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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hello to everyone.

I was delighted that so many of you were able to join our first club meeting of the Biennium held via Zoom. It may not be face to face where we can share stories and a meal, but at least we were able to see each other and catch up. It was fantastic to see all of your smiling faces. Who says the older generations are not tech savvy!

This has been a very interesting first month as President. I caught up on the various education and meeting opportunities offered by our District including the very interesting Building Better Boards Presidents session on Saturday 13th June, run in conjunction with D23 and the Victorian Past Presidents Group. Run on Zoom, we were able to book (for free) via 'Try Booking'. It worked exceptionally well, and I was grateful for the information so willingly shared.

As you will be aware there has traditionally been combined Presidents meetings held bi-monthly, however since the need to isolate, the decision was made to continue to hold the meetings via Zoom each month. The Presidents are pleased to continue in this vein as it means Presidents, including those from the country and those of us who would rather not go out on cold winters night, can stay home in the warmth. At our last meeting Area 2 Director Eronwy passed the mantle (although she does not relinquish to role until 18th July) to our incoming Acting Area 2 Director Chris Frick. Chris is going to be our guest speaker at the July Club meeting on the 15th July so I think I will leave her to let the club know about her vision.

Area 2 Service and Advocacy Workshop held on Saturday 20th June 1pm – 4pm was also on Zoom.

It was a very good meeting where we had two interesting speakers. The outcome of the discussion that followed:

There was a thought it would be good for clubs interested in specific projects to get together to look at combining ideas. Focusing on what we do well. I suggested that our club would be interested in getting involved in a combined project. Finally, we were asked to ask our club members for information about their view of Advocacy which will be collated and sent to the next event being held by ZCNSV.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Next Meeting:

Date: 15th July 2020

Speaker:

Chris Frick, incoming Acting Area 2 Director

Topic:

Introducing Chris Frick

Please note

Dear Members,

Just a reminder December 2021 will be our 40th Anniversary.

What is working well? What would you do to improve advocacy? Do you have any creative ideas? Where does Zonta fit into this picture? I would appreciate feedback from members so that our voice can be included in the outcomes.

As discussed at the last club meeting, we have purchased a Zoom license and the Board has decided to continue to meet via Zoom for business meetings. However, will meet over coffee or a meal every few months to strategize and catch up.

All of these activities will take account of the rules around gatherings related to Covid19. However, we understand that there will be some members who choose not to attend face to face activities, prior to an immunization becoming available. All members' decisions about attendance in these circumstances are accepted as appropriate.

It looks like we will have a chance to catch up face to face for the August club meeting. Due to limitations with allocated space, partners will not be able to attend. More information will be made available from Cintra Amos our Program Chair.

Before closing I would like to extend our Club members appreciation to the outgoing District Governor and Board and our Area 2 team Eronwy and Lynda. Thank you all for your untiring commitment to the District and Zonta. Best wishes to the new incumbents we look forward to working with you. Lesley Sieglhoff

MARJORIE EILEEN SMITH OAM

Passed away peacefully on Sunday June 28th, aged 93.

Her selflessness was rewarded with an Order of Australia Medal in 2005.

31 YEARS OF SERVICE TO ZONTA

Marjorie was a tireless worker and advocate for Zonta, and our ever-faithful representative at the National Council of Women and our club's representative on the A2 Status of Women committee for most of her Zonta life. She was President of our club for the 2004-2006 biennium. Marjorie was a Red Cross nurse in the UK during WWII. She was also a GPO Telephonist who taught disabled servicemen to be telephonists.

She came to Australia with her husband Ken who was employed by the WRE. Later living in Australia, she nursed Ken when he was ill with leukaemia prior to his death in 1997.

Marjorie received the Commonwealth Senior Citizens Award for SA in 1999 and was awarded an OAM for Community Services in 2005. In 2009 our club nominated Marjorie for the Women's Honour Roll, again an award for outstanding community service.

