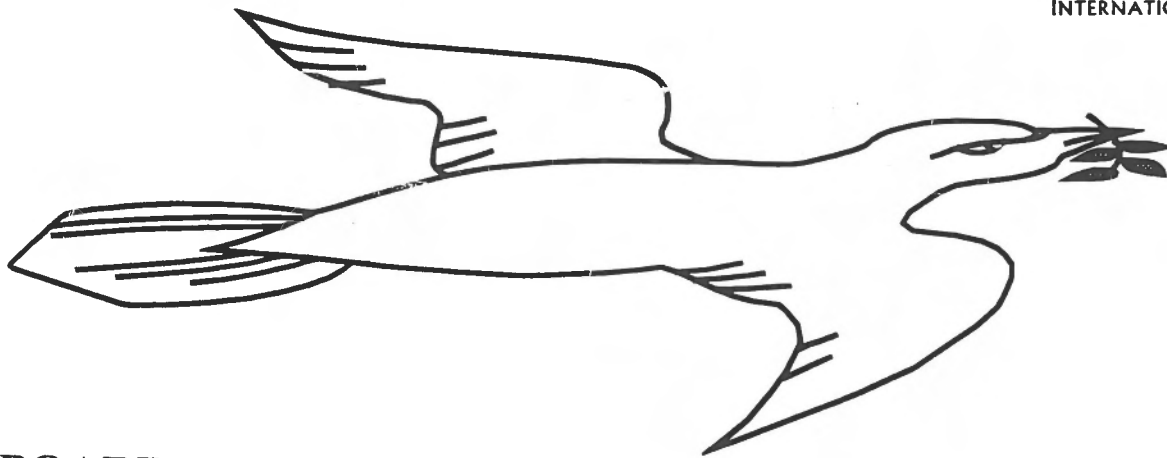


ZONTA INTERNATIONAL CLUB OF BRISBANE NORTH INC. NEWSLETTER

JUNE 1999



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PREDIDENT'S MESSAGE

At the dinner meeting in May, a tribute was paid to Noeleen Foggon who completed two years in the role of President of our Club. During Noeleen's term of office the Club has gone ahead in leaps and bounds. There have been many activities that the Club has participated in over the last two years and there has been an influx of many new members which has brought strength and vigour to the Club.

Noeleen has been a great President and under her excellent leadership it has been a pleasure working with her.

Many thanks to Noeleen for the great amount of time, effort and enthusiasm that she has put into the club.

Brisbane North is 21

On Friday 25 June, the Club will celebrate its 21st birthday at the United Service Club. Ms Jan Taylor, BA LLB, will be guest speaker. Jan is Managing Director of Jan Taylor and Associates (JTA) Consultancy firm established in 1992 subsequent to her resignation as Queensland's Commissioner for Consumer Affairs. Jan is also a Director of RACQ and of other organisations. She is Chair of the Australian Council of Business Women, President of Epilepsy Queensland Incorporated and has recently been appointed to the State Council of Women Chiefs of Enterprise. We hope that many members of our club will be able to attend with their partners and friends to help celebrate our first 21 years. A warm invitation is extended also to other clubs in Area 3. We would love to see as many of you at the dinner as possible.

I regard it as a great privilege and honour to be coming in as President of Brisbane North and know that there is a great group of people from whom to draw inspiration, enthusiasm, advice and support. I look forward to hearing your ideas for the next two years in the coming months.

Mary Mahoney

ZONTA CLUB OF BRISBANE NORTH

21st Birthday Party

Date: Friday, 25 June 1999
Time: 7.00pm for 7.30pm
Venue: United Service Club
Guest Speaker: Ms Jan Taylor



For further information please contact Vicki Lomax, telephone and facsimile (07) 3289 1382.

DIARY DATES

JUNE 15

21st Birthday Party Planning Committee meets. At President Mary Mahoney's office, 201 Logan Road, Buranda, 5.30 pm. (Mary's telephone 3391 7099.

JUNE 19

Zonta Fair Committee Meeting - all members welcome. At home of Joan Sheridan, 57 Castile St., Indooroopilly. 2.00 pm.

JUNE 25

Zonta Club of Brisbane North's 21ST BIRTHDAY PARTY!!! At United Service Club, 183 Wickham Tce., Spring Hill. 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm. \$55.00 all inclusive per person. See you there! NB: This replaces our normal second-Monday-of -the-month dinner meeting - if anyone needs reminding!

JULY 31

ZONTA FAIR at Robertson Park, Indooroopilly Road, Indooroopilly. 7.00 am to 12 noon. Official opening by Councillor June O'Connell at 9 am. Proceeds to Karuna Hospice Services.

SEPTEMBER 24-26

ZONTA DISTRICT 24 CONFERENCE, University of Southern Queensland, Toowoomba.

OUR 21ST BIRTHDAY BASH:

Just imagine a Zonta Dinner with no business discussions, no committee reports. Just plain old fun with the evening given up to fellowship. Bliss! However, procedure is just a little different. The official invitation gives explicit instructions, but it is possible that some were not present when copies were handed out. So here is a repeat of those instructions: RSVP by 14th June, 1999 with cheque payable to Zonta Club of Brisbane North Inc. to Jocelyn Grant-Taylor, 3/42 Greer St., Bardon, Qld. 4065. Telephone (07) 3217 5804. State whether you are bringing a companion or two. As advised in Diary Dates the cost per person is \$55.00 which is all inclusive.

SOME FAIR REMINDERS

We cannot have too many goods for sale at our Zonta Fair. So keep collecting a stack of pre-loved books and clothes for those respective stalls. Jocelyn will take any cast-off utensils, crockery or other useful objects, even the not-so-useful to you but bound to be someone else's treasure. NOTE: NO ELECTRICAL GOODS. THESE ARE BANNED BY LAW. Mary and June will take all your spare diamonds for their jewellery stall. They also cater to the fanciful notions of our youngest patrons ranging from children's books, through bangles and baubles ("something for Mummy") to the fairy from the top of a Christmas tree or similar trinket. And its battle stations for all our cooks to stock the cake stall with cakes, biscuits, sweets, etc. The cake stall sells out fast so it never can be over-supplied. If by any stray chance members still wonder what they can do or give they should study the very comprehensive memo prepared by Fair Convenor Joan Sheridan. Better still, come to the Fair Committee Meeting on June 19 as mentioned in Diary Dates. And if you have not donated to Kathy Thomson's Monster Raffle please do so. This does not have to be anything extravagant - although that would be nice if anyone is in an expansive mood. But packets of tea, meal enhancers like chutneys, soups, sweets, etc. will all help.

THE BACK PAGE

Well, keep those Newsletters flowing, have great Change-Over Dinners, and get ready for another Zonta year come 1st June.

May I take this opportunity to thank all club office bearers for 1998-1999, be they Presidents, Vice Presidents to Committee Chairmen..... to that treasured attendance Zontian, for their efforts on our behalf, and a thank you to all Zontians in Area 3 for a job well done. Another year of opportunity for service awaits us all. Let's make sure it is fun.

All the best in Zonta.

Elizabeth (Heber)



Call to Conference

It is my pleasure to invite all Zontians to the 1999 District 24 Conference - themed "Changing Gears - Challenging Years".

An interesting program has been designed to consider Zonta in its 80th year - 1999 moving towards 2019. We propose to pick up the challenge of the biennium - The new Millennium. A Voyage of Discovery, Sharing our Stories, Listening, Talking, Learning. All sessions and functions will be held at the beautiful and convenient University of Southern Queensland.

Conference Registration from 2pm Friday 24 September

Shop Opening Friday 4pm

Opening Ceremony Friday 6.30pm

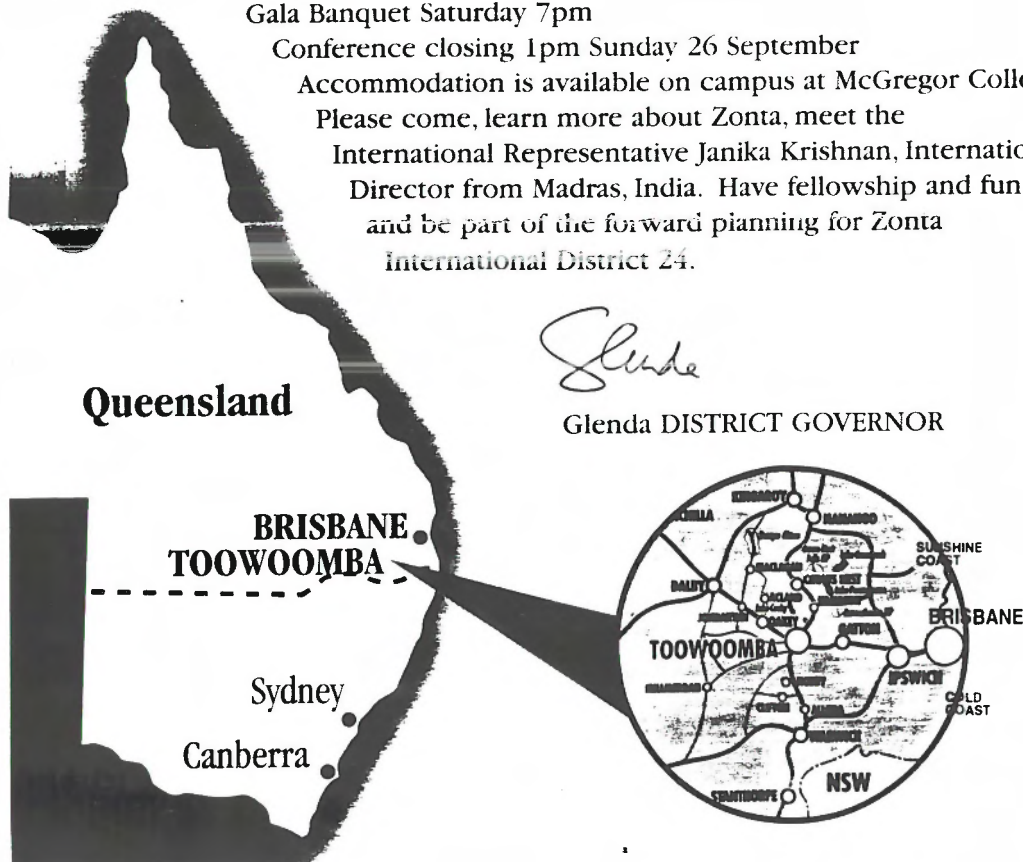
Gala Banquet Saturday 7pm

Conference closing 1pm Sunday 26 September

Accommodation is available on campus at McGregor College.

Please come, learn more about Zonta, meet the International Representative Janika Krishnan, International Director from Madras, India. Have fellowship and fun and be part of the forward planning for Zonta International District 24.

Glenda DISTRICT GOVERNOR



**ZONTA INTERNATIONAL CLUB
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NEWSLETTER
FEBRUARY 1999**

to all members and their families

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DIARY DATES:

February 8 **FEBRUARY DINNER MEETING:** At United Service Club, 183 Wickham Tce, Spring Hill, 6.30pm for 7pm. GUEST SPEAKER is Area Director for the 1999-2000 Biennium, Elizabeth Heber, who will pay her first visit in that capacity to Brisbane North. Be there! It's a VIP occasion! Also our newest member Gina Brosnan will be inducted. Be sure to seek her out and make her welcome. DON'T FORGET NAME BADGES. APOLOGIES: to be made to Jocelyn Grant Taylor (Phone 3217 5804) before 9am on day of dinner meeting. Otherwise your dinner must be paid for.
February 27-28 **Area 3 Meeting** at Caloundra. See enclosed Program and registration forms.
March 8 **International Women's Day** Breakfast Celebrations. Plaza Ballroom, Brisbane Convention Centre. Hosted by UNIFEM. 6.45am for 7am. Cost \$38 (Concessions \$27.00)
March 8 **Zonta Rose Day**
March 13 **Zonta Club of Brisbane East Inc. Charity 10th Birthday Dinner.** Hilton Hotel. Guest Speaker Betty Byrne-Henderson AO. Proceeds for Qld Skin Bank.
September 24-26 District Conference, Toowoomba

Long term planning:
July 9-13, 2000. Zonta International Convention,

preceded by opening of International Art Exhibition on July 8



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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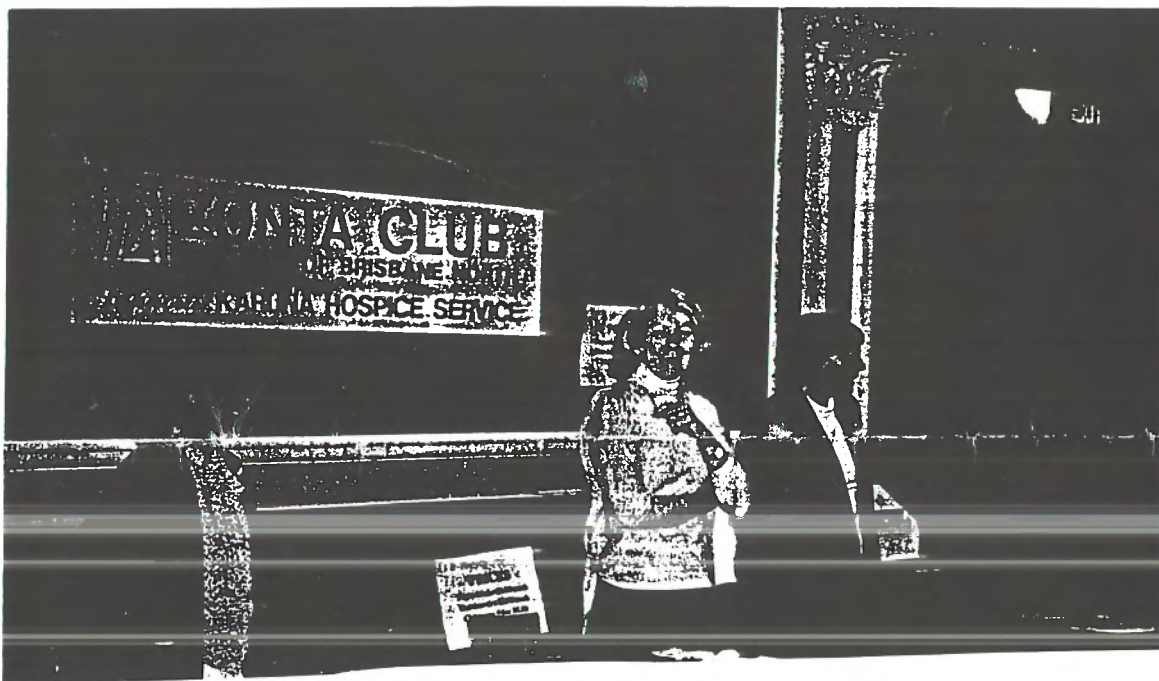
Firstly, I would like to wish members a successful year in all aspects of your life; personal, professional and Zonta related.

