



Zonta International District 16

Advancing the Status of Women Worldwide

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District 16 Goals 2012 - 2014

Credibility & visibility

Our goals are closely aligned to Zonta International goals.

These goals in turn are aligned to
the
Millenium Development Goals

Amelia Earhart

Governor's Newsletter June 2014

Dear Zontians

I cannot believe that it is almost two years ago that we held a dinner to celebrate Zonta International President Lynn McKenzie's election, 2012 Zonta International Amelia Earhart Fellow Zerrin Turkeli Ramadam and the start of my term in office as Governor.



Lynn and I were about to venture on a journey then which we knew would challenge us both, albeit on very different levels. By accepting our challenges we both have learned so much about ourselves and the wonderful organisation we have chosen as our charity of choice. It has been a very special time enabling me to work closely with Lynn. She has unequivocally taken our organisation to another level increasing Zonta's visibility and credibility at a global level.

The past two years has provided some exceptional and memorable experiences. As Governor I have been in the unique position to promote our organisation, our initiatives and the work that club members have been undertaking to improve and make a difference in the lives of women.

We set our goals early with our main focus being on credibility and visibility. We certainly achieved this goal at a National and local level with the advocacy and club initiatives undertaken.

There have been so many high lights ...

Conference in Queenstown - one of the most beautiful townships in New Zealand was chosen as the destination to hold the 12th biennial conference. The first time that a conference has been held in a location with out the presence of a Zonta Club. It proved that it can be done with technology as it is today and successfully.

District 16 - Zonta International Awardees

2012 & 2013 Jane M Klausman Scholarships winners; and
2013 & 2014 Young Woman in Public Affairs winners.
New Zealand certainly produces amazing, talented young women and this is being recognised on an international stage.

Amelia Earhart Fellow - 2012 and 2013. Very special to have a Fellow studying at the University of Auckland.

Zonta International Honorary Member - Dr Marilyn Waring the second New Zealander to be offered this prestigious membership category. A New Zealand woman who is recognised globally for the work she does on human rights, especially the impact she has on women.

Zonta says no campaign - members embraced this campaign and came up with very innovative initiatives. The Zonta says No banner is now global.

Forums 2013 and 2014 - Lt Governor Janette and I have attended ten forums over the past two years. The Presidents reports on the activities their clubs are undertaking has been so inspiring.

Advocacy initiatives - the increase in legislative awareness, submissions and actions taken. It is in this area, through our submissions and letters on issues that impact women, that we are being recognised as an organisation that has

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ZONTA INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT

Lynn McKenzie ONZM



ZONTA INTERNATIONAL HONORARY MEMBER 2014



Dr Marilyn Waring

2012 - 2014 ZONTA AWARDS

YOUNG WOMEN IN PUBLIC AFFAIRS

an opinion and is prepared to take action for what it believes in.

Club milestone birthdays and Award Evenings

Induction of new Members into Zonta International D16

So many special events and highlights - just too many to mention ..

I would like to acknowledge the 2012-2014 District 16 Board of committed and talented women, the Committee Chairs, Conference Chair and Secretary, Club Presidents and club members.

- **Together** we have focused on our mission and met the challenges of the biennium together
- **Together** we have advanced the status of women
- **Together** we have strived to make the world a better place for women
- **Together** we have empowered and inspired women

If I had not been prepared to step out of my comfort zone and embrace the role of Governor I would have missed a very special experience and wonderful journey.

Thank you so much for this opportunity, your courage and commitment to Zonta and also the incredible generosity from clubs towards a gift for me; I was very humbled by this .

Finally, I wish incoming Governor Janette Irvine, the new D16 board and Committee Chairs every success in 2014 - 2016 I know that Zonta New Zealand will be in very capable hands.

Congratulations

Lynn McKenzie ONZM

NZ Queen's Birthday Honour

(Zonta International President, Zonta Club of Wellington)

Lynn was awarded an Officer of New Zealand Order of Merit for services to women, Queen's Birthday Honours, June 2014. The Nation says thank you and we also say thank you Lynn for your leadership over the past two years.



Lady Adrienne Stewart ONZM QSM 2014 inductee Business Hall of Fame

(Zonta Club of Christchurch Canterbury)



Lady Adrienne is to be inducted into the New Zealand Business Hall of Fame on 7 August 2014.

