

NewsFlash

March 2019



Dear District 23 Zontians,

Our new year is well and truly under way and District 23 Zontians are extremely active! I've been excited to see the diverse activities our clubs have undertaken for International Women's Day events. Whether large or small events, the continual awareness clubs have created of Zonta and our activities, locally and internationally has been fantastic. Well done.

Exciting News

As we all know our award winners are exceptional women and its exciting when we hear how their lives have progressed since receiving their awards. I'm delighted to share news regarding two previous District 23 Young Women in Public Affairs recipients. Jane Kennedy (also a ZI YWPA recipient) has been appointed to the Board of UN Youth Australia. Jane is currently undertaking a post-graduate Doctor of Medicine at the University of Wollongong. Shani Cain was the recipient in 2012 and has recently been appointed as the Chief Executive officer of Oaktree, Australia's largest youth-run international development organisation. Congratulations Jane and Shani!

From Zonta International:

Membership numbers are below those at a similar point in the last biennium. ZI appreciates all efforts clubs are making in order to increase membership. Updates on International Service Projects are available on the ZI Website. Site visits will take place in April for Let Us Learn—Madagascar and in June for Ending Child Marriage.

Important Deadlines

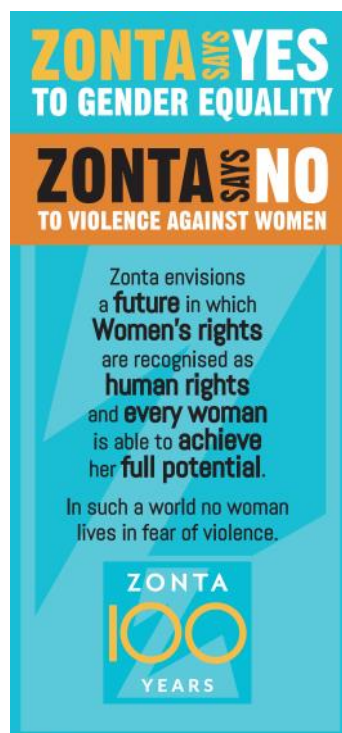
We have deadlines fast approaching: 31st March 2019—the closing date for applications for Centennial Anniversary Grants. Please don't leave until the last minute. The application process is comprehensive, so allow time to complete.

1st April 2019—club recipients of the Young Women in Public Affairs award to be submitted to District Co-Ordinator Sue Lear for consideration as a District recipient.

30 April 2019—By-Laws and Resolutions proposed changes are to be provided to District 23 Chair Veronika Maddock.

Centenary Gift to Clubs

The District 23 Board has voted to utilise funds set aside in this biennium for Centenary use, to provide each club with a banner, as detailed below. The banners are striking, and were designed by D22 Centenary Chair Ruthie Adams. The banners will be branded with the D23 logo, as the cost to do 38 individual banners was prohibitive. The D23 Board hopes clubs will have use of these banners for many years to come. Banners will be delivered to Area Directors within 2-3 weeks.



Area Meetings

I'm excited to attend Area Meetings/ Workshops across the district over the next few weeks. Area Directors have worked hard to create interesting, informative and fun events. I look forward to seeing many Zontians in attendance.

Combined District Conference

Governors from Districts 16, 22 & 24 and I met with Conference Co-Ordinator Naomi Reschke, and other conference committee members in Brisbane in February. We toured the conference venue—the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre—a fantastic space, well suited to our needs.

The program outline was refined, and this was included in the last conference newsletter, along with registration details. The early bird registration price of \$250 met our goal to ensure an affordable registration. This price includes a welcome cocktail party immediately after the opening ceremony on Friday 6th September, as well as District meetings and all conference sessions on Saturday and Sunday. We are all extremely excited with the progress to date, and I urge all District 23 Zontians to consider attending what we hope will be a memorable event, particularly with Zonta International President Susanne Von Bassewitz attending. Register now!

On page 2 you will find information from PIP Val Sarah regarding the Centennial Anniversary Endowment Campaign. Building this funding is a key way of ensuring we are able to continue our programs and initiatives into the future.

This Newsflash is provided as a brief update for D23 Zontians. Our next issue will be towards the end of April 2019, where all Committee Chairs & Co-Ordinators will provide an update on their portfolios.

Yours sincerely, in Zonta service.

Jane

Jane Adornetto,
District 23 Governor 2018-2020



Dear friends in Zonta,

If you're wondering what this Campaign is all about, please let me explain - it's really quite simple.

What we do in our Zonta life is all about helping women, children, families and communities here and overseas, *today*. That's our immediate goal, and we support it by donating to the Zonta International Foundation for the chosen biennial programs and projects.

What happens, though, in the future when the challenges will be greater than ever? We need to plan for it, and the Campaign is part of that plan.

Zontians worldwide are now receptive to the idea of "**Giving NOW for the Future**"... and there was clear evidence of this with the number of clubs, individuals and districts who made gifts to the Endowment Campaign during Convention in Yokohama.

When asked "*Why an endowment?*" **Denise Quarles and Carole Calvert-Baxter**, our Regional Representative counterparts from District 15, Michigan, USA, gave very clear answers:

- *Unfortunately annual gifts fluctuate, membership levels vary and there is significant competition for other worthy programs and causes;*
- *By establishing the Endowment we create a stable base to meet these uncertainties;*
- *With an endowment fund, the principal amount is kept intact and the investment income is available for use, thus ensuring that our projects and programs will be carried forward.*

Happily, **there are options if you wish to offer a gift that is significant to you**, among them

- a one-time gift
- recurring payments made monthly, quarterly or semi-annually
- a 3-year gift plan
- planned giving such as a bequest, as your legacy to Zonta

Have you heard about the Mary E. Jenkins 1919 Society? The Society is named in honour of Zonta's very first President, and those who include a bequest to Zonta in their Will are eligible for honorary membership of the Society. They are also listed in the annual reports of the Foundation, and I like to think that, each year, *new* names will be added - connecting us directly to the birth of Zonta!

If you need help, we encourage you to visit the Zonta International website and the Centennial Anniversary Endowment Campaign website, and review the information and forms available.

There is a strong team to support you: Ann Horrocks (Areas 1 and 4), Liz Bice (Area 2), Liz Woodgate & Carole Theobald (Area 3) and Julie Wiltshire (Area 5). We will be attending the Area Meetings, and happy to chat to you if you are inspired – like us – to "**Give NOW for the Future**".



PIP VAL SARAH Member, ZI Endowment Committee

KEY DATES 2019

- 31 March—Centennial Anniversary Grant submissions due to ZI
- 1 April—YWPA club applications to D23 Co-Ordinator
- 30 April—Bylaws and Resolutions changes to D23 Co-Ordinator
- 1 July—JMK applications to D23 Co-Ordinator
- 1 August—Women in Technology applications to D23 Co-Ordinator
- September 6-8
Combined Australia & New Zealand District Conference, Brisbane, Australia

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