



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

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HONOUR AND EMPOWER

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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:

September	10th-12th	16th District 23 Conference to be held at Bendigo, Vic.
	22nd	ZCAH Dinner meeting -Belair Hotel Planning Meeting
October	Sun 24th	Tour and tea at Old Government House, Belair National Park <i>Invitation in this issue</i>
November	7 th	Social Walk. Join us for a walk and a coffee. Details TBA
	19 th	Adelaide White Ribbon Breakfast, Adelaide Convention Centre. More details to be released at a later date.
Nov/Dec	25 Nov – 10 th Dec	UN 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence Club activities TBA
2022		
June	24th – 28th	Zonta International Convention to be held in Hamburg, Germany.
2024		Zonta International Convention to be held in Brisbane

**NEWS FLASH – Bring along to the meeting any items that will assist our young Kenyan woman in need such as vouchers she can use for her and her child.
Many thanks in advance for your generosity**

Next Dinner Meeting:

**6.30 for 7.00 pm start
at the Belair Hotel
141 Main Road, Belair.**

Roster

Objects: Coraine Sopru

Intro: Janet Stephenson

VOT: Sherry Proferes

REMEMBER: If unable to attend the meeting please contact Doone by the Monday before the meeting

A thought for the day:

A real friend is one who helps us to think our noblest thoughts, so we can put forth our best efforts and be our best selves.



President's Report

The D23 Conference was held virtually due to the ongoing COVID situation in Victoria. As we were still fortunately able to meet in person, there were gatherings on Friday 10th and Saturday 11th to enable Area 2 Zontians to watch the speakers together in person. After all, an enjoyable part of events such as these is the gather together. We are all grateful that the organisers were able to move the conference to a virtual format to enable the speakers to still be able to present. There is a report on the Conference later in the newsletter.

Our recent movie Fundraiser, RESPECT was another successful event. A huge congratulations to all of the members who were involved in the planning and running of the event. It was an interesting biopic which highlighted how difficult Aretha Franklin's life was and how she managed to succeed against the odds.

The glints of spring have been very welcome and hopefully the weather will continue to improve as we plan for the upcoming Old Government House Devonshire Tea next month. It will quickly be October 24th and we'll keep our fingers crossed that COVID will stay away and that the warm weather grace us for the day. This event is limited to 80 people due to the size of the terrace at Old Government House. Tickets are available from trybooking and you will find the invitation further along in the newsletter.

With the promise of warmer, sunnier weather comes the opportunity to have a social walk and coffee. Our last one for the year will be held on Sunday 7th November. The location and time is yet to be finalised as we need to factor in a café for coffee and cake afterwards – the most important part to any walk. We welcome anyone to join us for any or all of the morning.

Yours in Fellowship, **Amanda Waldock** ★

PR & MEMBERSHIP NOTICE

Our programme is completed to the end of the year.

The January 2022 meeting will be held on the **third Wednesday, the 19th** as the fourth Wednesday is Australia Day. Our Amelia Earhart lunch will be held on January 30th.

Julie Hallifax has two friends, Karen and Sharon joining us for our next dinner meeting and they wish to join our club. Julie will also be bringing another friend as well. ★

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You're Invited

DEVONSHIRE TEA

and

TOUR OF HISTORIC
OLD GOVERNMENT HOUSE
BELAIR NATIONAL PARK

SUNDAY 24TH OCTOBER, 2021
2-4PM

COST: \$35 PER PERSON
LIMITED TO 80 PEOPLE

Additional details and tickets available:
<https://www.trybooking.com/BUAVR>



@Greetings
ISLAND

District 23 Conference 10th to 13th September, 2022



Marilyn and Julie (partially concealed!) with a select group of Area 2 Zontions on Saturday at the West Adelaide Football club.

A Small group of Zontions gathered in the top room at the Cathedral Hotel on Friday to observe the first day of conference.

It was good to be with other people to share the opening ceremonies. The welcome to country by Bec Wisdom, a Bungirall woman from Bendigo was a highlight for me. One of Bec's parting messages, taken from her heritage was "Walking with Wisdom", which seemed to me a good starting point for the conference and inferred dignity and humility. Another thing that struck me were her words of thanks to those who have gone before her, in her terms "Aboriginal Women who have ENDURED to make her life possible". I feel that is an apt description for matriarchs from a wide range of cultures and situations.

The business part of the conference followed and the large screen really helped us to stay focused on the nominees as they put their cases for District positions. The online voting, which I did that evening worked well with only one glitch, but we all got the in the end. The proposals were all quite logical and were not challenged at all. The list of new appointments can be seen below. A good summary was given of Zonta International projects, scholarships and awards from our District 23 ZI Liaison, Florence Fischer-Herber and we also heard from Zonta International President Sharon Langenbek.

Day two, Saturday, was filled with inspirational and thought-provoking guest speakers. The Q&A was a little more subdued than usual however those gathered at the West Adelaide Football Club clapped enthusiastically in appreciation, even though no one else could hear!

The keynote speaker, Jess Hill was excellent as she interpreted the elements of coercive control and provided us with facts, symptoms, historical context and tips to identifying coercive control. Which, by the way, accounts for the cause of 80% of D.V. callouts by Police.



Margaret with members from Adelaide Flinders and Adelaide, and Adelaide Torrens Clubs on Saturday

As is usual, the young Women in Public Affairs recipient was out of sight impressive. Eloise Amirtherajah spoke with clarity and conviction, her community in Ballarat is lucky to have such an action driven and engaging community leader.

Learning the First Peoples Journey was a practical and informative session. Led by Sharon-Nelson-Kelly we were reminded of how good things can happen when we work with open minds and ask first of anyone who we think could use our help, but most importantly when we wish to communicate with First People communities.

