

### Presidents Report

Tena koutou katoa, Talofa lava, greetings everyone.

As the days are shorter and much cooler, it is wonderful to still be having such beautiful days and fabulous sunsets, and to be able to take time to notice all the changes and crunch some of those beautiful leaves. Be thankful we live in the part of the world that can enjoy such sights.

In our Zonta world, it is exciting to plan to attend D16 District Conference, make sure you have the dates in your calendar, 24 - 26 September 2021. Conferences are a great way to learn about Zonta and how you form a part of a larger organisation that has an amazing impact both within New Zealand and Internationally. This is being held in Rotorua, so we are keeping an eye on flights, please let me know if you are interested in attending, as we will try to travel together. The venue is Distinction Hotel, which is offering a special rate to those attending the conference. The official start is on Saturday morning, with a cocktail party event on Friday night to catch up with other Zontians from around New Zealand. The conference ends on Sunday @ 1pm.

We are all looking forward to the Arohata Inside Out Matariki Concert to be held on June 30 and July 1, so spread the word to your friends and whanau. This is a huge event for the wahine and staff of Arohata, as well as for Zonta Mana.

Looking forward to seeing you at our May meeting

Nga mihi nu

Pam xx



### OUR 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 equal basis with men. In such a world, no woman lives in fear of violence.**

### May 2021

#### Club Meeting

Please note apologies for the next Club meeting to Pat Liddell by no later than Saturday 1st May noon please on

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(Please advise if you are bringing guests. Or partner

**April Guest Speaker:**

**Maria Peters – a motivational speaker**

After dinner Veronica introduced Maria Stevens – a motivational speaker, stand up comic from UK, staying at Veronica's with her wife and daughter Penny aged 3. Maria had us participating in short exercises designed to help us be more positive in our thinking and speaking.



To conclude she had us in a large circle with a round of "Wise Wise Woman". Great fun and very convivial. Pat Knight thanked her and presented flowers by *Your Wellington Florist*.



**Dr Judy Whitcombe**

Judy originally joined Zonta Club of Mana as a charter member in 1979 resigning in 1983 to care for her mother.

She re-joined in 2010 and has been an integral member of our Advocacy Committee from 2012. Since then she has worked for Zonta to prepare the response to the UN Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW); and on the Violence against Women section of NZ NGO Report.

On the D16 Advocacy committee she prepared many submissions – 27 in total for consideration by parliament watch committee – four of these are still in action, but recently Judy decided that it was time for her to let others step up to the task.

Zonta Mana is deeply grateful for the tireless work that Judy has put in over the past 11 years and thanks her for her service.



## Club News & Events

### Area Forum presentation from the Lieutenant Governor Philippa Jacobs

#### Membership

Some of my main messages during my membership talk I'll list below and please know that we as D16 are right behind you to help with anything.

Membership really isn't rocket science, if there is a purpose, a constant stream of visitors, and a fabulous positive surrounding then the rest will follow. So please enjoy helping others, feel good within yourself, empower your co Zontains, and let's really making a difference in helping those who can really benefit from our help.

#### **Visitors**

Visitors are our lifeblood, if we have no visitors, we have no future for Zonta. As hard as that might be to hear. We need a constant stream of visitors not now, but all the time.

Some of you will be reluctant to this, you've asked before, or you've taken visitors but it's not been their thing. In a nutshell, it could be timing, it might be they think it's an exclusive club, one they don't feel good enough to join, perhaps they don't know they can or that they are welcome. . So please reach out again. Please ask! We need you to be thinking 3-5 visitors each a year, not zero to one.

#### **Engage your Club**

Are your missions on goal? Are your project's fundraising and all on point to making you a Zonta club, not a wine club, book club, or gin club! As good as they all are, we go to Zonta for many individual reasons, but mainly it is to improve and empower the lives of women and girls, so they can live each day with no fear of violence. So when you have visitors, do they feel this? Do they hear and see what you do? Do you have a great vibe in the room, whether you are a super small club or large club, you can own your "welcome" your "attitude" your "enthusiasm"!

them?

#### **Engage your Club**

Does your visitor feel welcome? Did you give them a name badge? You have one, they won't, it's a simple way of inclusion. Do you have them sitting with other Zontians that will engage with them.

Do you remember your first visit? How did you feel?!

