the money has been given to the club. They had the printing donated and raised about \$1300. It was suggested you could just print the donation card. Also trying e-wine tasting with 60 participants and a cancelled golf tournament netted them \$20,000 when the sponsors still donated.

Fiona Ruff from the Union of Germany Zonta Club shared their work in bringing an idea from France and Spain. The idea is for women feeling threatened to use the Codeword Mask 19 at places like chemists and doctors and this would indicate that they should call the police. They are currently pressuring the government to adopt it but have not had a response yet. The codeword is not a secret and is displayed on posters in appropriate locations.

The last item was information about an international survey on violence against women during COVID 19. Ingeborg Geyer is the contact. Ingeborg.geyer@gmail.com Violence has surged with social isolation, limited police visits and courts closed. They have 11 questions in the survey and hope to have 28 surveys in 9 countries. They want at least one Zonta club in each country to answer. Findings will be shared in June.

Zonta Cares; Achievement and Challenges of Hand in Hand in Jordan May 27th

International President Susanne von Bassewitz provided an overview of the situation in Jordan. There are approximately 1.4m Syrian refugees in Jordan and most of these are in camps where the UN has been supporting them.



Ana Lukatela, Head of Programmes and Marta Garbarino, Partnership and Advocacy Analyst, UN Women in Jordan shared their insights into life in the camps under COVID 19. Jordan has one of the largest refugee camps in the world, Zaatari. The Oasis model in the camps aims to increase economic opportunities for vulnerable women. They do this by providing opportunities to earn cash for work, supporting them to enter the labour market and support for starting their own business. They act as a gender based violence referral and support awareness raising of the issue. They aim to educate people on the issues and engage men and boys with information on gender equality.

In 2019 they supported 2,473 women with cash for work and for many it was their first experience of work. They supported over 3,500 of women experiencing domestic violence, and 1,500 were trained for job placements. Of those surveyed, 98% of women said they had increased self confidence and empowerment while 70% experienced less domestic violence. They estimate over 50,000 youth and women were reached through community initiatives.

The livelihood skills are different for different centres and although tailoring is popular, computer skill such as data entry and administration work, agricultural, house maintenance, hair and beauty and entrepreneurship training are also popular.

COVID 19 has had severe impacts. The strict lockdown has led to a 33% increase in GBV and severe socio economic impact. They found 52% said they did not have enough money for 2 days food, of these 78% borrowed money or received goods and of those who did have funds 84% had to use personal savings to access goods.

Actions taken include remote access to cash assistance as well as providing 1,000 baby kits and 500 recovery kits for SGBV survivors in shelters.

The challenge will be to determine the new normal, to focus on recovery and resilience and re design Oasis in host communities. They expect GBV to increase and that economic recovery will be more important than ever.

Most of the women want to go home but they will have to wait until it is safe.

Report from Pam Fletcher, President of Zonta Club of Para District Area.



The Entertainment Book has gone fully digital this year. If you would like to support our club by purchasing it again please feel free to contact me and I can provide you with the details of how to purchase and download it.

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Service Project: introducing BFKA "Kits at Home"

In response to the current global health emergency, Birthing Kit Foundation Australia (BKFA) has adapted its large-scale Assembly Day events to enable volunteers to pack life-saving birthing kits in the comfort of their own home.



"Kits at Home" is ideal for community organisations, service clubs and church groups looking for engaging, hands-on activities for their members during recommended periods of self-isolation, as people can hold their own assembly at home for 40 kits.

Supplies will still be delivered in lots of 200 kits for \$1000, and delivered to a coordinating person.



<https://www.bkfa.org.au/get-involved/have-an-assembly-day/>

ECONOMIC STIMULUS PACKAGE

It is a slow day in the small Saskatchewan town of Pumphandle, and streets are deserted. Times are tough, everybody is in debt, and everybody is living on credit.

A tourist visiting the area drives through town, stops at the hotel, and lays a \$100 bill on the desk, saying he wants to inspect the rooms upstairs to pick one for the night. As soon as he walks upstairs, the motel owner grabs the bill and runs next door to pay his debt to the butcher.

The butcher takes the \$100 and runs down the street to retire his debt to the pig farmer. The pig farmer takes the \$100 and heads off to pay his bill to his supplier, the Co-op.

The guy at the Co-op takes the \$100 and runs to pay his debt to the local prostitute, who has also been facing hard times and has had to offer her "services" on credit.

The hooker rushes to the hotel and pays off her room bill with the hotel owner.

The hotel proprietor then places the \$100 back on the counter so the traveller will not suspect anything.

At that moment the traveller comes down the stairs, states that the rooms are not satisfactory, picks up the \$100 bill and leaves.

No one produced anything. No one earned anything.... However, the whole town is now out of debt and now looks to the future with a lot more optimism. And that, ladies and gentlemen, is how a Stimulus Package works.



AB Smith

As we Silver Surfers know, sometimes we have trouble with our computers.
I had a problem yesterday, so I called Cody, the 11 year old next door, whose bedroom looks like Mission Control, and asked him to come over.

Cody clicked a couple of buttons and solved the problem. As he was walking away, I called after him, 'So, what was wrong?' He replied, 'It was an ID ten T error.'

I didn't want to appear stupid, but nonetheless enquired, 'An, ID ten T error? What's that? In case I need to fix it again.'

Cody grinned 'Haven't you ever heard of an ID ten T error before?' 'No,' I replied.

'Write it down,' he said, 'and I think you'll figure it out.' So I wrote down:

ID10T

I used to like Cody, the little ***** !!



Zonta South Australian Clubs meeting nights

Adelaide 1st Wednesday	Adelaide Flinders 3rd Wednesday
Adelaide Hills 4th Wednesday	Adelaide Torrens 2nd Tuesday
Para District 1 st Tuesday	Fleurieu Peninsula 4th Tuesday
Gawler 2nd Wednesday	Noarlunga S.Vales 4th Wednesday
Mt Barker 3rd Tuesday	Port Lincoln 4th Tuesday
Riverland 1st Tuesday	Lower Eyre 3rd Tuesday

When our meetings resume, our Club will meet on the fourth Wednesday of the month 6:30pm for 7:00pm start at Belair Hotel 141 Main Road Blackwood South Australia

Zonta Club of Adelaide Hills Leadership Team 2020 – 2021

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