



ZONTA
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THROUGH SERVICE & ADVOCACY

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**Robyn
Scholes**



Robyn's Ramblings Revisited

This is indeed a very auspicious time to again visit the role of Presidency of the ZCME as we will be celebrating our 40th Anniversary on 14th October as well as Zonta International's 100th anniversary. An exciting and special time all round.

"You shouldn't be afraid of change. Change is a natural part of life." ...and *Change* we have had. After discussion, members have relinquished roles in which they were experts and took on challenges in areas that were less well known to them. Not an easy thing to do and it certainly brings with it many challenges. As Zontians we aim to empower women worldwide and these changes will empower us all by gaining new knowledge and skills. I thank each member for all they achieved before and for embracing their new roles within the Club.

At our May meeting Jasmine Koch installed our new board. We welcome Debbie Grinter as Vice President, Sylvia Kolarik as Minute Secretary, Di Hillman and Jane Davies as Directors and myself as President. It will be a creative team who will make us all work harder (and better). Unfortunately, Mary Ann Moodley, who was our Treasurer, has since decided to leave—we wish Mary Ann all the best.

Dinner Meetings

Are held on the first Thursday of the month.

6.30pm for 7.00pm

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We always enjoy Jasmine coming to our meetings and thank her for all that she has done as our Area 1 Director over the past two years. Our Club is honoured to have one of our members, Di Hillman as the incoming Area 1 Director. We know that she will bring lots of ideas and expertise to the role and we hope that she greatly enjoys her time over the next two years. We thank Di for all the tireless work she has done as President of ZCME over the last three years.



Di represented our Club at the Convention held in Yokohama in early July. She was so enthused on her return I just wish that we were all there. There is nothing like going to Conference or Convention to reinforce and revitalise your Zonta flame. Thank you for sharing the experience with Club—see Page 3-5.



Our speaker at our August meeting was Paula Ferrari from “No FGM Australia” A more passionate speaker would be hard to find. The reality of young girls undergoing female genital mutilation, with thousands living here in Australia suffering the consequences, became a reality for us. Our next step in support against this abhorrent practice is to be decided.



We had the opportunity to place the “Walk in my Shoes” display in the Wheelers Hill Library recently. Earlier this year we had displayed it in other public venues. It reinforced the power that this simple presentation has on the public. What an amazing way to say, “Zonta Says No”.

Dorothy Doherty has certainly been our most glamorous member. Not only that but, she was our effective PR lady. We thank Dorothy for her ideas, support and friendship. It is always sad when you have valued members leave.

Looking towards the rest of this year with two fundraising activities – a Bunnings Sausage Sizzle and a Peridot Theatre Night. Our new Brentwood Aviation Scholarship will come into being. The Ashwood scholarship winner will be decided and The Woman of Achievement announced. We are planning a New Members’ Night and a stint on Community Radio. Our 40th Anniversary celebration will be the icing on the cake.

Robyn Scholes,
President ZCME

ZCME 40th Anniversary

The official invitations to the ZCME 40th Anniversary will be distributed on Monday 13th August by email or post.

If there is someone you might know that we may have missed on our list, please let them know. It would be preferable to be asked twice than not at all.



Save the date

**CELEBRATE WITH US
ON OUR 40TH ANNIVERSARY**

2pm High Tea, 14th October 2018
Cost \$50 pp

At the Canterbury International Hotel
Forest Hill

To RSVP, please email Robyn
robyn@balloonsbyrobyn.com

WEAR A TOUCH OF RED



International Convention Highlights

Attending the Zonta International Convention in Yokohama was certainly one of my highlights of the past Biennium. It was a whirlwind six days of activity - each one memorable and special. It was an honour to again be the delegate for Zonta Club of Melbourne's East and I thank you for placing your trust in me.

It is impossible to capture the excitement and thrill of being part of such a committed group of women (and some men) and yet I trust some of my enthusiasm will be transferred to you in this report.