Even though we have been in recess through the "silly" season, quite a lot has been happening. Each Brisbane club was requested to nominate two members with particular skills/interest in HR and DV for a program in conjunction with the Status of Women Dept within the Office of the Prime Minister. Business Against Domestic Violence is targeted at the workplace level and will be launched at a function in Brisbane early this year. Jenni Watt and Thea Biesheuvel are the representatives from our Club - we will learn more from Jenni and Thea at the next meeting.

Zonta clubs worldwide were requested to write to Kofi Annan, UN Secretary-General and extend congratulations on the 50th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

Registration/Programme for the Area 3 Workshop is enclosed. The programme is exciting with prominent speakers and interesting workshops - do make every effort to attend - it is an excellent opportunity for members to learn more about Zonta, to meet and share ideas with other Zontians and to learn about social change through advocacy.

We received a nice thank you from Lyn Moorfoot of Karuna for our latest donation. Lyn also thanked us warmly for the hospitality extended to Hilary and herself at the Christmas party. Karuna wishes all members "a happy and prosperous New Year and a very satisfying Zonta calendar in 1999". I have reproduced below a photo Lyn enclosed of one of their functions proudly displaying the support given by Zonta Brisbane North.



APOLOGIES TO CHRIS. Chris Christensen contributed a very informative (and stomach-churning) article about the ZI 1998-2000 project - Prevention of Female Genital Circumcision in Burkina Faso, Central Africa. Because of the number of enclosures with this Newsletter, this article is being held over for the March issue. Thanks, Chris.

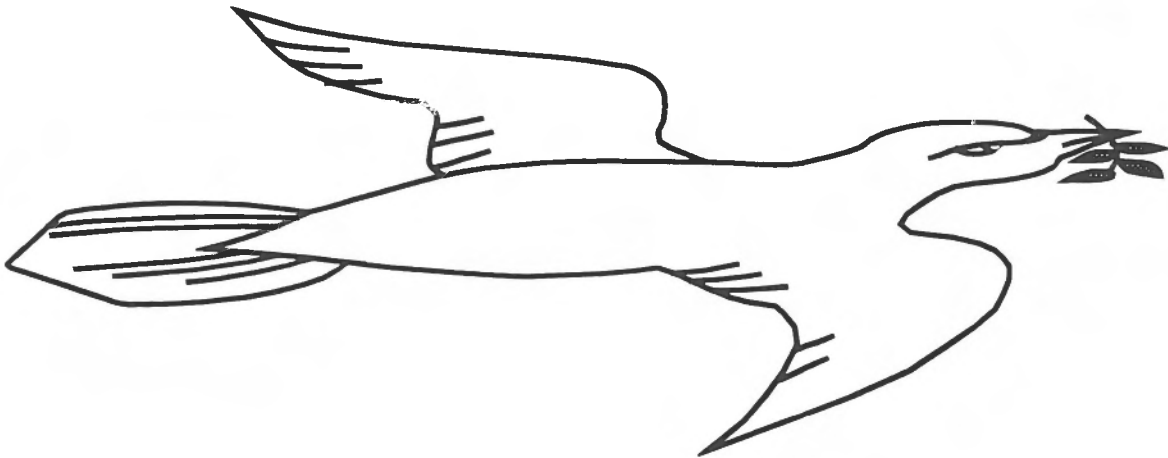
IN BRIEF: Former Brisbane North member Ryl Gardner (nee Hiskins) and husband Paul are proud parents of a son to be known as Rowan. Dr. Colette Sheridan former Rockhampton Zontian, frequent visitor to our Club and daughter of our member Joan is off to England to further studies in gynaecology and obstetrics.

ZONTA INTERNATIONAL CLUB OF BRISBANE NORTH INC. NEWSLETTER

MARCH 1999

1998-2000 Biennial Goals

1. To promote the power of one
2. To strengthen membership
3. To advance the status of women through advocacy
4. To build our foundation for the future



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President's Message

Our last meeting was really great - from the feedback I have had it was a huge success - Elizabeth's talk on "What Zonta Is Not" was well received. I phoned Elizabeth to personally thank her on your behalf for her inspired words. In turn, we received a lovely letter from her thanking us for inviting her and for the lovely flowers.

I was very pleased to hear today from Elizabeth that a large contingent from our Club will be attending the Area 3 Workshop. No doubt, we will have lots to report back to the Club at the next meeting.

The District Governor has asked our Club to provide attendance at the Zonta stand at the UNIFEM breakfast on International Women's Day. Anne- Maree O'Connell, with assistance from Chris Christensen, is setting up the display - if you would like to help before or after the breakfast I am sure Anne-Maree would welcome a call.

I will be a late arrival at the next meeting - Jenny Grant-Taylor has kindly agreed to chair the meeting until such time as I arrive... ...*Noeleen*



AREA 3 MEETING: As Noeleen predicts in her President's Message our 12 members who attended the weekend meeting have been given much to think and talk about.

We worked up a particularly fine head of steam at the workshops that followed the address by the keynote speaker of the fourth session. This was the Hon. Justice Margaret McMurdo, President of the Queensland Court of Appeal and a member of the Zonta Club of Brisbane. The theme of her talk was Advance the Status of Women through Advocacy - or as Margaret explained, enlist the powerful to plead one's cause. Her talk covered such subjects as female genital mutilation, physical abuse against women, rape, et.al.

District 24 of Zonta International will take the first steps in advocacy on March 24 next, by joining in the Federal Government's Business Against Domestic Violence Initiative Breakfast. This will be launched at the Park Royal Hotel, Alice St., City. 7 am. to 9 am. A giant step forward. No doubt one will need to book early for this one.

Interesting guest of Area 3 at the week-end was Paula Duncan who chaired a workshop on physical abuse of women and children at Aboriginal settlements. Of Aboriginal descent, married to an Anglican clergyman Paula is writing a book on Aboriginal humour. Should do quite a lot to help the reconciliation process. Paula told us that in every Aboriginal community is to be found a strong woman to shoulder the awesome burden of her people's problems.

CHRIS.CHRISTENSEN: Kindly supplied an amount of information on female genital mutilation of which owing to space just an excerpt is included. Chris. supplied another interesting contribution on Zonta Statistics but that will keep for our 21st birthday newsletter in June.

BUSY BARBARA: Barbara Newton provided the interesting news that she is now a travel agent - or to be more correct she now is a part-owner of a travel agency at the GoldCoast. Fear not, Barbara still will be based in Brisbane.

Diary Dates

- March 7 NEW MEMBERS MORNING TEA at 10 am. preceded by regular monthly meeting of Membership Committee at 9.30 am. sharp. Venue: Lynette's home, 69 Brisbane Corso Fairfield.
- March 8 MONTHLY DINNER MEETING: At United Service Club, 183 Wickham Tce., Spring Hill. 6.30 pm. for 7.00 pm. Guest Speaker: Christine Dauber (one of our newest members) Topic: Mr. Guggenheim and The Bull. Apologies to be made to Jocelyn Grant-Taylor (Phone 3217 5804) before 9 am. on day of dinner. Otherwise your dinner must be paid for.
- March 8 International Women's Day Breakfast. Plaza Ballroom, Brisbane Convention Centre. 6.45 a.m. for 7 am.
- March 8 Zonta Rose Day.
- March 9 International Women's Day Cocktail Party Fashion Parade and Garment Auction. At West End Club, 2 Vulture St., West End Club, 2 Vulture St., West End. 6 pm. \$20.00 a ticket. Proceeds go to emergency funds for Women Victims of Domestic Violence.
- March 9 Zonta Club of Brisbane West Shoe Party at home of Jenny Smyth, 260 Jesmond Rd. (cnr. Rodean St.) Fig Tree Pocket. 7.15 pm. for 7.30 pm. Shoes made to order and delivered on April 9. Enquiries 3378 3777 (AH).
- March 13 Zonta Club of Brisbane East Inc. Charity Birthday Dinner. At Hilton Hotel. 7pm. Proceeds to Queensland Skin Bank. Tickets \$65.00. Phone: Bev. Farley 3265 1525.
- March 14 Zonta Club of Toowoomba Garden City Gourmet Champagne Breakfast. Aerobic Hanger. Toowoomba Airport. 8.30 am. for 9 am. SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER: NANCY BIRD-WALTON. (Famous pioneer woman pilot). Tickets \$30.00 each. Proceeds to The Royal Flying Doctor Service and The Skin Bank, Royal Brisbane Hospital. Phone: 4638 1845 or 4632 4522.
- March 14 Zonta Club of Brisbane South Inc. Afternoon Tea and Fashion Parade by Priscilla's Boutique to celebrate Zonta Rose Day. At Inn on the Park, 507 Coronation Drive, Toowong. Tickets \$20.00. Telephone enquiries: Shirley Kidd 3371 1380; Jan Monteath 3369 2213. Proceeds to aid Fight Against Domestic Violence.
- March 24 Business Against Domestic Violence - Initiative Breakfast. At Park Royal Hotel, Alice St. City. 7 am. to 9 am.
- PLEASE NOTE: This is a FEDERAL GOVERNMENT INITIATIVE in which Zonta International District 24¹ is joining. It is very pertinent to the workshop discussions at the Area 3 Meeting at Caloundra. See main body of Newsletter.
- March 27 Brisbane North Zonta Fair Committee meets at home of Convenor Joan Sheridan, 57 Castile St., Indooroopilly. At 2 pm. First meeting of year. ALL members welcome. Ring Joan Tele. 3870 9870 if you want directions - or re-assuring of a warm welcome.

A Report: female genital mutilation

From Chris Christensen (Status of Women Committee)

The Zonta International Project in Burkina Faso

Zonta has standing policies against Female Genital Circumcision (FGC). UNICEF policy regards FGC as violating the human rights of women and girls, causing health hazards and as an act of violence. FGC is a violation of girls' human rights as defined by both the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child and the UN Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women.

Of the 14 provinces in Burkina Faso where a high prevalence of FGC has been revealed by a government survey, 7 will be particularly targeted for training and support by UNICEF. These provinces will be the focus of **Zonta International's** support. The activities of the project are:

1. increasing awareness of FGC and its consequences by community based consultations and training sessions in conjunction with government ministries dealing with education, health, water and sanitation, involving community leaders, traditional chiefs, women's associations, parent-teacher and student associations.
2. awareness-raising at village level involving resource persons and opinion leaders in work with parents, grandparents and youth. Will complement UNICEF efforts to keep girls in school longer, delaying marriage and improving access to health services.
3. targeting the women who perform the circumcisions, and those who support FGC with both legal and public relations campaigns.

The ZI pledge is for \$US350,000. The goal is to reduce the incidence of FGC in the seven provinces of Burkina Faso from 63.35% to 30% in the year 2000.

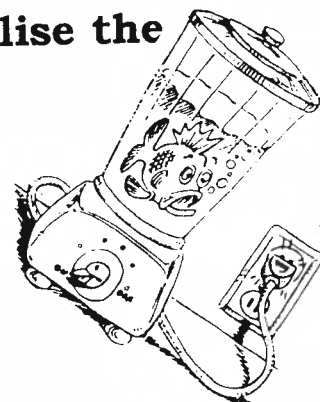
Odds and Ends

I was recommended to read the book *Desert flower* by *Waris Dirie*. Waris is a very beautiful Somali woman who ran away from her nomadic family when about to be given by her father in an arranged marriage to an elderly man. She eventually got to London, achieved international success as a fashion model, and more recently works with the UN Population Fund as an Ambassador for the Elimination of FGM. Waris had undergone infibulation at the age of five and describes this in its painful detail in her book. In Somalia it is estimated that 98% of women undergo FGM. Her book is well worth reading!!

I have also, through a mutual friend, made contact with a young Somali woman living here in Brisbane, **Leila Abukar**. Over the past eight years, Leila and her family have been refugees, with tragic losses of near relatives. Leila herself was at risk for campaigning against female genital mutilation in the refugee camp. In Brisbane, Leila has received support from Scroptomist International Brisbane South. She hopes to commence Social Studies at the University of Queensland this year. Leila and members of her family are living at Moorooka. Leila would be very happy to come and talk to the Club at one of our dinner meetings.

On a lighter note

Remember those member profiles? If you haven't given Glenda a "life summary", please put pen to paper and bring one in next meeting. We are trying to finalise the current folder.

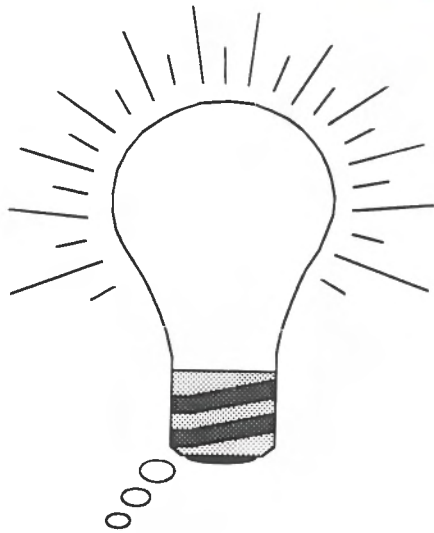


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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This has been a very busy month for our club. The Area 3 weekend meeting was well-attended by Brisbane North club and it was pleasing to have the company of so many of our members - 12 in all. The workshops engendered a lot of discussion and I think we all came away from the meeting with a renewed idea of the Zontian values.

