



ZONTA



INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 16

*Conviction
Commitment
Courage*



2014 – 2016

Biennial Goals:

Service

DISTRICT 16 NEWS SEPTEMBER 2014

FROM THE GOVERNOR

Following on from earlier communications I am very pleased to be sending this first newsletter for the 2014-2016 biennium. Since the Orlando Convention many of us have been busy “embracing the challenge” of progressing with all the activities in our district. There are a number of highlights already to be mentioned in this newsletter. I will start with our wonderful Convention in Orlando, introduce our new Zonta International President, Zonta International Liaison and the new District Board and Parliamentarian.

Over the past two months we have had several celebrations, the presentation to International YWPA Awardee, Danielle Newton, and major club birthdays.

We had a very important event on September 20th the day after Suffrage day on September 19th and we encouraged all women to exercise their right to vote.

Service and Advocacy will be the major focus for this biennium. We would like to see all clubs participating in the 'Zonta Says No' to violence against women campaign for 2014.

I look forward to leading the District 16 Board, as we all work together to improve the lives of women and girls.

Yours in Zonta
Janette



PIP Lynn McKenzie with
Zonta International Honorary
Member & Convention
Keynote Speaker, Dr Marilyn
Waring

ZONTA INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

This convention was a special experience for the 35 Zontians from District 16 who attended, with our own ZI President at the helm. We had many members from New Zealand involved in the organisation, Janine Gould as MC for the Opening Ceremony and the final banquet and Kiri Te Kanawa's rousing music assisting everyone to their seats in the business sessions.

Half of the District's Zontians attending convention participated in the Rose5K walk/run, with Jan Pearson from Wellington being the first walker home and Nicola Shreurs from Manawatu, the second runner. We raised US\$3917.00 for the Rose Fund.

The many changes to the ZI Bylaws are being finalised, so await publication of the final document before making any changes to your club bylaws





Maria Jose Landeira
Oestergaard

ZONTA INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT

Our 2014-2016 ZI President is Maria Jose Landeira Oestergaard from Denmark. She has been a Zonta member since 1989 in the Zonta Club of Copenhagen 1. Originally from Madrid, Spain, she moved to Denmark in 1984 after completing her MSc degree. She is a mechanical engineer, with a Ph.D. in materials & corrosion.

Maria Jose is principal engineer, Senior Material Specialist at Haldor Topsoe A/S and Vice-Chair, Board of Directors Materials Technology Institute.

Maria Jose's theme for the biennium is "Living up to our mission with Conviction, Commitment and Courage".



ZONTA INTERNATIONAL LIAISON

Winnie Teoh, the ZI Board member assigned to District 16, is the immediate Past Governor of District 17, a member of the ZC of Kowloon, Hong Kong since 1982. She is a Company Director of Jetage Company Limited. Winnie has

Winnie Teoh



PIP Lynn McKenzie speaking at the end of the dinner



New District Board and Parliamentarian
From left: AD 1 Liz Holsted, Treasurer Souella Cumming, AD 3 Wendy Almond, parliamentarian Desirae Kirby, Lt Gov. Janet Hope, Gov. Janette Irvine, Secretary Lois Hellings, AD5 Sue Prowse, AD 4 Alison Struthers

overseen the charter of the Zonta Club of Kuala Lumpur and of Macau. The focus for her biennium as governor was violence against women.

CELEBRATION OF PIP LYNN McKENZIE'S BIENNIUM

The Wellington Club hosted a dinner on August 13th to celebrate PIP Lynn McKenzie's successful biennium as Zonta International President and 25 years of Zonta service. A presentation was made to Lynn from District 16 Zontians - \$1000.00 for Lynn to purchase a piece of jewellery & the balance of \$760 to go to the Zonta International Foundation in Lynn's name. Lynn's thanks has been sent to you all.

DISTRICT 16 BOARD INSTALLATION DINNER

The new board had its first meeting on August 2nd in Rotorua. The Rotorua Club hosted a very enjoyable dinner at the Princes Gate Hotel.



