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THROUGH SERVICE & ADVOCACY

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Area 1 District 23



*President
Di Hillman*

*Summation of
14th District
23 Conference
Geelong,
September,
2017*

It was a pleasure to attend the District 23 Conference in Geelong, 2017. Our club had eight members in attendance - some who were experiencing their first conference. Over two and a half days, we were inspired, encouraged, thanked and enjoyed fellowship with Zontians across the four states of District 23. Governor Judy Gorton presided over the conference – ensuring that we felt valued and appreciated for all that we do for women.

Our keynote speakers came from a variety of organisations. Laurinda Gardner from the Greater City of Geelong, Federal Member of Parliament Sarah Henderson, Amanda Ewbank Head of People and Culture at Rural Bank, Greg Gebhart from the office of Federal E-Safety and Dr. Luc Mulimbaimba Medical Director of the Luvungi Naturopathic Hospital in DR Congo all presented us with challenging messages.

Nandini Karthikeyan and Ishka de Silva both YWPA recipients of our club spoke confidently as inspiring, committed young women worthy of their International and District awards respectively. We were very proud of them.

Our Dinner Meetings

Are held on the first Thursday of the month
6.30pm for 7pm

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Highlights for me were:

The Welcome to Country by Carole Theobold

- * The Ceremony Of Remembrance so beautifully led by Christine Fitzherbert.

- * The Parade of Flags and recognition of attending Clubs

- * The welcoming presence of ZI representative Ute Scholz

- * Presentations of the ZI Foundation and Centennial Anniversary Campaign

- * The Service and Advocacy Award presentations - one of which was our Community Conversation.

- * The Public Relations Awards where ZCME received two certificates for our promotional material

- * The Heide Taylor Honor Roll - Jenny Weaver, Val Baldwin and Wendy Atherton

- * The chaotic, but great fun, Membership Awards, which recognised the commitment of several of our members

- * The progress of Z Clubs and Golden Z Clubs by Judy Rothe and Margaret Bird



More Highlights:

- The workshops covering a variety of topics
- The Skype sessions with International President Sonia and D23 Treasurer Trish
- The speeches by the nominating candidates – for me both humbling and nerve-racking at the same time!
- The presentation of the new Board for the next biennium.
- The President's reception hosted by Governor Judy
- The Friday and Saturday night special dinners and entertainment.
- The Conference committee dressed as their chosen "bollards."
- The delicious morning teas and lunches.
- The array of items in the market place.
- Who could forget our call back music –Katy Perry's Roar!
- The constant chatter of Zontians renewing old friendships and creating new ones

As District Governor Judy struck the gavel for the last time at lunchtime on Sunday signalling the end of the 14th District 23 Conference, we said goodbye to old friends and new. We promised to catch up again soon - hopefully in Yokohama, or perhaps in Brisbane in two years' time. We were inspired, challenged, excited and invigorated by what we saw and heard in these two and a half days. It was an amazing experience and a privilege to be the delegate for the Zonta Club of Melbourne's East.

Di Hillman, President



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Beverley **14th September**
Di **30th October**

UPCOMING EVENTS

Lions Op Shop **December - 11 to 15**

Lions Op Shop **January 15 to 19**

Planning Day **January 20th**

First General Meeting **February 1st**

General Meeting **March 1st or on 8th to coincide with International Women's Day**

Sausage Sizzle **May 8th**



Cookies in a Jar



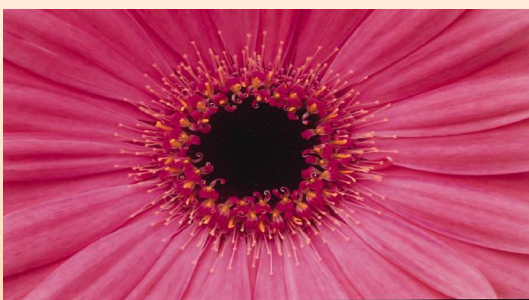
We had great pleasure and fun in creating these lovely 'Cookies in a Jar' at Margot's home as our fundraiser to take to conference. This was reasonably successful and we hope to sell the last of them at our Peridot theatre fund raising event.

Our Conference



'Community Conversation - Family Violence - Changing Attitudes - Changing Behavior'

The submission of our Power Point presentation "Community Conversation. Family Violence – Changing Attitudes, Changing Behaviour" for consideration for the inaugural District 23 Service and Advocacy Award was acknowledged at Conference along with 13 other submissions. We were not the winner but were congratulated on our effort. The power point will be part of an e book on the District 23 web site.



*Vale
Joan Childs (Glenda's Mother)*

*Passed away peacefully
October 29th, 2017
A faithful ZCME supporter for
many years*

Achievements



Advertising and Promotion

We were also delighted to be presented with acknowledgment for the development and publication of our new publicity cards and materials. A great success for Di our president for driving these achievements.

Glen Waverley Primary School



Students from Glen Waverley Primary School made a delightful power point presentation on their project to raise money for Solar Panels for a village in Cambodia. We were happy to support this project and donated \$500.00 to their cause. We received some of the pencil cases and two backpacks in return. The pencil cases will be filled by Club members and given to children in the Refuge at Christmas.