Planning for the Fair and the 21st Birthday for our club is well-under way. For our many new members, the Fair is the main fund raiser of our year. The first meeting for both celebrations, held at the home of Joan Sheridan on March 27th, was attended by a cross-section of new and old members. The main thing to remember is "don't throw anything out before July - bring it along to the Fair for us to sell".

At District 24 conference at Toowoomba in September this year, the division of the district into two new districts will be considered. Could I ask members to think about how this division will be made. There is a copy of a memo from Glenda McChesney Clark (District 24 Governor) regarding this division in the Newsletter - please read it and discuss with other club members. Also for noting, the deadline for motions and by-laws for the conference is 1st May.

Finally, but by no means a small issue for the club, I have some "local" news to pass on to members. Glen Marshall is recovering at home from surgery under the tender loving care of Peter, her son (an Hon. Zontian) and Diane Loutit has indicated that she too is recovering well from her surgery and is rearing to go. Mercia Ferrier's husband Ian (another Hon. Zon.) has not been well and Mercia and Ian are in our thoughts. For new members - "Hon. Zon." status is gained by the long-term help these partners have given to our club. We are also looking forward to news from Ruth and Tim Bradhurst on the very imminent birth of their baby.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the next meeting.

Noeleen

GUEST SPEAKER FOR NEXT DINNER MEETING

Our guest speaker is Rosamund Siemon, historian and author of *The Mayne Inheritance* which tells the tragic story of the Mayne family whose fortune provided, amongst other things, the St Lucia campus for the University of Queensland.

APOLOGIES FOR THE DINNER MEETING:

To be made to Jocelyn Grant Taylor, phone 3217 5804 before 9am on day of dinner meeting. You may also register special meal requirements in this way.

Diary Dates

- April 12 Monthly Dinner Meeting, United Service Club, 183 Wickham St, City. 6.30 for 7pm start (fellowship). Guest speaker is historian and author Rosamund Siemon. The winner of the Young Women in Public Affairs award, Amy Tidbold, will also be present.
- April 14 ZC of Redcliffe, BBQ at Parliament House. \$25 per head. RSVP Linda Lavarch 3205 6779. Book early - numbers are limited.
- April 17 Meeting for all club members to discuss plans for the club's 21st birthday party. At the home of Joan Sheridan, 57 Castile Street, Indooroopilly. Phone 3870 9879. It's YOUR party so come and give those helpful suggestions.
- April 21 ZC of Brisbane. Art Show at Riverhouse Galleries, Oxlade Drive (cnr Brunswick St) New Farm. 6.30 for 7.00pm start. \$25 per head includes champagne supper.
- April 24 ZC of Stanthorpe Charter Presentation Dinner, Happy Valley Vineyard. Dinner dance. RSVP by April 10th to 07 4683 2006.
- April 29 Club theatre party for David Williamson's comedy at Optus Playhouse, Southbank. 7.30pm. Price \$45. Contact Jocelyn Grant-Taylor 3271 5804 before or at the April dinner meeting
- May 16 ZC of Pine Rivers Charity Golf Day. Samford valley Country Club, \$17-50 each, registration with Richard, 3289 2070 by May 12th.
- June 19 Fair committee meeting for all members. At the home of Joan Sheridan, 2pm. (57 Castile St, Indooroopilly)
- June 25 ZC of Brisbane North (THAT'S US!!) 21st Birthday Party. At the United Service Club, 7.00pm for 7.30pm. \$55 each, all inclusive. PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS REPLACES THE NORMAL JUNE MEETING.
- July 31st Zonta Fair
- July ? Oxford Cultural Holiday Week (ask for leaflet at Dinner Meeting)

SOMETHING TO TALK ABOUT:

A memo from District Governor Glenda McChesney-Clark urges us to consider and discuss the proposed division of our District. The details are on the back page of the newsletter.

SOMETHING TO SMILE ABOUT:

Purloined by candle-lighting through the newsletter of ZC of Brisbane: *Smile - people will wonder what you've been up to.*





Glenda McChesney-Clark

District 24
Governor, 1998 - 2000

MEMORANDUM

Re: DIVISION OF THE DISTRICT

In readiness for the District Conference 24 -26 September 1999, discussions about the division of the district have already been taking place at the club level and at the recent District Board meeting 6/7 February . The District Board has asked that I draw your attention to the need to consider all factors in relation to this issue.

These factors were identified as:

- The reality v perception (the reality of what decision was made at the 1997 conference and the reality of what can be done)
- The membership numbers and dues - present
- future
- possible new clubs
- Management of Divisions - workload
- efficiency
- expenditure involved
- People involved - isolation
- perceived fragmentation
- emotional
- Global v Parochial (including the location of boundaries)- State
- National
- International

I would also like to draw your attention to the Minutes/Report from the Fourth Biennial District 24 Conference held in Brisbane 25 -28 September 1997, page 12, para 3, the resolution passed which reads: "That as from the year 2000 Zonta International Hawaii convention the existing District 24 be reconstructed to form two new Districts" In favour =70 Against =7.

If you wish to discuss the division of the district issues, please do not hesitate to contact your Area Director, myself or other Board members.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Glenda McChesney-Clark".

Glenda McChesney-Clark
District 24, Governor

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PREDIDENT'S MESSAGE

We have a new Hon Zon to welcome into the Club - Amelia (?) Bradhurst - first child for Ruth and Tim who are just ecstatic - congratulations to you both. When I phoned Ruth she was over the moon, having been visited by Joan Sheridan bearing a gift of a stuffed animal on behalf of all members. Let us hope little Amelia likes flowers - Ruth plans on returning to work any day with Amelia in tow.

It must be the time for overseas departures. Joan and Norman Sheridan are off to Shropshire to visit daughter, Collette at Shrewbury Hospital. Glenda Gobe, has business in Argentina and Iran where she is addressing a conference - it is not all dreary work as Gary is accompanying her and they are going to spend some leisure time in Argentina and London. June and Bill Halliday will shortly be leaving to link up with their medico son working at Exeter Hospital for a family get together with the grandchildren in Italy, in land from Sorrento. Bon voyage to you all and safe travelling.

21st Birthday plans are progressing - the next meeting for that Committee is Monday, 24th May. If you have been unable to make it to any of the meetings but have ideas you would like to contribute, please contact Vicki Lomax who is co-ordinating the arrangements.

Our next meeting is the AGM - District Governor Glenda McChesney-Clark will be with us to induct the new Board - please make a special effort to be there.

Noleen



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Inquiries: (07) 3217-2544

**SURVIVORS OF
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
FOUNDATION LAUNCH**

**WITH
IAN POWER,
ANNA BLIGH MLA &
PATRON LENEEN FORDE**

Come and join us for a three-course meal, wonderful entertainment, a fund raising auction and a chance to win a holiday to Kingfisher Resort.

Date: Wednesday 12 May 1999

Time: 7pm for 7:15pm

Venue:

"Yungaba on the River"
120 Main Street
Kangaroo Point
Lounge Suit

Dress:

**I AM UNABLE TO ATTEND BUT WOULD LIKE TO DONATE A
TICKET TO ENABLE A DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SURVIVOR TO
BE PRESENT AT THE LAUNCH.**

Name _____ Phone _____
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Number of Tickets Donated _____ @ \$45 each. \$ _____

I enclose my cheque for \$ _____
Made payable to Domestic Violence Resource Centre

Thank You.

Please send all cheques to

Domestic Violence Resource Centre
PO Box 3278
South Brisbane
BC 4101

DIARY DATES

8 June Changeover Meeting - 876199 6.00
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 1638

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MAY 10

Monthly Dinner Meeting, United Service Club,
 183 Wickham Terrace, Spring Hill. 6.30 for 7.00 pm.
 NOTE: This is a Changeover Dinner, an important event
 for the Club wherein the newly-elected Board is
 inducted by District 24 Governor, Glenda McChesney-
 Clark. Our new Board is: President: Mary Mahoney;
 Vice-President: Elizabeth Gill; Treasurer: Jennie
 Watt; Correspondence Secretary: Elizabeth Fraser;
 Minutes Secretary: Thea Biesheuvel; Directors:
 Chris. Christensen; Jenny Grant-Taylor, Dianne
 Loutit, Kathy Thomson. Be there at this important
 ceremony.

Dinner
 Providence
 7.45

147
 Alexandra
 Rd.
 Clayfield

MAY 24

APOLOGIES: To be made to Jocelyn Grant-Taylor,
 Telephone 3217 5804 before 9 am on the day of the
 dinner meeting. You may order special diet
 requirements, if any, at the same time.

Planning committee for our Club's 21st Birthday Party
 meets at office of Mary Mahoney, 201 Logan Road,
 Buranda. 5.00 pm.

JUNE 19

Zonta Fair Committee meeting for all members at home
 of Joan Sheridan, 57 Castile St., Indooroopilly. 2pm.
 (Should be interesting to see how Joan copes with
 jet-lag at this one. She arrives home from six weeks
 in England the day before!)

JUNE 25

Zonta Club of Brisbane North 21st Birthday Party,
 United Service Club 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm. \$55.00
 each, all inclusive. PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS REPLACES
 THE NORMAL JUNE MEETING.

JULY 31

ZONTA FAIR, Robertson Park 7 am. to 12 noon. Proceeds
 to Karuna Hospice Services. Official opening by
 Councillor June O'Connell at 9.00 am.
 A REMINDER: The Monster Raffle, always a feature
 of the Fair requires all sorts of contributions
 which should be handed to the convenor Kathy Thomson
 at the MAY OR JULY meetings. It may come as a shock,
 but we have only these two meetings before the Fair.
 So relieve Kathy's burden by bringing along any sort
 of tasteful item - wine, gourmet or general food
 items, chocolates, soap, unusual teas or coffees,
 sweets. Most importantly, DON'T FORGET that Kathy
 needs help to make this a great Fair drawcard.



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 Come and see our great range of clothing, table and
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Where? The former Presbytery
 St. Ambrose Catholic Parish
 52 Enoggera Road
 Newmarket.

THE BACK PAGE

It figures ... !!!

Maybe no one but a statistician (though accountants should come close) would be so fascinated by all the lists and figures in the District 24 Directory 1998-1999, that they would be inspired to write a paragraph for the Newsletter? It probably ranks with reading the telephone book?

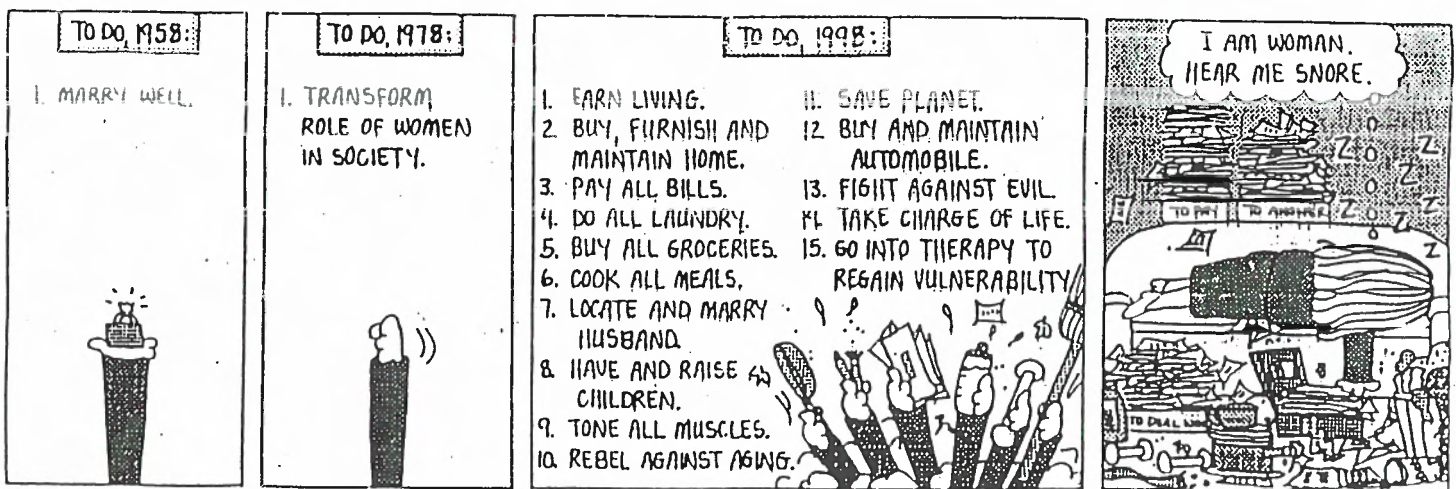
However, as a Charter Member, and with our 21st coming up shortly, I was interested to find the following:

- **Brisbane North** is the second oldest Club in Area 3, **Brisbane** being seven years older, and there are 11 other Clubs younger than us in the Area.
- **Brisbane North** is the tenth oldest Club in District 24, the older Clubs being **Sydney** (1966), **Canberra** (1969), **Brisbane** (1971), **Sydney North** (1972), **Warringah** (1975), **Armidale** (1976), **Tamworth** (1977), **Wollongong** (Jan. 1978), **Toowoomba** (Jan. 1978), and there are 58 other Clubs younger than us in the District.
- **Brisbane North** was the 852nd Zonta Club formed in the world (*I am assuming here that the numbers 24-03-0852 indicate our District, Area, and sequence internationally.*) **Coff's Harbour**, 24.02.1588, seems to have the highest allocated international sequence number in our District.
- The most recent *Zontian* tells us there are currently 1202 Clubs in 68 countries and geographical areas, with a total of 34,634 Zontians. (There will, of course, over the decades of Zonta's existence, have been many Clubs which have closed down.)

Does this make other Charter Members realize what pioneers we were? - joining this group of women with the strange-sounding (American, of course) name of Zonta? Does it not also make us aware of the growing presence of women in "executive positions in business and the professions" in Australia?"

Apart from the statistics, and assuming we can have the "reunion" that is being planned for our Birthday this year, won't we all look forward to seeing again some of the delightful and talented women who have been members at times over our twenty-one years. At the same time we will remember those we can't see again - I think particularly of Helen Row (our "founder"), Helen Lahey and Jennifer Blocksidge - but whose contributions are entwined in the memories of those who knew them, and in the ethos of the Club as it welcomes newer members.