I remember all too well being made to feel so welcome, not just the first time, but every time I come to a meeting, even 15 years on. Roll out that golden rose carpet and give them a reason to come back. And while we are thinking about that, what keeps you coming back, it's got to feel good. So perhaps your club could have an open conversation on how you all feel. Perhaps a plan or strategy is needed. There will be some areas you all will need to work on and that's ok. Zonta is something that evolves as life's demands alter. It is normal. We do this in all aspects of our lives. It is always healthy to look, review, change or leave alone if you do have it right.

#### **Empower each other.**

Be AGELESS! You might have a hang-up on being older (if that resonates to you) but seriously younger Zontians are empowered by YOU, and just as they look up to you, I'm sure you are in awe of some of their presence too! We all need to empower each other.

Are you a new president that is a little full-on? Are you a little shy? Either way, you need to look at your club and empower them. But they too need to encourage you, as members, your new team, President, Treasurer, Chairs, etc are all excited and nervous... do you empower them? Do you say "no, we've done that, it doesn't work", or can you try with a different angle? Don't squash old ideas, but don't stop new ideas coming in either!

And care about each other. Ask if your Zonta friends are ok. Life is busy, but we all have something going on us that others won't know. Be sensitive to each other. Enjoy your Zonta friendships, they have the same values, get close and empower each other.



New action plan on forced labour,  
trafficking and slavery.



Following consultation, the government has published a five-year action plan to address forced labour, people trafficking and slavery. See <https://nzfvc.org.nz/news/new-research-finds-changes-rates-intimate-partner-violence-nz> for more details.

### Background

The [Combatting Modern Forms of Slavery: Plan of Action against Forced Labour, People Trafficking and Slavery 2020-25](#) is a high-level framework for the actions that government agencies will take over the next five years. It sets out the all-of-government approach to addressing these issues in the areas of prevention, protection and enforcement.

In 2020, UN Women published a discussion paper making the [connections between the human rights violations of sexual harassment and sexual exploitation and abuse](#), highlighting that organizations in the development and humanitarian sectors have tended to address these two forms of violence as separate and independent problems. The report calls for rethinking of approaches to these human rights violations including approaches that centre survivor voices and understand the common causes and dynamics of sexual harassment and sexual exploitation and abuse. An additional [UN Women report examined the global trend of prosecuting women and girls](#) for human trafficking-related crimes, when often they are the victims of human trafficking and sexual exploitation.

A recent report from the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime has highlighted the [worsening trend in human trafficking since the state of COVID-19](#).



ZONTA  
INTERNATIONAL  
DISTRICT 16  
EMPOWERING WOMEN  
THROUGH SERVICE & ADVOCACY

### Nomination Committee Report

The district committee members are Nikola Bass, Suzanne Coleman and Sue Grainger. We would welcome any enquires about the district leadership positions for 2022-2024.

Each biennium the district nominating committee seeks nominations from members of District 16, who have been previous club presidents, for the positions on the District 16 Board and the District 16 Nominating committee. On behalf of the current District 16 Nominating Committee, we would like to invite you to consider a role at the district level.

The positions have much to recommend them as they allow for greater connection within the Zonta community with links between you and other clubs and leadership teams.

The elected positions of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Area Director for Areas 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, Vice Area Director 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, and Treasurer will become vacant July 2022.



## Club Upcoming Events

### Zonta Club of Mana Monthly Meeting

**May 3rd Club Meeting 2021**

**Venue:** Plimmerton Boating Club

**Meet and Greeters :** Margaret Smith and another club member. They will be wearing the yellow roses .

**6pm -Business Meeting**

**7pm -Buffet Dinner**

**After dinner :**

**Guest speaker:** speaker will be Marty Donahue speaking on Women in the RSA (armed services)

**Apologies:** please note apologies for next Club meeting to Pat Liddell by no later than noon 1 May 2021 otherwise it will be deemed late and chargeable.

