

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 1990S

Fundraisers: Zontians worked hard fundraising for projects and service during the 1990s. Major fundraisers included: Open Gardens initiated in 1997, rose cards, fashion parades, selling of Bendigo Easter Fair Raffle tickets and the Mud Brick houses tour. Other events included Pasta nights, Mad Hatters picnics on Melbourne Cup day, and member vigneron Pam Vine initiated "Jazz in the Vines" in 1998-9. Golf days, films, art exhibitions, a Rock 'n Roll night, mystery flight raffle and a monthly trading table.

Advocacy / IWD: IWD dinners started- celebrating women's achievements and underwrote funding for scholarships

Service: In addition to the club's Day Centre, by 1993 the club's Homeless of Bendigo Project was operating. Toiletry items, food packs, linen and warm clothing sourced from businesses or donated by members and packed toiletry bags were provided to St Luke's Family Care, Eaglehawk Youth Accommodation Group and Emergency Accommodation and Support Enterprise (EASE) and the Community Policing squad. In 1996 the Club also donated a TV and video to EASE and furnished a room at the Golden Oakes nursing home.

Significant donations were made supporting community health issues: Palliative Care, Critical Care unit Bendigo Hospital for a syringe pump and equipment, the Community Policing squad for an answering machine, Mt Alvernia Hospital for a breast prosthesis kit and the Ambulance service received \$1500 for a defibrillator.

Smaller donations went to: Haemophilia Foundation; Motor Neurone Society, Interchange respite care; Breast screen; Centre Against Sexual Assault, the Breast Cancer Network and Women's Health Group and the Community Preparation Art Program for people with disability.