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**CLUB OF
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FLINDERS INC**

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**EMPOWERING WOMEN
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**Zonta Club of Adelaide
Flinders Inc**

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Flinders Facts

March 2015

President's report

Thank you to all members for your contributions to our February business meeting and for your careful consideration and informed discussion on our proposed service funding proposals. It's good to see where our hard-earned fundraising dollars are spent in the community.

On the same night we also had the pleasure of hearing Dr Luc Mulimbalimba speak about his special work in DR Congo – what an inspiring man he is.

Anne Westley, Eronwy, Marianne, Di, Ngaire, Lyn, Cintra and I had the pleasure of attending, along with well over 2000 other women and men (including other Area 2 Zontians), the International Women's Day Breakfast where we heard a thought-provoking talk from Susan Carland. This year there were a large number of school groups at the breakfast which hopefully bodes well for the future. It is quite a sight to see so many women sharing such an occasion: the Adelaide breakfast was once again the largest in Australia.

When you read this newsletter, our Movie Night will be over. We had an unprecedented call for tickets this year resulting in a fully booked theatre, obviously due to the availability of the film *The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel*. Thank you to the Fundraising Committee and all members who have contributed to this event.

This month's meeting, organised by the Membership Committee, with the theme *Putting the FUN into Fundraising* promises to be an excellent night with three very varied speakers. I'm certain they will inspire us with some new fundraising ideas for Adelaide Flinders.

I note that this Friday is the UN International Day of Happiness. I hope that it will be a "happy" day for you, but also that those whom we help with our service will also find a little happiness themselves.

Yours in Zonta service,
Sue Lear

MARCH MEMBERSHIP MEETING

6:15 for 6:45 pm
Wednesday
18 March 2015

Public Schools Club
207 East Terrace
Adelaide

GUEST SPEAKERS

Bonnie Stewart
John Pettinger
Ruth Barker

Putting the **FUN** into fundraising

ROSTER

Objects and thanks:
Carolyn Colquhoun

Vote of thanks:
Marisa Cheese

Apologies and guests to Isobel at ismcfarlane@gmail.com or 0418 953 648 by Monday noon before the meeting.
If apologies are not received on time we will be charged for your meal and this cost will be passed on to you.

Birthing kit workshop update

We received the following feedback from the Birthing Kit Foundation about the birthing kits produced at our Walford workshop in December 2014:



It is a great pleasure to inform you that we received notification yesterday that the 600 birthing kits that you, students and fellow volunteers assembled in December were delivered as part of a 3000 kit despatch to one of our partners, World Vision International, based in Tanzania. Please view their website for information of the organisation www.wvi.org/tanzania

The kits are to be distributed to traditional birth attendants from outlying areas who are being trained, or have been recently trained in their use. This is part of an overall health initiative with intensive vaccination programs to assist in empowering women and allowing the opportunity to understand the importance of health before, during and after pregnancy. This is critical not only for the mother but also the infants. This has been amplified with the recent health issues in Western Africa, which has meant that awareness and assistance is substantially required.

Please feel proud that your time, money and perseverance have such a significant impact in areas of need, and the final recipients, partner groups as well as us at the Foundation are humbled at the efforts that you put in to make such important work possible. One of the most common statements that we receive from our partner groups that they are so thankful that others in the world care.

Please pass on our words of thanks to all of those involved and we look forward to working with you in the future.

Birthing Kit Foundation (Australia)

March membership meeting

This year's annual membership meeting is shaping up to be a cracker. We have three very different guest speakers, all on the topic of 'Putting the FUN back into fundraising.'

Bonnie Stewart was nominated by our club last year – and won – the ACSO Allan Sloane Young Citizen Community Service Award. She has created her own charity *With Love & Lipstick* and devotes her efforts to the prevention of violence against women.

John Pettinger is the SA and NT Manager of EB Games. John's company supports the Starlight Foundation and John came up with innovative ideas to raise money for the charity.

Ruth Barker has experienced both personal and health trauma and, after undergoing a double lung transplant, she developed her charity *The Ruth Barker Project* to raise awareness about organ donation.

TOILETRY OF THE MONTH

Face washers and emery boards

 A dashed-line rectangular box containing the text 'TOILETRY OF THE MONTH' in bold red letters, followed by 'Face washers and emery boards' in black. To the right is a simple line drawing of a glass, a toothbrush, and an emery board.


BIRTHDAYS

March 2015

12th Leah Monaghan

26th Ngaire Green

May your day be bright, beautiful and filled with joy.

 A light blue rectangular box containing a simple line drawing of a birthday cake with a single lit candle. Below the drawing is the text 'BIRTHDAYS' in bold red, followed by 'March 2015' in bold black, and a list of birthdays: '12th Leah Monaghan' and '26th Ngaire Green'. At the bottom is a celebratory message in italics: 'May your day be bright, beautiful and filled with joy.'

Did you know... about Zonta?

Think you know a lot about Zonta International? Here are some interesting facts to add to your knowledge:

- Margaret Thatcher, former Prime Minister of England, was a member of the Zonta Club of London 11
- Leneen Forde, Past International President 1990-92 and member of the Zonta Club of Brisbane, was Governor of Queensland from 1992 to 1997
- Zonta was originally called the Quota Club
- Zonta's first official slogan was 'Fair square every time everywhere'
- Zonta's first humanitarian award was to actor, Danny Kaye
- The first Zonta clubs in Australia (Sydney) and New Zealand (Auckland) were established in 1928.



