



**ZONTA**  
INTERNATIONAL  
**DISTRICT 16**  
EMPOWERING WOMEN  
THROUGH SERVICE & ADVOCACY

## ZONTA INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 16

### 14TH BIENNIAL CONFERENCE

Sudima Hotel, Christchurch, 22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> September 2017

*Shaping Our Future*

### CALL TO CONFERENCE

On behalf of the Zonta International District 16 Board, Conference Chair Wendy Almond and the host clubs of Christchurch, it is my pleasure to extend the 'call' to the 14th Biennial District 16 Conference.

Being able to bring the conference back to Christchurch is very special after the upheaval of the 2011 earthquake, particularly for those Zontians involved in the planning for the 2011 District Conference. Described as "the gateway to the South Island" there is much to see and do in Christchurch itself. We are offering a glimpse of this vibrant and ever-changing city with our Friday night dining options and a distinctly Christchurch experience with the Saturday night gala dinner being held in the Transitional Cathedral. The Area 3 Zonta Clubs are ready to welcome you all to this lovely city and hope you are able to take some time to explore and experience what Christchurch and the Canterbury region has to offer.

The conference venue, the Sudima Hotel, is recently refurbished with light and airy spaces with our meeting rooms all in close proximity on one level. The hotel is a six-minute walk from the domestic terminal of the Christchurch airport (or take advantage of the complimentary shuttle).

Our conference theme is 'Shaping Our Future' and we also have the general election being held on Saturday September 23<sup>rd</sup> which will, no doubt, be a topic of discussion, the outcome being of interest to us all. Come to this event prepared. Really think in advance what you most want to learn about, whom you'd like to meet, and what would make this event successful for you. The Club Presidents have been sent the conference papers for discussion – remits for changes to District 16 Rules of Procedure and to Zonta International Bylaws, slate of candidates for the District Board and Nominating Committee, financial reports, and credentials information. Club delegates have the opportunity to participate in decision making for the future of District 16 and elect the District Board for 2018-2020.

Meeting together at conference is a great opportunity to share experiences, stimulate each other and return to our clubs invigorated to continue our commitment to Zonta. We are pleased to advise that our International Board Liaison, Hsin-hsin Yang, will attend the conference and share her experience with us. Please see the summary programme below for other exciting speakers and workshop opportunities.

Join us in Christchurch in September to play your part in Shaping Our Future.

**Janet Hope**  
**Governor District 16 2016 - 2018**

## Conference Program Summary

Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September	
8.30am-1.00pm	<p><b>“Developing Leaders for Zonta and beyond”</b> – facilitated by Past District 16 Governor and Zonta International Leadership Development Chair Maureen Heine</p>
12.00 – 2.30pm	<p>Registration and Credentials desk opens Silent Auction and Market Place doors open</p>
2.45pm seated for 3.00pm start	<p>Opening Ceremony</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Flag Parade</li> <li>▪ Welcome</li> <li>▪ International President, Sonja Honig Schough</li> <li>▪ International Representative, Hsin-hsin Yang</li> <li>▪ Christchurch City Councillor, Anne Galloway</li> <li>▪ Opening ceremony reception</li> </ul>
7.00pm	Christchurch eateries
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September	
8.00 – 8.35 am	Delegates, Alternates and first-timers welcome and briefing
9.00am – 5.30pm	<p>Governor's Opening Address Centennial Anniversary Endowment Committee presentation by Zonta International Representative Hsin-hsin Yang and District 16 Regional Representatives Past Zonta International President Lynn McKenzie and Past District 16 Governor Lynette Grave Nominating Committee report and addresses by Candidates</p> <p>Keynote Speaker: Michelle Panzer Foundation Ambassador: Anne Walker</p> <p>Workshops</p> <p>Keynote Speaker: Superintendent Tusha Penny</p> <p>Proposed new District Project presentations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Trust</li> <li>▪ Perinatal Anxiety and Depression Aotearoa</li> </ul> <p>Financial Report, Remits</p>
Business Sessions and Keynote Speakers	
7.00pm	<p>Gala Dinner – Transitional Cathedral Speaker – Sarah Kessans Presentation of the Zonta Woman of the Biennium Award</p>
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> September	
8.00am	Memorial Service
8.35am – 1.00pm	<p>Membership Report Announcement of Cherry Raymond Award Presentation of Certificates Silent Auction results District Project 2016-2018 update Result of vote on new District Project 2018-2020 Women's Empowerment Principles Committee Panel – facilitated by Past District Governor Janette Irvine JMK awardee Sarah-Michelle Washer, YWPA awardee Emily Fan Introducing new Corporate Sponsor Kepa Financial Services Call to 2018 International Convention and 2019 Australasian Conference</p> <p>Close of Conference</p> <p>Retirement of Flags</p>

## Speakers



Hsin-hsin Yang  
Zonta International Representative



Anne Galloway  
Christchurch City Councillor



Kimberley (Billy) Wallace  
Leading a life less ordinary



Michelle Panzer  
2013 YWPA awardee  
and Entrepreneur



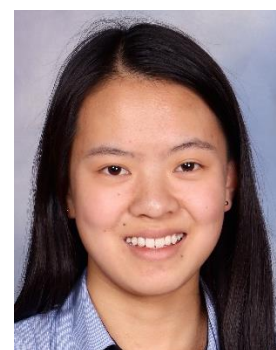
Superintendent Tusha Penny  
District Commander  
Waitemata Police