Chris Christensen



This contribution from Jennie Watt (thanks Jennie) is timely. Doctors in Britain have just identified a new disease - it's called the "hurry disease" which leaves the sufferer all burned out. You have been warned!

ZONTA INTERNATIONAL CLUB OF BRISBANE NORTH INC.

NEWSLETTER

JULY 1999



NB. LAST NEWSLETTER
BEFORE
THE ZONTA FAIR
SATURDAY 31ST JULY
8AM, ROBERTSON PARK,
INDOOROOPILLY



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And

FAIR CONVENOR: JOAN SHERIDAN, PHONE 3870 9879

PREDIDENT'S MESSAGE

21st Birthday Celebration

Our 21st Birthday Dinner was held at the United Service Club on Friday, 25 June and was a great success. We were delighted that Glenda McChesney-Clark, District 24 Governor and Elizabeth Heber, Area 3 Director were able to attend as well as Past International President, Leneen Forde and members of other clubs in Area 3.

Our first Zonta "baby", Cara Newton, who was born in 1978 to our member Barbara Newton was there with her sister Edwina and our latest Zonta baby, Amelia Bradhurst. At the dinner, 13 of our Charter members were able to attend and there were 8 Past Presidents.

The evening was one of much fellowship and friendship with former members, current members and Honorary Zontians all sharing memories of our last 21 years and catching up on everyone's news.

Many thanks to Vicki Lomax and her Committee for the great organisation and effort they put into making the celebration such a special one.

Congratulations

Warmest congratulations to Kathy Thomson on her "Silver Koala" Award for distinguished service for Scouting which Kathy received at Government House recently.

District 24 Conference

Just a reminder that the District 24 Conference will be held in Toowoomba from 24 – 26 September 1999. If you have never been to Toowoomba to see the Carnival of Flowers now is your chance. The theme of the Conference is "Changing Gears – Challenging Years". It has been designed to consider Zonta in its eightieth year – 1999 moving towards 2019. Looking forward to seeing many members of our Club there.

Mary Mahoney

Happy Birthday!!!!!!!!!!!!

Jean Sinclair celebrated her 80th birthday on 11 June 1999 and Zontians and Honorary Zontians helped Jean celebrate at our 21st Birthday Dinner. Jean continued the partying and celebrations with family and friends the following weekend. Jean was a Charter Member of our Club and was Secretary to the first Board, is our Archivist and has given sterling service with the newsletter. All of us wish Jean much happiness in the years ahead.



"STOP PRESS"

Congratulations to Ulla Zeller on the exciting news of her appointment as Acting Commissioner of the Office of Fair Trading, Department of Equity and Fair Trading.

All of us at Brisbane North wish Ulla a very happy and satisfying time in her new role.

DIARY DATES

JULY 12

Monthly Dinner Meeting at United Service Club, 183 Wickham Terrace, Spring Hill. 6.30 pm. for 7.00 pm.
Apologies to be made to Jocelyn Grant-Taylor before 9 am. on the day of the dinner meeting. Telephone 3217-5804. Those who wish to order a special diet should also ring Jocelyn on that number before 9 am. on the day.
This is an especially important meeting as it is the last one before the Fair with much business to attend to.
Especially:

THE FAIR FLYERS. Members who kindly offered to photocopy Fair Flyers are asked to make sure that they bring their copies (preferably copied on YELLOW paper) to the meeting which can then be handed to members for distribution.

THE MONSTER RAFFLE: Each and every member is requested to bring some contribution for the raffle that Kathy Thomson organises for the Fair. Imagine her dilemma if contributions from members are not forthcoming. Bring something to the July meeting however small- a packet of tea-bags, cake of soap, biscuits, etc. etc.

JULY 31

Zonta Fair at Robertson Park, Indooroopilly Road, Indooroopilly. 7.00 am. to 12 noon. Officially opened at 9.00am. by Councillor June O'Connell. Proceeds to Karuna Hospice Services.

SEPTEMBER

24-26

Zonta District 24 Conference, University of Southern Queensland, Toowoomba.

THE FAIR & BACK TO BASICS!: With our 21st Birthday Party now just the happiest of memories (wasn't it just WOW!) the club has to come down to earth literally - to Robertson Park where we shall stage our 1999 Zonta Fair. Even Vicki Lomax who deserves to rest on some very lush laurels after her magnificent convenorship of the Birthday Party but can't - she is convening the Muffin Stall as usual.

As mentioned in Diary Dates July 12 is our last dinner meeting before the Fair so there is much to be done in the way of finalising plans. Hopefully members have studied the memo put out by Fair Convenor Joan Sheridan providing a complete list of stalls, convenors and helpers. Here is a reminder of who the stall convenors are. Seek them out at the dinner meeting if you have queries:

BOOKS: Jean Sinclair; **PRE-LOVED CLOTHING:** Lynette Liddle; **CAKES, BISCUITS, JAMS, SWEETS & RELISHES:** Lorna Webber; **HOT DOGS, TEA/COFFEE, DRINKS:** Jenny Grant-Taylor; **JEWELLERY & TOYS:** Mary Mahoney & June Halliday; **MUFFINS:** Vicki Lomax; **PLANTS & PRODUCE:** Glen Marshall; **TRASH & TREASURE:** Jocelyn Grant-Taylor; **MONSTER RAFFLE:** Kathy Thomson; **LUCKY BARREL:** Mercia Ferrier; **MATERIAL STALL:** Chris Christensen.

Fair Convenor Joan Sheridan who escaped from her Holy Spirit Hospital bed for a few hours to join in the Birthday frolics (Congratulations, Joan!) is hoping and praying that the weather will be kind and that this will be the greatest Fair ever. If it all turns out that way great will be the celebrations at the customary Castile St. money-counting and partying afterwards - to which all are invited.



THE BACK PAGE

Toast to Honorary Zontians given at our 21st Birthday Dinner by Joan Sheridan

"I was delighted when Mary asked me to propose a toast to the Honorary Zontians of the Zonta Club of Brisbane North as I am aware of the valuable contribution they have made to our club.

As most of you would know we often fondly refer to our Honorary Zontians as hon Zons. When our Club was chartered 21 years ago and members of our Club were referred to as Zontians, there were many people in Brisbane who wondered who these Zontians were - where have they come from, was it a secret organisation, and often it was heard said "are they from outer space?" They became even more curious about the term Hon Zons. However 21 years later that has all changed. The terms Zontians and Hon Zons have become well known and are expressions relevant to very well respected members of the community.

You may ask who are the Hon Zons in our Club. Our Hon Zons have been drawn from several avenues. Many past members of our club, whilst still believing in the aims and objectives of Zonta, but because of work and family commitments can no longer be active members, have chosen to be Honorary Zontians. We are delighted that they have agreed to be Hon Zons and have so appreciated the support they have given. Other Hon Zons are husbands, partners, parents, grandparents and grandchildren and all have given great assistance in so many different ways.

Three of our junior Hon Zons come to mind - one is the charming raffle ticket seller no-one can refuse and the other two are so expert at making cappuccinos and running a food stall. I remember at one function a little fellow not quite two could not resist the temptation of the jewellery stall. With at least 10 strings of pearls around his neck he was seen to be led away by his mother but only after she had paid \$20 for his pleasure. The stall holders wish all customers were so keen to support the Zonta cause - surely an Hon Zon in the making.

Our Honorary Zontians are greatly appreciated by all club members - always ready to offer help and to be involved - whether it be climbing an extension ladder to put up signs for a function in the tallest gum tree, painting sandwich boards with details of a coming event, preparing exotic cocktails at a social function and serving them as well so as to give the members an opportunity for fellowship, selling cakes, hot dogs, trash and treasure, jewellery and books, clothing plants and produce, when help is required, helping to decorate the Children's Ward at the Children's Hospital at Christmas time and playing Santa to the dear little children at a local Women's shelter.

On behalf of all the members of our Club it gives me great pleasure to express a very sincere thank you to our Honorary Zontians for the wonderful contribution they have made to the Club and especially their friendship and encouragement.

Our functions whether fundraising or social would not have been so successful and so enjoyable without your presence.

Well done Honorary Zontians and to those of you who have been supporting us for the past 21 years, Happy Birthday to you too.



ZONTA CLUB OF BRISBANE RIVER IS HAVING
A WINE TASTING

PRESENTED BY BERNADETTE O'SHEA

FRIDAY 27TH AUGUST 1999
6.30 TO 8.30PM
\$25 PER PERSON

50 ELDERNELL TCE, HAMILTON
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BOX 60, SHERWOOD 4075. CHEQUES PAYABLE TO ZONTA
CLUB OF BRISBANE RIVER.

Gympie Zonta Race Day

Saturday 24th July '99

at
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McClintock Park
Gympie

Costs: \$25.00

\$25 gives you
Entry, Fabulous Buffet lunch
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Be Trackside for all the
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Sponsors for races - Retirement,
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WITH CHAMPAGNE AND SANDWICH SUPPER
WHERE YOU CAN MEET THE CAST

12TH NIGHT THEATRE
MONDAY 26TH JULY 1999
CURTAIN TIME 8PM
\$36

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WITH BRITT EKLAND, IAIN FLETCHER AND A WONDERFUL
SUPPORTING CAST
RSVP 12TH JULY 1999, PO BOX 1829 CABOOLTURE, 4510
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Zonta International Club of Brisbane North Inc.



Newsletter JULY 1999

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24 July, 1999

Committees and Meeting Times

All members are expected to attend their respective committee meeting

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<u>Membership</u>	Chairperson: Lynette Liddle. Meets at Lynette's home, 69 Brisbane Corso, Fairfield at 9.30 am on the Sunday prior to the Dinner Meeting
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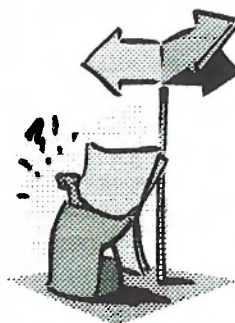


The Minutes of the last Dinner Meeting also has information about times and places for meetings, including some of the sub-committees that are formed from time to time.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

PLANNING FOR THE 21ST CENTURY

In early August, the Sub-Committee working on our Planning Day will meet with the facilitator, Liz Mellish to discuss with Liz what we want to achieve for our Planning Day. Liz is a former member of our Club and is a Fellow of the Institute of Management Consultants. She has a BA, HDPM, MEd, CMC. Members of the Sub-Committee are Thea Biesheuvel, Brunella Novello, Barbara Young, Ulla Zeller and Mary Mahoney.



Shortly we will be canvassing Club members about what directions they wish the Club to be moving in for the future. It is a great opportunity for all members to have an input and we are looking forward to the challenge.

Flowers of Spring

The District 24 Conference is rapidly approaching and will be held in Toowoomba from 24 - 26 September. It coincides with the Carnival of Flowers and is a wonderful time to visit Toowoomba. Many members of our Club plan to attend and there is room for many more to go.

At our July meeting, we voted on some of the Motions which will be put at the Conference so that our delegates have an idea on what our Club wishes. Hope to see you all in Toowoomba.



Mary Mahoney



STOP PRESS - ZONTA FAIR A GREAT SUCCESS!!

Blue skies and lots of people heralded our Zonta Fair at Robertson Park on Sat. 31st July. We've been holding this Fair since 1981 and in the words of one of our members "it was the best one ever".

We raised a lot of money for Karuna Hospice and we were delighted that so many of the team from Karuna were able to be present giving us their help to make the day such a tremendous success. We had wonderful entertainment for the day and thanks go to the River City Clippers Barbershop Chorus, to the Indooroopilly State High School Jazz Ensemble, and the performers from Brigidine College.

One of the highlights was our first ever Busker, five year old Elliot Hastie who entertained us with his violin playing and his enthusiasm and delight in what he was doing touched many hearts. A million thanks to Joan Sheridan for her superb job of convening the Fair and to all the stall convenors and their helpers. Members of the club were out in full force with their help and made this a very friendly, happy occasion. Councillor June O'Connell officially opened our Fair. June is the Opposition Leader in Brisbane City Council and has recently been awarded an Honorary Life Membership of the Association of Women in Local Government. We made a presentation to June for her great support over the years.

The Fair ended with our traditional get-together at Joan and Norman Sheridan's beautiful home and garden and we thank them for their wonderful hospitality.

My thanks to all of you for your fantastic support and help.

Mary Mahoney.

DID YOU KNOW??

The Geneva Convention is 50 years old this month



Peace

Diary Dates

AUGUST 9

Monthly Dinner Meeting at United Services Club, 183 Wickham Tce., Spring Hill. 6.30 pm. For 7.00 pm. Apologies for non-attendance to be made to Jocelyn Grant-Taylor before 9 am. On the day of the dinner meeting. Telephone 3217 5804. Those who require a special diet should also ring through their order to Jocelyn on that number before 9 am. on that day.

GUEST SPEAKER: Cathy Taylor, the recently appointed Legal Aid Coordinator for the Country Women's Network. Cathy was appointed last year to administer a \$500,000 Government Grant to establish this network. Her work is aimed at overcoming that tyranny of distance that isolates country women of the outback from the legal assistance more readily available to their city sisters.



Put the dates on your
Calendar for 1999

AUGUST 12

BRISBANE NORTH HAS A NIGHT AT THE THEATRE? At the time of Newsletter going to press, this was more of a proposal than a definite arrangement. In fact, Newsletter only found out about it by ringing Joan Sheridan on a completely different matter. Sensing some sort of conspiracy Newsletter tracked down the conspirators and accused them of secrecy. No, no, they cried, we hope to take advantage of the fact that members will all be at the Fair and if we get enough people there to respond the Theatre Night will be on. The attraction is *September Tide* by *Daphne du Maurier*, who was writing long before the days of kitchen sink dramas, so presumably performers will all keep their clothes on and use polite language. *Britt Eklund* and *Ian Fletcher* (famed as *Constable Rod Skate* in TV's popular police drama, *The Bill*, are the stars. The club will hear at the meeting if this is definitely on. Meanwhile, contacts are Diane Loutit or Barbara Young. Tickets are \$38, to include drinks and fingerfood. Organisers are members of the Service Committee. The venue is *Twelfth Night Theatre* at Bowen Hills. Time: to be advised.

