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Club Meetings

- o Second Thursday of the month (except January)
- o 6.15pm for 6.45pm
- o St Catherine's College, UWA

Apologies

- o By 12 noon previous Monday
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1. President's Message – D23 Conference 2013 Credibility and Visibility

Tricia Summerfield

From the perspective of the Credentials Desk, I enjoyed an interesting and well-organised District Conference, greeting old friends and meeting new ones – including another “Summerfield”: Jan from Fleurieu Peninsula, South Australia.

Fourteen other Perth club members joined the total of 150 registrants and enjoyed an inspiring three days filled with fellowship. It was wonderful to see one of our newest members Susan Schafers absorbing all that a district conference has to offer. Several Golden Z Club members joined us for part of the conference.

Highlights

Elections for the 2014-16 District Board: congratulations to Judy Tennant, elected to the position of Lieutenant Governor, and Sandra Burns elected as chair of the nominating committee. I know they will both serve with dedication.

The keynote speakers covered topics both informative and sometimes distressing:

- Professor Shirley Randell AO, speaking about the rebuilding in Rwanda following the genocide of 1994.
- Geraldine Cox AM, giving us insights into the orphanages she has founded in Cambodia.
- Adjunct Professor Jackie Davidson, Amelia Earhart Fellow 1983 and 1984, challenging us with an explanation of the exciting space research that will be facilitated by the Square Kilometre Array.

The open forums on leadership and credibility & visibility were full of useful information; I for one found them more worthwhile than workshops.

A beautifully conducted Ceremony of Remembrance celebrated the lives of Jean Oldham and Marg Giles amongst other Zontians who have passed away during the biennium; well done Nan Martella for arranging this.

On the business side of things, we passed the new Constitution and Rules of Procedure with very little fuss. A new Strategic Plan for D23 *A Course for the Future – 2013 – Onwards* also received unanimous support.

Several members were recognised for 30+ years' membership and WA Zontians, Margaret Fields (Perth NS) and Sheila Watters (Swan Hills) were added to the Heidi Taylor Honour Roll.

The book celebrating our club's 40 year history was launched, warmly received and with the history displays showcased many Zonta activities and encouraged Zontians to maintain their archives and write their histories. Our club also received three certificates in the PR Competition that had a Zonta Says No theme.

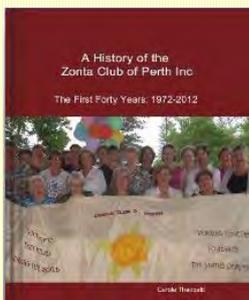
Congratulations to all those involved in organising and presenting the conference; looking forward to Adelaide in 2015 which will be hosted by Governor Elect Erica Majba.



*Tricia Summerfield (ZCP President)
35 years as a Zonta Member*



Margaret Medcalf places a rose during the Ceremony of Remembrance honouring members who passed away during the biennium



Our Club's glossy history book was formally launched at the conference. Get your copy from the Blurb bookstore at www.blurb.com

2. District 23 Conference - First Timers' Perspectives

Chrissie Hodges

The theme for the three days was Credibility and Visibility. I have just returned home from one of the most stimulating and enlightening weekends at the Zonta District 23 Conference at Scarborough in WA.

I was a first timer or so it said on the lanyard I had hanging around my neck. The conference started by acknowledging that it was being held on aboriginal land which I thought was thoughtful and respectful with the sound of the Didgeridoo being played.

It was extremely well organized and a credit to everyone involved. The location couldn't have been better but unfortunately the weather was not at its best but that didn't dampen the excited spirits of everyone there, seeing old friends and making new ones.

The Flag Parade was something to feel proud of; seeing so many being carried and representing our different areas in Australia amongst them were the United Nations and the Aboriginal flags. The ceremony of remembrance had me in tears as we remembered our members who had passed away over in the last two years, two being from our club in Perth.

There was so much to remember, the wonderful speakers who enlightened us with Advocacy and Credibility - their passion to do good around the world where women and children are so in need of help; the Birthing Kits and Breast Cushions that we willingly get together and make; and even the Golden Z Club members were there, our future leaders.

The business meetings and speakers were evenly divided so we were always able to have something interesting to listen to. All the speakers were so fascinating I could have listened to them all day. They covered topics such as children in Cambodia, gender equality in Rwanda, radio telescopes around the world, science, women's issues, birthing kits, the history of Zonta, and so many more.

We also learnt how to travel with only a cabin bag with lovely smart adaptable clothes, I always seem to take too much! Another highlight was the Market Place in the room next door where we were able to buy Zonta memorabilia, eat our lunch and chat. The Evening Dine Out and Captain's Dinner went extremely well and everyone had a great time.

