



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

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**ZAH News**  
**August 2020**

## 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.

### Next Meeting:

**Wed 26<sup>th</sup> August 2020**  
 Via ZOOM. A link prior to the meeting will be emailed and you will be invited to log in from 6.30 for 7.00 pm start.

RSVP no later than  
**Monday 24.8.20.**  
 Doone: 0422 024 240

### Save the date:

2020 August	Wed 26 <sup>th</sup>	Zonta Adelaide Hills ZOOM meeting from 6.30 pm. We will NOT be meeting at the Belair Hotel this month.
Sept	Wed 9 <sup>th</sup>	ZCAH Board Meeting at Bev Hocking's home.
Sept	Sat 12 <sup>th</sup>	Area 2 Advocacy Meeting hosted by Zonta Club of Noarlunga/Southern Vales. To be held at Christies Downs Community House. 1.00 pm. See details in this issue.
Sept	Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup>	ZCAH Dinner Meeting, 6.30 pm for 7 pm start. Belair Hotel. Induction of Meryl King, guest Jane Morrison, VP Area 2, Speaker: Tammy Franks, MP.
Nov	Frid 20 <sup>th</sup>	White Ribbon Day

### A thought for the day:

*Warriors are not born and they are not made.*

*Warriors create themselves through trial and error, pain and suffering and their ability to conquer their own faults.* AB Smith

### Birthdays:

Doone - 7<sup>th</sup>  
 September



## President's Report

Dear Zontians and friends,



July saw us back at the Belair Hotel for our first dinner meeting there since February. It was such a pleasure to enjoy our dinner meeting in our normal setting. The wonders of technology enabled us to still have Zoom running for Margaret Granger, Doone and Coraine who were unable to join us in person. Hopefully we will be able to return to meet in this manner after our meeting this week which will be held via Zoom again. With the situation continuing to change rapidly in our neighbouring Eastern States, we send our thoughts to those in Stage 4 lockdown even as we continue to follow the health directives in SA.

We welcome Chris Frick as the new Area 2 Director for 2020-22. The District Board have appointed Jane Morrison from The Zonta Club of Noarlunga Southern Vales as the Area 2 Vice-Director. Area 2 Director Di McCallum (who was on Leave of Absence) submitted her resignation to

the District 23 Board due to health reasons. Di and her husband Bruce, have been struggling with the ongoing health implications of COVID-19. Our best wishes go out to Di and Bruce through their long recovery.

Even though 2020 has evolved into a very different year than one we could have anticipated, the need for advocacy and service for women continues to grow. The next Area 2 Combined Advocacy Meeting will be held on September 12<sup>th</sup> and is to be hosted by The Zonta Club of Noarlunga Southern Vales.

As a club, we will be brainstorming different ways we can fundraise over the upcoming months to ensure we can continue to support our projects while having a fun time!

*Amanda Waldock*  
*President*



## Service Committee Report

The service group have been busy this month. We have delivered 10 Getting Started Buckets to Ninko Kurtangga Patpangga Women's Safety Services Edwardstown. The buckets this time have had hand sanitiser, gloves and a toiletry bag added to the contents.

Vanessa, the coordinator was extremely grateful. After discussion with Vanessa to the needs of this centre, pillows as well as pillowcases were contributed.

Ten Icare packets of socks with an accompany toiletry bag, 16 packets of knickers in varying sizes of 14, 16 and 18 and one nightie with toiletries, were distributed to Eastern Adelaide Domestic Violence Service.

Irene Kiroff



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## Days for Girls



Even though we have not had any formal Sewing Days for Days for Girls, members have been cutting, threading and sewing at home.

Sherry, Pam and Irene have all cut up flannelette for Liners. Joy and Margaret B have been working on Liners. This involves overlocking Hot Zones strips of flannelette, then stitching them onto Base Liner strips, cutting the strips into squares using a template and finally overlocking around the squares. As you can see, it's quite time consuming and they do an excellent job.

Doone sews all of our Shields, made up of sewing 3 layers of fabric with the middle one being Polyurethane laminate (a stretchy breathable fabric to stop leakage of the liner). There is a specific list of measurements to which she must adhere, and her Shields are very well done. Sharon and her friend have sewn Liners and Drawstring Bags for the project, again to the high standard set by DfG Australia. I have sewn the small Transport Bags, which are waterproof, and take the used liners home to be washed. These bags can be of a lighter colour and do not have to be pure cotton. The larger Drawstring Bags which I make are of a bright fabric, sometimes with stripes sewn onto them for added attractiveness. There are some cultural restrictions on patterned fabric, so not all donated fabric is suitable.

Our latest delivery 24/7/20 of 50 Shields, 210 Liners, 70 large Drawstring Bags and 180 Transport Bags were greatly appreciated by Cheryl, DfG S.A. Coordinator.

We all enjoy working at this project, knowing what we do makes a HUGE difference to girls in underdeveloped countries being able to attend school every day of the month.

