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EMPOWERING WOMEN
THROUGH SERVICE & ADVOCACY

Celebrating over
40 Years of Service

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August 2021

Mission

Zonta International is a leading global service organisation of professionals empowering women worldwide through service and advocacy.

Vision

Zonta International envisions a world in which women's rights are recognised as human rights and every woman is able to achieve her full potential.

In such a world, women have access to all resources and are represented in decision making positions on an equal basis with men.

In such a world, no woman lives in fear of violence

Theme

Empowering Women Through Service and Advocacy



1919 - 2019

President's Report



Dear Friends,

We are once again in a period of lockdown, and this has forced us to reconsider our planned quiz night on August 14th. Given the uncertainty about what might happen before that time and the concern some potential attendees expressed, we have decided to cancel the proposed date and discuss at our August meeting whether to hold it later in the year or next year. We are sensitive to keeping people safe and although there would be Covid safe measures in place we are unsure what they will be so this seemed be the safest action we could take.

On July 10 we were able to use the planned quilting session to assemble toiletry bags. Last year we were successful in our application to White Ribbon to grant funding for purchasing items to stock these bags. We do purchase a number of items from The Reject shop and our shopping this time coincided with an offer of 15% off for Seniors Card holders so we were able to add a few extra items. Contents of the bags this year included shampoo, conditioner, soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, lip balm, hand sanitiser, flannel, band-aids, face cream, sanitary napkins, tissues, body lotion, comb, deodorant and an emery board. We assembled 50 bags ready for delivery to Northern Domestic Violence Service. They then will pass them onto their clients, many of whom left their homes with very little and we hope that these toiletries are able to tide them over for a short time. Members Aileen, Alexa, Carmen and Liz were able to be present and a new Friend of Zonta Carolyn Laslett joined in the fun of assembling and ensuring we could fit all the goodies into the bags. My thanks to them all.

We are planning our activities for the "16 days of Activism" campaign and currently have displays at The Parks Library at Angle Park and Tea Tree Gully Library booked and continue to work on a brochure and stickers as well as letters to councils, businesses and organisations inviting them to participate in some way.

The next Area Advocacy meeting will be held at Hope's Café, 243 The Parade Norwood on August 21st 1-4pm. A panel of speakers including representatives from SAPOL, Indigo and Centacare will provide their perspectives.

In case you have missed it there has been a great series on the ABC TV. It is a 4-part series with the last one scheduled for Tuesday August 3rd probably at 8pm but the times have varied a little. **Ms Represented** with Annabel **Crabb**. One hundred years after Australia elected its very first female parliamentarian, Annabel **Crabb** presents **Ms Represented**, a raw and honest account of politics from the female perspective. Tuesdays 8.00pm on **ABC TV** and all episodes on **ABC iView**. <https://iview.abc.net.au/show/ms-represented-with-annabel-crabb>

Lastly a plea to purchase tickets in our major raffle especially before our Early Bird prize is drawn. Tickets are great value at \$5 and the total prize pool is over \$1100. In a time of lockdown and uncertainty we are again very dependent on the raffle to raise funds to enable us to continue our many projects. Club members can supply you with tickets.

Yours in Zonta Fellowship,

Pam Fletcher



Diary Dates & more

2021		
August	3	General Meeting - Roulettes Tavern, 6 PM
	14	Quilting Workshop - Reinstated - 1PM - 5PM Please confirm
	14	Quiz Night - Postponed until further notice
September	7	General Meeting - Venue and time to be confirmed
	10-12	D23 Conference - Bendigo, Victoria
		Quilting Workshop - Date to be confirmed
		Fashion Parade - details to be confirmed
October	5	General Meeting (Woman of Achievement Awards) - Venue and time to be confirmed
	9	Quilting Workshop - Please confirm attendance with Liz on 8251 1868
November	2	General Meeting - Venue and time to be confirmed
	13	Quilting workshop - Please confirm attendance with Liz on 8251 1868
	19	Adelaide White Ribbon Breakfast
	25	UN's International Day for the Elimination of Men's Violence against Women
	25/11-10/12	16 Days of Activism campaign
December	7	General Meeting - Venue and time to be confirmed
	11	Quilting Workshop - Please confirm attendance with Liz on 8251 1868
2022 June	25-29	ZI 65th Convention - Congress Center, Hamburg, Germany

Quilting Workshops



**All dates are for a Saturday,
and the workshops run from
1.00 pm – 5.00 pm.**

Please remember that our quilting workshops are a rare opportunity to spend time with fellow Zontians and Friends of the club in a relaxed atmosphere – and the resulting quilts will benefit those in our wider community who have special needs.