Some of my best memories include:

The validation of Zonta's work across so many countries and in so many ways by so many people

The richness and depth of the work done to improve the lives of women and girls

The commitment and passion of the membership to work towards our shared goals

The acknowledgement that although much has been achieved, there is still much to be done

The installation of the District 23 Board with Jane Adornetto as Governor



The display of leadership, commitment, passion and knowledge of Sonia Hoenig Schoer. Her ability to remain calm under pressure and her sense of humour!



The visions of Susanne von Bassevich for reaching the next generation and moving with the times

The Opening and Closing ceremonies - moving, symbolic and dignified



My own induction as Area One Director (as above)

The capacity of the ZI Board to lead us into the future.

The vision and goals for the next biennium, especially the Signature Project with the highest funding ever for a single project

The funds raised at the Convention - the amazing amount being the highest raised at a Convention

The amazing projects displayed at Share Your Story - serving as a source of inspiration and motivation



Opening Ceremony and Flag Parade

8:30 AM - 12 PM | Saturday, 30 June | National Convention Hall

The Opening Ceremony is the official beginning of convention and includes an exciting drum session, the impressive Flag Parade—featuring the flags from Zonta's 66 countries—and keynote speeches.

The Market Place sponsored by home clubs - the delight of the Japanese in having their products valued and purchased by the visitors

The inspiring and motivating speakers - having PIP Val Sarah conduct a conversation with ex PM **Helen Clark** was so entertaining and informative! They were both so natural and down to earth and of course meeting Helen afterwards was just the icing on the cake!

The quote that has stayed with me is “**If the door is not open, then open it. If the red carpet is not out, then roll it out yourself**”. She has been a world leader in advancing the status of women and girls and was certainly an inspiring person to open the Convention.



Naoko Yamazaki - AE Fellow, IHM

3:15 - 3:45 PM (Business Session 4) | Monday, 2 July | National Convention Hall

Meet Naoko Yamazaki, who became the second Japanese woman to go to space when she boarded the space shuttle Discovery as a mission specialist. She is also an AE Fellow and International Honorary Member.

Only the second Japanese woman to qualify as an astronaut **Naoko Yamazaki** and previous Amelia Earhart International winner, showed us what persistence, dedication and self belief can do in a man's world. She informed and entertained us with both her personal and professional journey. Her amazing photos of space will never be forgotten.

Saanya Subasinghe, an international YWPA winner, certainly validates why we participate in this wonderful program recognising the leaders of tomorrow. She spoke on the topic *The Future is Female*. Such an articulate 17 year old that surely has amazing potential to impact the world. Soon to commence studying in New York, her aim is to return to her home country of Sri Lanka and work towards achieving equality and empowerment in developing countries. Her inspiring quote was “**Never let your voice be silenced**”.

When we thought it couldn't get any better, Holly Ransom strode to the middle of the stage and moved many right out of their comfort zone. With the zest and confidence of the young, Holly took us on a fast moving journey that has set her apart as one of Australia's brightest and most successful young entrepreneurs. She challenged us to keep up with an ever changing world, to always begin with **WHY** and to develop strategies that allow us to collaborate with all types of people! One of her memorable quotes was “People believe more of what they overhear about you than what you say about yourself”.



The Japanese excelled with their entertainment across all five days to a level that was astounding.

At the opening ceremony, we saw the Japanese Aviation High School Drummers perform with precision and skill. When the flags of Japan, USA and Sweden were presented, we heard spine tingling versions of their national anthems performed by “The Legends”.

The memorial service opened with a moving performance by violist Natsumi Tamai, one of the best violinists in Japan. It was a solemn and poignant time as Governors from all areas placed yellow rose in a vase to represent those who had passed away during the past biennium.

The Japan Maritime Self Defense Force Band Tokyo delighted us at the Closing Ceremony with their talent. I will never forget their version of “You Raise Me Up” and I'm sure I was not the only one moved to tears.

At the farewell dinner we heard the amazing soprano Michie Nakamaru and were captured by a performance of Noh Theater Masters Kuroouemonn Katayama and Shingo Katayama. Our delicious meal was served by the most attentive staff - all very intent on pleasing their guests. Knowing that the Empress of Japan had been at the reception prior to the dinner added an extra thrill for those invited.



