



ZONTA
 CLUB OF
 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 Oct	Wed 28 th	ZCAH Dinner Meeting, 6.30 pm for 7 pm start. Belair Hotel. Planning night.
Nov	Frid 20 th	White Ribbon Day.
	Sat 21 st	Quiz night, Blackwood Football Club. 7.00 pm. BYO supper. \$20. See flyer this edition.
2021 April	Sat 17 th	Area 2 Workshop.
Sept	10 th -12 th	16 th District 23 Conference to be held at Bendigo, Vic.

OBJECTS OF ZONTA:

- To improve the legal, political, economic, educational, health and professional status of women at the global and local level through service and advocacy.
- To work for the advancement of understanding, goodwill and peace through a world fellowship of executives in business and professions.
- 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.

Next Meeting:

Wed 28th Oct 2020
 To be held at the Belair Hotel, 141 Main Road, Blackwood.
 6.30 for 7.00 pm start.

RSVP no later than
 Monday 26.10.20 to
 Doone: 0422 024 240

A thought for the day:

"Worrying is crazy. Its like walking around with an umbrella waiting for it to rain." Wiz Khalifa.

Birthdays:

Sherry - 12th October
 Julie - 19th October
 Janet - 26th October
 Irene - 13th November
 Coraine - 16th Nov



President's Report



Dear Zontians and friends,

Hello October!

It feels like the weeks are slipping away and all too quickly we will be preparing our homes for the Christmas season. Before we reach December, there is still lots happening in our Zonta world.

On behalf of all the ZCAH members, we warmly welcome Julie Hallifax and Merilyn King to our club. I look forward to getting to know you both, your contribution to our vision of an equal world is gladly received.

We will be switching banks from CBA to Bendigo Bank to enable us to start internet bank. This will make it much easier to run the financial side of the club. There are changes occurring at the District level regarding subs for 2021. In the past, the District has held all subs for ZI and then paid them when the exchange rate was most optimal. This has meant that they have paid the international transaction fee and buffered the exchange rate variations. As this will cease, we will be looking into how this will translate for Area 2 clubs at the next Combined Presidents meeting and what this will look like for our club for next year at board – watch this space!

Our major fundraiser for the year will be our Annual Quiz Night and Silent Auction, to be held on Saturday 21st November. Unfortunately, COVID-19 put a serious halt to our ability to fundraise in 2020 so this will be our big event for the year. It is always a fabulous evening with lots of hilarity as the tables all try to win the prize. Further details follow below.

It was fabulous to have Tammy Franks MP join us via Zoom in September to discuss some of the more challenging aspects of the Statutes Amendment (Repeal of Sex Work Offences) Bill 2020 currently before Parliament. All 12 of the Area 2 clubs are in support of this Bill.

The Zonta International Theme for 2020-2022 Biennium is: Transitions, Change and New Opportunities - Accomplished through Teamwork. At our planning meeting this month, we will look at how we can work with this theme as well as the District 23 goals as we look forward and get ready for 2021. Let us keep our fingers crossed that it doesn't resemble 2020 in any way!

Regards,
Amanda



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Quiz Night and Silent Auction

Raising funds for Zonta's National and Local Projects

Saturday 21st November 2020

7:00 pm

Blackwood Football Club

Cnr Craighburn Rd and Trevor Tce, Blackwood

BYO Supper

Drinks available at the bar

**WINNERS PRIZE, GENERAL RAFFLE
SILENT AUCTION AND MUCH MORE**

**Gather your friends for a fun night and form teams
Of 10 per table, or join a table**

\$20 entry includes a raffle ticket

To book a table or for ticket enquiries

<https://www.trybooking.com/BMHJI>

**Thank you for supporting our Zonta Projects which include Birthing Kits,
Breast Cushions, Louise Place, I Care Bags, Expect Respect, Days for
Girls, Ending Child Marriage, Say NO to Domestic Violence and more.**

Induction of new member Julie Hallifax

At our dinner meeting held Wednesday 23rd September Julie Hallifax was inducted and welcomed to our club by Vice Area 2 Director Jane Morrison.