The gender equality/climate change panel was expertly constructed and led by Carol Theobald. It was a joy to hear some positive and effective things happening in the climate change area. A great take away point was - as women make 75% of the decisions in the home, we have a real chance to be

the change makers in this area. It was good to Share lunch and a little social and business time with other Area 2 members over the two days we met in person to view proceedings.

Some technical glitches on Sunday morning interfered with the Ceremony of Remembrance, however that was played again later. The good thing is all will be available soon to rewatch as the conference was recorded. I recommend that you watch the sessions when they become available if you missed them and watch again if you were there. I will be watching the Advocacy Panel session when that happens as I sadly missed it.

All in all, it was a good experience and I thank the club for your faith in me to vote on our behalf. I feel we have good leadership in place for the future.

Bev Hocking ★

Leadership positions for 2022 - 2024.

Governor - Kay Stewart, ZC Melbourne on Yarra

Lt Governor - Debbie Schmidt, ZC Geelong - Eronwy lost on the first round

Treasurer - Chris Frick

Area 1, Director - Yvonne Lockwood, ZC Melbourne on Yarra

Area 2 Director - Lesley Siegloff

Vice Area 2 Director - Belinda Wise

Area 3 Director - Pauline Vukelic - ZC Dunsborough

Area 4 Director - Chris Denmead, ZC Geelong

Area 5 Director - Wendy Quinn, ZC Hobart Derwent

Nominating Committee:

Sandra Burns, ZC Perth

Di Hillman, ZC Melbourne's East

Eric Majba, ZC Adelaide.

Lynda summarises this article found in the Advertiser Tuesday September 7



LEADING SOUTH AUSTRALIANS ADVOCATING FOR AFGHAN WOMEN ACTIVISTS

Former SA Senator Natasha Stott Despoja and former Prime Minister Julia Gillard are among leading female diplomats urging the Taliban to uphold the human rights of women in Afghanistan. Natasha was awarded our District 23 award for distinguished service at our Zonta Centenary Gala Dinner in November 2019. She is now a member of the UN Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW). Former Prime Minister Julia Gillard is chairwoman of the Global Partnership for Education. They have both pleaded for the immediate evacuation of female activists, some of whom have arrived safely in Australia and other countries. They urge the Taliban to honour their promises to protect women and girls, form an inclusive government and to uphold the rights of women to work and of girls to go to school.

It has been distressing for us all to see the humanitarian crisis unfolding in Afghanistan and saddening to see the mental trauma of evacuees, allied troops and our war veterans who have served in Afghanistan. However, it has been heartening to see the help and love from South Australians who have welcomed the arrival into Adelaide of approximately 400 survivors. Our club is among the many organisations who have given gifts of toys and clothes and we pray for a peaceful solution for the people of Afghanistan.

Lynda A'Bear ★

Advocacy News

The advocacy Committee has been busy finding ways to lend our voices to issues in our community. And there has been plenty to choose from lately. The following article will be run in the 'letters to the Editor' in the October edition of *The Blackwood Times*

Women's Rights must remain a priority

As the world watched the news unfolding from Afghanistan over the last weeks, we at Zonta International were concerned for the rights of the women and girls there now.

Zonta International has fought for gender equality for more than a century, focusing on ensuring women's full and equal participation in society and securing equal opportunities for girls to pursue an education and realize their full potential.

We have been supporting women in Afghanistan via the provision of tetanus immunisation from 2002 – 2006 and partnering with the Afghan Institute of Learning from 2002 to 2008 to support education for women and girls in their country.

From these partnerships, we understand and value the importance of girls' education in achieving gender equality.

We have concerns that Afghan women will have limitations imposed that will prohibit them from being involved in their own decision-making.

We will work through our General Consultative Status at the United Nations to advocate for women and girls in Afghanistan to be able to participate fully in their society and have access to quality education without fear for their safety or their lives.

In addition the *Courier Mail* has followed up on Joy's invitation to send in useful items and we will be doing something there too.

Advocacy News Continued

Several members have brought this article up (Advertiser Sept 14) as something to support and Joy has sent in a script for that as follows:



Letter to the Editor

Great to see the Respectful Relationships Program being proposed for a number of South Australian high schools over the next 6 months. (We've got the power to end violence, 14th Sept). Our Zonta organisation has supported an Expect Respect program in a number of Adelaide Hills primary school classes over the last 10 years. Like the students, we can all take time to reflect on our thoughts, words and actions within our relationships. We can develop our awareness and knowledge of healthy interactions and make a decision to act respectfully towards each other.

Joy Ohazy

on behalf of the Zonta Club of the Adelaide Hills
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August Dinner Meeting Moments



Doone and Margaret display their Rugs With Love at the August Dinner meeting; We were pleased to have Marilyn Little back to talk to us about the *Older women and homelessness* booklet (ZC Brisbane)

Zonta South Australian Clubs meeting nights:

Adelaide Hills 4th Wednesday	Adelaide Flinders 3rd Wednesday
Adelaide 1st Wednesday	Mt Barker 3rd Tuesday
Para District 1st Tuesday	Fleurieu Peninsula 4th Tuesday
Riverland 1st Tuesday	Noarlunga Southern.Vales 4th
Adelaide Torrens 2nd Tuesday	Wednesday
Gawler 2nd Wednesday	Port Lincoln 4th 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 2021 – 2022

President: Amanda Waldock
Vice President: Julie Hallifax
Secretary: Bev Hocking
Treasurer: Margaret Bunfield
Directors:
Pam Mayer
Janet Stephenson
Coraine Sopru
Margaret Parsons