The Centennial Grants opportunity for clubs to work with another community organisation to raise our profile and implement a project

The promotion of the Centennial biennium and the opportunities to celebrate all that has been achieved in 100 years.

The rigorous debates - often with members being unreasonable and pedantic!

The fellowship, friends and informal sharing times

The venue of Convention and hotel in the beautiful city of Yokohama

The enthusiasm, but not always competency, of our Japanese hosts

The varied outings to casual dinners, the Ferris wheel, shopping, drinks for D23 etc

Just prior to the farewell dinner, I met a young Taiwanese student who belongs to a Golden Z club. Aged seventeen, she wanted to improve her English. She apologetically said it was her first Convention! I told her I thought she was amazing to be in Japan. We talked and she took selfies of both of us. I gave her my card and asked her to stay in touch so that we could share our Zonta experiences. I'm optimistic that she will!

Finally, can I encourage you all to think about the combined District Conference next year in Brisbane and if you are really looking ahead – the 2020 Convention in Chicago promises to be extra special!

Dianne Hillman

ADVOCACY REPORT

Brentwood Aviation Scholarship

For the first time this year our club has chosen to support Brentwood SC in offering an Aviation Scholarship for a girl going into VCE.

This is wonderfully fortuitous given that we are now hearing that Pilots are in enormous demand throughout the world with the growth of the aviation industry. It offers an opportunity for a girl to achieve a career in this growing area.

The Principal, John Ballard and the Aviation Coordinator are very excited about this scholarship and are offering their full support.



Education Encouragement Scholarship

We will once again offer this scholarship to Ashwood in order to support a girl who would like to complete her education into tertiary level but who is experiencing financial difficulty.

This scholarship was very well received by Ashwood last year and is once again being embraced by the school.

Woman of Achievement Award

We now have calls out for candidates for this award and look forward to presenting the winner with a cheque and award at our 40th birthday High Tea celebrations

No Female Genital Mutilation

We had a very impressive presentation from this very passionate and committed group of women who are working hard to try and eliminate this barbaric practice in Australia.

It is anticipated that we will once again offer support for this cause through funding some of their printing needs.

Sylvia Kolarik
Advocacy Coordinator

Fundraising Report

'Motto' Fashion Parade

It was a great night enjoyed by all with Robyn and Debbie as our delightful models showing the latest Autumn/Winter collection.

We thanked Bunnings – Nottinghill for donating the pretty pot of flowers for our raffle and Olivia for donating the wines. Motto generously supplied Champagne and some of the supper and we ladies as usual provided extra delicious savouries and slices.

In a successful night we raised \$1,170.00 as well as many of us adding to our wardrobes.
Beverley Manzie

Sausage Sizzle—19 May

Thanks to all who attended, the total funds raised was \$914.80.
Olivia Wilkes

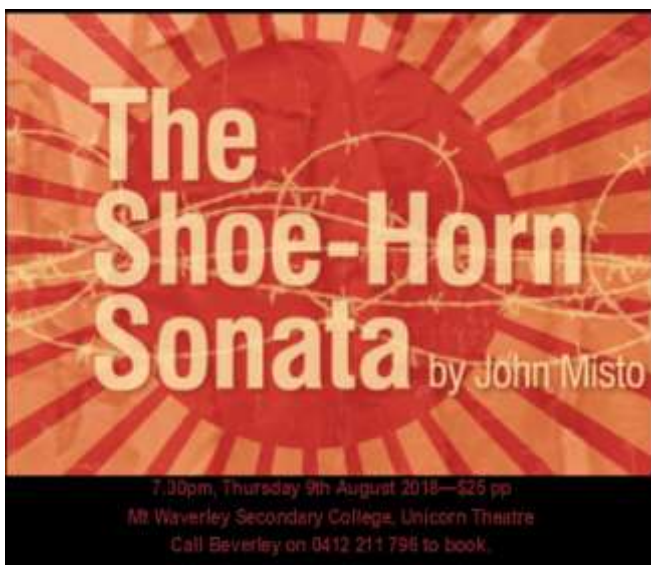
Lions Op Shop—April 9-13
Thanks for volunteering your time—we raised \$547.00

Coming Up:

Peridot Theatre—9 August

Tickets are still available.

