

PROFILES OF KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Hsin-hsin Yang

Zonta International Director and Board Representative

Hsin-hsin Yang is a 2016-2018 Board Director of Zonta International and Zonta International Foundation. She is also the Liaison Director for Districts 8, 16 and 25 and for the International Development Committee.

Hsin-hsin joined the Zonta Club of Taipei II in 1990 and had served as president of the club and nominating member of then District 26 which comprised Taiwan, Japan and Korea. Taiwan became District 31 in 2006 after the three countries were separated. She had chaired the SOM committee which created the Club of Taoyuan in the district. During her term as governor of District 31 for 2014-2016, the Region of Mongolia was integrated with Taiwan to become Area 3 of the district.



Hsin-hsin started her career in journalism at the Taipei-based, English-language China Post daily as a reporter. She later switched to United Press International (UPI) as its correspondent and, in 1985, joined the Paris-based international news agency, Agence France-Presse (AFP), as its representative in Taiwan in charge of editorial, management and marketing matters. She retired from full-time work in 2008 after more than 30 years in the news business in order to spend more time with family and to engage in more social service and volunteer projects. Hsin-hsin had also taught journalism and translation part-time at National Taiwan University during 1999-2015 to share her experience with young people.

In her spare time now, she edits English news reports of local media and serves as volunteer judge of the annual Formosa Girl Award and Asian Girl Rights Award for Garden of Hope Foundation in Taiwan. She also sits on the board of East-West Center and UH Alumni Association in Taiwan and the board of Taiwan's National Council of Women.

Hsin-hsin holds a bachelor's degree in Western Languages and Literature from Taiwan's Tunghai University and earned a master's degree in education at the University of Hawaii under a grant from the Communications Institute of the East-West Center in Hawaii.

Ann Galloway

Councillor Christchurch

"A society grows strong when old men and women plant trees they will never sit under."

In October 2016, I was elected to represent the Halswell Ward on the Christchurch City Council. My decision to get involved in local body politics was motivated by a belief in the importance of leaving a positive legacy. I want my children and grandchildren to live in a community that is socially and environmentally healthy, in which residents feel a sense of connection and belonging.

I am committed to formulating, facilitating and communicating a vision for a strong community that embraces diversity in age, gender and ethnicity that values experience, diverse views and skills. As Councillor, I endeavour to engage, listen, and confidently represent the wishes and needs of the residents of Halswell and the City.



As this is my first foray into local body politics, I have a lot to learn. However, I am fortunate to be a part of the positive and supportive team that are the Council Staff and my fellow Councillors.

Immediately prior to the election, I spent six years coordinating an early intervention education programme that targeted those on a low income to raise their educational aspirations, A role that had strong congruent with my belief that investment in a child's pre-school years will have huge long-term benefits.

After completing primary school training in 1979, I have worked as an educator in many different settings. These include:

Life Education, The Canterbury Museum, Cholmondeley Centre, Youth Justice Facility, and a Pupil Behavioural Unit in London. Last year, after almost seven years of part time study I graduated with a Bachelor of Teaching and Learning. In my spare time (!), I love spending time with my family (especially my grandchildren) and friends; being active (I've run a few half-marathons) reading, movie watching; and travelling.

Kimberley Wallace (Billy) Explorer

Billy (real name Kimberley!) loves leading a life less ordinary and such has spent most her last 17 summers working and living in Antarctica as a field guide and survival trainer.

As an outdoor educator over the last 20+ years, Billy also works for World Challenge as an expedition leader on student led expeditions to developing countries, here she can combine her love of travelling working and teaching in the outdoors and helping people reach their potentials.

To date she has helped lead trips to Tanzania to climb Kilimanjaro, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Peru and Bolivia. She has recently returned from leading a trip to India and has another trip booked over summer to Sri Lanka! "Bring on the heat!" (Says Billy, hoping she won't melt!!!).



Michelle Panzer Entrepreneur

Michelle Panzer is the Incubator Manager of the University of Canterbury's Centre for Entrepreneurship. The Centre is all about developing New Zealand's next generation of entrepreneurs.