Leneen Forde AC, now
 Chancellor of Griffith
 University

Susan MacDonald



ZI Liberia Fistula Project update

Good news! Following a significant reduction in the incidence of Ebola in Liberia, Zonta International's Liberia Fistula Project has resumed full scale operations. The project is a partnership between

UNFPA and Zonta International, and is funded through the Zonta International Foundation.

Amongst its activities, the project has trained 20 fistula survivors in advocacy, communication and counselling skills to serve as advocates for fistula prevention sensitisation and identification of new cases during and after the Ebola epidemic. These advocates reach out to their communities to help prevent fistula, thereby saving other women and girls from suffering the same fate.

Anne Miller
 Vice Area Director

NGAIRE'S QUOTATION
 Keep your face to the sunshine
 and you can never see the
 shadow
 ~Helen Keller

UPCOMING DATES

18 March
CLUB MEMBERSHIP NIGHT
Putting the fun in fundraising – see flyer

11 April
COMBINED ADVOCACY GROUP
 Church of the Good Shepherd, Plympton

15 April
CLUB DINNER MEETING
 Public Schools Club

2 May
AREA 2 WORKSHOP

20 May
CLUB DINNER MEETING
 Public Schools Club

13 June
COMBINED ADVOCACY GROUP

17 June
CLUB DINNER MEETING
 Public Schools Club

15 July
CLUB DINNER MEETING
 Public Schools Club

17 August
CLUB DINNER MEETING
 Public Schools Club

29 August
COMBINED ADVOCACY GROUP

16 September
CLUB DINNER MEETING
 Public Schools Club

16 – 18 October
DISTRICT 23 CONFERENCE
 Grand Chancellor Hotel, Adelaide

21 October
CLUB DINNER MEETING
 Public Schools Club

7 November
COMBINED ADVOCACY GROUP

International Women's Day

On Friday 6th March, Carolyn Colquhoun, Anne Miller, Susan MacDonald and Lindy Berketa attended the first International Women's Day celebration at Hope's Café located at Clayton Wesley Church with their "Spire Garden" and "Goodies Op Shop", corner of The Parade and Portrush Road.

Hope's Café, soon to change its name to Hope's Community Café, is managed by Uniting Communities with the support of Clayton Wesley Uniting Church. It is a place for people to come together and help each other to make a better community. It is a place where all disadvantaged peoples, including asylum seekers and refugees, feel they can come and enjoy fellowship together over a coffee or a meal twice a week and become involved in community projects.

After lunch we were entertained by a group of multicultural women "We Women who Sing" who sang a variety of songs including some African chants. Then the audience was invited to join them in an emotional rendition of John Lennon's "Imagine". There was also an interesting presentation depicting woman from all over the world in various ways advocating on behalf of women.

A brave young Persian woman by the name of Hani, spoke about some of the obstacles that she has encountered along the path to her chosen career in media as a graphic designer. Then we were entertained by women from the audience, who shared their stories of how they have overcome obstacles in their lives and the people who helped them. This was followed by an afternoon tea of scones and coffee prepared by young people who are undertaking a barista training course.

This was the very first IWD celebration at the Café and I am certain that it will be the first of many more to come. It was a wonderful celebration because it was so intimate and heartfelt.

I also had a quick look in "Goodies" and came away with an "original" Corning Ware dish. I urge all members to support a very well laid-out op shop or to have a coffee Wednesday or Friday between 10 am – 3 pm (see notice).

Carolyn Colquhoun



'Wikibomb' to educate the world about South Australian suffragists

In November 2014, South Australians who were instrumental in winning women's right to vote were electronically memorialised during a Wikibomb event.

A group of volunteers simultaneously created entries about the suffragists on the online encyclopaedia Wikipedia. The Wikibomb marked the 120th anniversary of women's suffrage in South Australia.

"These strong-willed men and women campaigned tirelessly for these rights through letters, speeches, and travelling throughout South Australia collecting signatures," said Status of Women Minister Gail Gago. "It's wonderful that South Australians are giving a modern tribute to those who contributed to those momentous changes to women's rights."

Female suffragists include:

- Elizabeth Webb Nicholls
- Rosetta Birks
- Serena Thorne Lake
- Mary Colton
- Agnes Milne
- Augusta Zadow

Male suffragists include:

- Robert Caldwell
- John Warren
- Sylvanus Magarey
- John Alexander Cockburn
- Hector McLennan
- John Hannah Gordon



Elizabeth Webb Nicholls



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"PUTTING THE FUN INTO FUNDRAISING"



Three Guest Speakers will give us their varied perspectives on
the world of fundraising,
And along the way tell us of their challenges and celebrations!

Bonnie Stewart was crowned "Miss Humanity Australia" 2014 for her contribution to humanitarian endeavours. She was also nominated by our Club last year and won the ACSO Allan Sloane Young Citizen Community Service Award. She has created her own charity "With Love and Lipstick" and devotes her efforts to the prevention of violence against women.

John Pettinger (son of member Cathy Pettinger) is the South Australia and Northern Territory Manager of EB Games, an Australian video game and entertainment software retailer that operates over 380 stores throughout Australia and New Zealand. John's company supports the Starlight Foundation and John came up with some innovative ideas to raise money for the charity.

Ruth Barker has a Montessori business working with young children, including those with special needs. Her life story is one of both personal and health trauma and, after undergoing a double lung transplant in 2012, developed her charity "The Ruth Barker Project" to raise awareness about organ donation. She is also a published author, including "Ed the Ted" a book about organ donation for children.



Dinner \$34.00 - Partners, prospective members and guests very welcome!

Wednesday, 18 March 2015

6.15pm for 6.45am

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RSVP: to Isobel McFarlane 8356 1080 or 0418 953 648
whether or not you are attending by Friday 13 March 2015