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



# **DISTRICT 16**

## **NEWSLETTER**

### **JUNE 2015**

#### **FROM THE GOVERNOR**

We have recently completed the round of area meetings for 2015 and these were all extremely well-attended, with excellent programmes and interaction between members. Thank you to the Area Directors and the host clubs for all the organisation and to members for making the events so

successful. See further reports below.

We are now halfway through the biennium and there are some very good reports in the latest Zonta International e-newsletter. The latest Zontian magazine should reach you very soon. In District 16 we are progressing well with our biennial goals, but, as I outlined at the area meetings, there is still some work to be done.

A number of clubs have new officers. I wish you all a successful term leading your clubs. Retiring officers and directors please make life easier for your successors by doing a good handover and being supportive.

The next few months leading up to conference will be busy for us all. I encourage all members to come to Rotorua in September. We have a stimulating programme, you will have a special experience at the opening ceremony, and there is plenty of activity for partners. See the section below regarding conference planning. I look forward to welcoming you to Rotorua in a few months' time.

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### **AREA MEETINGS 2015**

All of our Area Meetings were successful. It was really good to see some of our newer members attending. We hope to see more of you next year, and at conference coming up

in September. We are really grateful for the commitment and time put in to attending the meetings by our District Board members, Committee Chairs and Foundation Ambassador. District Treasurer, Souella Cumming and Service Chair, Helen Carter, attended most meetings and Foundation Ambassador, Lynette Grave, attended all five. There were some excellent guest speakers, and Lt Governor, Janet Hope's, Vitality Indicators Workshop, was very successful. The club reports are always a highlight & it is a pity that there is never enough time in busy programmes.

#### **AREA 4 MEETING**

This meeting was held in Tauranga on March 29th. All clubs were represented. The guest speaker, Sarah Lockwood, had been the recipient of the Tauranga Club's Val Webster Scholarship. Two workshop sessions were held. The first a choice of 'Financial Management' with District Treasurer, Souella Cumming, and the other 'Fundraising a new perspective', with Foundation Ambassador, Lynette Grave. Lt Governor, Janet Hope, conducted her 'Vitality Indicators Workshop'.

Photo below of most of the attendees.



#### **AREA 5 MEETING**

Oamaru Club hosted this meeting on April 11th. The guest speaker was Oamaru member, Nicola Mountain, who attended a 'Women and Leadership Friendship Tour' to Rwanda, and visited the Zonta International Project. District Service Chair, Helen Carter, gave her 'What is Service for Zontians?' presentation, with a brief workshop. This was useful to discuss service projects that are in line with our Zonta mission.

Photo below of attendees.





### **AREA 3 MEEETING**

Held in Christchurch May 2nd and hosted by the Waimakariri Club, this was another most enjoyable day. The first guest speaker was the Hon. Lianne Dalziel, Mayor of Christchurch and the second was Deb Quested of the Canterbury Police, speaking about her work co-ordinating the 'Loves me Not' programmes in schools. This presentation raised some questions about the rollout of the programme, which have since been answered very satisfactorily by Bill O'Brien, Sophie Elliott Foundation Trustee. Other presentations on Service, Finance, ZI Foundation and membership were similar to the previous meetings.

Photos below- Waimakariri Club members, Hon. Lianne Dalziel, Constable Deb Quested





### **AREA 1 MEETING**

This was hosted by the Zonta Club of Auckland North Shore with a very stimulating programme. Attendees heard from Deb Humphries and Tracey Swanberg of the North Shore Women's Centre Domestic Violence Team, our ZI YWPA & JMK Awardees, Danielle Newton and Kate McCaw, and Zontian Dr Gudrun Frerichs on 'The Challenge of the Balancing Act: Balancing Zonta with your other life'!! The rest of the programme contained the club reports and the District reports similar to other meetings.

### **AREA 2 MEETING**



The last area meeting was held in Wellington May 23rd, hosted by the Wellington Club. There was a good mix of the serious business with fellowship on Friday and Saturday nights. The guest speaker was Suzanne Snively, Chair Transparency International New Zealand. The presentations from District Board members & Chairs were similar, with a workshop session with a choice of five.

At the end of the day a group of Zontians did the 'Women's Walk' and Dame Margaret Sparrow guided us through St Paul's Cathedral, explaining the Trail of Light and Past Governor Beverley Shore Bennett's artwork in the cathedral.