Our Kakahu, Tohu Aroha, being entrusted to the care of Governor Janette Irvine by Past Governor, Maureen Heine

INTRODUCING THE NEW DISTRICT BOARD



Janette Irvine
Zonta Club of Rotorua



2014-2016 District logo and
theme -
'Embracing the Challenge'



Governor

Janette Irvine

I have been a member of the Zonta Club of Rotorua for 24 years altogether, initially joining in 1981. I have found my membership of Zonta a very satisfying way to give service to the community in a different way to through my profession and to meet women in a variety of businesses and professions, locally & internationally. I was in full-time medical practice for thirty two years before "retiring" to do part-time locum work. I enjoy the variety and the opportunity to take on new challenges. It is privilege to have the opportunity to lead Zonta District 16 for the next biennium.

I am married to Kierin and we enjoy many outdoor activities together-tramping, sailing, working on our small avocado orchard in Omokoroa, as well as travel and friends. I also enjoy reading, music, art & photography.

My goal is to lead District 16 and its Board efficiently and effectively to achieve Zonta's mission, focusing on service and advocacy to enhance our visibility in the community. With the support of a committee from the Rotorua Club I am confident that we will have a great conference in Rotorua in 2015. I am looking forward to the opportunity to visit the clubs in the District and to participating in special events.

Lieutenant Governor

Janet Hope

I feel privileged to take up the leadership role of Lt. Governor for the 2014-16 biennium supporting District Governor Janette and chairing the District Membership Committee.

Growing our membership is a key issue for Zonta, not only the recruitment of new members but valuing and retaining the knowledge and



Janet Hope
Zonta Club of Hibiscus
Coast

experience of our existing members. Incoming Governor Janette has identified the need to increase membership as “vital for our organisation’s survival and to be able to support the mission and projects of Zonta International, as well as our local projects”

My focus for the biennium is to ensure that growing our membership is on the agenda for all clubs in District 16 and I am keen to hear your ideas on how we can make Zonta membership an attractive prospect for younger women in our communities.

For me it is the international nature of Zonta, the diversity of its membership and the reach of its programmes and projects to improve the lives of women and girls that continues to motivate and inspire me. The more I learn about Zonta the more I want to be involved.

I have been a member of the Zonta Club of Hibiscus Coast for 10 years holding various Board positions including the Presidency in 2010-2012. For the 2012-2014 biennium I was the District 16 Advocacy Chair which gave me the opportunity to meet more Zontians from outside Area 1. I am looking forward to travelling to the Area forums and hearing more about what clubs are doing.

I am originally from the Waikato but have lived in Auckland for most of the past 35 years. I am not currently working. I retired from the Police in 2011 after 33 years, my last position being the Area Commander for Rodney, I initially took some time out to complete a BBS degree and then worked for a year as the Director for the North Shore YouthworX Trust based in Takapuna. I have enjoyed this current break which has allowed me the time to indulge in some walking and cycling and a bit of home redecoration however I am looking to balance paid employment with my Zonta work going forward.



Lois Hellings
Zonta Club of Tauranga

Secretary

Lois Hellings

I was born in Melbourne Australia and trained as a diagnostic radiographer. I worked in most of Melbourne's major hospitals during my career. After travelling overseas, I returned to Australia and married an Englishman. After being widowed at a young age I changed direction and came to New Zealand 30 years ago. I started a Retail Lighting and Lighting design business, which I still own and work full time with my son. I have two children and one grandchild all here in Tauranga.

I joined Zonta 22 years ago, as I wanted to help other women, as I had been helped by many strangers when I was widowed suddenly and tragically. I enjoy the fellowship and the sense of belonging. I have held many roles within our club and I was Area 4 Director 2000 -2002. I look forward to serving on the board for this biennium in my challenging role as secretary.



Souella Cumming
Zonta Club of Wellington

Treasurer

Souella Cumming

I've been a member of Zonta since 2006 and have enjoyed opportunities to contribute at a local, national and international level. I was President of the Wellington Club in 2011, District Parliamentarian from 2010 – 12, District 16 Treasurer 2012 -14, and have just completed a four year term on the Zonta Internal Finance Committee, with the last two years as the Chairman of that Committee. I've enjoyed the opportunity to meet with many like minded women nationally and internationally, and to be actively involved in a range of projects at the Club and District level.