Members of our Zonta Club during Marjorie's time will remember her fantastic cooking skills. They were so proud to have a Cordon Bleu chef within the club. Not only was Marjorie a wonderful chef but she was always so generous in providing delicious food for so many of the Club's special occasions. No-one else was even considered when catering was required for Club functions and many members at the time ordered food for their private functions from Marjorie's catering business.

Marjorie was very welcoming to new members and encouraged them to take office positions as soon as possible. While she was President I had the privilege of serving on Marjorie's board, and whilst these meetings were professional they were also full of fun.

Marjorie was not one to shy away from comment or opinion. During Marjorie's presidency some difficult decisions of that time had to be worked through. One of which was the club voting on whether or not to except male members. This was a huge challenge. Of course, today such a debate and vote would not be necessary.

However, to quote Marjorie from her annual report of 1994.

"We had some difficult decisions to work through in this first half of the biennium and it is good to see that the club's honour did prevail over our prejudices, which we cannot help having due to being both human and female. I celebrate the latter along with the author Mem Fox who feels sorry for men because they must know that had their luck been better, they too could have been born women!"

During her Presidency, our Club undertook a huge fundraising challenge. To raise \$15,000 to allow Flinders Medical Centre to produce a video of the diagnostic/treatment for Breast Cancer in women. The Video was translated in many languages. Our club also supported the "Indulgence Day" for the Carers' Association, which Marjorie ran for many years.

To quote Marjorie's summation of her Presidency. I believe she speaks for many Presidents and Past Presidents.

"I feel we all end our term of office with the same mixed feelings that we had when it began. A mixture of joy and fear really: In the beginning, joy at the challenge, and fear that you may not meet it, and In the end, joy at the lifting of the load, and fear that you could have done so much better!"

But overriding all of this, I am so grateful to the Club for this most rewarding experience. One can rejoice at the ups and learn from the downs and end up a richer person in so many ways". Well done Marjorie.



Carolyn Colquhoun
Club Archivist & Historian
(September 2016)

District 23, Area 2. Club 0993

The Zonta Club of Adelaide Flinders Inc. was chartered on 2 December 1981, with the support of the late Dr. Heide Taylor from the Zonta Club of Adelaide. At that time, we were part of District 16, which covered all of Australia and New Zealand. The District was split into two at the Auckland Conference in 1989 with New Zealand remaining as District 16. Australia then became District 23 – later separating into Districts 22, 23 and 24.

Within our District, we are one of 12 clubs which covers South Australia and Northern Territory. Our Charter was presented by Mrs. Leneen Ford, District 16 Governor, at the newly opened Hilton Hotel in Adelaide on 26th November 1982. The club had 35 Charter members. Charter President: Esme Proudman, First Vice President: Paddi Lowry, Second Vice Chairman: Trudy Pohl, Treasurer: Liz Versteeg, and Secretary: Barbara Gepp.

Meetings: Held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. Meetings began at The Public Schools Club, and then moved to Ayers House for over 20 years, then in 2010 moving back to our original home, the Public Schools Club.

Club Board and Committees: For most of its history the Club Board has comprised: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and four or five Directors. Whilst it is preferable for Directors to chair a committee, this is not always possible.

Membership: Membership peaked at 48 in 1991 and fell as low as 18 in 2001. Numbers have remained steady between 20 and 30 for some years, however as of June 2020 we have 21 members, with one being on leave of absence. Length of service is valued and rewarded with Club service badges being given for every 5 years of service. We are fortunate to have a wealth of knowledge within our club with half of the membership having over 20 years service. Fellowship is encouraged and is an integral part of our Club and members are congratulated or supported whenever the need arises.

Advocacy Projects: Advocacy is an increasing area for Zonta and we are active within our Combined Area Advocacy Committees supporting ACSO (Assoc. of Community Service Organisations SA). Our club has had a representative on the Adelaide White Ribbon Breakfast Committee since inception in 2008. We are also represented on the new White Ribbon Australia SA Committee.