Photos below: members enjoying discussion time-from left: Agnes Espineda, Janine Gould, Helen Bowie, Nikola Bass, Haley Young



## Changeover Dinner...with a difference Zonta Club of Ashburton

From Kathy McKimmie, retiring President:

Hear ye, Hear ye, Hear ye,

Greetings Lord Hon Zons and Lady Zontians,  
Ye are all quite handsome and beauteous- I  
have been admiring thee. Tis most splendid!

I am required by our illustrious District 16 Governor Janette, and Area 5 Director Sue, to report on the Goings-on of our esteemed Zonta Club of Ashburton, for the 2015 Year of our Lord.....

Photo from left: Incoming President, Alison Grant, Governor Janette Irvine, retiring President, Kathy McKimmie, Area Director Sue Prowse, with guest speaker Dot Smith, Queen of Riverstone castle.



Zonta Club of Ashburton event  
committee members looking wonderful  
in medieval costume

## CSW59 2015

See Minister for Women, Louise Upston's National Statement at United Nations CSW59

<https://www.beehive.govt.nz/speech/national-statement-%E2%80%93-59th-session-united-nations-commission-status-women>

District 16 UN Chair Lynne Lagan has written a report of Zonta's involvement & this has been sent to all clubs.

## NEPAL EARTHQUAKE

Thanks to all the Zontians and clubs who have donated to help with earthquake relief in Nepal & also supported the Zonta Club of Kathmandu.

This letter has just been received:

Dear Zonta Club Governors, Presidents, Members and Well wishers.

With three devastating earthquakes and more than 300 tremors Nepal has suffered massively from this natural calamity! My own grandmother in law, who was sitting in her courtyard, had a spot death with the next house colliding on her. This happened with the third earth quake struck on the 12th, with the epicenter in Dolkha. The two provinces - Dolkha and Sindupalchouk is all debris with 95% destruction! But, we survived all this and are on the process of initiating a rehabilitation project on sanitation, through Zonta Club of Kathmandu.

I am happy to inform you that, we will be soon constructing community toilets in the outskirts of Kathmandu – Gole Dhunga village which is about forty-five minutes drive from Kathmandu. The other location that has been identified is Sindhupalchok. The toilets are being constructed with Sulabh Organization a NGO based in Delhi, India. We had signed a MoU with them one year

back, as the local partner in Nepal. Their technology has been declared as one of the Global Best Practices. The household and community toilets will be built as per the local needs.

How did we manage this? Zonta Club members of Kathmandu, Nepal, very kindly contributed about twelve thousand dollars. We also reached out to the Zonta Clubs worldwide, seeking for your support in this difficult time. Your financial contributions demonstrated towards our work of relief and rehabilitation programs for the survivors of the earthquake is highly appreciated. Here I would like to specially mention Governor Hsin Hsin Yang, District 31, Taiwan for their generous contribution of \$ 47000 dollars to support our cause, for which we are deeply touched and thankful.

We will soon be sending the total amount received from Zonta Clubs to our Governor Mahazaver Dalal District 25. Some contributions is still on the process of being transferred to our account.

In conclusion I would like to close with the belief "together we can change the lives of those who have not only lost their loved ones but are homeless and in great despair for help".

Best Regards,

Pramila Acharya Rijal

President and Zonta Club Family of Kathmandu, Nepal

## DEADLINES COMING UP

- **Zonta Woman of the Biennium Award** - applications due **June 26th**
- **Cherry Raymond Award** for club service or advocacy project- the stated deadline is **July 24th** but we would like to see applications as early as possible.
- Nominations for the District Board - due **July 1st** to Nominating Committee Chair, Jeanette Corson

## CONVICTION-COMMITMENT-COURAGE Membership Recognition Program

This is to recognise and award at the 2016 Convention in Nice individual members, clubs and



districts for successful achievement of the 2014-2016 ZI Membership goals.

Forms to be completed are on the ZI website, to be with Member Records by 7th June 2015 and 7th June 2016.

[www.zonta.org/ClubsLeadership/Tools/ClubTools/MembershipRecognition.aspx](http://www.zonta.org/ClubsLeadership/Tools/ClubTools/MembershipRecognition.aspx)

## **ZONTA INTERNATIONAL SERVICE RECOGNITION AWARDS**

For the district and club awards there are two categories:

- 1) Service projects that empower women and girls in general to achieve equal rights and to secure their access to all legal, political, economic, educational, health and professional resources; and
- 2) Service projects focusing on prevention of the root causes of violence against women and girls through education.