In my day job I am a partner in KPMG and work mostly with government and not-for-profit organisations. I am very fortunate to have the support of my firm to commit time and resources to not for profit organisations. As well as my involvement with Zonta I am a volunteer member of the board of St John Ambulance Service (www.stjohn.org.nz), a large operational and charitable organisation that has local area committees and national operations and touches most of New Zealand, and chair the Audit and Risk Committee for St John nationally. I am the co-sponsor for the Women Corporate Directors chapter in New Zealand (www.womencorporatedirectors.com) and have recently been invited to join Global Women (www.globalwomen.org.nz).

I enjoy the strong support of my husband Brian, both in the care of our son Timothy, and to enable me to pursue my passions (especially Zonta) outside home.



Liz Holsted
Zonta Club of Mangawhai

Area 1 Director Liz Holsted

My husband & I own a horticultural property in Mangawhai on which we grow tamarillos, avocados and pink grapefruit. I am fully occupied working the property – mowing, planting, mulching, digging, pruning, fertilising, feeding animals, hosting guests in our B&B and making chutneys, jams, vinegars and sauces as well as marketing the fresh fruit. I am also a very hands-on grandmother for our single-parent daughter. Zonta is one of my passions and I would like to see more fun and fellowship brought into the clubs during my biennium. I want us to remember that we are volunteers who join Zonta for a huge variety of reasons. I would like to bring the Area 1 clubs closer

would like to bring the Area 1 clubs closer together and look at an area-wide fund-raiser and look at ways to attract younger members .

An old marketing adage says “it is more cost effective to keep existing clients than to find new ones.” The same is true for our clubs.



Janine Gould
Zonta Club of Wellington

Area 2 Director

Janine Gould

Like a lot of women of my age my first career was nursing where I ended up teaching nursing for a couple of years. I was one of the founding staff at Te Omanga Hospice in Lower Hutt.

I have a strong commitment to community affairs. I have been the 2013/14 Chair of The JMK Committee for Zonta International and am involved in their commitment to enhancing the rights of women globally.

Family is important to me I have 3 grown up kids all with families and one husband-Nigel

We love yachting, having a few years ago survived my first blue water experience sailing to Tonga. I am also a member of an amateur ukulele band so testing my skills in music for the first time but not ready to tour.

I am a founder and director of Communicate Consultants. With over twenty five years' training experience specialising in verbal communication skills; working with groups ranging from senior management to raw recruits in both the private and public sectors.

I work both nationally and internationally including running emerging women leadership workshops in SE Asia, and with a Global Accounting Firm with their leadership programme.



Wendy Almond
Zonta Club of Christchurch
South

Area 3 Director

Wendy Almond

I am married to Robert and between us we have 4 adult sons who all live overseas. I am Office Manager in an Accounting firm in Christchurch. I enjoy spending time with family and friends, travel, reading, gardening and of course Zonta. I have previously been involved with Plunket, Playcentre and PTA and with family now adults I find Zonta fulfils my desire for service, fellowship and the knowledge that we are collectively making a difference and empowering women in many ways both locally and internationally. I look forward to working with Governor Janette and fellow D16 Board Members in the 2014-2016 Biennium



Alison Struthers
Zonta Club of Rotorua

Area 4 Director

Alison Struthers

I was born and educated in New Plymouth, leaving Taranaki as a newly married young teacher for Minginui Forest Village. My career as an educator has been primarily in Maori and Polynesian (Tokelau Islands) environments. I enjoyed ten years with the Special Education Service as an advisor and a further ten years with the Ministry of Education as a Senior Advisor. I completed my career teaching at the newly established Youth Justice Residence in Rotorua. As a retiree I continue to be involved as a volunteer in an advisory role for an Intergenerational Project. I enjoy travel, especially to Japan where we have family, our son, Japanese wife and two beautiful 'grandies'. I also enjoy music and the arts. As an Area Director I would like to focus on raising the profile of Zonta with younger women, building relationships with our secondary schools and our awardees, for example Young

Women in Public Affairs. I would encourage clubs to be inviting young women to support us with our projects and to share their skills. There is much to be gained in intergenerational relationships. Young women are our future to sustaining the membership of Zonta. We need to actively work with them to advocate for women and girls improving the status of women globally.



