

## President Message

Tena koutou katoa

Greetings from Pam

I have just returned home from a wonderful week in the South Island, travelling from Dunedin, to Akaroa and ending in Pegasus to spend some time with my family. As well as being surrounded with such beautiful scenery, and admire the joys of spring with new life in all the paddocks, amazing blossom trees and bulbs everywhere, it was an opportunity to think about and appreciate the achievements of some wonderful pioneering women.

As we lead into our general election, September is the month when we remember it is 127 years since women cast the first votes in Aotearoa New Zealand following the September 1893 law change allowing universal suffrage for the first time anywhere in the world. Those pioneering women who fought for that change would not have dreamed that in 2020 we would have Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern, Judith Collins as Opposition Leader, Dame Patsy Reddy as our Governor General, and Justice Helen Winkelman leading the Judiciary. Be proud of how far we have come!

Travelling around is different during Covid, I observed a renewed consideration and awareness for others as we all do our bit and transition to new ways of meeting, communicating and relating to each other. This awful disease, despite its deadly toll, has shown us our strength, opened our minds like never before to new ways of being, and it is helping us find new ways to address the things we want to make better in the world.

Haere ra, Arohanui, Pam x



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### 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.**

### NEXT CLUB MEETING:

Please note apologies for next Club meeting to Jan Win by no later than Saturday noon please on 3rd October

**Please email**

**[winjan27@gmail.com](mailto:winjan27@gmail.com)**

**or text 021 765 876**

*(Please advise if you are bringing guests.)*

### Suffrage Day - 19 September 2020

'New Zealand women won the right to vote when the Electoral Act 1893 passed on the 19th of September 1893. This paved the way for additional liberal reforms that earned New Zealand the reputation as the 'social laboratory of the world'. These reforms included a universal accident compensation scheme, a 48-hour working week, and welfare protection for workers, children and the elderly.

To highlight the work of three suffragists who were instrumental in securing the vote for women. From 18 September to 10 October 2020 a free Suffragist display featuring Meri Te Tai Mangakāhia, Kate Sheppard and Mary Ann Müller have been set up in the foyer at the National Library of New Zealand in Wellington.

### Why is a white ribbon worn, internationally, on 25 November?

by Alison Lloyd Davies

I was reading the latest issue of the Heritage New Zealand magazine and read that not only was Kate Sheppard the public face of our suffragette movement but she was also head of the Women's Christian Temperance Union in NZ. 1895 she became the first editor of their newspaper 'The White Ribbon'. The paper was later renamed *The New Zealand White Ribbon Digest*.

The WCTU called the paper 'The White Ribbon' because the white ribbon was the symbol of the suffrage movement. The original WCTU had adopted a white ribbon bow as a symbol of their 'purity of purpose' for God, Home, and Humanity. Today the white ribbon remembrance loop has become the symbol of anti-violence against women, safe motherhood, and causes and ideals related to women.

It's interesting to read that since 1874 in Ohio, and 1885 in NZ, some of the WCTU's primary objectives still include:

- protection of women and children at home and work
- shelters for abused women and children
- stiffer penalties for sexual crimes against girls and women
- passive demonstrations and world peace

Many members will already know that little précis but until now I had no real sense of how great a role we play in nearly 150 years of women's history.



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### History of the 25 November Day ( White Ribbon Day)

The concept of violence against women as a form of discrimination and a human rights violation – first introduced by the global women's rights movement – has progressively gained acceptance at the international level since the 1990s.



In 1992, the **Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW)** Committee adopted its trailblazing General Recommendation No. 19, thereby establishing that gender-based violence was a form of discrimination against women and linking the achievement of gender equality to the eradication of violence against women, and vice versa.

The United Nations General Assembly Declaration on the Elimination of Violence against Women, adopted a year later in 1993, specified the types and forms of violence against women and the contexts in which it occurs. In this context, in 1999 the United Nations General Assembly **designated 25 November as the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women**, and invited governments, international organizations and NGOs to organize on that day activities designed to raise public awareness of the problem. Through out the world on this day people wear a white ribbon to show that they do not condone violence towards women. White Ribbon Day celebrates the many men willing to show leadership and commitment to promoting safe, healthy relationships within families and encourages men to challenge each other on attitudes and behaviour that are abusive.



#### Zonta Says No is a International campaign

During the 16 Days of Activism, 25 November-10 December, all Zonta clubs and districts are encouraged to take part in the Zonta Says NO to Violence Against Women campaign and to take local, national and international actions to influence the making and implementation of laws, as well as changing gender-based attitudes and behaviors to end violence against women

*In this country most violence by men against women takes place in the home – with an average of 14 women a year killed by their partners or ex-partners. Each year there are over 3,500 convictions recorded against men for assaults on women and one in five women will experience sexual assault or sexual interference at some point in their lives.*



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The following is a report from the convertor Linda Hall-Thorpe.

### Advocacy /Mana Zonta says no Committee

The Zonta Mana Advocacy committee continues to be actively involved initiatives around promoting advocacy for women and girls through Zonta club events and by contributing to submission around any legislation which has implications for women.

The committee provides regular information to the Club members about Zonta Advocacy objectives and initiatives at the club meetings. New club members are given welcome packs with information about Zonta Advocacy.

