



Presidents Report
Maria Zaluski

As we move forward into 2014, I thought it worth reflecting on our clubs achievements during 2013 and consider how we can both learn and build on these. New projects and practices were trialed, whilst maintaining and building on those that are fundamental to the Zonta tradition and support our causes.

We were invited to participate in a new initiative 'Family Violence Hotspots' led by Kevin Godfrey of Victoria Police in Geelong. Jane Adornetto and I attended a couple of their meetings and although we do not have a direct role in the initiative, we will be reporting back to the group any activities we deliver with the Northern Bay school cluster, that aims to and contributes to reducing family violence in the Geelong region. This will include the recently trialed and successful 'Kidsproof' program we piloted at Whittington. We are pleased to have received an extremely positive response from the school, and thanks to the report in the Geelong Advertiser, our wider Geelong community. A very big thank you is extended to Kirsty Tweddle for organizing and promoting this very beneficial program.

2013 ended on a great note with our Christmas dinner being held at the local Teppanyaki Restaurant; Oishii. We reserved the entire second floor of the Restaurant and members were treated to authentic Japanese culinary cuisine. The Chefs cooked in front of us and entertained us throughout the evening.

To add to the festivity we inducted a new member (also our youngest member) Shani Cain, to be part of our Club. We are pleased to have Shani as a member. Shani was the recipient of the District 23 Young Women in Public Affairs Award in 2012. We look forward to her contribution and energy that she will bring to our club, and as a Club we look forward to working with her and assisting her to achieve her goals in public affairs.

On Sunday, 19 January, we held our first event for the New Year. Club Members with their families and friends, enjoyed a wonderful catch-up at Clyde Park Winery. I pass on my congratulations to our Membership and Fellowship Committee for organising the successful afternoon.

Our Service and Advocacy Committee are progressing beautifully with our Annual Art Show. This is a major event on our Zonta Club's calendar. We have worked on developing and expanding this project for several years now to get the reward, and promote our club, within our community. I encourage all members to assist the Service and Advocacy Committee in any way possible.

Last year was a big year for our Club but I look forward to 2014 being an even bigger year. I am pleased to announce that this year we mark 35 wonderful and memorable years of service to Zonta International.

Lets' shoot for the moon, because even if we miss we will be amongst the stars.

Membership and Fellowship Report

Clyde Park Winery was the venue for 2014's first function

A great selection for our membership/fellowship luncheon

As a gathering we numbered twenty three

A finer group you never did see.

Raema arrived first and she and Graeme dined straight away

As another commitment meant they wouldn't have a long stay

Cheryl and Michael were next to promptly arrive

And our table suddenly started to come alive.

Phillipa was chauffeured by Lisa and Chris

And she was most grateful for this

As a drink or two she could partake

... well that's what you do at a winery for goodness sake.

Robin and Stephen joined the table soon after

And from that end of the table there was lots of laughter

Fiona left Jamie at home to mind the kids and unpack

As from camping in Shepparton they'd just come back.

Deb came with Kevin and friends numbering three

The prospect of tasting fine wines filled them with glee

Joy and Max were the next couple to sit to our table

And to enjoy the delicious food they certainly were able.

Anna and Tim brought their delightful daughter and son

Who said having pizzas for lunch was such good fun

Last to turn up were Pres. Maria and Greg who'd come a long way

Having just arrived back home from their overseas holiday.

The conversation was bubbly, the company great

And we shared news of the holiday break as we ate

Then Chris and Doug came along for coffee and a chat

Taking the seating where the early starters had sat.

As time moved on and people started to depart

Several members spoke sincerely from their heart

About what our fellowship outing meant to them

And how membership in Zonta was such a gem.

Phillipa Challis

A few pictures snapped from our blissful members gathering.



Service & Advocacy Report Cheryl Gibbons

As February commences, we are well underway with the final preparation and organization for the Art Show's Opening Night on 28 February 2014 at Geelong's Wintergarden Gallery. Last year we introduced the Auction of specially and uniquely painted chairs. The Auction was a huge success. There will be an Auction at this year's show featuring uniquely and brightly coloured and decorated Lamps. The lamps have been delivered to the selected Artists and local celebrities including Geelong footballer wife, Renee Enright. Michelle Winckle, a locally established and successful Real Estate Agent from Hayswinckle, has agreed to be our Auctioneer on the night.

Entry forms and advertisements for the Show have been distributed throughout not only Geelong Art Galleries but also Galleries in Ballarat, Colac and Daylesford.

We are excited for Opening Night and hope to see as many Members, their families and friends in attendance.

Following the Art Show will be our next big event, the Awards Ceremony, to be held on 5 March 2014. Nominations continued to be received and our committee is combing through the nominations to select and choose the worthy recipients. Invites to the evening will be sent out shortly but we ask all members to start spreading the word amongst family, friends and colleagues of this special night.

CLUB PHOTO GALLERY **2013 in Review**



Kidsproof Program



Trivia Night



Zonta Says No Dinner



Christmas Party



Teppanyaki Christmas Feast

CALENDER OF EVENTS

DATE	EVENT
28th February 2014	International Women's Day Art Show - Wintergarden Art Gallery
8th March 2014	International Women's Day
15th March 2014	Area 1 & 4 Workshop
26 June 2014 - 1st July 2014	Convention in Orlando, Florida, United States

NEXT BOARD MEETING: 18 February 2014 - 25 Lunan Avenue Drumcondra at 5:30pm

NEXT CLUB MEETING: AWARDS DINNER 5 March 2014 - romoland House, 600pm for a 6:30pm Start

Reminder: Items for Kardinia Womens' Service

If you have an excess of any of the following items please consider donating them to the Kardinia Women's Service:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nursing pads • Tampons & Sanitary Pads • Tooth brush and toothpaste • Hand cream • Hair Brush & combs • Mirrors for make up • Make up wipes | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tissues • Lipsticks • Shampoo and Conditioner • Underwear in all sizes • Nappies all sizes • Deodorant • Body Lotions |
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Please give any items you wish to donate to Raema Ash at the next meeting, or contact her to arrange collection.