The conference ended on a high note promoting the 2015 National Conference in Adelaide with about 20 members from there, as well as us, singing to 'C`Mon Along To Adelaide' to the tune of 'Alexander's Ragtime Band.'

I think after that we were all sad to leave and couldn't wait to get together again in 2015.

Thank you, Governor Ann and all the helpers, who made the 2013 Conference so successful. It was fantastic!!

Sue Schafers

Sadly I was unable to attend day one of the conference due to work commitments, and therefore missed out on the opening ceremony, keynote speaker and general administration.

However, despite my absence on Friday, I was warmly greeted at the registration desk on Saturday morning and acknowledged as a 'First Timer', which was clearly identified on a strip of green ribbon, which I proudly stowed in my lanyard pouch for all to see.

Within minutes of my arrival, the illustrious Carole Theobald (Area 3 Director), offered me a golden Zonta opportunity to assist the keynote speaker of the day, Geraldine Cox, with her book sales. As they say, some things are just meant to be!

Approximately 13 years ago, I read an article about Geraldine and her work at the Sunrise orphanage and even then found her determination to be humbling. This view



Karen Groves (left) with other flag bearers after the closing ceremony



GZ Club members join in
L-R Margaret Medcalf ZCP, Maria Stefanova ZI/ZF Director, Judy Tennant ZCP Gemma Leeson GZC, Sandra Burns ZCP, Malal Masoon GZC and Lennie McCall ZCP



Guest speaker: Professor Shirley Randell AO



Geraldine Cox signs her inspirational book, "Home is where the Heart is" for Sandra Burns



Val Gandossini (ZCP) and ZI Representative - Maria Stefanova at the Captain's Dinner

was reinforced when I met her in the flesh, as an exotic reincarnation of the news article I had read so many years ago. Her trademark hennaed hair, worn in a Buddha style top knot pierced with a single chop stick, identifies her as a woman who is not afraid of being different. And she is!

Geraldine spoke passionately and with purpose about her children as only a mother can do and as an audience we collectively shared her deep sadness when she reflected on the children she could not protect or provide for. Her commitment reminded me that in a world suffering from donor fatigue, one can always find a little bit more to give. To understand the true essence of Geraldine and her commitment to the 400 plus children she loves and supports, you really need to read her book 'Home is where the heart is'.

The rest of the day was no less of a stimulus package, when we were afforded the opportunity to listen to three extremely committed and inspirational ladies, namely:

- The gracious and gentle Maria Stefanova who provided us with a snapshot of the history and culture of her birthplace, Bulgaria; and her evident commitment to Zonta International;
- The young and energetic Holly Ransom, who at 23 years of age had the capacity to command our attention the moment she opened her mouth! This young lady has all the hallmarks of a great leader and whilst it was acknowledged that Rotary gained an advantage over Zonta by recruiting Holly first, me thinks the whole world will benefit in the long run.
- Kath Mazzella, a survivor of gynaecological cancer who is passionate about "demedicalising gynaecology" by encouraging women, men and the medical fraternity to remove the stigma attached to the quintessential body part of a woman, namely the clitoris, which Kath has affectionately re-labelled the "glitoris". I have no doubt that Kath will achieve this important objective along with adding new phrases to the medical collective, such as "having a gyno yarno".

Given the Zonta theme of "Credible and Visible" it was a salient reminder for us to acknowledge and celebrate the length of service achieved by some of the members, who have created such a solid foundation for our future. Fortunately for us, the history of Zonta Club of Perth and its members has been painstakingly recorded by Carole Theobald and the dedicated Archive team, in a format of your choosing (hard copy, ebook etc).

I can honestly say that I have never attended a conference which ended in a clothes shopping spree! Liz Davenport's 'wardrobe in a cabin bag' had the crowd oohing over 22 items of clothing, which emerged crumple free from a cabin sized case and the promise of multiple outfits, using a common sense approach to colour matching. Actually in terms of 'multiple' it almost seemed endless. Notwithstanding the promise to take you down one dress size! What an outstanding marketing concept and one to capitalise on for future events.

And then there were the Rebels Motorcycle gang members....Their presence an unknown quantity, along with the plain clothes police officers observing them! It was entertaining to observe their transformation when confronted by large groups of Zontians ! Perhaps we could continue this transformation by sending them a box of Zonta Says No! book marks.