Applications have to be sent to the governor by email by **29th December 2015**.

[www.zonta.org/ClubsLeadership/Tools/ServiceTools.aspx](http://www.zonta.org/ClubsLeadership/Tools/ServiceTools.aspx)



## **NEW LOGOS AND REBRANDING**

For guidelines and information

see [www.zonta.org/brandrefresh](http://www.zonta.org/brandrefresh). A reminder to use our District, Area or Club logos as appropriate. We should not be using the Zonta International logo on anything that has not been ZI approved.

## **WEBSITE**

The redevelopment of our District 16 website is almost complete.

Don't forget to put your club's forthcoming activities onto the 'Events' page and send any award information to our webmaster [webmasterd16@zonta.org.nz](mailto:webmasterd16@zonta.org.nz).

## **JANE M. KLAUSMAN WOMEN IN BUSINESS AWARD**

Full information was sent out in the March Presidents' Update.

Clubs' applications to the District are due **July 1st 2015** to be sent to [annemcmurtrie@xtra.co.nz](mailto:annemcmurtrie@xtra.co.nz)

Applications to clubs should be due by May 31st 2015

## **YOUNG WOMEN IN PUBLIC AFFAIRS AWARD**

Thank you to the 20 clubs who submitted excellent applications for this award. The winner has been chosen, sent to Zonta International and will be announced after the announcement of the ZI awards on July 1st.

## **NEW MEMBERSHIP MANUAL**

There is an excellent new Membership Manual available on the Zonta International website.

[http://zonta.us8.list-manage1.com/track/click?  
u=3a35cb4d6799da32c5e5510c0&id=ac3d10daed&e=556596d5c5](http://zonta.us8.list-manage1.com/track/click?u=3a35cb4d6799da32c5e5510c0&id=ac3d10daed&e=556596d5c5)

## **AMAZONSMILE**

Members have brought to our attention that if you purchase goods through AmazonSmile 0.5% of the purchase price can be donated to the charity of your choice. The Zonta International Foundation is a charity you can choose. Go into [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) and choose your charity before you start shopping. This is an easy way to donate a small amount to the ZI Foundation, but all those small amounts add up.

## **DISTRICT HISTORIES in BRIEF**

Thanks to clubs for providing the brief histories to our hard-working historian, Jennifer Loughton.

These are almost ready to go up on the district website. The full district history is almost completed to this stage, with editing help by the committee members & others, and publication possibilities being explored. We will have history displays at conference.



## CONFERENCE

**18th -20th September 2015**

### **IT IS TIME TO REGISTER - EARLY BIRD CLOSES 24th JULY**

#### **BOOK TRAVEL & ACCOMMODATION**

Come to Rotorua in September to meet up with your Zonta friends, make new ones, be inspired by our speakers, learn more about Zonta's work empowering women and girls, and refresh your Zonta spirit.

The registration form, Millennium booking form and programme are on the website, with speaker bios.

<http://zontanzconference.co.nz/>

The Leadership Development Workshop facilitated by Maureen Heine and Janine Gould will be held on the morning of Friday 18th September. This will include sessions on 'Board Basics' and 'Presentation Skills'.

The Millennium Hotel has a special rate for the conference and we encourage you to book early so that we can retain the allocated rooms. We would like as many bookings as possible by mid-June to assess the rooms we continue to hold.

#### **Club decisions to be made:**

- Your club's contribution to Silent Auction & Marketplace
- Club delegate/s & alternate/s (if you have over 30 members at June 1st you are entitled to 2 delegates) - forms to complete will be available soon





We will be starting our 50 year celebrations at conference in Rotorua - come to the party!!

### **CONGRATULATIONS**

To all recipients of Queen's Birthday Honours and in particular, Lesley Elliott, awarded MNZM for services to the prevention of domestic violence.

### **ZONTA CLUB BIRTHDAYS**

#### **MAY:**

Wellington 46 years

Waimakariri 24 years

Mangawhai 5 years

#### **JUNE:**

Hawkes Bay 41 years

Marlborough 20 years

Whangarei 42 years

Christchurch North 38 years



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