Sarah Kessans  
Scientist, adventurer and  
storyteller



Sarah-Michelle Washer  
JMK District and International  
Scholarship Recipient 2016



Emily Fan  
YWPA District and International  
Awardee 2017

## WOMENS' EMPOWERMENT PRINCIPLES PANEL



Kerry Maw-Smith  
Chair UN Women



Olive Wallis  
Partner KPMG



Claire Evans  
Partner Lane Neave



Janette Irvine  
Zonta Club of Rotorua

### Panel Facilitated by:

Janette Irvine, Past Zonta International District Governor and Committee Member WEPs New Zealand

## PRE-CONFERENCE LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP

### Developing Leaders for Zonta and beyond

#### *Bringing out the Best in Club Presidents and members–*

Understand the basic elements of leadership

- Share ideas on engaging members
- Learn the benefits of a club mentoring programme
- Understand the importance of a strong team
- Learn how to develop the right team culture
- Consider the importance of leadership development



#### Presenter:

Maureen Heine, Chairman, Zonta International Leadership Development Committee

## CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS

### Growing our Membership

Continuing the conversation we started at the Area Meetings about **'Why' we joined** and **'Why' we stay** in Zonta, and sharing our strategies for **'Retaining' members**. The Membership workshop at District Conference will utilise this feedback to inform the discussion and identify actions that Clubs can implement locally.



Souella Cumming



Hsin-hsin Yang



## Advocacy

This interactive workshop will give you a better understanding of how to approach Advocacy in your Clubs. It will include the type of activities we are engaging in, causes we support, templates for making a submission and a range of resources that are available. We also have an idea for this year's Zonta Says No to Violence Against Women campaign to share with you!



**Christine Cook**



**Helen Bowie**

## Service

How well do your Club Service projects align with the Zonta Vision and Mission? Do your Club Service projects involve “active participation” in “hands on service” or is it actually a fundraising project? Our current District Service Chair and immediate past District Service Chair will give you an overview of what is happening in District 16 so you can learn what other clubs are doing and benchmark your own activities using the local service projects guide. Learn about the Zonta International Service Recognition Programme and think about submitting your Clubs' project for recognition at Convention.



**Philippa Nixon**



**Helen Carter**

## Navigating the District 16 and International Websites

“Post, Like and Share” has been the challenge from International President Sonja. Who better to guide you around the District 16 and Zonta International websites than Philippa, whose company Pinnacle&Co (Formerly Mega Advertising) designed the District 16 website, Anna, our current District webmaster and Nikola, our immediate past District webmaster. This will be an interactive session so bring your laptops, tablets or other portable devices. You will leave this workshop feeling confident in where to access resources, how to share your clubs story on the websites and social media and otherwise comfortable in navigating the online environment



**Anna Arps**



**Nikola Bass**



**Philippa Jacobs**

## **CONFERENCE VENUE**

### **Sudima Hotel, Christchurch**

The Sudima Hotel details and accommodation booking information are available on the District16 website <http://zontanzconference.co.nz/accommodation/>

## **GALA DINNER**

Join us for dinner at the iconic Christchurch Transitional Cathedral which will be dressed in Canterbury colours of red and black for the evening.



The Zonta Woman of the Biennium Award will be presented

Guest speaker – Sarah Kessans

Bus transport from the Sudima Hotel can be booked on the registration form

## **REGISTRATION**

A number of people took advantage of the 'Early Bird' registration before 30<sup>th</sup> June. The registration price of \$200.00 (for full registration) is available from 30<sup>th</sup> June and prior to 20<sup>th</sup> August and after 20<sup>th</sup> August it is \$240.00. To attend on Saturday only the cost is \$150.00.

<http://zontanzconference.co.nz/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/Registration-Form-ZI-D16-Conference-Chch-1.pdf>

## **PARTNER'S PROGRAMME**

See the registration form on the District 16 website

<http://zontanzconference.co.nz/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/Partner-Prog-23-Sept-17.pdf>

## **FOUNDATION BOOTH**

Donations can be made to the Zonta International Foundation. An EFTPOS machine will be available to facilitate this.

## MEMORIAL SERVICE, MARKET PLACE, SILENT AUCTION, RAFFLE

See Conference Chair, Wendy Almond's Conference newsletter sent early July regarding who to contact for the Memorial Service, booking a table for the Market Place and sourcing your Silent Auction item. Thanks to some very generous sponsorship we have a wonderful raffle prize which Wendy will provide more detail about in the next Conference newsletter.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

**Transport from airport:** The hotel is a six-minute walk from the Christchurch airport domestic terminal or you can access the on-demand courtesy shuttle by using the Free phone [Dial 27] located at the Accommodation Directory board which is adjacent to the Visitor Information Desk [I-Site] outside the International Arrivals Lounge.

**Parking:** There is ample onsite parking.

**Recommended Dress:** Friday, Saturday and Sunday conference sessions – business dress  
Saturday night gala dinner - semiformal

**Medical Care:** 24 Hour surgery at 401 Madras Street, Christchurch  
Ph: 03 365 7777 [www.24hoursurgery.co.nz](http://www.24hoursurgery.co.nz)

**Queries:** Contact Conference Chair Wendy Almond  
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