SERVICE AND ADVOCACY REPORT NOVEMBER 2017

These last three months have once again seen our Club very active in many aspects of Service and particularly Advocacy.

Glen Waverley Secondary College ACE (Active Community Engagement)

This was a project new to the school and to us. I thought it important to note that the students found our Organisation and approached us due to our stand against family violence. After the four sessions the students and teachers have gone away with a good understanding about Zonta, a thought provoking and broader understanding of family violence, the awareness of Z Clubs with the possibility of forming one and the satisfaction of assembling 400 Birthing Kits that will help women in third world countries. I thank Di, Pam, Heather, Glenda, Margot, Olivia and Jane for their invaluable assistance.



Year 9 students receiving certificates at the conclusion of the program

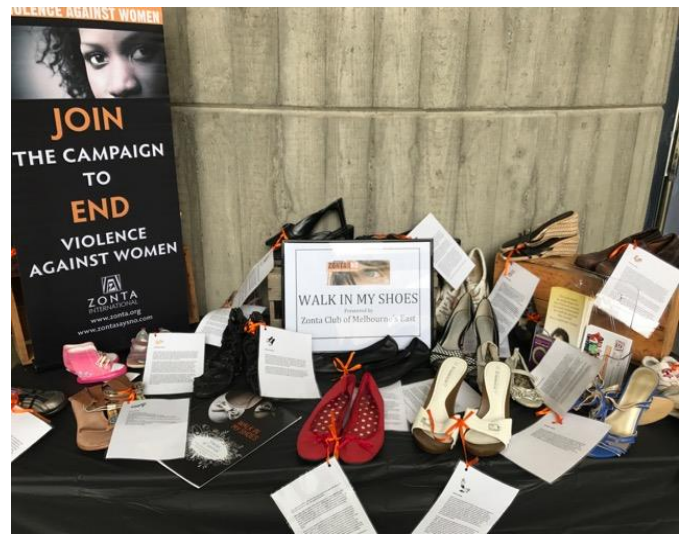
YOKOHAMA

Join us for the 6th Zonta
International Convention in
Yokohama

June 28th - July 3rd

Walk in my Shoes

The suitcase has arrived in Victoria. This display was established by the Zonta Club of Adelaide and consists of many pairs of shoes each with a story by a woman who has walked away from domestic violence and gone on to create a new life for herself. We first used this at Glen Waverley Secondary College. The impact was powerful. The students moved from one story to the next, usually in silence, sometimes asking a question and simply absorbing the horrifying impact of violence within a relationship or family, whilst appreciating the courage of those who have broken the cycle. Following this we have set up the display in three separate areas – the Monash Civic Centre, the Monash Library and the Clayton Library. From all accounts the display encouraged reading of the stories and a greater awareness of this problem in our communities. Positive feedback has been received.



Breast Care Cushion sewing day another day was held at Olivia's house, where much chatter and sewing was achieved. Thanks to all who attended.

Many thanks to Margot for rallying the Club members to put together *Pamper Packs and Emergency Packs* for women in the refuge. This is such a worthwhile part of our Service activities and certainly valued by the women who receive them.

*Wishing all a happy and safe Christmas.
Robyn Scholes,
Chair Service and Advocacy*



Ashwood School Scholarship



Our Club has re-established our **Secondary School Scholarship** through the efforts of Di, Glenda and Sylvia. As a result we are awarding two scholarships valued at \$750 each to **Juliette Wanis** and **Talia Simone**, from Ashwood Secondary College. It is great that we are able to encourage and support young women in the local area in their pursuit of a good education

Jane M Klausman Women in Business, despite being an excellent candidate, Sarsha Crawley, Club Award winner was not chosen as the District 23 winner. We know that Sarsha will go onto a wonderful future in the field of commerce after completing her studies in Great Britain.



Watch this: Zonta International Honorary Member Sylvia Earle featured in new TIME book of groundbreaking women

The new TIME book, *Firsts: Women Who Are Changing the World*, will feature a chapter on Zonta International Honorary Member Dr. Sylvia Earle. Not only did she make contributions to ocean science, Dr. Earle was the first woman to become chief scientist at the US National Oceanic and Atmosphere Administration (NOAA).



Watch TIME's [short film about Dr. Sylvia Earle's life here](#).

[Click here](#) to learn more about the new book.

Successful Fund Raising Events

- ❖ 2 Bunnings Sausage Sizzles
- ❖ Blue Illusion Fashion Parade
- ❖ Peridot Theatre
- ❖ Cookies in a Jar
- ❖ Margot's Spare Change Jar
- ❖ Robyn's Diaries

GUEST SPEAKERS



Jan Chisholm CEO of the Royal Womens Hospital Addressed our November meeting regarding the work they are doing and to thank us for our support of the hospital.



Kaye Stewart Chair for the UN

Gave a presentation on the history of Zonta and our involvement with the United Nations.



I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank all members for your hard work and contributions this year. We have achieved so much across a range of areas and your commitment and cooperation has made my role so much easier. You have wonderful strengths and abilities and it is great that you use them for the benefit of women here and overseas. My special thanks go to each Board member for your support and encouragement

I wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a wonderful year to follow. I look forward to sharing 2018 with you!

Warm Wishes. , Dí