Julie Hallifax, Vice Area 2 Director Jane Morrison & Bev Hocking.



Julie Hallifax & Vice Area 2 Director Jane Morrison.



Vice Area 2 Director Jane Morrison welcomes Julie as she presents her with her badge.



Vice Area 2 Director Jane Morrison.

Service Committee Report



The Service Committee have once again been busy reaching out to help those in need at Louise Place who made a request for non-perishable food items. Ten food parcels containing an assortment of items including a 5 litre storage container were assembled and delivered by the Committee members.

Christine, a social worker at the centre, was thrilled to receive them.

Irene Kiroff



Joy O'Hazy's Australian of the Year submission and her life of service to the community

1999 -2020 Joy O'Hazy has worked tirelessly as the Birthing Kit Foundation (Australia) co-founder, past chairperson, vice chairperson and current director, in providing international aid. Joy's vision has been instrumental in saving the lives of tens of thousands of women and babies. Joy is a medical doctor who was inspired by a presentation in 1995 about these small birthing kits that provided a clean birthing environment and can save a woman and baby's life. These small, basic kits hold a sheet of plastic, soap, gloves, cords, sterile scapel blade and gauze.



These six items made an infection-free birth possible in the poorest of circumstances. Joy researched the items needed and brought the concept back to her Zonta Adelaide Hills Club and in 1999 the first 100 kits were sent to Papua New Guinea. The demand grew from there and the Zonta Birthing Kit project started and grew with the support of over 100 clubs nationally. In 2006 the Birthing Kit Foundation (Australia) was established to administer the programs.

The project has now grown to over 2.4 million kits made by volunteers in Australia and distributed into over 30 countries. The kits are targeted to regions where no other medical assistance exists. Most countries receiving the kits do not have the capacity to look after their birthing women. Over 10,000 traditional birth attendants have been trained extensively as education is power.

One great strength of the Birthing Kit Project is that it inspires and involves volunteers from throughout the Australian community and fosters the values of volunteering and providing aid to others. Annually over 20,000 volunteers gather including University and high school students for 'Assembly Days' to assemble 180,000 kits from the component parts. A woman birthing on a dirt floor will next use the kit they make and it may save a woman and baby's life.

In 2014, at the Zonta International (ZI) Convention in Orlando Florida, the Zonta Birthing Kit Project was voted 'Best District Service Project' worldwide as part of the inaugural Zonta International Service Recognition awards. The Birthing Kit Project is just one achievement in a life spent tirelessly supporting the welfare of women, migrants, refugees and other disadvantaged people, both internationally and in Australia.

1987 to 2020 Joy is foundation member of the Adelaide Hills Zonta Club, advocating and advancing the status of women worldwide at local community, national and international level. She served as president for three years and has held numerous executive positions.

In 1989, she served as a consultant to the International Planned Parenthood Federation in Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands.

1990 – 2004 Joy volunteered with the SA branch of Habitat for Humanity and served as a state board member. Habitat helps people obtain safe and decent housing, along with the strength, stability, and independence to build better lives. Joy was an international volunteer worker on four Habitat for Humanity housing builds in the Philippines, Fiji and South Africa.

1995 – 97 elected as Mayor of the City of Mitcham in South Australia. Joy was the first woman to be Mayor. Previously Joy served as Councillor for the Park Ward of Mitcham from 1989 to 1995. In 1996 while Mayor, Joy founded the Mitcham Women's Meeting Place to provide the opportunity for women of all ages, backgrounds and experience to meet in a friendly, informal environment, and to enjoy guest speakers, activities, discussions and occasional outings. This group continues to the present day. A legacy she particularly treasures.

1997 to 2003 was a medical adviser and served on the board of Overseas Pharmaceutical Aid for Life, an organisation sourcing and distributing surplus pharmaceuticals and other medical supplies to developing countries.

1999 and 2001 Joy served on the UNIFEM National Management Committee for international programs.