The committee have started the planning for **16 Days of Activism** from **25 November - 10 December**. Two of the Advocacy committee members are attending the monthly Porirua Family Violence Prevention Network Meetings. The committee members are currently working with the Porirua Family Violence Prevention Network around white ribbons week events for the Porirua region. The following are some of the planned club activities:

- White ribbon speaker to present at the October club meeting
- Clubs members to wear their orange scarves to the club meetings in October, November and Saturday coffee during the white ribbon week.
- On 25th November, a promotional literature awareness table will be set up New World, Porirua, and club members will be handing out White Ribbon information - and orange balloons, roster for 4 hours.
- Club members to encourage others in your family/whanau, community, street or workplace to wear a white ribbon during White ribbon week,



(The Photo attached above is Rena. The zonta club mascot for Zonta says to No.)





## From the Service Committee WELLfed Equipment Donation Drive

*At the last meeting I mentioned WELLfed's new 'need' list ... kitchen items they are short of to help their local families. Please check the lists that follow and donate what you can ... maybe check with your families and friends as well? I will collect your items at the October meeting. Or you can drop them off to the Plimmer-ton Deli. The brown paper bags at the supermarkets are just 20c - please consider picking up a couple of new ones from the checkout.*

*Thanks for helping WELLfed. Alison.*

### WELLfed Equipment Donation Drive

We welcome donations of good-quality pre-loved kitchen equipment to pass on to WELLfed Learners.

Please no electrical items or large whiteware (we would suggest calling St Vinnies or Salvation Army).

We always have a need for :

- oven-safe dishes eg pyrex, casserole
- plastic containers which clip or seal eg sistema, click-clack, tupperware



We also welcome donations that continue our environmental impact:

- Paper bags eg from online supermarket deliveries
- Clean, good-quality food-safe containers with lids eg ice cream or yoghurt containers in any size

Items that we are currently low on are:

- Family sized frying pans
- Spatula / scrapers
- Potato Mashers
- Fish Slice
- Measuring Cups (preferably stainless steel)



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### Zonta Club of Mana Monthly Meeting

Monday 5th October 2019

**Venue:** Plimmerton Boating Club

**6pm** -Business Meeting before dinner

**7pm** -Buffet Dinner (no restrictions)

**After dinner Guest speaker:**

Brian Saipe the National Manager for Child Rescue New Zealand will be here visiting from Auckland and in conjunction with our White Ribbon emphasis will be talking about their work in the field of child trafficking. He hopes to bring some of the jewellery made by the young people and this will be available for sale.

This will be a very powerful presentation as we look forward to getting back to our "normal" format.

**Can club members please wear their orange scarves for a group photo.**

**Apologies: please note apologies for next Club meeting to Jan Win by no later than noon on the 3rd October will be deemed late and chargeable.**

**Please email Jan Win** [winjan27@gmail.com](mailto:winjan27@gmail.com) or text 021 765 876

Please don't forget to wear your Zonta Name badge also to the club meeting as this helps new people (and old) to learn the names of the others in the room.



### Bras and Knickers Night

**2nd November Club meeting.**

This popular evening is part of a series of activities and fundraisers that have won Zonta Mana several awards and accolades in the past years.

Please collect good quality second-hand and new bras and new knickers for us to hand over to Arohata Prison staff on the evening of our Club meeting. It's a great fun event as well!

Bring your collections to the meeting and help set up prior to our usual start at 6 PM



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Zonta Mana would like to wish

Happy birthday for October 2020

Barbara Thompson 11 October

Ngawai Richardson 19th October

Marie Hook 22nd October

## ANATOMY OF A ZONTIAN

A person who believes in the social, political, and economic equality of the sexes.

Has a passion for women empowerment, gender equality and service for a change in both the local and international community.

Committed to lead and establish lasting bonds for a journey that is yet to come.

*Think you got what it takes?*

JOIN US NOW!

- October 5-Club Meeting
- October 19 -Board Meeting
- November 2nd - Arohata and AGM
- November 16- Combined 2010/2021 Boards
- November 25th -White Ribbon Day.
- November 25th-10th December : Start of Zonta says no to stopping violence against Women 16 days activism.
- December 7th-Christmas Meeting and Induction of 2021 Board.
- December He Huarahi Tamariki (HHT) /Celebration Lunch

## Diary 2020



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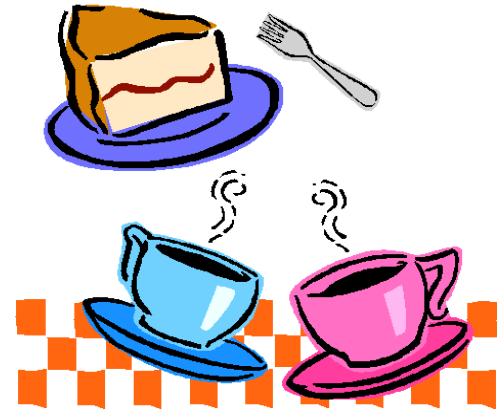
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### Coffee at the Bridge Espresso in Mana

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 Bridge 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!



#### Zonta club of Mana officers for 2020

President = Pam Johnson

Vice- President = Jan Win

Minute Secretary = Jan Win

Treasurer = Joan Mardon

PR/Newsletter = Deidre Florance and Alison Lloyd Davies

Scholarships = Michelle Robinson and Maureen Gillon

Fundraising = Liz Gray and Diane Scott

Membership = Alison Lloyd Davies

Programme = Liz Gray and Veronica Allum

Service = Barbara Thompson

Advocacy= Linda Hall-Thorpe

#### New Members

The Zonta Club of Mana is keen to grow.  
If you know anyone who may be interested in becoming a member of the Zonta Club of Mana,  
Email [Zonta@mana.org.nz](mailto:Zonta@mana.org.nz)



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