Thankyou everyone.  
Margaret Parsons



## Birthing Kit Foundation (Australia) / Kit International

As a club member and board member of the BKFA I will try to summarise the recent repositioning of the marketing of the Birthing Kit Foundation (Australia) with a trading name of Kit International. Noting the Birthing Kit Foundation (Australia) is the overarching organisation and still exists and KI is the commercial/innovation arm. If you are on facebook, instagram or a BKFA member receiving newsletters all of this has been explained many times this year. Many Zontians are not on social media or members.

Why the changes?

1. The usual business model was not sustainable with the foundation losing money annually.
2. The decision was made to have a commercial arm meaning to do more than supply birthing kits. So being the Birthing Kit Foundation (Australia) was more limiting in its name and (Australia) did not reflect an international reach. The decision was made to rebrand to Kit International. Standing for Know, Innovate and Transform. With a new name comes a new Logo. The new logo is corporate and sadly not warm and caring like our old logo.
3. The standard kits will continue at \$5 each
4. Clean Birth Kits can now also be made at \$10 each which includes biodegradable plastic so microbes in the soil break it down and leave no chemical footprint. For every 10 kits a tree is also being planted through a revegetation program. The foundation is being environmentally responsible.
5. The commercial kits will be made by Orana where individuals with various disabilities will assemble them. The foundation is being socially responsible.

There were issues with the launch of the new Kit International website as it went live on July 1 before all the sections were ready and the one section acknowledging Zonta and the BKFA was not visible. This has caused great distress to many loyal Zontians at all levels and has understandably led to Zonta clubs and individuals withdrawing support.

Although the KI website is smart many “expressed dissatisfaction with its lack of content and substance”.

The BKFA board were totally agreeable to the new direction provided our BKFA history and Zonta were valued and respected. This was not reflected on the initial KI website and has been nominally addressed with the 2 sentences “In Australia, our Foundational Partners are [Zonta International](#) an organisation dedicated to empowering women through service and advocacy. We recognise the significant contribution of Districts 22, 23 and 24 in helping **over 2.2 million women** experience a safer birth through the gift of [Clean Birth Kits.](#)”

Our club has a vested interest in the BKFA and I urge everyone to look at the Kit International site and respond with feedback to the BKFA directly. [Kit.org.au](#)

## **Birthing Kit Foundation (Australia) / Kit International, continued**

Margaret Parsons expressed her anger at the new website as did many other members who had worked on various committees over the years. She found it totally disrespectful and as a founding Zonta Birthing Kit Committee member from 1999, honorary member and board member until 2012 and was encouraged to write to the CEO and chairperson.

The BKFA board are urgently addressing all the above issues. Keep remembering there are over 90 years of Zonta membership on the BKFA board.

Julie Monis-Ivett OAM

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### **Area 2 Advocacy Meeting**

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2020**

1.00 pm—3.00 pm

#### **Topic: Awareness in Action**

Christies Downs Community House  
Corner Flaxmill & Morton Road, Christies Downs

Hosted by the Zonta Club of Noarlunga Southern Vales

***Theme: Zonta clubs unified in the approach to advocacy against family abuse***

***Each club is asked to bring a plate of afternoon tea.***

*For further information:*

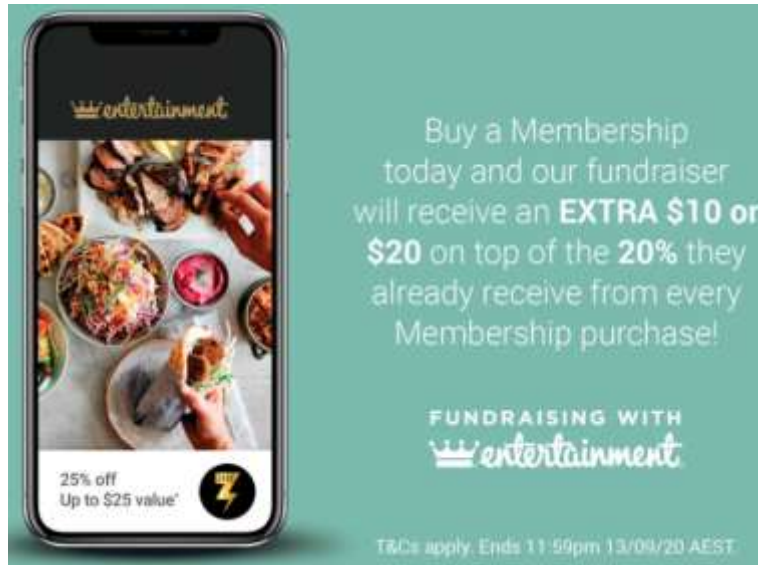
*Lesley Sweetman*

*President*

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**Zonta South Australian Clubs meeting nights**

Adelaide 1st Wednesday	Adelaide Flinders 3rd Wednesday
Adelaide Hills 4th Wednesday	Adelaide Torrens 2nd Tuesday
Para District 1st 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 – 2022**

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 Vice President: Vacant  
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