2000 Sydney Olympics Joy was a volunteer doctor.

In 2004, she volunteered for six months with Médecins Sans Frontières as a doctor assisting Afghan refugees, based in Mashhad, Iran. She was second in charge of this posting while she was serving.

In 2016 to 2020 Joy is Vice Chair of Gloria Health Association Australia Inc. Joy is currently providing mentoring and guidance to young members of the South Sudanese community in South Australia via the Gloria Health Association Australia Inc. An organisation dedicated to empowering and improving the health of women and children in South Sudan through educating the South Sudanese community on maternal health, providing access to female hygiene resources, establishing health training centres, and birthing clinics.

1981 Joy trained as a doctor at the University of Adelaide, graduating with a MBBS.

Joy has had a wide involvement with the medical community in Adelaide over forty years, with a strong interest in Women's Health and the care of migrants and refugees.

1984 Joy gained a Diploma in Obstetrics and Gynaecology (Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetrics and Gynaecology), and has a Family Planning Certificate.

1986 and 2000 has worked as a resident doctor and senior medical officer for Family Planning South Australia (later Shine).

1990 to 1993 Joy was Senior Medical Officer at the Queen Victoria Hospital.

1995 and 2003 a partner in a women's general practice

2004 and 2018 was a doctor with Migrant Health Services.

2002 to 2019 Joy has been serving South Australia's rural community through the Royal Flying Doctor Service and Rural Doctors Workforce Agency. Also, as part of the Federal Government's female GP woman's rural health service, flying into towns lacking female doctors such as Ceduna, Kimba, Cleve, Cowell and Penola.

Joy has spent her life working tirelessly to improve the lives of women.

An extract from the letter to the Members of the House of Assembly by Area 2 Director, supported by 12 SA Zonta clubs, regarding the Decriminalisation of Sex Work

The South Australian Clubs of Zonta International District 23 Area 2 are part of Zonta International, a global service organisation seeking to improve the status of women. We urge you to vote in favour of this Bill to bring South Australia in line with current international best practice, and appeal for you to support it for the following reasons:

- **Equity:** In our society where we believe in the equality of all citizens and have laws to protect against discrimination on the basis of gender, race, religion or sexual preference the current prostitution laws are an anachronism, inconsistent with these stated values and ideals.
- **Improved public health:** It is recognised that punishing sex workers restricts their access to the range of health and support services other workers enjoy. According to the internationally recognised Lancet magazine decriminalisation will protect sex workers from the scourge of HIV and to have a positive effect on their health and safety. Decriminalisation should not be a moral vote but a vote for better public health.
- **Safety:** It is a matter of human rights that these workers be protected under the same standards as other workers. A safe working environment is a right all workers should enjoy.
- **Eliminating exploitation:** By decriminalising sex work the industry can be properly regulated to avoid any exploitation of the underage or vulnerable which has historically been its hallmark. The workers and their premises can be suitably located, and the number of street workers should reduce.
- **Social Justice:** By having the same protections as other employees and self-employed workers, sex workers would find themselves less likely to be exploited by both employers and clients. They will be able to seek legal assistance when required without fear of recrimination. Decriminalisation will free up valuable police and legal resources and create the framework of social justice needed to reduce the violence, discrimination and abuse these workers often face.

We urge you to support this Bill in Parliament on our behalf. After many years, and many attempts it is time this issue is resolved to bring South Australia to the standards of a fair society and redress the current stigma and discrimination.

Yours sincerely,

Chris Frick

Area 2 Director and

Zonta Club of Adelaide Inc
Zonta Club of Adelaide Hills Inc
Zonta Club of Fleurieu Peninsula Inc
Zonta Club of Lower Eyre Inc
Zonta Club of Noarlunga Sthn Vales Inc
Zonta Club of Pt Lincoln Inc

Zonta Club of Adelaide Torrens Inc
Zonta Club of Adelaide Flinders Inc
Zonta Club of Gawler Inc
Zonta Club of Mt Barker Inc
Zonta Club of Para District Area Inc
Zonta Club of Riverland Inc

Something from UN WOMEN on United Nations Day – October 24th



In Focus: Women, Peace, Power

In October 2020, the UN Security Council will mark two decades since the landmark resolution 1325, which for the first time, enshrined the essential role of women in securing and maintaining peace. The UN Security Council will hold its annual Open Debate on Women, Peace and Security virtually this year, on 29 October.



