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District 23 Area 4

**Our Dinner Meetings
 are held the fourth Thursday of the month
 6.30 pm for 7.00 pm at
 Barkly's Restaurant, Corner Barkly Street
 & Main Road, Golden Point.
 Our next meeting will be
 27th September 2018
 Phone Maureen on 0408 346 596**

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**PRESIDENT Donna Campbell**



Dear Zontians,

It was wonderful to welcome Hyemi Lee as a member to the club at our July meeting.

Following our last meeting I delivered our Christmas in July goods to the 3BA office, where they were gratefully received and have gone on to be shared amongst organizations for distribution to those in need.

On Saturday the 11<sup>th</sup> August, I had the pleasure of being on the judging panel for the Young Women in Public Affairs Award, with Mary-Rose McLaren (lecturer Victoria University) and Ange Lush (City of Ballarat Development and Planning). We all commented on the standard yet again of all the girls, their maturity and understanding of issues both locally, nationally and internationally was truly remarkable and I am sure you will be amazed when

you hear them at the August meeting. I wish to publicly recognize the hard work done by Sharelle Knight and Caroline Nolan in coordinating all aspects of this event. A big thank you also to Maria Sozanski, for being our meet and greet person throughout the morning. Please remember to book for this very special occasion through Trybooking by Monday the 20<sup>th</sup> August.

On Wednesday the 15<sup>th</sup> August, Maria Sozanski presented the Maureen Christie Award for Speech at Royal South Street Competition for the under 14-age group. I attended the evening session on Thursday the 16<sup>th</sup> August and presented the equivalent award for the adult group. For members who are unfamiliar with the name, Maureen Christie was a charter member of our club. Maureen was a physiotherapist and very active in the performing arts scene. She remained a member until she passed away.

Club members Caroline Nolan, Helen Eyres, Val Sarah, Catherine Taylor, myself and past members Anne Boag, Anne Smail and Sandy Harbison attended the funeral of past member Pat Fraser. As a lovely tribute to our club the family placed our bouquet of roses in front of the lectern and they were carried in front of coffin after the service. Many members of Pat's family commented on how much Zonta meant to Pat. This could also be seen in the number of Zontians from District 23 who sent condolences to the club.

With our 40<sup>th</sup> Celebration approaching Catherine and Val have been busy. Catherine has sent out many invitations, thank you Catherine. Please bring along a guest or guests and if you know any past members please ensure they receive an invitation. Our District Governor Jane Adornetto will be attending along with other District Board members, which is an honour for our club. At our September meeting, we will have finalized arrangements and individual tasks for us all will be circulated. It will be a very special occasion, for us all. Once again don't forget to book through Trybooking by Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September, for this very special event.

Well, I am looking forward to a wonderful evening at our Young Woman in Public Affairs Award, see you all then.

Donna.

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## Diary Dates

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|---------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> August                     | Young Women in Public Affairs Dinner                            |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> Sept                       | Board meeting                                                   |
| 27 <sup>th</sup> Sept                       | Dinner Meeting                                                  |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> October                     | Past Presidents Group Meeting                                   |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> October                     | Frances Quinn Arts Encouragement Award                          |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> October                    | Board meeting                                                   |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> October                    | Zonta Club of Melbourne's East 40 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary     |
| 21 <sup>st</sup> October                    | Zonta Club of Ballarat's 40 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary High Tea  |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> October                    | 40 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner meeting                     |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> November                    | Zonta's 99 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Founders' Day              |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> November                    | Board Meeting                                                   |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> November                   | Dinner Meeting                                                  |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> November                   | International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> November                   | White Ribbon Day and the start of 16 Days of Activism           |
| 2019                                        |                                                                 |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> January                    | Amelia Earhart Day                                              |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> February                   | Board meeting                                                   |
| 28 <sup>th</sup> February                   | Dinner meeting                                                  |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> March                       | Zonta Rose Day<br>International Women's Day                     |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> March                      | Area 1 & 4 Combined Meeting                                     |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> – 9 <sup>th</sup> September | Combined D16, D22, D23, and D24 Conference                      |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> November                    | Zonta's 100 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Founders' Day             |

Happy Birthday to you,  
Happy Birthday to Caroline Nolan  
who will celebrate another candle on the cake  
on 27<sup>th</sup> September!

Congratulations and have a great day!

## Zonta International President Susanne von Bassewitz



### Profile

Susanne von Bassewitz is President of Zonta International and Zonta International Foundation. Before starting her own consultancy, she held leadership positions at major international corporations for 23 years. Her responsibilities were corporate communications with brand management, corporate identity and change communications as areas of focus. Prior to this, she conducted university research on mass communications.