PLEASE NOTE

Monthly General Meetings will be on the first Tuesday.
Quilting Workshops will be on the second Saturday of each month at the home of Liz Bice.
Dates and venues may change due to member availability and Covid-19 restrictions.

There is a purpose for everyone you meet. Some people come into your life to test you, some to teach you, some to use you, and some to bring out the very best in you.

John Genger



Club News

The July 10 club quilting workshop, at the home of Liz Bice, was an ideal opportunity to prepare 50 bags of basic toiletries for the survivors of domestic violence, through the Northern Domestic Violence Service.

Vice President Carmen, seen in both photos below, along with President Pam, had been busy sourcing the contents for the bags of toiletries.



Toiletries - sorted and ready for packing!

Club member Alexa, centre and friend of the club, Carolyn at the start of the session.

Needles to say, only a few friends of the club did any quilting at the workshop, but everyone's time was put to good use.



Club News

Four sewing machines and an overlocker, sourced from Birdwood High School, which was updating its equipment, have been collected and will be donated to the N A Womens Migrant Resource Centre after their suitability is determined by a volunteer.

The Zonta Club of Para District Area was pleased to be able to assist Birdwood High School in finding new owners for unwanted equipment.



To accompany the flyer on page 5, here is the list of prizes in this year's Major Raffle.
Get your tickets now to be eligible for the Early Bird Prize draw in about one month's time!



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2021 MAJOR RAFFLE

Double bed Quilt made by Chris Houlson	\$550
Bottle of Glenfiddich 15-year-old Single Malt whisky	\$125
Drinks and nibbles picnic table	\$110
Voucher for Drummond's Golf Store	\$100
Large wooden cheese paddle	\$70
Crocheted baby blanket	\$65
Quilted Coverlet set cover	\$55
Quilted bag with bubbles and nibbles	\$50
Signed copy of Julia Gillard's book <i>Women and Leadership</i>	\$45
Bone China Teacup and saucer	\$35

Early bird prize Drawn 7 September

Crocheted large Shawl Value \$125

TICKETS \$5 each



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2021 Major Raffle

\$5 each Drawn Tuesday 7 December 2021

**1st
Prize**



**Early Bird Prize
Drawn 7 September 2021**



3rd Prize



2nd Prize



4th Prize



**5th
Prize**



6th Prize



7th Prize



9th Prize

10th Prize



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QUIZ NIGHT FUNDRAISER

SATURDAY 14 August 2021, 7:00PM

at the

Venue yet to be confirmed

Tables of 8 – 10

\$15.00 per person

**Please bring your own drinks, glasses
and a plate of supper to share**

Bookings at

enquiries@zontaparadistrict.org.au

or

Ring Pam Fletcher on 0455 866 408



Remarks by Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations and UN Women Executive Director, Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka, at the Opening Ceremony of the Generation Equality Forum in Paris, France

Date: Wednesday, June 30, 2021

[As delivered]

Thank you very much, dear President Macron, thank you for having us. Thank you to France and Mexico, for both countries made this day possible. Thank you, Secretary-General Guterres, and thank you to the President of the European Council and our youth representative for being here.

Women everywhere in the world are squeezed into a small corner. Women make up one quarter of those who are managers, they are one quarter of parliamentarians around the world, they are one quarter of those who negotiate climate change, they are less than one quarter of those who negotiate peace agreements. All these decisions have a fundamental impact on their capacity to have a life that is meaningful.

When I started to work for UN Women, my budget was also one quarter – of a billion dollars. It was meant to increase to half a billion dollars; of course, we did it and surpassed that. But clearly that was never enough.

That was never enough for the large problems that we face in society that impact women. And so, I went out to you to assist. I went to private sector, philanthropists, to young people and adolescents. And I went to civil society, who were already part and parcel of fighting for change for women and a strategic ally for UN Women.

Generation Equality, which brings us together here, is about change. It is about moving from making promises to telling us what you are going to do in order for the situation of women to change.

So today, I'm going to tell you what we have been able to do. We have almost 1000 commitments that have been made by Member States, by private sector and the other actors that I have highlighted, which will change the lives of women in the areas that we have identified in Generation Equality.

Countries from the Global South have put their foot forward, regional organizations like the African Union and the European Union have put their foot forward, young people, through their advocacy, have put their foot forward, and philanthropists and the private sector and our Member States have put their foot forward. So, in total, we now have over USD 40 billion put forward by all these actors. And we are still counting.

The private sector will use some of the money for the changes that need to happen in their companies. The philanthropic organizations will use the money for grants, and I am glad that some of the grants will support small grassroots organizations and youth organizations to do their work.