Since a young age Michelle showed an interest in entrepreneurship – she would sell handmade jewellery and potholders to their Bed & Breakfast guests and at local markets. This interest was cemented through the Young Enterprise Scheme in High School, and in her role as CEO of Entré while at University. Once she graduated, Michelle was the first alumni student to join the board of Entré as a Director to continue to grow the student-run organisation.

After a year living, travelling and volunteering overseas, Michelle returned to Christchurch as one of three on the team running a startup accelerator; Lightning Lab Christchurch. From here, she moved into her current role at the UC Centre for Entrepreneurship.

Michelle is heavily involved with the Startup ecosystem in Christchurch, a co-organiser of the Christchurch Startups meetup group, and also on the selection panel of GreenHouse – a dedicated space for technology companies. In addition, Michelle is a Trustee on the World Buskers Festival Trust. Michelle was a YWPA award winner in 2013.



Superintendent Tusha Penny District Commander Waitemata, New Zealand Police

Since joining the New Zealand Police in 1992, Superintendent Tusha Penny has worked in both provincial and metropolitan areas. Much of her career has been spent in the Criminal Investigation Branch (CIB) investigating serious crimes including lead roles in several high profile homicides. She has also worked as a mentor in Tonga assisting to establish family violence units and was part of the New Zealand Police contingent that assisted with the Tongan riots in 2006.

Tusha has been pivotal in the change management Police have gone through over recent years in respect of child protection and sexual violence. She was critical in identifying and bringing attention to the systemic failure of Police to address child abuse investigations in the Wairarapa. She led the implementation of a multi-agency centre in Wellington known as "Koru House" which was significant in addressing a lot of the issues found in Operation Hope (the long-term investigation of historic child abuse



files). Tusha was the first officer to take on the role of National Manager - Child Protection and Sexual Violence in 2011 where she spearheaded a national change management programme to accelerate the Police response to the Commission of Inquiry.

From 2014 Tusha held the role of National Manager: Prevention based at Police National Headquarters in Wellington, working on a major change programme within the Family and Sexual Violence area. This gave her responsibility for family harm, victims and vulnerable whanau initiatives across the country.

In November 2016 Tusha she was selected to become the District Commander of Waitemata, based in Auckland. Her Iwi is Ngati Porou and is the first Maori female District Commander in New Zealand Police. She is married with two teenaged children.

Sarah Kessans
Post-doctoral Fellow
Biomolecular Interaction Centre
Department of Chemistry
University of Canterbury

Sarah Kessans is a scientist, adventurer, and storyteller with a passion for inspiring others to pursue and succeed in their own endeavours. Now a proud Kiwi, Sarah originally came to New Zealand from the USA, where she earned degrees in plant biology and molecular biology and worked to develop a plant-based HIV vaccine candidate. In addition to her passion for scientific research, Sarah is also an avid adventurer, having rowed across the Atlantic Ocean one and a half times as part of two different teams in the Woodvale Events Atlantic Rowing Race. The first attempt terminated with a mid-ocean capsizing in 10 meter waves; the second successfully ended in a world record. Whilst working as a researcher in biochemistry at the University of Canterbury, Sarah discovered that NASA was opening up a selection cycle for its next class of astronauts, and the opportunity to combine scientific research, exploration, teamwork, adventure, and inspiration into one career was too good to pass up. Sarah was honoured to have made it through several selection rounds to become one of the 50 Finalist Interviewees out of a record number (>18,300) of applicants who sought the coveted 12 spots. Remaining grounded for the time being, Sarah is excited to share her story and inspire others to overcome challenges and failures in order to shape their future and pursue their own big dreams.



PROFILES OF WEPs PANEL PARTICIPANTS

Kerry Maw-Smith
Chair UN Women

Kerry is the chairman of UN Women in New Zealand, elected in 2016. A member of Rural Women New Zealand (RWNZ); an individual member of ACWW since 2009. Kerry has served as Branch President, National Vice President, Regional Councillor, health spokesperson, education spokesperson and rural education Reference Group representative for her society. She represents RWNZ on an NGO group responding to CEDAW. She is currently a member of the ACWW United Nations Committee. Kerry is also a committee member of UN Women Aotearoa (NZ), and a member of the UN Association of NZ.