AUGUST 16

WHITE BALLOON DAY LUNCHEON. Theme: *Breaking the Silence on Child Abuse*, at the Brisbane Hilton, 11.45 am. For 12.30 pm. Cost \$60.00 (Includes pre-lunch drinks and wine) Tables of 10 are \$580. See elsewhere in your Newsletter for the full details. *Apropos* the painful topic of Child Abuse, those who carefully read their *Courier-Mail* of Saturday, July 17, will have seen acknowledgment of Zonta's activities in this regard, especially those of Leneen Forde whom the writer, Tony Koch, saw as the prime mover. He also mentioned that Zonta is not going to let the matter rest as Brisbane Zonta Club already is planning the meeting called by Leneen to be an annual event, to call for progress reports.

SEPTEMBER 24 - 26

ZONTA DISTRICT 24 CONFERENCE. At University of Southern Queensland, Toowoomba, from 2pm. Friday, September 24 to 1 pm. Sunday, September 26

Other Activities.

In case this news has passed you by, we have two more sub-committees, all comprising volunteer members and across other, existing Committees. One is to look at our Planning Strategy and will be facilitated by Liz Mellish, convened by Mary Mahoney. The other is to look at formulating a plan for developing a funding base for the Zonta Club of Brisbane North, convened by Thea Biesheuvel. As already remarked elsewhere, we'll go a long way to look for something as lucrative or as much fun as the Fair, however, it is such hard work for all concerned. Our Planning and Funding strategies when combined, will consolidate our continuing programs into the next Century.

PO Box 368, SPRING HILL. Q.
4004

President: Dr. Mary Mahoney.

Club No. 24 03 0852



Zonta International is a worldwide service organisation of executives in business and the professions working together to advance the status of women.

The Zonta Club of Brisbane North Inc. has just celebrated its 21st birthday and continues to work with those organisations dedicated to advance the status of women in its service, fund raising and educational activities.

This year Zonta International also celebrates its 80th birthday and like many people of that age, never tires of its commitments and brings a maturity and wisdom to its work befitting its age and the collective wisdom.

And now for something completely different

We exist to:

- Promote the power of One
- Strengthen Membership
- Advance the Status of Women through Advocacy
- Build a Foundation for the Future.



The New Millennium - a Voyage
of Discovery
Sharing our stories, listening,
talking and learning

A woman rushed into a doctor's office and shouted, "Doctor! I think I'm shrinking!"

The doctor calmly looked at her and said: "Now, settle down. You'll just have to be a little patient!"



AND a famous Viking explorer returned home from a voyage and found his name missing from the town register. His wife insisted on complaining to the civic official, who apologised profusely saying, "I must have taken Leiff off my census."

Insert for August Newsletter (Bris. North
1999

* Members, please bring to August Dinner
mtg

From: Barbara Newton, Zonta District 24 Bylaws Chairman
To: All Clubs in District 24

Pursuant to Articles XVII or XIX of the Bylaws of Zonta International the following is provided for your consideration:

Motion 8:

"That the Zonta District 24 Board produce a strategic/management plan on the governance of the District for the next 5 years, based on the current district boundaries, such a plan to include the optional use of electronic technology (video conferencing, email links, web sites etc.)"

From the Zonta Club of Southern Gold Coast Tweed Area

(N.B. Apart from the time frame, this motion is identical to Motion 5)

Motion 9:

"That District 24 supports a motion to examine the current constitution and organisational structure of Zonta and to make recommendations which will enable Zonta to operate according to current corporate business practises to make Zonta viable in the new millennium."

From the Zonta Club of Sydney East Area

Rationale:

Zonta is facing declining membership. Its constitution actively discourages clubs working together to promote Zonta's objectives or achieve service activities. At a national level no equivalent to Zonta International exists voicing the "Zonta" view to government, the media and the public.

Other "competing" service and Status of Women organisations take a strategic view of the business of increasing their public profile and membership. They lobby government, market, have a national PR function and partner prestigious organisations to further promote their goals. They have a voice within Australia, which they use effectively.

A wealth of business and professional talent exists within Zonta's current membership in Australia which is not used to build strategies to attract, maintain and communicate with new members nationally. To compete for membership Zonta must develop a national strategic business and marketing plan.

Its communication processes are inadequate. The lack of a consistent, centralised contact point within Australia to handle enquiries loses us potential new members. Service and Status of Women activities at Club level are not consolidated and used to showcase the positive work done by Australian Zontians.

While Zonta has some high profile members in NSW, these contacts are not enlisted to raise awareness of Zonta's aims and achievements. Zonta's constitution actively prevents these high profile Zontians' commenting publicly on topics of keen interest to women throughout Australia and thereby raising Zonta's profile nationwide.

Motion 10:

"That Zonta International empower a working party to draft a proposal for an award to be created to recognise the contribution of outstanding Zontians. Such an award to recognise service and excellence and not financial contribution which is already recognised by the Foundation."

From the District 24, Area 1 meeting

Motion 11:

"That, consistent with the commitment expressed by the International Service Program ZISVAW, the Zontians of District 24 support the Governments' commitment in the area of Law Reform and extension of services to women and children who have been victims of any form of domestic violence and call on Governments to provide more funds in the area of prevention."

From the District 24, Area 3 meeting

Motion 12:

"That Zonta District 24 calls on the Queensland State Government to consider female genital mutilation as an offence under the Queensland Criminal Code and, further, to pass by legal instrument, and implement, the recommendations of the Law Reform Commission on this matter."

From the Zonta Clubs of Brisbane East and Southern Gold Coast Tweed Area.

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Advocates for Survivors
of Child Abuse

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ASCA PATRON

His Excellency, the

Hon. Sir William Deane

AC, KBE

Governor-General of the

Commonwealth of Australia

WHITE BALLOON DAY

PATRON

Dr Rosie McInnes (King)

FOUNDING COMMITTEE

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(President, Qld Child

Protection Week Committee)

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Sharon Marshall

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Women of
Australia

First White
Balloon Day
Luncheon

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(National President - Defence

for Children International)

Richard Webb

(Head Mater Parent Aide Unit)

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cc Jean 19.7.99

Women of Australia

WHITE BALLOON DAY LUNCHEON

'Breaking the Silence on Child Abuse'

Monday 16 August, 1999 - Brisbane Hilton

24 May, 1999

Ms Mary Magee

Zonta International

PO Box 622

ASHGROVE QLD 4060

Dear Ms Magee

Mary,

On behalf of the founding committee responsible for organising the National Launch of the Women of Australia White Balloon Day Luncheon, it is with great pleasure that we invite you to be a Special Guest at the luncheon. Because of your invaluable contributions to society, we feel it is important to ask your assistance to make this event a stunning success. We are proud to introduce this event to the annual 'White Balloon Day' Child Abuse public awareness program.

Venue: The Hilton Hotel, Brisbane Date: Monday, 16 August, 1999
Time: 11.45 a.m. for 12.30 p.m.
Cost: \$60 (includes pre-lunch drinks and wine)
Tables of 10 are \$580.00

The 1999 Women of Australia White Balloon Day Luncheon will herald a new era in the fight against child sexual abuse. This inaugural event will mark the National push for White Balloon Day and will signal our intention to carry this event to the international arena. This is another first for Queensland as the Women of Australia take their leading roles in the fight against child abuse to the international stage.

The White Balloon Day mission is to raise public awareness on child sexual abuse, raise the funds necessary to support this cause, encourage victims to 'Break the Silence' and to reduce the incidence of this most heinous of crimes in our society.

The white balloon has been adopted by ASCA as symbolic of the issue of child sexual abuse following a public meeting which was held in Belgium on 20 October 1996 when 300,000 people gathered with white balloons, in a show of public sympathy and support for the parents whose children were sexually abused and were either missing or murdered at the hands of a previous convicted and released paedophile (Marc Derroux).

The International Guest of Honour is Dr Astrid Heger of the LAC & USC Violence Intervention Program, California. She and our national Guest Speakers Dr Patricia Brennan AO, Pru Goward, Head of the Office for the Status of Women, and Senator Helen Coonan, Government Deputy Whip, will address the theme for the day. They are all distinguished in their particular field.

We invite you to be a part of this historic event in Australia.

As Luncheon Chairman I believe the role of Women in Australia is to move into the new millennium with a strategic conviction to break the silence on child abuse worldwide.

I look forward to welcoming you on this special occasion.

Libbie Escolme Schmidt OAM
Luncheon Chair

Mary - Could you be a
deductible & make sure Zonta
has a table! We will list
all organisation that do in
our official

Donations to ASCA - 'White Balloon Day' are tax deductible

Governor's Newsletter

June 1999

Volume 1, Issue 4

Presidents please copy for each Club Member

"THE NEW MILLENNIUM - A VOYAGE OF DISCOVERY!" *Sharing our Stories, Listening, Talking, Learning*

June - and we are now turning the page into the second year of the Zonta biennium. How the time flies by, and there continues to be so much to do. It has been great to receive many annual reports and to reflect on all the activities for each of the clubs throughout the past Zonta year. Many wonderful things have taken place and I congratulate each member on your participation and on the achievements of each club.

Area meetings carried through March and into April and how encouraging it was to see so many Zontians attending these meetings. This year we had a record number of 1st time participants, and many of these were new members and from newly formed clubs. In fact we had members from the Macquarie and the Brisbane Metro Breakfast Club, who at that stage, were not yet chartered. Wonderful opportunities for learning and building on the Zonta knowledge. Time just ran out at all sessions and as for the evening get-togethers - there was much laughter. There is no doubt about the ingenuity of members with the entertainment segments - just ask Macquarie Club how to raise \$50 on Macquarie Zonta wine and Mackay - they enticed HonZons into participating in a hypothetical on anti-discrimination.

I have enjoyed visiting many clubs and participating in either the annual meeting or the changeover - in many ways it is a pity that the district is so large geographically, as you too would have enjoyed visiting some of the other clubs. Please do take this opportunity if away from your home ground, on holidays or work assignments - have a make up meeting or just an extra Zonta meeting for the month. Making contact with other clubs and expanding the friendship network is one of the joys of Zonta.



The four Biennial Goals

- To promote the Power of One
- To strengthen Membership
- To advance the Status of Women through Advocacy
- To build our Foundation for the Future

**"A life free of violence
-it's our right"**

Young Women in Public Affairs Award

The District Winner for 1999 is Alexandra Graham from the Whitsunday Anglican School and her application was submitted by the Zonta Club of Mackay. Alexandra proposed to study in Journalism and Social Science. Alexandra is looking forward to a career in Journalism and maybe Foreign Affairs.

Congratulations Honoured in the Queens Birthday Awards -

Dr Ruth Kerr OAM - for service to the preservation of Australian History, particularly through the Royal Historical Society of Queensland and to the community. Ruth is a member of the Zonta Club of Brisbane West.

NSW Telstra Business Woman of the Year award in her category

Suzanne McGowan Member of the Zonta Club of Sydney Breakfast, Suzanne in her NSW speech said "Belonging to Zonta has allowed me to give something back to a community that has done a lot for me. I don't have a lot of spare time, but through the Zonta structure the small contribution of many adds up to a major contribution that can have a real effect."

Zonta

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The District Board 1998 - 2000

From the District Board meeting in 15/16 May the District Board is there to serve you and to work on your behalf. It was a full agenda and many important documents have been forwarded in the intervening time since that date.

Call to conference has been made - please do consider coming to this important biennial event. Never in the history of District 24, have such important issues to be considered. Motions pursuant to Zonta International Bylaws Article XIII - have been forwarded. Further motions pursuant to Article XIX will be forwarded in July. Please discuss these at length and consider these carefully. Area Directors and other District Board members are available for further discussion and information if you require this.

Membership continues to be of foremost concern. Without membership maintenance Zonta will not survive.

Training to ensure adequate Zonta knowledge for District and Club office bearers, new and established members must continue.

Succession planning should be prioritised into the district and club plans - to ensure we have members ready and willing to take office as an ongoing process.

The District Strategic Plan continues to be worked on and will be forwarded soon.

Zonta International biennial goals set the pattern for club goals for the biennium.

Club goal setting is a must to establish the background for club planning and should take place each year.

Committee systems are the backbone of successful club organisation.

"Women's Rights are Human Rights"

District 24 Conference from Conference Chairman Bev Follitt

DISTRICT CONFERENCE COUNTDOWN IS ON!

24 September draws closer! District Governor Glenda, my planning committee and Toowoomba are gearing up to welcome you all. It is exciting to see how many registrations have already come in. Don't hesitate - it is not too late! Also remember, partners and families are welcome to join in the usual Zonta hospitality.

All clubs should have received the newsletter form PR Chairman Helen Fletcher soon. Have you attended to the requests? Have you put thought to the appointment of your delegate? District Bylaws Chairman, Barbara Newton, has circulated the first of the motions to be put to Conference - Have you considered these?

To my knowledge we have at least 4 international Zonta guests as well as our Zonta International Representative Janiki Krishnan who is an International Director and a member of the Zonta Club of Madras, India - see the Zontian issue 5 to learn a little about her club.

We would still welcome any sponsorship to help defray conference costs. Have you considered this?

*"Looking forward to meeting with you
in Toowoomba"*



↑ *The Conference Committee at work*

District 24 Committee Reports

Status of Women Service Committee

Committee Chairman Patricia Logan has recently forwarded to each club, a splendid memo on "New Paths for our Status of Women Service Committees." If you haven't seen this please do ask for a copy as it will help with the functioning of the many areas within the club. It is a "HOW TO" document which will be invaluable.

A further idea on the 'supercommittee' structure Tamworth has a great idea, which makes the new committee structure into a reality. It involves all the members of the club with a specific delegated role for each member. I am sure that this will make a workable solution and also make it much easier for the Chairperson to run the committee and to make a club meeting report.

Each of the new Zonta committees is broken into subsections/subcommittees which covers all sections of Zonta functioning and also the usual club activities. A number of members are allocated for each of the task/s - - additional notation is made for certain area with " Full Committee when required for any area". Of course some members have several functions within the one committee but it does mean that all members know the full extent of the committee work and who is responsible. The full document is circulated as 1999-2000 Committees and held by all members. It not only eases the stress on the chairman but ensures smooth functioning.