Lady Adrienne Stewart has been involved in industry and commerce for 40 years. She is a Distinguished Fellow of the NZ Institute of Directors and was one of the first women in New Zealand to be appointed as a public company director. She is a generous and long-standing supporter of many arts organisations and a pioneer for women entering board rooms

Zonta International Convention - Orlando



Once in a Life time experience - Orlando Convention

Convention in Orlando, Florida promises to be an exciting event. Zonta International President Lynn McKenzie, Convention Chair, Jane Adams and her team have been working tirelessly to provide us with an experience which will be memorable, inspiring and most importantly enjoyable for all who attend.

We have 34 Zontians and a number of partners attending from our District.

A special thanks goes to Past District Governor, Maxelyn Tudman our D16 Convention Secretary who has kept attendees up to date with meetings and social events.

Lt Governor/Membership - Janette Irvine



Isobel Fergusson
Zonta International D16 - 2013
Zonta International - 2013



Danielle Newton
Zonta International D16 2014
Zonta International - 2014

JANE M KLAUSMAN WOMEN IN BUSINESS SCHOLARSHIP



Nupur Upadhyay
Zonta International D16 - 2012
Zonta International - 2012



Alana Scott
Zonta International D16 - 2013
Zonta International - 2013

AMELIA EARHART FELLOWSHIP



Zerrin Turkeli Ramadam
Zonta International Amelia Earhart Fellow
2012, 2013
(University of Auckland)

Contact with Zonta members at club functions, area meetings and conference has been the most satisfying aspect of being Membership Chair.

In District 16 we have many vibrant & successful clubs to be proud of. I would have liked to have visited more clubs, but it has been particularly encouraging to see the progress of the Thames Valley and Hawkes' Bay Clubs, both needing support and now increasing their membership.

This year I have enjoyed developing some resources to help clubs inform and mentor new members. It has been a pleasure to work with Governor Maureen and the District Board.

Area 1 Director, Lynda Garrett

How do I explain how special it feels...

...to have been welcomed so genuinely by each of the 9 clubs in Area 1 over the past 2 years?

...to have shared the joys, struggles, and a few wines at our Combined Presidents' meetings?

...to have witnessed the increased visibility and credibility of Zonta, through scholarships, fundraising, service projects, a new Z club, and some stunning advocacy projects?

...and to have been so well supported by members, District 16 officers and host clubs, Mangawhai, Hibiscus Coast and North Shore, at two Area Forums and Leadership Training meetings?

How do I explain just how grateful I feel...

... to have been Area 1 Director, within a Board of such committed Zontians, led so ably by Governor Maureen?

I can only say thank you for the opportunity!

Area 2 Director, Barbara Pope

It's been a privilege to serve D16 and the Area 2 Clubs during this biennium. Highlights:

- The range of projects/awards supported and the diversity between the Clubs. All focussed on our mission, in particular their programmes under Zonta Says NO and the visibility these gained in their communities.
- The support for furnishing a new Shakti refuge. This arose at short notice and all Area 2 Clubs contributed.
- The Zonta Says No banners, which I designed, launched at the 2013 Area 2 Forum and now used throughout the world.
- Seeing the Clubs grow over the biennium, all recruiting new members.
- Thank you to my two Forum host clubs Mana and Manawatu. Both very well organised.



Area 3 Director, Agnes White

I have enjoyed my term as Area 3 Director for the 2012/2014 biennium. It has been a pleasure to work with the Presidents and members in Area 3.

I have visited all the clubs in the Area many times, attended special functions and enjoyed inducting a number of new members and incoming Boards.

The Forums were very successful, always great sharing and learning what other clubs in the Area are achieving in the way of fundraising, fellowship, membership, Awards and hands on activities that advance the status of women.

I wish to congratulate the members of the Zonta Clubs of Marlborough, Christchurch -Canterbury, Christchurch North, Christchurch South and Waimakariri they have all worked extremely hard, raising the profile of Zonta.

In Conclusion - My sincere thanks to District Governor Maureen Heine and members of the District Board, whose company and knowledge I value and I have certainly enjoyed my time on the District Board.