And of course, Member States have committed to change policies and programmes, including making sure that the number of women who are represented in their governments increases. I know that there are governments here today and at home who will tell you about what they are going to do. I do not want to steal their thunder.

So, today is a happy day from that perspective. But this is not everything we need. The fight still has to continue. What we are doing today is to take a step forward. We are extending the number of people who participate in gender equality. We are intergenerational - in that young people are at the core of what we do. What we do must benefit and change the lives of young people.

We thank you for the contributions that you have made and we call on you to stay with us, to monitor what we do with these resources. In UN Women, we have put in place a secretariat that will oversee the implementation of this and will report.

We have organizations that will implement their actions in groups, in the care system, for example, or in bringing policing into gender-responsiveness. There will be groups of countries that are coming together and who will be making announcements in this regard.

This is what we see as enhanced multilateralism. This is what we see as support to the work that we do in the intergovernmental space, where we need to be pushing upwards all the time, so that there is a race to the top.

I want to say, one quarter is not enough. One quarter is not equality. Equality is one half, where both men and women are together. Thank you.

Sew Bros

Courtesy of **INSPIRATIONS** *All Stitched Up!* ISSUE 393, 30 JULY 2021

Unless you're a regular reader of Esquire magazine, you might not have heard the term 'Sew Bros'. The moniker describes a small, niche group of men who have discovered the great pleasure that comes from sewing one's own wardrobe. Hailing such famous men as George Clooney among their ranks, the Sew Bros are busily working at their sewing machines, quietly chipping away at social stereotypes in order to pursue something they don't just believe in, but love doing.



Sewing, particularly sewing clothes, has always been a gendered pursuit where throughout history it was a task expected to be undertaken by women.

*Then, when the sewing machine was first invented,
rather than liberating women from the job,
it resulted in further exploitation.*

Sewing machines allowed for the development of factories, now colloquially known as 'sweat shops'. In these factories, the mass-produced clothing was peopled almost entirely by women paid a pittance to work long, gruelling hours over a sewing machine.



Although in most Western countries, these kinds of factories no longer exist, most of us are conscious of the fact that doesn't mean they've disappeared. In fact, they've just been moved to poorer countries where again, women tend to make up the majority of the poorly paid workforce.

Almost all of us have probably wondered how it is possible to create a dress that only costs \$10 or a t-shirt for \$2, but for anyone who has ever made their own clothes, this consideration really comes to the fore.



Mehedi Sarri with one of his creations.

This is exactly what drove sewer Mehedi Sarri to start making his own garments.

*He observes that when you
spend eight to ten hours making
an item of clothing, it gives
you a new appreciation of the
value of the clothes you wear.*

Thabo Sabao, another man who has taken up the hobby, expresses the satisfaction and sense of achievement he feels from making and wearing his own clothing.

And Jonathan Simanjuntak became something of a Reddit sensation when, after several months of trial and error and a lot of YouTube tutorials, uploaded a picture of a jacket he'd made for himself from a blanket and some floral curtains.



Jonathan Simanjuntak's floral jacket.

The irony is, high quality bespoke tailors are almost always men and have been for centuries. Sadly, when tailoring was in its zenith in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, women were barred from joining the guilds and were therefore excluded from the profession.

Arguably, there is more equality today but there is still a cultural divide between sewing clothes and tailoring – a divide that remains resolutely gendered.

Although the Sew Bros are still a small group they have been slowly and steadily growing, particularly during the lockdowns of the past 18 months. More men are buying patterns for clothing, sales of sewing machines have been growing and men are becoming more confident in posting their creations on social media.

Like many things, all that is needed is a tipping point – a crucial moment when it no longer seems strange to see a man at a sewing machine or purchasing fabric.

As anyone who has ever had a go at sewing something knows, it isn't necessarily easy, it takes a lot of thought, trial and error, skill and perseverance.

These are traits that anyone can display, so it makes sense that sewing should become universal. Perhaps there might be a time when a \$2 t-shirt that will be thrown away after three washes no longer seems desirable, and when the queue at the fabric shop is made up equally of men and women.



In the meantime, it's refreshing to see movements like the Sew Bros gaining in popularity and helping to keep the skills of slow crafts relevant.