Archives Report from Win Fayle

The first of June, has come and gone. Congratulations to all the Presidents and their Boards. We are now into the Zonta Year already. Your District Archivist is keen to hear from you. Some Clubs send me Newsletters and Annual Reports regularly along with their updated lists of members. The majority do not. Brisbane Club has produced one of best Annual Reports I have seen. Congratulations Brisbane. Should the District divide in the year 2000 - I would like to be able to hand over a comprehensive and full report to the two incoming Archivists. This cannot be achieved without your full support. Every Club must have an Archivist. I would very much like to hear from them. I will look forward to seeing you at Toowoomba in September.

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*Margaret Delafoss
Jeanette Pecenicic
(Paradise Point)
Elaine Harrington
(Brisbane Metro
Breakfst Club)
at the Area 5 Meeting*



Organisation, Membership and Classification from Lt Governor Judy Lord

MEMBERSHIP - At this time of year Membership in our clubs often declines. Information from clubs so far would indicate that this year is no exception. Therefore, Membership Committees need to plan a Membership drive as soon as possible.

I have sent leaflets to each Membership Chairman with some "Tips on Membership" and two more leaflets will follow in July with some ideas on finding new members and running an Information Session.

Remember our goal "EACH ONE - REACH ONE" and ask each member to introduce a new member to your club this year.

Use the expertise of your past Board members to Mentor and Train these new members, so they become active members who are able to contribute their talents and ideas to your club.

ORGANISATION - we need names for clubs in the planning stage - QLD - Goondiwindi, Mt Isa, Breakfast, Outback Qld; in NSW - Gunnedah, Newcastle, Maitland, Nowra, Blue Mountains. Please send names to me and I will pass them on.

RETENTION - Make sure you look after all your existing members. All our members have something to contribute to our club and we need to make sure we continue to ask all members for their ideas and listen to their concerns. Run a segment in your club meeting for members to put forward suggestions about how you can meet your members needs and expectations.

District Catalogue of items for purchase:

The District catalogue of articles being sold by clubs, featuring the Zonta Emblem has been compiled and will be only sent to clubs only on request. Time and the expense of a catalogue sent to each Club is impossible. It should be noted that permission for the production Zonta items must be obtained from Zonta International (HQ). Would Clubs please send details of updates and deletions of these items together with price and order form etc. as soon as possible to:

Win Fayle, P.O. Box 261, Armidale N.S.W. 2350

WHAT IS A GOLDEN Z CLUB?

Have you met a Zontian
who belongs to a Golden Z Club?
and now your thinking ...

**What is the Difference between a
Z Club and a Golden Z Club?**

Z Clubs are for high school students and Golden Z Clubs for university and college students are youth groups sponsored by Zonta Clubs who provide leadership skills and career opportunities for members of these groups.

We have the first Golden Z Club in District 24 and their Charter celebration will be combined with the Charter of the Brisbane Metro Breakfast Club on July 28 in Brisbane. If you are there you will be able to meet and welcome many Brisbane Golden Z Club members.

It's congratulations for another first to the Zonta Club of West Moreton and the Charter President of the Brisbane Golden Z Club Jane Robertson, who was the first Charter President of the Ipswich Girls Grammar School Z Club before she commenced her studies at the University of Queensland.

The Brisbane Golden Z Club draws its membership from all the Universities within the Brisbane area. What a great way to be introduced to community service - setting the building blocks for our future Zonta Club members.

*Have you put serious thought
into joining us at the
District 24 Conference
in Toowoomba
24 - 26 Septebmer?*



↑ Charter Dinner Celebrations - Charter President of the Zonta Club of Stanthorpe, Karen Tulloch with District Governor Glenda and International President Elect Mary Magee.

THE POWER OF ONE MAKES A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE

Jackie Shapiro International United Nations Committee Chairman writes:

"ADVOCACY is the key to Zonta's efforts to:

- improve the legal, political, economic, educational, health and professional status of women
- work for the advancement of understanding, goodwill and peace
- promote justice and universal respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms."

- NGO's (Non Government Organisations of which Zonta is one) " are the leading edge of civil society precisely because each gives its voice and resources to advance its goals. In a time when many nations are spending less money on social services, they are looking to local NGO partners to help bridge the gap between what citizens demand and what governments can deliver, creating yet another venue to promote women's causes."

Yes - this certainly fits the picture of what we are seeing and hearing here and gives opportunity for where we can begin in our local area -

Think globally! Act locally! - and Act Globally - through our Zonta International projects.

Further reading in the Zontian Biennial Issue Four and in discussion at the District Conference

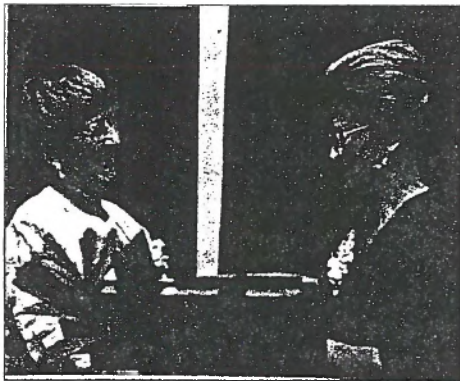


↑ At the Area Meeting in Mackay - Mt Isa members, Cherry Brosnan, Iris Kuhn and Debra Allan (President) with Area 7 Director Sharon Ras.

Why each Club forwards Service \$\$\$ to ZONTA INTERNATIONAL

- ◆ To enhance Zonta's ability to properly steward, operate, evaluate and expand programs and projects through the Rose Fund.
- ◆ To establish ZISVAW (Zonta International Strategies to Eradicate Violence Against Women and Children) as Zonta's primary service focus internationally.
- ◆ To expand the effectiveness of our International Service program by providing more long-range program funding.
- ◆ To increase the support to and number of the Zonta International Amelia Earhart Fellowship Awards.
- ◆ To expand the Young Women in Public Affairs Awards Program.
- ◆ To inaugurate the Zonta International Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarship Program.

(Don't forget you can nominate the area to which your funds are to be allocated)



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Zonta Club of the
Whitsundays
Charter President
Verniece Irvine
Lee
receiving the
Charter
on 16 April

55th Zonta Convention 9-13 July 2000 Honolulu

"The New Millenium - a Voyage of Discovery"
From Norma Davies Liaison for Convention 2000
Phone (07) 38992957

It seems as though we have just returned from Paris, but the reality is that the 55th Zonta Convention in Honolulu is sneaking up on us fast!

Exciting times are promised commencing with the Zonta Art Exhibition 8 July. This is an international event with Zontians showing their work, paintings, sculpture, textiles etc. A vibrant Quilt made by quilters from districts 16, 23 and 24 will be raffled.

The "Book Fair" is to increase awareness of Zontians as subjects of literary works, as authors who have written on specific issues as advocates for the advancement of the status of women. Advance copies of a "History of Zonta International" will be available. Books will be displayed at the Zonta International Bazaar with forms for ordering and paying.

The opening ceremony is at the Honolulu convention centre. Most activities will take place at the convention hotel, the "Hilton Hawaiian Village." A convention rate has been negotiated by Zonta International, however there are many other great hotels in the Waikiki area.

There has not been as yet airfares nor accomodation costs available. I shall keep you posted.

KNOWLEDGE IS POWER

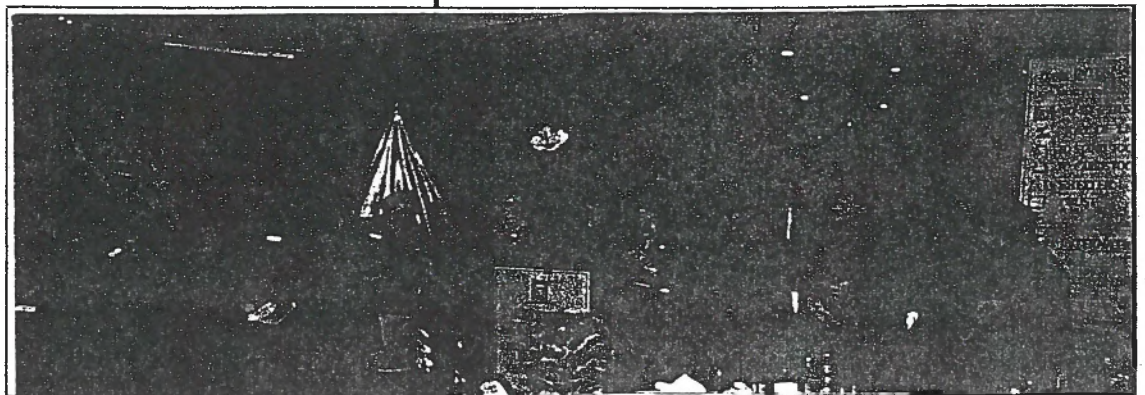
Quote by a guest Speaker at the Area 6 workshop and very fitting for the International Year of the Older Person.

"Please don't call me a young woman - it's not a compliment or a courtesy but rather a discourtesy. Being older is a hard won achievement and not something to be brushed aside, treated as an infirmity, or ugliness, or apologise away.

*I AM AN OLDER AND MATURE WOMAN, A LONG LIVER
I'M PROUD OF IT ... I REVEL IN IT"*

↓ The Zonta Club of Macquarie members
at the Charter Dinner - the Celebration

(from a publication of Ruth Jacobs)



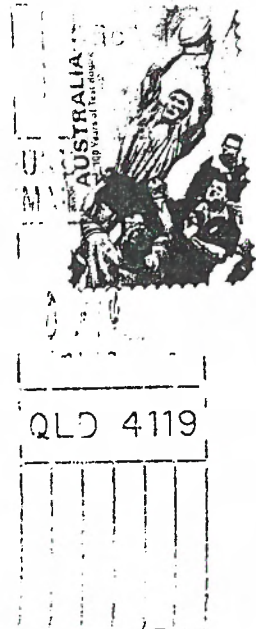
Governor's Newsletter ZONTA INTERNATIONAL

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CALL TO CONFERENCE - Have you sent your registration yet?

"KIPA MAI"

Come to the fifty-fifth
ZONTA INTERNATIONAL
CONVENTION 2000
in Honolulu, Hawaii, USA
on the island of OAHU
9 - 13 July 2000

Convention 2000 Logo →

The focus on this logo, designed by Pat Griffith
of the Zonta Club of Kauai,
is Hawaii - Images of the Earth and of the Sea.



Diary Dates for 1999

- 8 -11 July Preparing for Beijing +5 -
Women's College University of Sydney
- 11 July World Population Day (www.unfpa.org)
- 17 - 24 July Paralympic Week
- 28 July Charter of the Zonta Brisbane Metro
Breakfast Club and the Brisbane Golden Z
Club, Sheraton Hotel
- 30 July Notification to the Conference Chairman to
reserve space for your Club displays for the
District Conference. DEADLINE DATE!
- 12 Aug 50th anniversary of the Geneva Convention
- 8 Sept International Literacy Day
- 16 Sept International Day for the Preservation of
the Ozone Layer

- 23 Sept District Board Meeting in Toowoomba
- 24-26 Sept District 24 Conference Toowoomba
- 13 Nov Zonta Club of Sydney, Zonta's 80th Birth
day Celebration, Lachlan's Restaurant

CLUB REPORTS

I look forward to receiving the club reports de-
tailing of the office bearers for the coming year
due 1 May (many are still outstanding). As
soon as these are to hand I will be able to com-
plete the new District Directory, but until such
time as the full information arrives we will all
have to continue to use the old one!!

Elizabeth G



Zonta International Club of Brisbane North Inc.



Newsletter SEPTEMBER 1999

Board

- President Mary Mahoney
- Vice-president Elizabeth Gill
- Treasurer Jennie Watt
- Secretary Correspondence - Elizabeth Frazer
Minutes - Thea Biesheuvell
- Directors Chris Christensen, Jennifer Grant-Taylor,
Diane Loutit, Kathy Thomson



3rd September, 1999

Committees and Meeting Times

All members are expected to attend their respective committee meeting

- Status of Women Chairperson: Chris Christensen. United Service Club 6 pm prior to the Dinner Meeting
- Membership Chairperson: Lynette Liddle. Meets at Lynette's home, 69 Brisbane Corso, Fairfield at 9.30 am on the Sunday prior to the Dinner Meeting
- Finance Current President and Treasurer. Meet with Service Committee 2 - 3 times per year
- Public Relations and Communications Chairperson: Vicki Lomax. Meet at United Service Club 6 pm prior to the Dinner Meeting
- Newsletter Editor Jean Sinclair*
- Circulation Thea Biesheuvell*



Dinner Meeting dates
 2nd Monday of the month at the United Service Club, Wickham Tce.
 13.9.99 at 6.30 p.m.
 11.10.99 at 6.30 p.m.
 8.11.99 at 6.30 p.m.
 13.12.99 at Joan Sheridan's home for our Christmas break.

*your news, views, etc., would be most welcome for this newsletter.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Theatre night at Twelfth Night Theatre in August was a great success. Many thanks to Dianne Loutit and the committee for organising this function and for the delicious food. It was fun to meet some of the actors of "September Tide" after the performance as well.



Several of our club members also attended the National Launch of the "White Balloon Day" Luncheon in August, where the focus was "Women of Australia" and their role in the prevention of child abuse.

It was an inaugural event and marks a national push for White Balloon Day with the intention of ultimately making it an international event. The Advocates for Survivors of Child Abuse (ASCA) have adopted the white balloon as symbolic of the issue of child sexual abuse following a meeting in Belgium in 1996 where there was a tremendous demonstration of public support for parents whose children were sexually abused. Prue Goward, Head of the Office for the Status of Women and Senator Helen Coonan, Government Deputy Whip spoke at the luncheon. Dr. Patricia Brennan then gave an excellent and very moving address about child abuse.

Future Directions workshop



This will be held on Sunday, 3 October at St. Margaret's School from 9 am – 4 pm. It will be based on the "Appreciative Inquiry – Four D Model". The 4 D's are: *Discover, Dream, Design and Deliver*. We are looking forward to a very productive and stimulating day for our Club. It will give us the opportunity to look at what we have been doing and also to give our suggestions and thoughts about where we need to be going for the next few years. The Planning Committee for the workshop hopes to see as many members as possible, as we need *your ideas and valuable input*. We will be doing a separate mailing shortly.