Kath Mazzella OAM and Sandra Burns with 'Undies for better understanding' Display



Adjunct Professor Jackie Davidson shares her enthusiasm for astronomy



Liz Davenport's Wardrobe in a cabin bag presentation



Zontians share the Zonta Says No message with Rebels motorcycle gang members



Delegates were enthralled with the speakers



Nan Martella (Bunbury), Cintra Amos (Adelaide Flinders) and newly elected Lt Governor Judy Tennant (ZCP) at the Captain's Dinner



"C'mon Along to Adelaide" Conference 2015



Jane Moulden will be in next Area 3 Director. Jane is the immediate Past President of the Zonta Club of Dunsborough and it is the first time that a member of that club has held the A3 Director position. Jane will start her role in July 2014.



District 23 Board for 2014-2016

At the D23 Conference, the Board is elected for the 2014-2016 biennium. The following members will commence their new positions after the Zonta International Convention in July 2014.
L-R Erica Majba (Governor), Judy Tennant (Lieutenant Governor), Patricia McLean (Treasurer), Kay Stewart (Area 1 Director), Nan Berrett (Area 2 Director)(hidden), Anne Miller (Vice Area 2 Director), Jane Moulden (Area 3 Director) and Margaret Lynch (Area 4 Director) Absent: Julia Taylor (Area 5 Director).

3. New members inducted at the August Dinner Meeting

At the August Dinner meeting we inducted three new members into Zonta and welcomed a Zontian who had transferred to our club from Queensland.



WELCOME TO ZONTA
CLUB OF PERTH

Susan (Sue) Schafers

Sue was born and raised in Africa and migrated to Australia as a child with her parents and elder sister. After working in Sydney, Melbourne and Canberra she came to Perth in early 2012 to assist with parental care duties. She has worked with the Commonwealth Government and is currently employed with the Department of Local Government and Communities.

Jeri Sein

Jeri Sein works as a Principal Policy Officer at the Department of Transport, Ports & Maritime Directorate. She recently completed her MBA, part time at UWA. She is a member of UN Australia and is a member of Oxfam WA State Committee, where she has coordinated a fundraiser for them. Jeri was born in Burma (Myanmar), migrating with her family at the age of 9. In June 2012 she visited Oslo and attended the Nobel Lecture by Daw Aung San Suu Kyi. Jeri is passionate about poverty and human rights issues. She enjoys travelling, cycling and yoga. Her long term plan includes having a family and become multi-lingual.

Fiona Mouritz

Fiona was born in Narrogin and spent her early years in Hyden where her grandparents were first pioneers to the district. She was forced to leave to continue her education at Presbyterian Ladies College then went on to complete her nursing certificate at Ngala in South Perth. Fiona went on to work in Bendigo's major hospital in the maternity unit, special care baby unit and children's wards for many years. As a mature student Fiona completed a BA in Social Work at Latrobe University. She has now come back to her home state.....



L-R Susan Schafers, Jeri Sein and Fiona Mouritz



L-R Roslyn Budd, Ronette Druskovich and President, Tricia Summerfield

Ronette Druskovich

Ronette originally joined Zonta in Wellington, New Zealand in 2011, then the Brisbane Metro Breakfast Club in 2012 before transferring to Perth. Ronette has actively been involved in Zonta as a Board member, on the sub-committee for "Young Women in Public Affairs" and helping with the NZ Biennial Conference and Breast Cushion projects. Ronette is currently employed as a Commercial & Property Lawyer, working as Head of Commercial at Summers Legal in West Perth. She lived in WA as a child and has now returned with the intention of staying here a while. Ronette enjoys playing soccer, travelling and bike riding. Ronette holds dual Australian / NZ citizenship and is still on a Trust Board in NZ that provides housing for transplant patients.

**WELCOME TO THE FIRST
GOLDEN Z CLUB IN WA**



*St Catherine's College Decorations.
L-R Jill Anderson, Roslyn Budd and
Chrissie Hodges*



*Cara Webling (President of Golden
Z Club of St Catherine's College)
receiving her Introductory Pack from
Liz Woodgate (International Director)
watched by Lennie McCall (ZCP)*



*The ZC Gavel was from the now
defunct Zonta Club of South of Perth
– with the new inscription on the
reverse of the original.*



Birthing Kit Assembly day



Top Table

*L-R Gemma Leeson (Vice President)
Cara Webling (President) and Lennie
McCall ZCP*

4. Golden Z Club Charter Dinner

Lennie McCall, Zonta Club of Perth

Zonta International District 23 and the Zonta Club of Perth welcome the chartering of a Golden Z Club - St Catherine's College, The University of Western Australia.

The Zonta Club of Perth, as sponsoring club, warmly congratulates Cara Webling President and Gemma Leeson Vice President and their team of student members who now form part of one of Zonta International's longest running programs which aims to prepare the next generation of advocates for women world-wide.