Sue Prowse
Zonta Club of Ashburton

Area 5 Director

Sue Prowse

Eight years ago I moved to Ashburton to take up a position as General Manager of a Retirement Village. To assist myself integrate into the community I was looking for an organisation where I could meet like minded people and make a difference in the community. Hence I joined Zonta.

Along with Zonta I enjoy the Arts, getting outdoors and travelling the world exploring what makes each country unique. My goals for this biennium are:

To assist the Governor to ensure that all clubs feel informed and involved in District and International issues,

To act as an effective liaison between clubs and the District Board,

To encourage all clubs in Area 5 to participate in identified advocacy and service projects,

To visit each Area 5 club at least once a year,

To provide clubs in Area 5 with regular updates on Zonta news.

Parliamentarian and Bylaws and Resolutions Committee Chair



Desirae Kirby
Zonta Club of Rotorua

Desirae Kirby

I have been a member of Zonta for 22 years, first as a member of the Zonta Club of Bundaberg, Queensland and now as a member of the Zonta Club of Rotorua. I have held a variety of Zonta roles including club president, club parliamentarian and Area 4 Director, District 24.

I am a chemical engineer by training and manage an environmental research programme for Carter Holt Harvey. I have spent many years, both in Australia and New Zealand, on the management boards of a range of volunteer and professional associations at local, state and national levels. Good governance is a passion of mine and I look forward to working with the District 16 Board as we move into the next 50 years of Zonta service in New Zealand.



Danielle Newton receiving
YWPA Award

YOUNG WOMEN IN PUBLIC AFFAIRS AWARD

Danielle Newton of Whangarei, sponsored by the Zonta Club of Whangarei, is the District 16 and Zonta International YWPA awardee for 2014. Danielle was presented with her certificates and cheques on 16th August at a special function in Whangarei. Danielle is an inspirational young woman who is studying for a conjoint degree of Bachelor of Laws and Arts, double majoring in political studies and anthropology. She aims to do postgraduate study in international relations and human rights. Danielle has impressive academic achievements as well as participating in sporting and cultural activities and working with Amnesty International and United Nations Youth.



Kate McCaw

JANE M. KLAUSMAN WOMEN IN BUSINESS AWARD

Kate McCaw has been awarded the District 16 JMK Award. We are yet to hear if she has been successful internationally.

Kate is from Wellington, studying for a BCom/BSc at Auckland University, in her fourth year of study. She is majoring in economics, innovation, entrepreneurship and geography. She is planning a career combining economics and sustainable communities. She is sponsored by the Zonta Club of Auckland North Shore.

She has a love of language and culture and will be representing the University of Auckland at the association of Pacific Rim Universities Undergraduate Summer Programme in Nanjing, China.



DISTRICT PROJECT - SOPHIE ELLIOTT FOUNDATION

Update from Lyn Farry - Project Coordinator

The 2014-16 Biennium project is underway with the Memorandum of Understanding between District 16 and the Sophie Elliott Foundation having been signed.

I am already hearing of interesting and creative fundraising initiatives being organised nationwide, serving the dual purpose of providing funds to enable the printing of the book Loves Me Not but also providing opportunities to promote Zonta's profile in the community.

I have been asked questions about the progress of the book, the roll-out of the Loves-Me-Not programme and also about whether monies raised will benefit youth in those areas.

Loves-Me-Not Workshops

Loves Me Not Workshops

The Loves-Me-Not programme roll-out has begun but, as expected, the uptake in 2014 is dependent on police resources being committed to it and on schools having the ability to fit the programme into their timetable. A number of schools have already taken up the programme for 2014 which is very encouraging. However it is expected that most schools will opt for a 2015 start so that they can plan accordingly. We are sure to see the benefits of this programme emerging early next year.