The District 24 Conference

This Conference is nearly upon us and will be held in Toowoomba from 24 – 26 September. It coincides with the Carnival of Flowers and many members of our Club are planning to attend. It's not too late if you would like to still put in your registration form. Hope to see you all there.

My thanks to all of you for your fantastic support and help.

Mary Mahoney.

Some excellent News!

The winner of our Club's Jane Klausman award, Natalie Parlett, has now been nominated for the District's award. It makes all that effort in calling for applications and selection of nominees very rewarding.



Best Wishes to June Halliday and more importantly, we hope you can now see all the fine print too!
On-the-mend wishes to Jean Sinclair and isn't great to see Joan Sheridan up and about again!?! You will (both) just have to stop running in those marathons!

DID YOU KNOW??

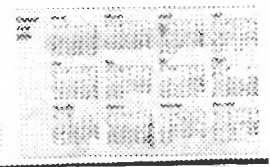
Zonta International is 80 years old on 8 November, 1999. Some members are thinking of celebrating this in their workplace by having a birthday cake on the day.



Enhancing the status of women

Diary Dates

- SEPTEMBER 13 Monthly Dinner Meeting at United Service Club, 183, Wickham Tce., Spring Hill. 6.30 pm. For 7 pm. Apologies for non-attendance to Jocelyn Grant-Taylor before 9 am on the day of the dinner (or else you must pay for the dinner). Telephone 3217 5804. Those who require a special diet should also ring their order through to Jocelyn before 9 am. on that day.
- SEPTEMBER 19 Zonta Club of Brisbane River and Zonta Club of Brisbane Breakfast, with Women's Electoral Lobby Breakfast Meeting, at Park Royal, Alice St. Brisbane, from 7 - 9 am. Theme: Changing the face of Criminal Law. Speaker Zoe Rathus, Deputy Chair of the taskforce on Women and the Criminal Code. Cost \$20 per head for a hot breakfast. Contacts: Pamela Hodgkinson on 3832 3222 (bh) or 3349 3161 (ah) Cheque payable to Zonta Club of Brisbane River, "Criminal Code Breakfast", PO Box 60 Sherwood. Qld. 4075
- SEPTEMBER 24 -26 ZONTA DISTRICT 24 CONFERENCE. Theme Changing Gears - Challenging Years. At University of Southern Queensland, Toowoomba. Registration from 2 pm on Friday, 24 September; Shop opening Friday 4 pm; Opening Ceremony Friday 6.30 pm; Gala Banquet Saturday 7 pm. Conference closing 1 pm Sunday 26 September. International Representative: Janika Krishnan, International Director, from Madras, India.
- OCTOBER 3 Zonta Club of Brisbane North's "Future Directions" on Sunday, October 3 at S. Margaret's School, 11 Petrie St., Ascot. From 9 am to 4 pm. Based on the "Appreciative Inquiry - Four D Model". The four D's are *Discover, Dream, Design and Deliver*. Something NONE of us should miss out on. See President's message.
- DECEMBER 13 Annual Christmas Party. At the very picturesque home and garden of Joan and Norman Sheridan. The club appreciates their generosity in providing such accommodation for our annual Christmas jollification. Something to look forward to. The caterer is already engaged and cost per person - members are encouraged to bring along Hon.Zon., partner, friend, etc. is just \$25 per person.



Put the dates on your
Calendar for 1999

Other Activities.

Our esteemed International President-Elect, Mary Magee, along with other prominent notables spent an hour in a Queen St. Mall "jail" on August 25. This was part of a drive to raise funds for Kids Help Line. Mary rang friends on her mobile phone to raise the necessary \$1,000 to gain her release. She exceeded her target, raising \$2,500 which included \$50 pledged by Brisbane North via Joan Sheridan whom Mary targeted in her Holy Spirit Hospital bed. Kids Help Line is the brainchild of Brother Paul Smith. The Line's 1800 service gets 30,000 - 35,000 calls a week. During Christmas this increases to 40,000.

CONGRATULATIONS to Vicki Lomax, whose 10 years of service to the KUMON reading method at the Brisbane Correspondence Study Centre was recognised recently at the Sydney Conference, held by the KUMON Institute of Education (Australia & New Zealand).



The Zonta Club of Brisbane
North Inc.



PO Box 368, SPRING HILL. Q.
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President: Dr. Mary Mahoney.

Club No. 24 03 0852



Zonta International is a worldwide service organisation of executives in business and the professions working together to advance the status of women.

The Zonta Club of Brisbane North Inc. has just celebrated its 21st birthday and continues to work with those organisations dedicated to advance the status of women in its service, fund raising and educational activities.

This year Zonta International also celebrates its 80th birthday and like many people of that age, never tires of its commitments and brings a maturity and wisdom to its work befitting its age and the collective wisdom.

We exist to:

- Promote the power of One
- Strengthen Membership
- Advance the Status of Women through Advocacy
- Build a Foundation for the Future.

Our Board Meets

Tuesday, 5 October, 99 at 6 pm;

Tuesday, 2 November, 99 at 6 pm;

Tuesday 7 December, 99 at 6 pm.

Please refer correspondence, news, issues, etc to our President in time for Board discussions when/if you think this is warranted.

A BIG THANK YOU!

From Joan Sheridan to President Mary Mahoney and the Board for their letter of appreciation of her wonderful work as Convenor of the Zonta Fair. Joan especially wants to thank the 'First Timers' - new members who threw their weight behind the venture and its spectacular \$10,000 result. Namely: *Margaret Mary Batch, Gina Brosnan, Christine Dauber, Carolyn Evans, Elizabeth Fraser, Rosemary Gill, Alison Hardy, Heather Mohay and Ulla Zeller.* In retrospect, Joan reckons other important factors in the great result was firstly the weather - the first fine Saturday for weeks, the coffee shop which encourages patrons to linger - and buy more - live entertainment and the great support from *Karuna Hospice* workers who gave such willing aid in so many ways - especially in the cleaning up afterwards. Apart from our monetary success, the greatest benefit, maintains Joan, was the obvious happy fellowship that abounds in the Club.



A Moral Tale for Grandmothers

Grandson suddenly asks grandmother, "Grandma, where do I come from?" Feeling somewhat inadequate, she carefully explained what she thought the young man wanted to know. THEN she said, "Now, what made you ask me that question?" Grandson replied, "Well, there was a boy at school today and he said he came from Redcliffe". The moral? When asked a Tricky question, first answer with another!



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The highlight of the past month has been the Zonta International District 24 Conference held at the University of Southern Queensland in Toowoomba. The theme was "Changing Gears - Challenging Years". Ten Members of our Club attended and all had a great time. The responsibility of our Club at the Conference was the Tellers Committee and I wish to thank my other Members of Committee, Thea Biesheuvel, Jennie Watt, and Barbara Young for their hard work. We certainly have learnt all the intricacies of voting.



The weather was perfect and it was a very warm, friendly and happy atmosphere at the Conference. The Opening Ceremony with the parade of flags from all different countries was stunning and we had an Address by Professor Susan Bambrick from the University of Southern Queensland. Heather Waldren, a former member of our club chaired the opening session.

The business sessions included voting on the motions which our Club had discussed at two previous dinner meetings. The Conference delegates rescinded the motion that District 24 should divide, so that the division of areas 1, 2, 8 & 9 had to go back to the Clubs to see what Clubs thought about the issue.



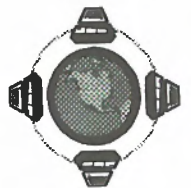
The keynote speaker on the first day of the Conference was Dr Peter Ellyard, Executive Director of Preferred Futures Pty Ltd and Chairman of the Universal Greening Group who spoke on Changing Gears - Challenging Years and talked about the differences between management and leadership. It was a very stimulating and thought provoking talk.

Some of the highlights included the Young Women in Public Affairs Presentation of the 1999 Award to Alexandra Graham and the Jane M Klausman Women in Business Award Presentation to the District 24 winner Natalie Parlett. Natalie was the nomination from Brisbane North. Both Alexandra and Natalie spoke very well and impressed the audience. Our future is in good hands.

There were sessions held over lunch for the Committee of

- Organization and Membership
- Status of Women's Service
- United Nations
- Communications Public Relations

The feedback from these sessions was very useful



Our International President Val Sarah has sent a video message and a copy of her report will be given to all club members..

There were also sessions on Female Genital Mutilation in the Australian context, Directions for Strategies to Eliminate Violence Against Women in District 24 and Sessions on Literacy/International Year of Older Persons Project and also an Amelia Earhart Award update. Due to our Teller Committee's duties I was unable to be present at these sessions.

On Sunday there was a very moving Memorial Service which was organized by Kathy Floyd from the Southern Gold Coast /Tweed Area and it will remain in our memory as Zonta gold rose was placed in a vase for each of our Zonta members who had died during the biennium and then gold balloons were released into the sky in memory of relatives and friends who had died.

The Hon. Justice Margaret McMurdo spoke on Sunday on advancing the status of women through Advocacy and Ros Kinder, Area 5 Director talked about strategies for Advocacy at the Club level. Both these talks were very inspiring.

The Conference banquet was also a great success and one or two of our members who shall remain nameless almost danced the night away. One of the interesting facts we heard during the Conference was that Dorothea Mackellar of *I love a Sunburned Country* fame, was a Zontan.

Voting was carried out for District Board Members and for Area Directors for the Biennium Year 2000-2002. Results are as follows

DISTRICT GOVERNOR
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR
TREASURER
NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Judith LORD
Robyn GASPARI
Evelyn.NEWHOUSE
Heather CURRY
Dianne HAKFOORT
May McPHAIL

AREA DIRECTORS - Elections were held for the Area Directors in Areas 3-7.

AREA DIRECTOR 3
AREA DIRECTOR 4
AREA DIRECTOR 5
AREA DIRECTOR 6
AREA DIRECTOR 7

Margaret RIMMER
Desirae KIRBY
Beverley FOLLIOTT
Farzaneh MAGZUB
Ann LEATHWICK

Elections were not held for Directors of Areas 1, 2, 8 & 9 as discussion will have to be held by the Clubs in those areas about whether the areas will actually split.

A meeting of all Club Presidents was held with the District Governor, Glenda McChesney-Clark and International Representative, Janaki Krishnan, Jennie Watt, our Treasurer, met with all other Treasurers and with the International Treasurer, Lyn Albin.

In summary it was a very worthwhile and stimulating Conference and for members who have been in the Club for a while it renews one's enthusiasm and commitment to Zonta and for new members it gives an insight into what Zonta is all about.

Warmest congratulations to our District Governor, Glenda McChesney-Clark and to Bev Folliott, Conference Chair who both did a superb job in organizing and running the Conference.

The results of the Resolutions at the Conference will be distributed separately at our October Dinner Meeting.

MARY MAHONEY

28th September 1999



SALMON FOR CHRISTMAS!

At the September Dinner Meeting 15 of our members ordered Salmon from the Zonta Club of Brisbane. Just a friendly reminder to bring your cheques for \$40/kg as we have to finalise the order at the October Dinner Meeting. If anyone else would like to order Salmon, bring your cheque to the meeting. The Salmon will be delivered to a central place on Wed. 1st December in the afternoon. WE NEED A VOLUNTEER TO BE THE CONTACT PERSON WHO WILL TAKE DELIVERY OF THE SALMON.....What are you doing on the day????



Sign seen at the University:- Is there intelligent life on Earth?
Someone had scribbled underneath it: -

Yes, but we're only stopping to refuel.

Diary Dates:

October 11

Monthly Dinner Meeting at United Service Club, 183 Wickham Tce, Spring Hill. 6.30 pm for 7 pm. Guest Speaker: Joan Hendrix of the Reconciliation Movement.

Apologies for non-attendance to Jocelyn Grant-Taylor before 9 am on the day (or you must pay for the dinner). Phone 3217 5804 Those who require a special diet also should ring their order through to Jocelyn before 9 am on that day.

October 20

Brisbane Golden Z Club Golden Charity Ball in aid of Ipswich Sexual Assault Centre, Ipswich General Hospital. At the Ship Inn Hotel, Stanley St, cnr. Sidon St Southbank, 6.30 for 7 pm. Buffet Dinner at 7 pm all for \$45 (\$40 for students) Golden Z Clubs are for University and College students. Contact: Jane Robertson, President, Phone: 382 2848.

October 31

Zonta Club of Brisbane River's "Too Busy for Melbourne Cup Luncheon". Wanganui Gardens, Yeronga. From 12 noon. Tickets \$40 each. Proceeds to Qld Cord Blood Bank at Mater Hospital and The Anglican Women's Hostel - the only accommodation in inner Brisbane for single, adult women without children. (Homelessness amongst single women is largely an unknown issue, unrecognised by most of society).

November 25

Our own Theatre Party. Yes - another one! Because the previous one was so successful, everyone enjoyed themselves and besides, we need just one more good fund-raiser for this year. Be there!!!

It starts at 7 pm with a champagne supper at Twelfth Night Theatre, Bowen Hills, followed by the play "A Passionate Woman", starring Paul Mercurio (from Strictly Ballroom), Geoffrey Hughes (from Keeping up Appearances) and Linda Robson (from Birds of a Feather). Convenor Dianne Loutit says she is bringing 11 people and IF everyone else brings 4 or 5 people each, the club will have a very successful night. Tickets are \$45, which, of course, includes the supper. Just as delicious as on the previous occasion.

December 13

Our Annual Christmas Party. In and around the very picturesque home and garden of Joan and Norman Sheridan. Joan was in touch from her hospital bed. She said she was feeling better and insists that all arrangements stand. The caterer is engaged and the cost per person is just \$25. Bring along your Hon.Zon., partner, friend, etc.



Note These!!

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Redcliffe

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Meeting Times, venues and office
bearers will be circulated to all

Letter from Janet Montrose

(after the usual greetings, etc., the e-mail reads:

.....I've been here since 12 May and I am really enjoying my life here.... I left so hurriedly from Sydney that I didn't have the opportunity to have a last farewell meeting with the club.