2021 District 23 Conference



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Conference 2021
Bendigo, Vic

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10-12 September 2021



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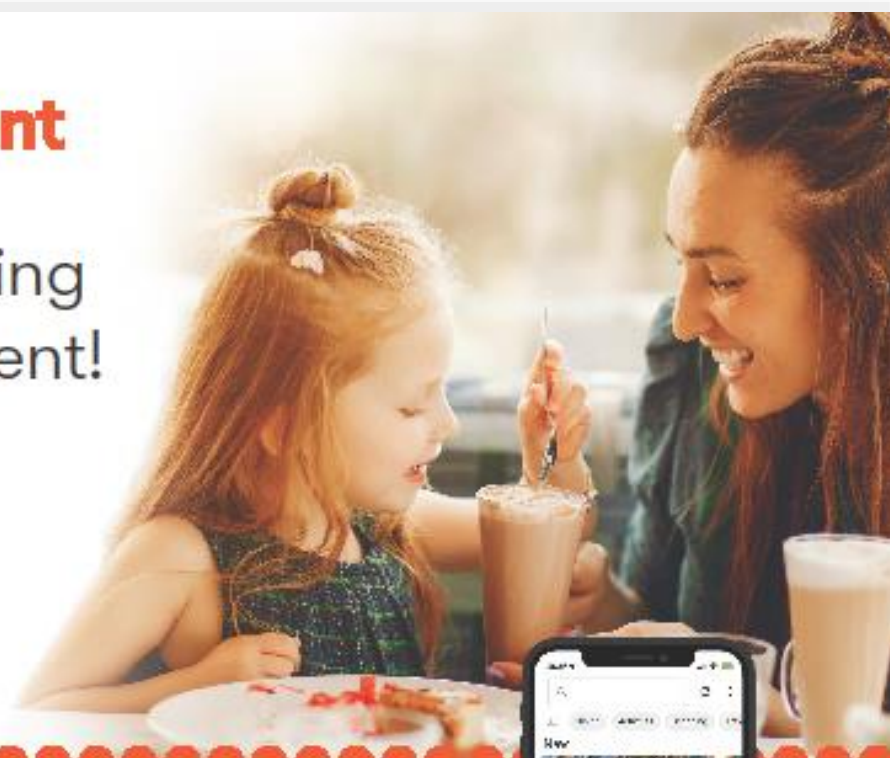
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“Birthing Kit Drive”

Our Zontians have decided to have a Birthing Kit Drive. As the cost of assembling these kits has risen to \$5 a kit we have used our shopping centre displays to encourage people to donate towards one or more kits. When we have raised sufficient for the minimum 200 kits, we will contact those who have donated and are interested to our assembly day inviting them to participate. We think that this would be one way people could see a direct value in their donation and we could spread the word about birthing kits. It could be made as a donation or present to relatives and friends who really do not need gifts.

Birthing Kit donation form



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I want to help save a mother and child by providing the funds for a birthing kit to be assembled and sent overseas to those in need. Each kit costs \$5 to assemble, pack and send.

Name:

Email:

Landline/Mobile number:

I would like to donate \$_____

Please contact me when kits will be assembled as I may like to attend

Yes / No

Thank you for your donation of \$_____ toward the assembling of birthing kits.

We appreciate your support and if you have indicated interest, we will contact you when we organise the assembly day and you will be invited to participate

Please print, complete and return form with payment to:

PO Box 715

Salisbury SA 5108

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Account Name: Zonta Club of Para District Area Inc.

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Account Number: 237631040

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OBJECTS OF ZONTA INTERNATIONAL

- To improve the legal, political, economic, educational, health and professional status of women at the global and local level through service and advocacy.
 - To work for the advancement of understanding, goodwill and peace through a world fellowship of members.
 - To promote justice and universal respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms.
 - To be united internationally to foster high ethical standards, to implement service programs, and to provide mutual support and fellowship for members who serve their communities, their nations and the world.
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ZONTA THANKS

Wherever your country of birth, whatever your faith or creed, give thanks for the meal we share tonight in Zonta fellowship. But remember too those who have had no food today; not with guilt that we have so much, but with hope that through Zonta service and advocacy, they too may come to share the same in peace and harmony.

Tricia Summerfield, Zonta Club of Perth

MEETING DAYS/NIGHTS (each month) South Australian Clubs

Adelaide	1st Wednesday	Adelaide Flinders	3rd Wednesday
Adelaide Hills	4th Wednesday	Adelaide Torrens	2nd Tuesday
Fleurieu Peninsula	4th Tuesday	Gawler	2nd Wednesday
Noarlunga Southern Vales	4th Wednesday	Mt Barker	3rd Tuesday
Port Lincoln	4th Tuesday	Riverland	1st Tuesday
Lower Eyre		3rd Tuesday	

*Meetings usually held first Tuesday of each month
from February to December*

Alternate format/venue is being used until
further notice due to Covid-19 restrictions.
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information regarding meetings.

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