Resource Book

The final step in the process was completed in early September and the printing of the first 4,000 copies is underway. The book will go on sale in bookshops, over and above the ones being offered free to students doing the programme. This is good for Zonta as there is a page devoted to us meaning exposure of what Zonta is about will be even more widespread. Bill O'Brien who is the foundation's trustee managing Loves-Me-Not is an experienced writer of many books and he believes this one, like Sophie's Legacy, will do well. Zonta Clubs will be offered the opportunity to distribute the books to students at schools in their areas.

Local Benefits

With time, more schools will take up the Loves-Me-Not workshops. As books will be offered to all students money raised locally for the Biennium Project will benefit youth in the localities where the money is raised. I hope this will assure Zontians nationwide that your fundraising efforts will be put to good use locally. The more money we can raise the greater the number of books that can be printed with corresponding benefits to local youth.



Image to right:
from left-Lesley Elliott, Chair
& Trustee, Bill O'Brien,
Trustee, Lyn Farry, District
16 Project Coordinator



[Sophie Elliott Foundation Website](#)



ADVOCACY ACTIONS

District Advocacy Chair, Christine Cook and her committee from Wellington & Mana Clubs have been active over the past two months. Keep us informed of your advocacy actions.

29th July- Women's Debate, with women MPs, in Wellington, organised with Graduate Women & NCW

24th August -following a group discussion Helen Bowie drafted an email response to the consultation document on "Modernising Parental Leave" - requesting to be kept informed so that we can put in a formal submission if a Bill emerges from this.

11th September Rotorua Zontians assisted NCW to hold an electoral candidates' evening.

15th September -Zontians from Wellington & Mana Clubs joined the "March to Change NZ's Shame" to parliament. We had encouraged Zontians to support the Women's Refuge "Bring Back Kate" campaign. Rotorua Zontians also joined a small march organised in concert with the Wellington march.

16th September - Christine Cook, Dr Judy Whitcombe and Lynn McKenzie attended a Caucus on International Women's Issues

16th September -Helen Bowie & others attended a Ministry of Women's Affairs event- Women on the Leading Edge- celebrating Suffrage Day.

Request sent to clubs to support the Girl

Guiding NZ's "Take Back the Night" in September.



Images of Zontians
marching 15.09.14
Rotorua and Wellington

MEMBERSHIP

All membership changes and notifications to Zonta International should be copied to our new District 16 email address: We need to know who our new members are so that they can receive the District "Welcome Pack"

membership@zonta.org.nz

New members need to be mentored, buddied, cared for during their first year of membership. Please remember the resources to help you with educating & mentoring new members on the District & Zonta International websites. Lt Governor, Janet Hope, can help you with any membership concerns.

Zonta District 16 Resources

WEBSITE

Our webmaster, Nikola Bass, has been working very hard to refresh the website and add new material. Spend some time familiarising yourself with the site and its contents - you will be amazed how many useful resources are available.

[Zonta District 16 Website](#)



DISTRICT 16 CONFERENCE

ROTORUA SEPTEMBER 18th-20th 2015

[District 16 Conference Website](#)



ZONTA
DISTRICT 16
CONFERENCE
ROTORUA 2015
Celebrating 50 yrs in NZ



ZONTA INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

Nice, France 2nd - 6th July 2016

Congratulations:

Dr Marilyn Waring -NZIER Economics Award for 2014

Zonta International Positions

Past International President Lynn McKenzie –

Chair Zonta International Nominations Committee

Significant Club Birthdays:

Zonta Clubs of:

Mana 35 yrs

Auckland North Shore 35 yrs

Christchurch South 35 yrs

Timaru 25 years

Chair Zonta International Nominating Committee
Past District Governor Anne Walker - Member
Foundation Development Committee
Past District Governor Maureen Heine –
Member Leadership Development Committee
Past Area 1 Director Lynda Garrett - Member ZI
Membership Committee

IMPORTANT DATES

Area Meetings 2015:

Area 1 May 17th

Area 2 May 23rd

Area 3 May 2nd

Area 4 March 29th

Area 5 April 11th

District Board Meetings:

Nov 15th 2014

Feb 14th 2015

June 13th 2015

Sept 17th 2015

October 24th United Nations Day

25th November International Day for the
Elimination of Violence against Women followed
by 16 days of activism

10th December Human Rights Day



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