*Zonta International's Amelia Earhart
Fellows are the 'best of the best'*

ZONTA INTERNATIONAL D16 WOMAN OF THE BIENNium



Heather Henare
Chief Executive - New Zealand Women's
Refuges

Government House, Wellington Celebrating Women Reception 26 November 2013



ZI President Lynn McKenzie
ZI D16 Governor Maureen Heine
ZI Finance Chair & D16 Treasurer
Souella Cumming



D16 2012 - 2014 Board at the End of
Biennium Celebration Dinner 24 May
2014

D16 'Zonta says No' The campaign

'end violence against women'



Area 1 - Mangawhai Club

Area 4 Director, Robyn Cowley

The Rotorua, Thames Valley, Hamilton Waikato and Tauranga Zonta clubs have strengthened D16 in this biennium in rising to leadership, fundraising and advocacy challenges.

Each club has focused on their membership needs and on advancing the status of women in innovative advocacy projects. Our Area 4 Forums in Hamilton and Thames were stimulating and members appreciated networking and strengthening ties and understanding.



Area 4 Forum Thames 2014

Leaders have been dedicated in working for the 'health and well being' of their clubs, promoting the ideals of Zonta in their communities, supporting the NZGCF and the ZIF. Each club has honoured women with various scholarships and Hamilton proposed D16 and ZI Jane M Klausman awardee, Alana Scott, in 2013.

I have really enjoyed my experiences as Area 4 Director and thank you all for your generous contributions.

Area 5 Director, Anne Little

I feel immensely privileged having held the position of Area 5 Director over the past two years. I have enjoyed the fellowship and making lifelong friends.

Highlights from each club:



Ashburton Otago

\$11,577 fundraising
Club website
Mae Chen speaker IWD
Sue Prowse next Area 5 Director
20th Anniversary Dine & Dance
5 new members

Dunedin

\$20,400 fundraising
Teen parent programme
IWD Lynn McKenzie speaker
\$US800.00 ZI donation
5 new members

Metropolitan Dunedin

22 members St Hilda's Z Club
\$26,522 fundraising.
\$5,288 ZIF.
YWPA Claire McCorkindale
2013 Forum

Oamaru

\$5,241 fundraising
US\$933 Rose Fund
YWPA Olivia Hay
Endometriosis presentation to schools
Programme for young mothers

Timaru

\$13,600 fundraising
Women's refuge items
IWD Breakfast Ashburton
2014 Forum
YWPA Analiese Wilson

Foundation Ambassador - Lynette Grave

One starts the biennium with a great sense of anticipation that the District will exceed its goal of gifting to the Zonta International Foundation.

Thank you for allowing me to:

- Achieve the goal of having every club make a donation this biennium; For the increased number of members who made a personal donation; and
- To the four clubs who encouraged every member to make a donation to the Foundation.

At the end of April District 16 had exceeded its goal of US\$75,000 by about 7.5%. Your generosity will go a long way towards helping women less fortunate than ourselves have a better life and for more women to benefit from our Awards Programmes.

Service - Lynette Grave

It was a privilege as the District Service Chair to conduct the judging for the District Service Recognition Awards.



Area 2 - Wellington Club



Area 3 - Marlborough Club



Area 4 - Rotorua Club



Area 5 - Ashburton Club

FEMINISM

"The radical idea that women are equal"
Human Rights Lawyer - Aileen Fegan

PAY EQUITY

"Our journey is not complete until our wives, our mothers and daughters can earn a living equal to their efforts"
Extract US President Obama's inaugural address

WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

"I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples." *Mother Teresa*

**Zonta International D16
Conference Queenstown 27 - 29
September 2013**



District Service Recognition Awards.

I was inspired by the diversity and variety of service activities that clubs participated in this biennium and it was a pleasure to read of the activities clubs took part in during the Zonta Says No Campaign on 25 November and the following 16 Days of Activism Against Violence Against Women.

Congratulations to every club for the work you have done this biennium to help advance the status of women.

Advocacy - Janet Hope

A personal highlight for me has been representing the District through written and verbal submissions on pending legislation and current issues relating to women's rights.

The increased profile of Zonta through formal submissions has affirmed Zonta as an informed and effective advocate to advance the status of women in New Zealand.

I would also like to acknowledge the way all Clubs in District 16 have got behind the Zonta Says No to Violence campaign as evidenced by splashes of orange appearing in local and national newspapers, Facebook and the District 16 website recording your actions and raising the credibility and visibility of Zonta in our communities.



District Project - Deidre Florance

The Zonta International District 16 (New Zealand) and the New Zealand Gynaecology Cancer Foundation have worked together over the past two years to increase the visibility and awareness of gynaecological cancer to improve the lives of women and girls in New Zealand.