The Charter Dinner, generously hosted by the Head of the College and member of the Zonta Club of Perth, Fiona Crowe, was enjoyed by students and members of the Zonta Club of Perth and other WA Zontians at the College on Monday 12 August 2013.

Zonta International Director and Board member Elizabeth Woodgate (Zonta Club of Peel) was the special guest for the evening and she addressed the guests and performed the chartering of the new club.

The Perth Club was most fortunate to be in a position to invite Elizabeth who was available to represent not only Zonta International but also ZI District 23 Governor Ann Horrocks (Zonta Club of Bendigo) who was unable to join us at the event.

The Golden Z Club program established in 1948 helps college and university students to develop leadership skills, promote career exploration and encourages members to participate in the community, college and international service projects. This is the first Golden Z Club formed in the District joining common interests with over 50 other clubs in countries around the world.

As the sponsoring club, members of the Zonta Club of Perth are looking forward to cooperating and encouraging the new club and working with student members through service by offering guidance, mentoring in leadership skills and providing career counselling. There will be great opportunities for all of us to work together to advance the status of women.

Golden Z Club's gavel maintains a little bit of history. It is the one from the now defunct Zonta Club of South Perth, with the new GZ Club inscription placed on the reverse of side of the original. All new members were presented with a pack containing a certificate, information about Zonta and the Zonta Says No campaign.



Golden Z Club St Catherine's College

Back Row L-R Rebecca Adam, Den Scheer, Georgina Copeland (hidden), Christine Hui and Danah Hourani

Front Row I-R Kate Hill, Wei Liam Tan, Vanitha Jahakumar, Gemma Leeson and Cara Webling

5. Pregnancy, Babies & Children's Expo



Wendy Atherton (ZCP) and Chris Hodges (ZCP) help to set up



L-R: Jo Kirby, Leanne Sultan (PNS), Deanne Byers (ZCP) and Molly McCaffrey (PNS)

This Expo raised \$ 2,526.60 for The Birthing Kit Foundation and make close to 850 birthing kits!! Ngairé Green thanks all volunteers for making the show such a success for the Foundation.

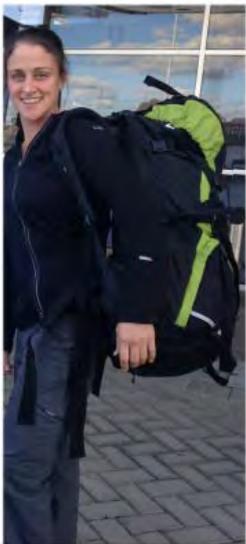
Zonta Clubs of Perth joined the Birthing Kit Foundation at this three day event held at Claremont Showground on the 9th -11th August 2013. Jean Wyder, Area 3 Birthing Kit Co-ordinator and Member of Perth Northern Suburbs Zonta Club, successfully secured a stand to showcase The Birthing Kit Foundation at this very popular yearly event.

The stand was designed to raise awareness of the Foundation and showed the contents of the kits and where they went. The opportunity was also taken to raise donations. The team encouraged pregnant mums to hold baby showers and consider asking their friends to donate \$3 for a kit at the shower! This struck a chord with many people and the Foundation is now working on developing this idea.

A roster of Zonta members manned this stand over all three days with the help of dedicated volunteer Jo Kirby (who we hope will become a Zontian in the future!) Most visitors to the stand had never heard of The Birthing Kit Foundation, so there are hundreds of people now aware of what this foundation does and where all the kits are delivered to.

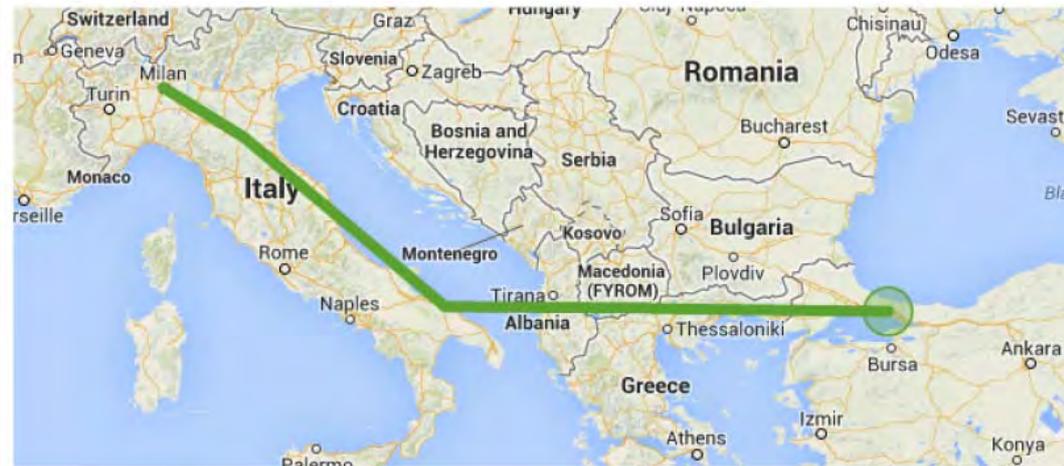
Visitors to the stand were amazed at how few items are needed in the Birthing Kits in order to give women and babies in many rural African and Asian countries a 'Clean Birth'. Jean has already booked a stand for Expo 2014.