Susanne has been a Zontian since 1994 and is a member of the Zonta Club of Düsseldorf II, Germany. She was elected 2016-2018 President-Elect and 2014-2016 Vice President. She served as Public Relations and Communications Committee Chairman from 2012-2014, International Director from 2010-2012, Area Director from 2006-2008, Vice Area Director from 2004-2006, and District Nominating Committee Chairman from 2000-2002.

Susanne holds a Master's degree and Ph.D. in mass communications research, Roman languages and philosophy. In addition to her professional endeavours and involvement with Zonta International, she is a frequent lecturer at German universities, where she presents seminars on communications management and other topics. Her personal interests include reading, music and tennis, and she enjoys spending time with her family and friends.

## **A MESSAGE FROM INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT SUSANNE VON BASSEWITZ**

Dear Zontians,

We start our Centennial Anniversary Biennium with a bold program that offers new opportunities for service, advocacy and Zonta engagement, while building on the solid achievements of the past. "Honour and Empower" is the theme for our 100th anniversary.

The focus on young women will be the signal that Zonta is on the move to the future. We will concentrate our funding of international projects in partnership with United Nations agencies on only three, and one of them will be major. Ending Child Marriage means to act on one of the most appalling acts of violence against girls in the world, occurring in nearly all countries. It will take our Zonta Says NO to Violence Against Women campaign to the next level. Our funding of US\$2 million will be the highest biennial amount ever for a single project. If, in addition to this project, we reach our goal and 250 clubs deliver a local or regional action to oppose child marriage, we will have laid the ground for Ending Child Marriage to become a signature project for Zonta International. This will enhance our profile as a respected, leading organization that empowers women, make our members proud, and attract new members and partners.

**"Collaboration among and across clubs and committees and other organizations is the recipe for success".**

A pilot scholarship for women in technology will complement our educational programs. We will also make efforts to further include the leaders of tomorrow in our Zonta activities so that we can welcome 200 new members in the Young Professionals membership category.

Through our Centennial Anniversary Awards, we will not only celebrate people and organizations that have successfully empowered women, we will increase our visibility and broaden our network. The Centennial Anniversary Grants will increase local impact and strengthen partnerships in the respective communities.

Stories about remarkable women who helped build up Zonta will make us conscious of the power of our mission. Revisiting the Objects of Zonta (Zonta International Bylaws, Article II, (d)) will remind us that empowering women starts with us. Providing mutual support and fellowship for our members may be secondary to providing service, but both are at the core of Zonta and make it worthwhile to join a club and to stay an enthusiastic member.

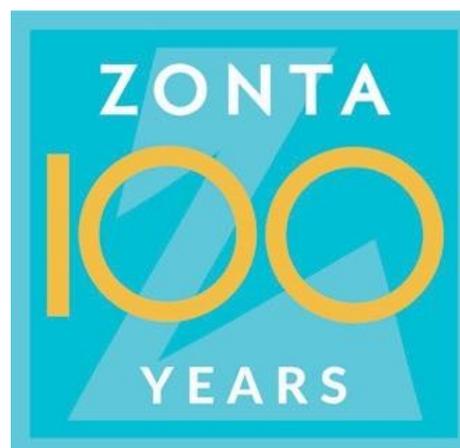
This biennium, let us work together to achieve our goals for women and girls locally and internationally and let us enjoy the opportunities that Zonta offers.

Cordially,

Signed

**Susanne von Bassewitz**

**President Zonta International and  
Zonta International Foundation**



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### **Our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 1978 – 2018**

Plans for our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary are well advanced. We look forward to welcoming past members and current Zontians from interstate, and sharing lots of news!

We will be celebrating with a High Tea at Craig's Royal Hotel, where our Charter Dinner was held in the presence of International President-Elect Dr. Shirley Schneider from Springfield, Ohio, in the USA and visitors from other overseas countries including Canada and New Zealand. Perhaps our most treasured guest was Dorothy Thompson, the founder

of Zonta 'Down Under', from the ZC Toronto 1 in Canada.

Toronto was the first Club in Canada. Helen Cleveland was the Charter President of this, the first Club outside the United States, and the first President (1930-1932) to serve the organisation under the name Zonta International.

Helen was accustomed to forging a new path for women in Canada. She was a professional in the investment business, the first woman in Canada to sell securities, the first to establish a women's investment department, and the first to hold a license as Investment Counsel.

Another link we have with the Zonta Club of Toronto 1 is our President Donna Campbell! Donna taught in Toronto for 18 months, as the recipient of an Education Fellowship. As you can imagine, she has some fascinating stories to tell!

VAL SARAH

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## Ballarat's Great Women 2019

Since 2008, more than 170 local women nominated by their peers have been honoured for their contribution to our community.



*Jane Cowles  
One of more than 170 Honourees*

On Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2019 – our regular monthly dinner meeting date – we will introduce the latest Honourees. The closing date for nominations is Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2018, and we anticipate another opportunity to discover more of the truly remarkable women of Ballarat.