She is also a Board Director. Kerry has experience in Board governance, advocacy, strategic planning, communications, media relations, relationship building and has attended 2 Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) events at the UN in New York and co-presented an ACWW seminar at CSW 2015.



PROFILES OF WEPs PANEL PARTICIPANTS CONTINUED

Olive Wallis **Partner, KPMG**

Olive is a partner in KPMG New Zealand and has over 20 years tax experience with KPMG and currently leads the tax advisory team in Christchurch. She has extensive taxation experience dealing with both international and domestic taxation issues for individuals, corporates and financial institutions. Olive focuses on providing practical and commercial tax solutions to meet clients' needs in a constantly changing tax environment. Olive has worked in the Invercargill, Auckland and Christchurch offices of KPMG. She is regarded as one of the leading tax advisors in the South Island commanding the respect of her peers and the local business community.

Olive is involved with KPMG's inclusion and diversity activities which include a programme of work related to addressing the Women's Empowerment Principles across KPMG New Zealand.



Clare Evans **Partner Lane Neave**

Claire is an experienced corporate and commercial lawyer specialising in capital raising, business purchases and sales, technology and general company law. She is particularly known for her expertise in limited partnerships and investment funds. Claire enjoys helping clients with their business, whether it be day to day legal advisory or one-off projects. She acts for a range of clients including large listed companies, financial institutions, SMEs, startups and limited partnerships, from a variety of industries. Claire worked for a top tier Sydney law firm and a large London law firm before returning home to Christchurch. She prides herself in providing advice to business owners in an easy to understand and accessible way.

Lane Neave is a signatory to the WEPS.



Janette Irvine **Past Zonta International Governor**

Janette Irvine became a member of the UN WEPs committee in 2016 when Zonta District 16 (NZ) was invited to become a partner on the committee and she was then the District Governor for Zonta. She has a background in medicine, as a general practitioner for 35 years before retiring in 2016. Medical interests included obstetrics and other aspects of women's health, quality assurance and GP assessment.

Janette has been a member of the Zonta Club of Rotorua for 26 years, served six years on the District 16 Board, as District Governor 2014-16, with a continuing interest in advocacy on women's issues. Zonta's mission of "Empowering Women through Service and Advocacy" fits well with the work of the WEPs committee, which is supported by the 28 Zonta clubs throughout NZ.



Janette will facilitate the panel discussion.

PROFILES OF DISTRICT 16 and ZONTA INTERNATIONAL AWARDEES

Sarah- Michelle Washer
2016 District 16 JMK Awardee
2016 Zonta International JMK Awardee

Sarah-Michelle, who now works in Auckland, was a student at Waikato University when she applied for the Jane M Klausman Women in Business Scholarship. She graduated with a Bachelor of Management Studies with Honours and a Bachelor of Laws with Honours in December 2016, majoring in Strategic Management and Law.



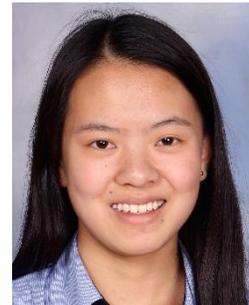
Originally from Horotiu, near Hamilton, Sarah was dux at Ngaruawahia High School in 2010. She co-founded the IT.U Learning Charitable Trust in 2015, which seeks to aid the transition from high school to further study or employment through school-business partnerships. This is something she says was difficult for many of her peers in Ngaruawahia and she is only one of a handful of her peers who have gone on to study at university.

Sarah-Michelle has studied in Denmark, China and South Korea, using her time on these exchanges to conduct business-related research. Her long-term goal is to start her own company within the education sector to support youth engagement.

Emilly Fan
2017 District 16 and International YWPA Awardee

Emilly is currently a Year 13 student at Takapuna Grammar School and is interested in combining the application of environmental principles with sound business practices.

She founded an Amnesty International group two years ago at her school which has grown to be the largest co-curricular group with over 150 students. She is a Prefect, founder of the Girls in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) & Enterprise Group, a house leader and Peer Service Leader. In 2016 she was awarded the prestigious School Spirit and All-Round Cup. For the past three years she has been the environmental group leader organising tree planting and Takapuna Beach and school clean ups, Emilly is an active volunteer in the community, describing her volunteer activities as “more a lifestyle than a sporadic pursuit”.