Peace is a prerequisite for health, equality and human security. The 20th anniversary of the UN Security Council resolution 1325 is taking place in a world where [2 billion people live in countries affected by conflict](#). In these countries, women are working against tremendous odds to build and sustain peace. They do so even in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic but continue to be sidelined. In conflict-affected countries, women's representation in COVID-19 taskforces stands at a low 18 per cent.

In the early months of the pandemic, in March, the [UN Secretary-General called for an immediate global ceasefire](#). A global campaign led by the UN is urging all parties to silence the guns and end airstrikes by the end of this year, so that together we can focus on defeating COVID-19 and building an equal and sustainable future for all.

UN Women supports the call for action emanating from the United Nations leadership and the feminist organizations on the ground: disarmament, arms control and shifting military spending to social investment.

The promise of the women, peace and security agenda provides a framework for sustainable peace amidst a global crisis, and it is powered by a fearless women's movement that knows few bounds. But, while the agenda has strong support from governments all over the world, that support hasn't plugged the persistent implementation gaps.

The progress has been too slow, although the evidence is clear: when women are at the negotiating table, peace agreements are more likely to last 15 years or longer. And yet, as of 2019, peace agreements with gender equality provisions increased from 14 per cent in 1995 to only 22 per cent. On average, women were 13 per cent of negotiators, 6 per cent of mediators, and 6 per cent of signatories in major peace processes between 1992 and 2019.

This month, under the theme "Women, Peace, Power," UN Women is highlighting women's successful contributions to sustainable peace, human security and justice.

Go on the UN website to read more news, activist voices and updates **Source:** <https://www.un.org/en>

Funds for Beirut



I am overwhelmed and amazed at the generosity of our Zonta Clubs and some individual Zonta Members who collectively, have donated over \$9,000 for the Zonta Club of Beirut to help with the rehousing and support for women and children in their community following the horrific explosion in their city.

Your kindness will have a huge impact on the work they can do to try to resurrect their city. Thank you District 23 Zontians,

D23 Governor Sandra

Service *Di Hillman - Chairman*



As a new biennium begins, it's appropriate to remind members of the difference between *service projects* and *advocacy actions*:

- **Service** entails a hands-on approach with active participation from members.
- **Advocacy actions** are taken to empower women and girls and promote and protect their human rights.

Both can involve partnering with like-minded organisations and advocacy is desirable in service projects. A focus on Zonta's mission should be at the heart of all service projects.

We're fundraising with


Have you considered purchasing a digital Entertainment Book? The advantage is, it now remains valid for 12 months from the date of purchase, no longer expiring at the end of May. The other great advantage is, you can share it on up to **five** different devices with members of your household, but only one member can actively redeem offers at any one time.

We need to sell at least 10 digital memberships to qualify for the fundraising rebate & at this stage, with Covid-19 striking at the normal launch time, I need to sell a few more. Please consider supporting our club, you will be way ahead considering 12 months still remain to use it.

Its easily downloaded with excellent instructions on the website or I'm happy to help. Digital is a very convenient way to have it available whenever out and about.

Click on the following link and it will take you to our club page where you can purchase and download your digital copy:

<https://www.entertainment.com.au/orderbooks/9t34486>

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

Our Club meets on the fourth Wednesday of the month, 6:30pm for 7:00pm start at the Belair Hotel, 141 Main Road, Blackwood SA

**Zonta Club of Adelaide Hills
Leadership Team 2020 – 2022**

President: Amanda Waldock
Vice President: Vacant
Secretary: Bev Hocking
Treasurer: Margaret Granger
Directors:
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