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Welcome to our second  
Zonta NZ Conference newsletter

## REGISTRATION

There's 2 weeks, 2 weeks, 2 weeks to go before Early Bird registrations are due. July 24. Apart from saving you a bit of shopping money it will help us in our planning if we know how many are coming by the end of July.

The tally to end of June is 45 so I'm guessing many of you just need a 'round tuit'. We have worked hard to lower registration costs to ensure as many Zontians as possible are able to attend. The registration form is on the Zonta website. It needs to be printed and then emailed or posted back. Sorry no online registration this year.

You will notice there is a new address to return your forms to.

Conference Secretary. 71 Sophia St. Rotorua 3010 [karenfionaclark@gmail.com](mailto:karenfionaclark@gmail.com)



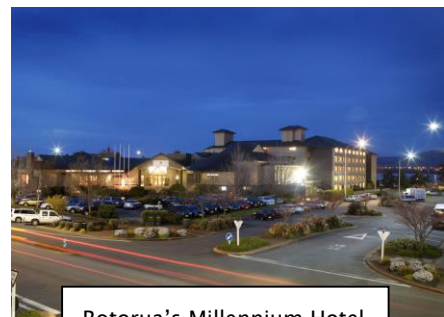
The theme of this year's conference encompasses;

- the challenges facing all women today;
- the challenges for Zonta members individually and in giving service to our communities in NZ and throughout the world to make the world a better place for women, in particular a world free from violence,
- the challenges facing Zonta as a service organisation to remain relevant into the future.

## OPENING CEREMONY

The team from Rotorua is well under way with their planning for the opening ceremony on Friday afternoon. It is going to have a youthful, local flavour.

The women have asked me to remind you that the individual club banners will be paraded in at the start of the ceremony. Please choose who will carry your banner and more importantly make sure your banners are packed.



Rotorua's Millennium Hotel



## TASTE ROTORUA

Friday night should be a relaxing evening in Rotoruas 'Eat Streat' or for those staying close to the action the Nikau at the Millenium. Many of these restaurants are award winning and are conveniently situated in one street with the luxury of geothermally heated cobbles under foot.



- Millenium Hotel.
- The Blue Baths
- Eat Streat

Rotorua Airport 9.2 kms

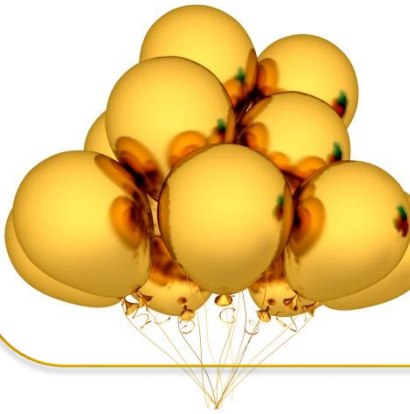
## SILENT AUCTION

Funds raised from the auction go to the Zonta International Service Fund. Please discuss amongst your members what you would like to provide for the auction as soon as possible.

A form will be sent to Presidents shortly to record what your auction item will be and a photo of it.

People have taken home some pretty amazing auction items from previous Conferences.

## A NIGHT OF GOLD



Gold for the 50 years of Zonta in NZ!

Although an optional event we urge you to join us for the Conference Dinner on Saturday night. The planning team have a memorable event planned. A time to relax, enjoy delicious food and wine, a fascinating guest speaker, live music and dancing.

Just remember to incorporate gold into your outfit for the night.

## MARKET PLACE



Always popular is the Conference Market Place where Zontians can purchase and sell club merchandise. This is a great opportunity to buy unique items as well as special gifts to take home.

The Zonta Club of Manawatu are well under way with their planning but asked me to remind you that Market Place registration ends at the end of JULY. Please contact them for a registration form. [manawatu@zonta.org.nz](mailto:manawatu@zonta.org.nz)

The Memorial Service is on Sunday 20 September 8.00–8.30am. This year it is the responsibility of the Zonta Club of Mana to organize.

To assist us with our planning for the Memorial Service, we would appreciate it if your club could get back to us as soon as possible.

**At this stage I have received only 14 club's responses to our email.**

If the remaining clubs don't have any members who have passed away I would also appreciate if your club could still send me email at [Deidre.Florance@ccdhb.org.nz](mailto:Deidre.Florance@ccdhb.org.nz) so I can take your club off the list. Thank you to all of the club presidents or delegates who have already sent through the information.

As you are aware at each biennial District 16 Conference, those present remember and honour Zontians who have passed away.

***(The club members may also want to include the names of women who have been past members and made a valuable contribution to their club)***

Can the following details below for Zontians who have passed away in the 2 years from 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2015 please be sent to [Deidre.Florance@ccdhb.org.nz](mailto:Deidre.Florance@ccdhb.org.nz).

**Name of the member; Zonta Club; Years of membership; any office held during that time; a few words about the woman and a photograph if possible.**

The Names along with the photos (if supplied) will be displayed on screen and will be read during the service. In keeping with the previous conferences, the memorial service will be non-religious. If any of the clubs have any queries about my update please don't hesitate contacting me on [Deidre.Florance@ccdhb.org.nz](mailto:Deidre.Florance@ccdhb.org.nz)

## CREDENTIALS

Jill Hobden, representing Zonta Club of Hamilton would like to know of any conference attendees willing to assist with the credentials desk at conference. Her club has 11 members right now and we need 6 people for the credentials desk, so are looking for offers of support. The credential desk times are 12pm – 2.30 on Friday and then 30 minutes before each Business session. Please contact Jill directly if you are able to help.

[jrhobden@slingshot.co.nz](mailto:jrhobden@slingshot.co.nz)

## RAFFLE

Thank you to the Zonta Club of Wellington and to Janine and Nigel Gould, for the wonderful Raffle they have arranged! Two nights' accommodation and one degustation meal (alcohol not included) for two people at The Bay of Many Coves, one of the Small Luxury Hotels of the World.



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To close this second edition of the Conference Newsletter I'd like to ask those of you who haven't already registered, to please give it some thought. It is open to Zontians young and not so young, new and not so new. It gives everyone the opportunity to reaffirm or renew their passion for the cause that is Zonta Rotorua will welcome you and make your time here memorable.

Nga mihi

Pam McGrath