Payment can be made into our bank account:
BSB: 063-151
A/c: 10007103
Reference: Peri, your Surname, Number of Tickets
e.g. Peri Smith 2
Looking forward to seeing you there and please remember to bring a plate to share.



Sausage Sizzle—Bunnings, Nottinghill

Date: 6th October, 2018

Please contact Olivia to volunteer your time, assist with set up, pack up, collecting goods etc.

Birthdays

Sylvia	10th June
Chris	15th June
Robyn	21st July
Libby	2nd August
Beverley	14th September
Di	30th October

Hoping everyone had/will have a lovely birthday celebrating with family and friends.



Face Book Tips

Like and Follow ZCME – the more likes we have, the more other people will see our messages.

Mark as 'always comes up first' as follows:

Settings/Preferences
Settings
Newsfeed Settings
Newsfeed Preferences
Prioritise who to see first
Tap/Click on ZCME
DONE



Whenever a post comes up, please Like and Share and possibly tag someone into the comment field. Eg. 'Mary Smith Sue Jones, this sounds interesting'. This will widen the broadcast – not only will our followers see it, Mary Smith and Sue Jones will receive a notification and if they like it, some of their friends will also see the post.

Share ZCME with your friends, and, Invite your friends to Like ZCME.

Is there a post you wish to keep for later reference?

Tap/click on the ... and select Save Post.
You can go back to saved posts at a later date.

Happy Facebooking, Jane

Service/Projects

Breast Cushion Project

We held an assembly day at Olivia's in April which was attended by Beverley, Olivia, Glenda, Mary Ann, Robyn, Jane and Di. It was great to see the pile growing in preparation for distribution. Thanks Olivia for hosting.

Looking forward to our next sewing day.



Community Birthing Kit Assembly Day —Save the Date

Date: 10 November 2018

Time: 10.30 to 2.30

Venue:
Ashburton Baptist Church
Y Street Ashburton



Further details, please contact Margot Davies

Sanitary Products—Collection

Our Club agreed at the August meeting that we will be a collection point for sanitary products for displaced women.

A Facebook post will be put up over the next few days. Please share the post, or speak with your friends and colleagues about donating a pack or two.

PR & Communication

16 Days of Activism on Facebook

A post will be placed up during this period every day.

We will brainstorm our messages at the October Dinner Meeting. If you are unable to come, please send through your ideas. We are looking for short and strong statements.

General

I have scheduled several face book posts relating to International Days which Zonta International have on their calendar. If you have any other suggestions of Facebook Posts, please contact me. Thanks, Jane

Facebook

Zonta 'Says No' March

Date: Saturday 1st December 2018

Location: Meet at the park on the corner of Springvale and Waverley Roads where will be marching across the roads at the traffic lights.

Wear: Orange T-shirts

Handouts: Folded Domestic Violence Information Flyer

Bring: A friend or family member to march with us!



Thanks

After the unexpected departure of Mary Ann Moodley, we thank Margot Davies who has kindly taken on some of the duties of Treasurer.



Joke

For those that cannot comprehend why Facebook exists: I am trying to make friends outside of Facebook while applying the same principles.

Everyday, I walk down the street and tell passers-by what I have eaten, how I feel, what I have done the night before, what I will do later and with whom, I give them pictures of my family, my dog and of me gardening, taking things apart in the garage, watering the lawn, standing in front of landmarks, driving around town, having lunch and doing what anybody and everybody does every day.

I also listen to their conversations, give the 'thumbs up' and tell them I like them.

And it works just like Facebook. I already have four people following me: two police officers, a private investigator and a psychiatrist.

Herald Sun, Black and White Column (Thanks Olivia)

