

Zonta Club Presidents please send this on to your members so that they are updated on all the activities for the start of 2015.

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INTERNATIONAL
DISTRICT 16
EMPOWERING WOMEN
THROUGH SERVICE & ADVOCACY

DISTRICT 16 NEWSLETTER - FEBRUARY 2015



FROM THE GOVERNOR

I do hope you are refreshed after some relaxation with friends and family over the holiday period. Many clubs are just starting their new year and making plans for 2015. For those new presidents and club boards, I wish you an enjoyable and successful term in office. With conviction, commitment and courage we will all be working to empower women through service and advocacy. There are many activities to start thinking about for the year, outlined below. The conference committee is planning a special conference in Rotorua in September and the Preliminary Programme is on the website. We are into our 50th year of Zonta in New Zealand and celebrations will start at conference.

2015 is going to be a great year for us all!

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NEW LOGOS AND REBRANDING

All clubs have received the new logos via Dropbox. I encourage you to replace your old logos as soon as possible. As many of us have been on holiday we should aim to have our rebranding with logos completed by the end of February. The 'colour vertical' is the preferred logo. You will see I have used the horizontal one in the banner at the top, because it is a better fit.

All other materials, such as letterhead paper, business cards, badges, etc should be replaced by June 30th. We are aware that many clubs have pull-up banners, which represent quite an investment, so the 'Zonta Says No' banners can be used for longer. For guidelines and information see www.zonta.org/brandrefresh. It is great to have the Zonta colour palette to use to co-ordinate your presentations. If there are any concerns please contact our PR Chair, Marilou Crequer, or your Area Director.

ADVOCACY

Advocacy Chair, Christine Cook, has provided an excellent report of the first quarter's advocacy activities. This has been sent to clubs and will be available on the District 16 website.

NCW currently has two "action items". The first is Discrimination: Enabling a Fair Go for All and the second Violence Against Women: A Just and Safe Aotearoa. Submissions on both are due March 9th. You can respond to this as an individual or if you would like to liaise with Christine and the Advocacy Committee, they are preparing a submission for District 16.

I bring these updated documents to your attention:

ZI Advocacy Guideline:

<http://www.zonta.org/Portals/0/Advocacy%20Definition%20and%20Policy%20GUIDELINES%20Nov%202014.pdf>

ZI Affiliation Policy:

<http://www.zonta.org/Portals/0/Affiliation%20with%20Other%20Organizations%20Policy%20GUIDELINES%20Nov%202014.pdf>

NCW produces a weekly list of the latest Gender Equality Research. Many of you may receive this but this is a recent example:

<http://www.unitec.ac.nz/epress/index.php/thesis-review-disidentifications-and-disarticulations-young-women-and-feminism-in-aotearoanew-zealand/>

SERVICE

The Club Presidents have been sent Helen Carter's District Service report, with the service spread sheet. There are many wonderful activities happening and all of our clubs would be able to submit an entry for the 2014-2016 ZONTA SERVICE RECOGNITION AWARDS. The guidelines and forms are on the ZI website under tools - service - Service Recognition Awards

<http://www.zonta.org/ClubsLeadership/Tools/ServiceTools.aspx>

WEBSITE

The redevelopment of our District 16 website has started. The District Board requested three quotes for the work. This is an expensive undertaking and we are very grateful for the continuing generosity of Phillippa Jacobs of Mega Advertising, and her team. We are sure you will be delighted with the fresh look and the ease of use on mobile devices.

We are still seeking a member to assist our very dedicated webmaster, Nikola Bass. If you

interested please contact Nikola nikola.bass@live.com

DISTRICT PROJECT - SOPHIE ELLIOTT FOUNDATION

Thanks to all clubs that have donated the total of **\$16,439.75** for the 'Loves Me Not' books, to the end of December. We still have a long way to go to reach our biennium commitment, but we will do it. Lesley Elliott is receiving well-deserved recognition for her work and there is a steadily increasing uptake of the programme in schools. This is a nation-wide project and it may take time to get the programme in some areas, but Zonta members can do some advocacy in their local schools. District Project Co-ordinator, Lyn Farry, has written a very good summary about the project, which has been sent to clubs.

MARCH 8th - International Women's Day & Zonta Rose Day

Since 1911 International Women's Day, also known as United Nations Day for Women's Rights and International Peace, has been celebrated on March 8th. All around the world the achievements of women are celebrated, while calling for greater equality.