District Activities: The Club has always been well represented at District Conferences and has been represented on the District 23 Board with Margaret Rowland serving as Governor, Lt Governor and Area Director 1994-2000. Dr Pauline Glover served as Area 2 Director and Lt Governor 2004-2008 and chaired the District Advocacy Committee 2010-2014. Cintra Amos served as Area 2 Director and Lt. Governor 2008-2012. Carolyn Colquhoun served as D23 Treasurer 2010-2012. Anne Miller served as Vice Area 2 Director (2014-2016). Cintra Amos was the chair of the 2015 District 23 Conference Committee. and was District Service Chair (2016-2018). Sue Lear was District Chair of Young Women in Public Affairs (2016-18), and Margaret Rowland has been appointed Chair of the District 23 Centenary Anniversary Celebration Committee (2018-2020). Currently, Immediate Past President Eronwy Edwards is serving on the District Board as Area 2 Director.

District Projects: The Club has strongly supported all District 23 projects including Breast Cushions which are made and offered to all women in hospitals undergoing breast surgery, and Birthing Kits which are packaged and sent to third world countries for women to have clean birthing conditions..

International Activities: The Club has been represented at most International Conventions since Charter, with no less than 7 club members attending the Japan Convention in June 2018.

Zonta International Foundation: Each year the Club contributes 1/3 of funds raised to the Zonta International Foundation. Some members make individual contributions and the Club makes contributions in the name of members on special occasions. Compliments of Carolyn Colquhoun

The full transcript can be found on our website <http://zontaadelaideflinders.org.au/adelaide-flinders-history-overview/>



FOOD FOR THOUGHT PROJECT

Tuesday 7th July, photo taken at Zahra Offices showing a meeting to finalize the next two sessions and begin the planning for end of project Celebration.

L to R Kae Martin, (Zahra) Heather Smigiel (ZCAF Service Sub-Committee Leader), and the ZCAF demonstration cooks Lindy Berketa, Susan MacDonald (Service Committee Chair) and Lorraine Omond

FUNDRAISING EVENT - START COLLECTING NOW!



We are planning to hold a large Garage Sale in late October or early November

(date and venue to be confirmed). Please start collecting bric-a-brac, kitchenware, good quality clothing, shoes, bags, accessories, PLANTS, tools, books, records, CD's, DVD's – basically anything that is good quality and can be sold!!

I know you have all been looking for a good excuse to clean out those cupboards so remember “ONE MAN’S TRASH IS **ANOTHER MAN’S TREASURE**” and help us top up our Service Funds!



Our next BUNNINGS SAUSAGE SIZZLE is planned for Sunday, 2nd August 8.00am to 4.00pm.

Due to the new COVID-19 requirements, we are required to have 5 helpers present at each shift!! As a relatively small club we will really need members to volunteer and perhaps even enlist family members and friends to help on the day. Please contact me to discuss your availability.

Many thanks. Lindy 0414336909



BIRTHDAYS

Sue Lear 22nd July

Lindy Berketa 24th July

DIARY DATES

Next Board Meeting

Monday 13th July 4pm

(via Zoom)

Next Members Meeting

Wednesday 15th July

6.30pm via (Zoom)

United Nations Day

24/10

White Ribbon Day

& UN Day for the

Elimination of Violence

against Women

25/11

Human Rights Day

10/12

D23 Conference

10-12 September 2021

**STAY TUNED FOR UPDATES
ON EVENTS AS THEY
COME TO HAND**

OBJECTS OF ZONTA INTERNATIONAL

- *To improve the legal, political, economic, educational, health and professional status of women at the global and local level through service and advocacy.*
- *To work for the advancement of understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of executives in business and the professions.*
- *To promote justice and universal respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms*
- *To be united internationally to foster high ethical standards, to implement service programs, and to provide mutual support and fellowship for members who service their communities, their nations, and the world.*



THE ZONTA THANKS

*Wherever your country of birth
whatever your faith or creed
give thanks for the meal we share in Zonta Fellowship
But remember too those who have no food today
not with guilt that we have so much
but with hope that through Zonta service and advocacy
they too may come to share the same
in peace and harmony.*

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