She hopes to study Commerce and Environmental Science at university and would like to secure work in an international organisation that promotes human rights and sustainable development such as the United Nations.

Developing Leaders for Zonta and Beyond

Pre-conference leadership development workshop Friday 22nd September 2017

Bringing out the best in Club Presidents and members

- Understand the basic elements of leadership
- Share ideas on engaging members
- Learn the benefits of a club mentoring programme
- Understand the importance of a strong team
- Learn how to develop the right team culture
- Consider the importance of leadership development



Presenter:

Maureen Heine, Chairman, Zonta International Leadership Development Committee

WORKSHOP OUTLINES AND PRESENTER PROFILES

Growing our Membership

Presented by: Souella Cumming and Hsin-hsin Yang



Continuing the conversation we started at the Area Meetings about **'Why' we joined** and **'Why' we stay** in Zonta, and sharing our strategies for **'Retaining' members**. The Membership workshop at District Conference will utilise this feedback to inform the discussion and identify actions that Clubs can implement locally.



Advocacy – The Challenge of Advocacy

Presented by: Christine Cook and Helen Bowie



This interactive workshop will give you a better understanding of how to approach Advocacy in your Clubs. It will include the type of activities we are engaging in, causes we support, templates for making a submission and a range of resources that are available. We also have an idea for this year's Zonta Says No to Violence Against Women campaign to share with you!



Christine and Helen are both members of the Zonta Club of Wellington. Christine is from a teaching background, and now involved in ESOL provision for refugees and migrants through managing the Hutt Centre for English Language Partners. Helen is a Consultant to Chapman Tripp and has a broad commercial and public law practice.

WORKSHOP OUTLINES AND PRESENTER PROFILES cont

“Post, Like and Share” – Navigating the ZI and District 16 Websites

Presented by: Anna Arps, Nikola Bass and Phillippa Jacobs

“Post, Like and Share” has been the challenge from International President Sonja. Who better to guide you round the District 16 and Zonta International websites than Phillippa, whose company Pinnacle&Co. (formerly Mega Advertising) designed the District 16 website, Anna, our current District webmaster and Nikola our immediate past District webmaster.

This will be an interactive session so bring your laptops, tablets or other portable devices. You will leave this workshop feeling confident in where to access resources, how to share your clubs story on the websites and social media and otherwise comfortable in navigating the online environment.

Anna and Phillippa are both members of the Zonta Club of Christchurch Canterbury and Nikola is a member of the Hawkes Bay Club. Anna has been a member of Zonta since 2004. She has a professional background in finance and sales. She sees this workshop as an extension of her goals to improve the access and usage for all members and to initiate continual improvement for the Districts web and social media presence.

Phillippa has been a member of Zonta since 2007. She is the CEO/Founder of Pinnacle&Co. (formerly Mega Advertising) in Christchurch. Phillippa and her creative team at Pinnacle&Co. have built the last two D16 websites. She is also a Guru on Facebook for businesses, and has delivered over 150 seminars.

Nikola is an environmental, health and safety professional with a 3-year-old son who keeps her pretty busy. As the current President of Hawkes Bay Zonta club and the immediate past Webmaster Nikola has had direct involvement with assisting members to access Zonta Facebook and the websites. From hands-on club nights to conference workshops Nikola loves to make these accessible to all people. With over ten years in Zonta she’s looking forward to renewing contacts at Conference.



Making our Service Count

Presented by: Philippa Nixon and Helen Carter

How well do your Club Service projects align with the Zonta Vision and Mission? Do your Club Service projects involve “active participation” in “hands on service” or is it actually a fundraising project?



Our current District 16 Service Chair and immediate past District 16 Service Chair will give you an overview of what is happening in District 16 so you can learn what other clubs are doing and benchmark your own activities using the local service projects guide. Learn about the Zonta International Service Recognition Programme and think about submitting your Club’s project for recognition at Convention.



Philippa is a member of the Zonta Club of Wanganui and Helen is a member of the Zonta Club of Timaru. As they are both standing for District positions their profiles are included with the Slate of Candidates.