The theme for 2019 is **"Great Women, past, present and future"**.

VAL SARAH

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## Young Women in Public Affairs Award

At our Dinner Meeting this Thursday, we celebrate our Young Women in Public Affairs Award. Our finalists all attended their interviews earlier this month and really impressed the judging panel. These young women will be recognised as finalists at our dinner, with their families and teachers present. The winner will receive the Club YWPA award, before going on to compete with other club winners within District 23. If they are successful at District level, they could go on to represent our Club at the Zonta International awards.



*President Catherine Taylor with our  
YWPA 2017 winner, Kate Lyons*

In 1995, when the Beijing Platform for Action was adopted, the global average proportion of women in parliament was just 11 percent. Today, women hold 23.5 percent of seats in the world's national parliaments as of 1 July 2017. Although this figure has doubled in the last 21 years, many barriers remain

to women's political participation and gender parity in political representation across the globe. Recognizing that to bring about sustainable changes that benefit all of humanity, women must have equal participation in the decision-making process, Zonta International established the Young Women in Public Affairs Award in 1990.

The Award recognizes young women, ages 16-19, who demonstrate superior leadership skills and a commitment to public service and civic causes, and encourages them to continue their participation in public and political life. For a full list of the eligibility and application requirements, please refer to the application. Ten (10) international scholarships of US\$4,000 each and up to 32 district/region scholarships of US\$1,500 each are awarded each year.

Since the program's inception, Zonta has given 888 awards (includes international awards), totalling US\$924,750, to 756 young women representing 56 countries.

These awards are made possible through generous donations to the Zonta International Foundation.

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## Toiletry Bags for Berry Street

Earlier this year, our Club donated a collection of Toiletry Bags to Berry Street, to assist women who leave their homes because of domestic violence.



*The Toiletry Bags donated to Berry Street earlier this year*

For our next collection, we need the following – Face washers, combs, small packets of tissues, tooth brushes, tooth paste, soap, body wash and lotion, hair shampoo and conditioner. If you have any of these items spare, can you please bring them to our next dinner meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> September?

## ***AN OPPORTUNITY TO STEP BACK, REFLECT AND REFOCUS***

The Australian Women's Leadership Forum is a unique development program run in key regional and remote locations across the country.

Sympathetic to the needs of regional women, this highly interactive one day program, which will be held in Bendigo on 4<sup>th</sup> October, takes participants on a powerful journey of self-discovery as they work together to explore themes around leadership, resilience, empowerment and career/life fulfilment.

Packed full of practical tips and advice, the program is a dynamic journey of self-reflection, networking and planning for future success. Importantly, the forum offers a unique opportunity to learn from the experiences of other women.

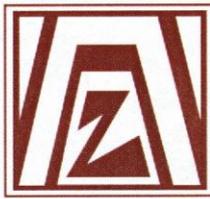
The Australian Women's Leadership Forum is for women who are looking for increased awareness of their leadership style and competencies, as well as practical strategies to help them overcome challenges within their work and personal life. The program also provides a relaxed and supportive environment to connect and collaborate with other female leaders.

The content and flow of the program is carefully designed to immerse participants in the subject matter and create valuable insights informed by collective experience. During the program, a number of key themes are explored via a combination of expert presentations, collaborative discussion, experiential activities and personal reflection.

The keynote speaker is Tracey Spicer AM, who is an author, journalist and television presenter who has anchored programs for ABC TV, Network Ten, Channel 9 and Sky News over the past 30 years. Renowned for the courage of her convictions, passion for social justice, and commitment to equality, she also has a wicked sense of humour. Currently, she works as a weekly columnist for Fairfax, presentation trainer for Outspoken Women and the Australian Film, Television and Radio School, and media trainer at Spicer Communications. She appears regularly as a commentator on ABC TV and Channel 9. Her first book, *The Good Girl Stripped Bare*, was published by Harper Collins in April 2017.

If you are interested in attending this wonderful day, please contact Ann Horrocks at

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*President Donna Campbell and Members of the Zonta Club of Ballarat, invite you to celebrate our 40th Anniversary*

**ZONTA CLUB BALLARAT'S  
40TH ANNIVERSARY HIGH TEA**

**SUNDAY 21ST OCTOBER 2018**  
1:30PM-3:30PM

**Location**



*Join us at Craig's Royal Hotel,  
10 Lydiard St South, Ballarat VIC 3350  
P: 5331 1377*



We would like you to join us and help our Club celebrate this great achievement, please book and pay no later than Friday 21st September 2018. Tickets are \$70 per person and table bookings of 10 places are welcome.

Bookings and payment will only be accepted through Trybooking:  
[www.trybooking.com/404473](http://www.trybooking.com/404473)

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