This project has promoted improvement in women's health status within New Zealand at local levels through service and advocacy.



In partnership with NZGCF Zonta District 16 has:

- Contributed to the education of women and health professionals about gynaecological cancers. Zonta members and their families and friends have benefited from increased awareness of the signs and symptoms of gynaecological cancer
- Supported and promoted national awareness events
- Contributed to the cost of health promotion materials (wallet cards, DVDs and information packs).

Approximately \$46,000 has been donated by Zonta Clubs since the partnership began. Zonta members were also instrumental in supporting Brenda Noonan's bike ride in January 2013 that raised a further \$11,000 in addition to the donations made directly by Zonta.

District Histories - Jennifer Loughton

The important goal of recording the History of District 16 is continuing its progress. 26 out of 28 Brief Club Histories have been received, with much gratitude due to all Zontians who have worked hard to produce these outlines.

We have begun collecting Club photographs to attach to the Club Histories and to use for other Project purposes, including the establishment of a District Photographic Collection. Selected Club Histories and associated photographs will soon be displayed at the Convention in Orlando.

I have completed a large part of the Brief District History which, along with Club Histories, will be subject to further refinement until all are ready to submit to the International Centennial Anniversary Committee during 2015.

The detailed District History is also progressing, with various draft chapters under review by experienced Zontians.

District Governor-Elect, Janette Irvine, has recently established the District 16 Centennial and Semi-Centennial Committee, comprising Barbara Pope (Chair), Lynette Grave, Bridget Orman, Joan-Mary Longcroft, Jill Hobden and Jennifer Loughton. This will give support to the District Historian, investigate publication possibilities and assist with planning events to mark both the 50th Anniversary of the founding of the Zonta Club of Auckland in November 2015 and the Centennial of our worldwide organisation in 2019.



Continued our worldwide organization in 2013.

My thanks to all contributors to our District 16 History Project.

Young Woman in Public Affairs Award - Ailsa Allen

The Young Women in Public Affairs Award has increased in participation by clubs to eighteen this year. This is a credit to the efforts of all the clubs to promote this inspiring award which recognizes the voluntary involvement of young women in their schools, universities and the wider community.

As a District we have had recognition with Zonta International winners in both years, Isobel Ferguson from the Zonta Club of Ashburton in 2013 and Danielle Newton from the Zonta Club of Whangarei in 2014.



Meeting Isobel at Convention was a wonderful time and a validation of her achievement.

District Conference

Conference Chair

Chairing the Conference Committee

for the 2013 District conference was a challenging but very enjoyable role.



Highlights for me included gaining substantial sponsorship from Asteron Life which allowed us to increase some aspects of the conference without increasing the registration fee; working with Governor Maureen and my secretary Irene McPherson at many hard but fun-filled meetings; being able to add some different elements to the conference programme (the balloon drop, the children's choir) and working with the great clubs that gave freely and extensively of their time on the many aspects that make a successful conference - you are amazing women and I thank you so much.

My biggest thanks to Irene McPherson who, two days out, picked up a role she hadn't signed up for and did it fantastically by all accounts.

A personal highlight for me shouldn't have even happened if things had gone according to plan, but it was the tear-provoking tribute the conference attendees sent via Facebook to me - humbling and somewhat humiliating too!

The role was a highlight of my 2013 year.

Liz Holsted Conference Chair



As Conference Secretary I also enjoyed my time meeting with Governor Maureen and Liz Holsted. I feel that this gave me the chance to learn so much more about Zonta International and D16.

My highlight of the Conference was seeing all the Zontains coming together and enjoying the programme that we had worked so hard to put together. I find it very hard to report on a single item as I would think - I must listen to this guest speaker then I would take off somewhere and it would be all over by the time I got back.

One thing I would like to report is how proud I am that the Conference ran to time and we kept to the programme. Well done Ladies.

Also Saturday night trip to Walter Peak Station for the Glitz and Glamour Dinner. What a night and a big thank you to the Ladies that organized the

evening.

Lastly a Big Thank You to Governor Maureen and Liz Holsted. But next time you sign me up for a job Liz I want a written agreement of NO Ladders before Conference.

Irene MacPherson, Conference Secretary



Maureen Heine
Governor 2012 - 2014
Zonta International District 16

Empowering women - inspiring futures