This year's theme is "**Make it Happen**". The 2015 deadline for achieving the Millennium Development

goals is upon us & there is still much progress to be made.

"Countries with more gender equality have better economic growth. Countries with more women leaders perform better. Peace agreements that include women are more durable. Parliaments with more women enact more legislation on key social issues such as health, education, anti-discrimination and child support. The evidence is clear: equality for women means progress for all."

[Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon](#)

There are many Zonta Clubs with functions around March 8th. This is an opportunity to put a flyer for your event on the District 16 Facebook page and also on the events page of the District 16 website.



The Zonta Rose

The beauty of a single yellow rose has been a favourite Zonta symbol for decades. Since 1999, the Zonta Rose has served as the symbol of Zonta Rose Day, which falls on 8 March and coincides with International Women's Day. On this special Day, Zontians worldwide are encouraged to publicly distribute yellow roses, or items bearing the image of yellow roses, accompanied by information about Zonta International and issues relating to improving the lives of women.

Since the 1980s, each decade has seen a new Zonta rose:

1983: Valerie Webster, then Lt. Governor of District 16, proposed that a breed of rose be developed as a living symbol of our organisation – Harkness & Co. developed Hartanna, Brite Lites or Princess Alice.

1997: Denmark Clubs – Harkness developed Harflow, or Easy Going -the rose pictured above

2008: Zonta+ Rose introduced at Convention

AMELIA EARHART FELLOWSHIPS

Amelia Earhart month has just finished. If you had any events please share them with us.

If you have a university in your city, raise awareness of the Amelia Earhart Fellowships and consider suitable candidates. These Fellowships are very prestigious and worth \$USD10,000.

YOUNG WOMEN IN PUBLIC AFFAIRS AWARD

District Chair, Sue Poynter, has not received many applications to date, but it is not too late and many clubs have mentioned awardees in their newsletters.

Sue encourages you to reapproach all the high schools and tertiary institutions in your catchment areas to remind them to put forward a candidate for this very worthwhile award.(A directory of schools and tertiary institutions is available on www.educationcounts.govt.nz

All the information you need about the Award itself is on the ZI website (link below)

<http://www.zonta.org/ClubsLeadership/Tools/Award,ScholarshipFellowshipTools.aspx>

Please remember that applications must be in electronic form to be forwarded to D16 and Sue needs to receive these by **April 1st at the very latest**.

Please let Sue know if you need any support or assistance in any way.

EMMA L.CONLON SERVICE AWARDS

Sponsoring clubs please ensure that your Z Clubs are aware of the Emma L.Conlon Service Awards. Applications have to be with Zonta International by:

April 30th 2015.

This is a wonderful opportunity for our young women to be recognised for the service they are doing.

ZI website awards link:

<http://www.zonta.org/ClubsLeadership/Tools/Award,ScholarshipFellowshipTools.aspx>

AREA MEETINGS

Planning is well underway and programmes being finalised. Your Area Directors and host clubs put a lot of work into preparing stimulating programmes so we would like as many members as possible to come along and enjoy some Zonta fellowship.

Area 1 Sunday 17th May - Auckland North Shore

Area 2 Saturday 23rd May - Wellington

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Area 3 Saturday 2nd May - Christchurch
Area 4 Sunday 29th March - Tauranga
Area 5 Saturday 11th April - Oamaru



CONFERENCE 18th -20th September 2015

Conference Chair, Pam McGrath, will be communicating with clubs very soon. The Preliminary Programme is on the D16 Website and registration forms will be available within a month. We will get more information & Keynote speaker bios on the website as the redesign of our website is completed over the next month. The Leadership Development Workshop will be held on the morning of Friday 18th September. Start thinking about **booking your flights and accommodation**. 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.

Other matters to start considering- more information coming soon:

Club remits for conference

Nominations for District Board positions and Nominating Committee

Zonta Woman of the Biennium Award

Cherry Raymond Award for a club service project

Length of Service awards- 25yrs, 30yrs, 35yrs onwards- there are a number of members qualifying & certificates can be presented at conference.

CONGRATULATIONS:

We had three Zontians recognised in the New Zealand New Year's Honours. Messages and media releases were posted on our District 16 Facebook page. See these at:

<https://www.facebook.com/ZontaDistrict16>

Dame Adrienne Stewart DNZM - Christchurch Canterbury Club

Anna Jackson ONZM - Rotorua Club

Liz Evans ONZM - Marlborough Club

We are very proud of the achievements of these amazing women.

Zonta Club Birthdays:

February

Auckland West 39 years



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