**Please email Pat on [triciaandjohn@extra.co.nz](mailto:triciaandjohn@extra.co.nz) or text 0272728966**

*Please remember to wear your Zonta name badge to the club meetings. They're a great way to avoid embarrassing name blanks!*

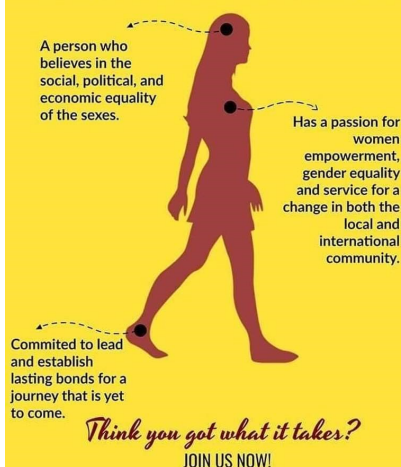


Zonta club of Mana wish to thanks our club member  
Sheryl Watkin

(Her business is Your Wellington Florist : Formally Black Rose)

for decorating the gift baskets and for the flowers  
which she donates to club events.

### ANATOMY OF A ZONTIAN



**Happy birthday to the Club members with  
birthdays in May 2021**

**Mary Jarmulski 2 May**

**Aliitasi Sua-Tavila 5-May**

**Susan Robertson 9-May**



**YOU ARE INVITED TO A FUNDRAISING EVENT  
FEATURING A SCREENING OF**



**THE PINKIES  
ARE BACK**  
(PG) OFFENSIVE LANGUAGE  
**LIGHT HOUSE PAUATAHANUI  
3 PAKAKARIKI HILL ROAD  
SUNDAY 2ND MAY | 5.00PM  
ARRIVE FROM 4.15PM | TICKETS \$20  
RAFFLE AVAILABLE**

CanSurvive Dragon Boat Team  
(funds to help us compete)  
"Star appearance"

Pay into bank account. Reference: Name & Pinkies  
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**Upcoming Movie fundraising night**

**Sunday 2nd may 2021**

**Supporting CanSurvive**

**Dragon Boat Team**

### **Calendar**

**3rd May Club meeting**

**17th May Board Meeting**

**8th June Club Meeting**

**1st April to June 30th : Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholar-  
ship 2021 . Club application deadline**

**D16 Conference in Rotorua 24-26 Sept**



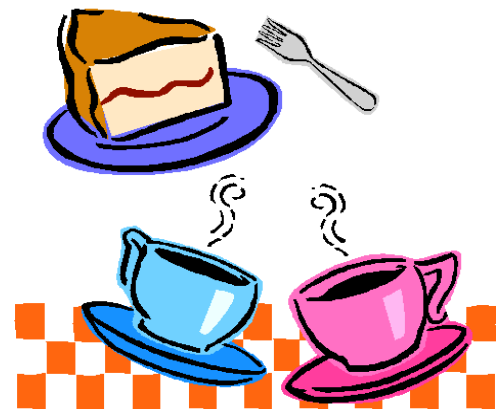
### **Coffee at the Marina Espresso in Mana**

If you have an hour to spare on a Saturday morning at 11am, you would be very welcome to join members for coffee at the Marina

Espresso in Mana, just left over the bridge. This is purely social and great fun, and a lovely way to get to know club members more informally.

We're usually upstairs where the owner kindly reserves us the big table by the window.

The company is amazing and the coffee is great too!





## **SAVE THE DATES - 30<sup>TH</sup> June & 1<sup>st</sup> July 2021**

***Zonta Mana and Arohata women celebrate together.***

***Thank you for your support of our previous "Inside-Out" concerts.***

The Christmas concerts by the women at Arohata, in conjunction with the Zonta Club of Mana, have been highly successful, however this year there will be a change to a concert based on Matariki.

For the Arohata women, the concert is a way to showcase their talents within an incredibly supportive environment. It is a personal opportunity to show their improving social skills, tolerance, and particularly, their new-found confidence and self-esteem. It is also a way to thank the staff, volunteers, and Zonta members who have worked with them.

All concert items will involve and include the women of Arohata. There will be original material written by the women, Kapa Haka performances and items performed with Corrections staff members.

Funds raised after sponsorship costs have been met, will be used to support Women's Refuge projects in Porirua, and Zonta's community projects in the wider Porirua community...including Arohata.

There is limited seating, so gather up your friends/family/workmates and make a difference within our community.

Booking will open in 2 weeks - do not miss the chance to be a part of yet another memorable event. Details to follow.

***"Helping women on the inside to step-up and support their local community"***

***\*\*Please share this opportunity with your family, friends, and workplace\*\****

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2018 Regional  
Community  
Awards  
Porirua  
Supreme Winner