6. Bec Christou – Safely Home!



Bec leaving home

Bec succeeded in her 'Challenge of a Lifetime' by travelling safely from Milan to Istanbul. She proved that it is possible for a woman to travel 2000km alone. Zonta Club members who supported her and pledged \$50 were each sent a mystery present when she arrived safely in Istanbul. This present was postcard of tiles which was followed up with a real tile from Istanbul.



Excerpt from Bec's booklet of her journey.



Postcard from Istanbul



Tile from Istanbul

An introvert's challenge of a lifetime.

It was a rule that you couldn't book flights or accommodation prior to the trip, you couldn't pay it back and you couldn't take anything with you to sell. There was no support crew. It was beg, work, steal or cheat!

Friday Lift off - I manage to score a seat on the next plane to Milan, which I am told I was very lucky. Funds pledged have not arrived so only have \$100.

Day 1 - Get to know Milan

Day 2 - Central Station in Milan is full of people and I purchased a ticket to Bologna. After arriving there I managed to book a Hostel for the night.

Day 3 - After help from 3 lovely guys from Netherlands, I take the train to Bari. It is a 7



Only compulsory
Items:- Passport and US\$100

hour journey. 4 hours is about my sanity limit but the country side and conversing with an Italian family, I got there. It took me some time to find accommodation – a bit scary as it was getting dark.

Day 4 - WIFI access finally shows that all the pledges have come through which means I can crack out some more KMs towards Istanbul. Missed a boat trip to Corfu so booked a plane ticket for the next day to Istanbul.

Day 5 - Final leg of my journey to Istanbul.

More can be found at the following website.

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/hx6ajhkutx195bv/%24100%20Challengepdf.pdf>

Thank you for supporting me on this journey. A lot of lessons learnt and new friends made and overall a very humbling experience all round. I hope you enjoy my short story- I think it may hit the best sellers list... Bec.

Flyer is also on our club website – please email it to your friends today!

7. High Tea – October 20th - How can you help?

- Bring items for the gourmet hamper to the October Dinner Meeting
- Volunteer to man the photo exhibition and sale on Saturday and Sunday
- Sell tickets via Try Booking

 Zonta Club of Perth Inc.
Member of Zonta International
Advancing the Status of Women Worldwide

The members of the Zonta Club of Perth Inc request the pleasure of your company at a special...

High Tea

Sunday 20 October, 2pm to 4pm

St Catherine's College,

University of Western Australia

(Entry off Stirling Highway, Nedlands)

Tickets \$35 each online from

<http://www.trybooking.com/DLSM>

Enquiries to Roslyn at zontaperth@gmail.com



Please come and enjoy the:

- Musical recital by students from Perth Modern School
- Presentation by popular author, Deborah Burrows speaking on *Romance in WW2 Perth—reality, stereotypes and myths*
- Exhibition and sale of the late Dudley MacGibbon's exquisite photographs. Cash sales only.
- Raffle (6 tickets for \$5)

...and a glass of champagne or juice on arrival.

Why not treat yourself and your friends today?

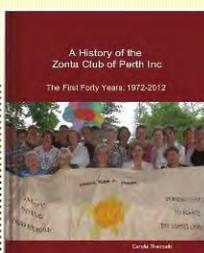
Proceeds from this fundraising event will go to **Zonta Service projects** that include providing birthing kits for women in developing countries, breast care cushions for women (and men) recovering from breast surgery, support of women's refuge, education and community service awards, respite holidays for needy families and projects to reduce violence against women. For more information visit www.zontaperth.org.au

8. Club History is Launched

It was two years in the making, but the wait for the club history has been worth it. The final product is a beautiful book containing 174 pages and over 300 photographs which capture the life and soul of the club over the last 40 years.

The club's history was formally launched at the D23 Conference and its colourful professional format created a lot of interest from delegates across the District as to how it was created.

Initially, it was assumed the club had somehow received a grant and had it done



The book turns the archives into a readable story.