I'm teaching the oral component of the English course which means that I see about 1,000 students from Form 1 to form 7 every 8 days.

The best thing about the job is that I have NO marking to do. Please not Kathy and other Heads of English! It's really fun as the Chinese teachers discourage any form of student participation in class and my role is the exact opposite.

Apart from the job, I have made quite a few new acquaintances ranging from a Canadian journalist (Chinese born) to a Cathay Pacific pilot. This is due to the fact that I am living in a holiday resort called the "Gold Coast"! Yes, it is a Chinese version of what one could see on the Gold Coast except the accommodation is in 28 storey buildings. My flat is on the 9th floor overlooking the swimming pool complex, tennis courts and gardens. I can lie on my bed and look out over the South China Sea - on a clear day! So far I've done a few tourist things, but am planning trips to Vietnam and Beijing. There are 90 days of holidays here. After the National day celebrations I'll write something about the political experience here.

Thank you again for all the encouragement, best wishes to the club,

Sincerely,

Janet Montrose



Zonta International Violence Against Women

Jennie Watt represented our club at a District 24 ZISVAW Committee Meeting held on Saturday 21 August, 1999. The meeting was held to look at activities and initiatives we could implement at a Club Level and District Level and to increase awareness within our own clubs. About 20 Zontans attended, representing 16 clubs.

Outcomes:

1. In November there will be a series of functions in Brisbane and other South East Queensland Centres. The speaker will be Jim Hardman, former Manager Polaroid Corporate Employee Assistance Program in the United States and founder of work Place Violence Intervention and Strategies, a Massachusetts based consulting firm which specialises in awareness, education and advanced training in workplace violence prevention. Jim Hardman is a frequent lecturer and speaker on family violence and sexual assault. He is also a survivor of child abuse and founder of a battered women's shelter and a batterer's treatment program. He is a member of the Massachusetts Governor's Commission on domestic Violence and on the Massachusetts based Crime and Justice foundation. He has received numerous awards and achievements throughout his career, including the Greatest contribution to social work from the National Association of social Work, Massachusetts Chapter, and been interviewed on numerous television programs including Oprah Winfrey and Sixty Minute NBC Evening News, the Justice File and a personal meeting with President Clinton.
2. We are looking at an initiative whereby businesses can provide tax deductible funding to partnership initiatives to increase awareness and provide support for victims and perpetrators of domestic violence, in return for information, awareness and training.
3. Establish a database of people who are prepared to donate skills and time for things such as Preparation of Resumes, Job Planning, Budgeting, Financial Planning Advice etc.

Looking forward to hearing from our members on what we can do.

Jennie

Thea Biesheuvel is launching her Poetry Anthology, '**Brisbane from a Balcony**' on **16 October at 12 noon.**

Venue is the Stephens Gallery, Adelaide St entrance of City Hall.

Some fingerfood, wine and good conversation will be available.



Some poetry will be read and some other poets will talk about their work.

Why not come along and be a part of it?
Invitations will be handed out to club members and their friends.



Our Future Directions - The Workshop and its Outcomes

Twenty of our members generously gave up their Sunday to work together on 3 October and Discovered, Dreamed, Designed and Delivered a blueprint for the next 2 - 3 years.

Our Discoveries centered on what we know about our International Mission, our Biennial goals and our own values and strengths within the Club. We looked at the best of what exists and our hopes for the future.

Our Dreaming centered on what we know we'd like to achieve and could do. This was phrased 'provocatively' so that we could discuss and challenge ourselves. We imagined what 'might be' and selected tasks to work on.

Our Designing involved groups proposing to be active around particular functions, with some key strategies to focus our efforts. This focused on innovating what we thought 'should be' and working on those.

Our Delivery was the real 'meat' of the exercise, where all we had discussed had to be put to a practical use, with key indicators, time frames and 'next steps' documented and agreed to. This was our commitment

The full text (see following pages) will be discussed at the October Dinner Meeting. The final draft to be prepared by 8 November and launched on 13 December for action in 2000

Results

We have a full record of the results of the workshop for members who missed out to have a look at and discuss with those who managed to make it.

In that document are the things which we think give our club its 'life giving force', such as its committed leadership, the shared genuine interest, warmth, flexibility, enthusiasm and goodwill we all bring to our service.

The document also discusses the values we hold, such as the community spirit, the inclusiveness we practice, the stimulation, fellowship, positive profile we all like, willingness to work and energy we bring to the tasks.

We then stated for each of the current committees what would be necessary to move forward, the priorities and how we would know we had been successful.

By March 2000 we will have:-

- . An efficient fundraising organisation
- . A Website
- . A workable and enjoyable Status of Women Service committee
- . An enhanced profile and advocacy reputation
- . A global 'face' with broader membership
- . School 'partnerships' for Z Clubs
- . U. N. Integration.

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A trip to Iran

by Glenda Gobe

I recently visited Iran as an invited speaker at a scientific conference, (one of two females in a group of 22 invited speakers) and thought I would share the experience with the club. I accepted the invitation for several reasons. I was invited by an ex PhD student, Mehri, who has now set up her own laboratory at Tehran University. I was happy to have the opportunity to see her again. I am intrigued by the history of the area and I thought I would have time to see a little of this whilst visiting the country. I was also interested to see whether stories that we tend to have told to us by the media about treatment of women in that country were a bit of a 'beat up'.

I had no forewarning of customs and, although not very clever of me, I did not try to find out a little more before we went there, except to check with my ex-student on whether I would have to wear a scarf. After getting a fairly soft affirmative, I left under the impression that I could wear my choice of clothes with only the additional scarf – my first mistake. Most of the women on the flight were in very Western garb on the flight, but as the plane approached Tehran a metamorphosis took place. They now became clothed in big, dark, full-length coats and all had scarves tightly tied to cover their hair, (not a strand shows). We were warned over the intercom in the plane that strict dress regulations were the rule for females. I tied my scarf on and donned the only coat I had with me – a big woolen 'duffel' coat. In the heat of summer in Tehran, this was not a comfortable option. In all my stay I did not see one woman or indeed teenage girl without this full covering. The only benefit I could see, in a womanly sense, is that you could have a 'bad hair day' and your pyjamas on and no-one would know. Later that first day I too was taken to a local shop to buy a 'big coat'.

We were treated very well by people organising the conference, but were expected to give our pound of flesh. After an overnight flight from London, we were given breakfast then taken to the conference centre. I made an error in putting my hand out to shake the hand of an Iranian (male), to be told that he could not touch me. By 8.30 am I was being interviewed for television and being told to pull my scarf further over my hair as some hair was showing. Gary, my husband, traveled with me simply because he loves to travel and uses my international conferences as an excuse to see the world. Although his company was more than welcomed in Iran, people constantly thought he was the invited speaker and I was the dutiful wife (mind you this happens in many countries, including the USA)

More Next newsletter.



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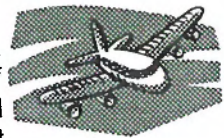
President's Message

Recently I attended a Public Address "A Space Odyssey! 141 days on Mir" at The University of Queensland by Australian-born NASA Astronaut Dr. Andy Thomas. Last year Dr. Thomas spent 141 days in the Russian Space Station, Mir, and spoke about his experiences in training as an Astronaut and then as a Cosmonaut with the Russian team.



He held the large audience at the University enthralled with his description of his life as an astronaut on the Mir Space Station. He also showed a video that allowed us to participate in the sensation of taking off into space, docking with the Space Station, and seeing the spectacular colours such as the vivid blue of the sky and the sea, the recognizable green atlas-like parts of the world including Suez Canal and Kangaroo Island off South Australia, and the glorious pinks, oranges and reds as the sun rose and set.

It brought home to me the excitement of space exploration and what it must be like for the pioneers in space. It emphasised too how important our Amelia Earhart Scholarships are. Following Dr. Thomas' lecture, he was surrounded by crowds of people for over an hour while he talked with them about his experience and signed autographs. Who knows, many of our future astronauts will have been in that crowd.



The Zonta Club of Brisbane South is holding an Amelia Earhart Day Celebration Brunch on Sunday, 30 January 2000 and we hope that as many of you as possible will be able to be present at "Oxleys on the River" in order to support the Amelia Earhart Fellowship Awards. Some Australians have won these over the years. Ann-Maree O'Connell is Chair of our Amelia Earhart Fellowship Committee.



Another very pleasant occasion was the book launch of "Brisbane from a Balcony: A Selection of Poetry" which was written by Thea Biesheuvel and Peter Holzworth at the Stephens Gallery, Brisbane City Hall in October. Some Brisbane North members were able to be present on the day and hear Thea read some of her poems. Warmest congratulations to Thea on her great achievement.

As our October meeting, we discussed the Future Directions workshop which was held in early October and facilitated by Liz Mellish. Over the next few months we will be implementing the actions suggested at the workshop. My thanks to Liz Mellish for her wonderful work, and to Kathy Thomson for the use of St Margaret's School which was an ideal venue and for all the work she did in preparing for the workshop. Many thanks also for members of the Planning Committee, Thea Biesheuvel, Brunella Novello, Barbara Young and Ulla Zeller for the work they did in helping make the workshop a great success. Twenty members of our Club were able to be present and over the next couple of months we will be letting those Club members who weren't able to be present know about what went on at the workshop and what is planned for the future.



Our next Dinner Meeting will celebrate the 80th birthday of Zonta International and we are very fortunate to have Ms Mary Magee, International President Elect as our guest speaker. Mary will talk about the history of Zonta.



Mary Mahoney



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We wish Mary all the very best for her term as International President and know she will do a great job.



In the past month we were very sorry to hear of Jocelyn Grant-Taylor's accident resulting in a fracture of her left ankle and a stint in hospital. This did not deter Jocelyn from setting forth two weeks later to Norfolk Island and we are glad to hear things are going well with Jocelyn.

The December Newsletter provides an opportunity for me to reflect on this past year for our Club. It has been a very active and busy year. We have celebrated our 21st birthday with a wonderful function at the United Service Club, with an opportunity for all current and previous members of Zonta and Hon Zons to get together to share in the memories of the last 21 years. It was made more special by having Leneen Forde, Glenda McChesney-Clark and Elizabeth Heber there as well as baby Amelia Bradhurst and Barbara Newton's daughters there.



We also had the most successful Zonta Fair ever in July thanks to Joan Sheridan and all her team. We then had the District 24 Conference in Toowoomba and our Club was responsible for the Tellers Committee which involved a lot of fellowship and a big learning experience for members of our Committee.



Another highlight was the Future Directions Workshop facilitated for us by Liz Mellish which was held at St Margaret's School in October and we had a high attendance rate by Club members. It has set the directions of the Club over the next couple of years and has put us off to a good start for the millennium.

We've also had two very successful Theatre nights thanks to Dianne Loutit and other Club members who helped to make them such a success. 1999 has also seen an influx of new members who have helped enrich our Club and thanks to Lynette Liddle and her team for all the work they have done in recruiting new members.





PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (cont.)

The year is not over yet and we will complete an action-packed year with our Christmas party at Joan and Norman Sheridan's on 13 December. I am looking forward to seeing you all there.

It is now a great opportunity for me to thank Noeleen Foggon and her team of Board members for the first part of 1999 and also I would like to thank our current Board members. Special thanks to Elizabeth Gill who has been Vice President this year but has had to resign as Vice President and from the Board but we are very glad that she is remaining in the Club.



Most of all I would like to thank every member of the Club for all their hard work and effort this year in their Committee work, in fundraising, fellowship and in participating in all our activities. Sadly Joan Webster has put in her resignation. Joan has been on leave of absence but prior to this has been a very active member of our Club. We wish Joan and Noel all the very best for the future.

Finally, best wishes for a very Happy Christmas and Joyful New Year to all members of the Club, to Hon Zons and to their families.

Mary Mahoney



Stop Press!

The Inaugural *Elanora* Poetry Award, to be launched by Leneen Forde, AC. This a joint venture of the Zonta Club of Brisbane and Ibis Editions.

This is a call for ENTRIES. 100 winning entries will be selected for publication in an Anthology, entitled *Moongalba: Poems in Honour of Kath Walker (Oodgeroo)* and published in March, 2000. Royalties will go to the aid of abused women and children in the indigenous communities of Australia.

The *Elanora* Award is valued at \$1,500 and sculpted by Catharina Hampson. It will be presented to the most outstanding poem which, in the opinion of the judges, best reflects a celebration of the life and work of Kath Walker and promotes reconciliation with Australia's indigenous communities.

Entry fee is \$10. Entries close **6 pm on 31st January, 2000** Entry forms and further details can be obtained either directly from Coralie van Straaten-Peretz, Zonta Club of Brisbane Inc., PO Box 12642 Elizabeth St Brisbane, Q. 4002 OR from Thea Biesheuvel, your Minute Secretary at Brisbane North.

This may be of interest to you or a group of creative writers you know about. **They will need an entry form**, so they need to contact our Club or the Brisbane Club.

Diary Dates



This is your Christmas Newsletter, which is really a Clayton's, i.e., the sort of you have when you really are not, etc. It is meant only to distract you momentarily from the rapidly escalating Christmas hub-bub to remind you of the following:-

December 13



Club Christmas Party.

Venue: 57 Castile St., Indooroopilly.

Time: 6.30 for 7 pm.

Joan Sheridan and Hon. Zon. Norman are hosts.

Bring a Christmas gift, appropriately wrapped for a resident of a women's refuge.

NOTE: We are to have an induction ceremony for three new members during the party, namely: Anne Frederick (Real Estate Agent), Peggy Fooks (Lawyer) and Ann Jones (Pharmacist). We will miss Membership Chair, Lynette Liddle who is off to Vienna. By Christmas she will be high in the Australian Alps - probably learning to yodel.

This festivity winds up our year's activities, when we can temporarily forget about committees and fundraising and really relax in a welter of fun and friendship. Be There!

The New year – 2000

January 30



Amelia Earhart Brunch.

Venue: Oxley's on the River, Coronation Drive

Time: 9.30 for 10 am. \$28.00

This is a great annual off-season get together of all Zonta Clubs within Coo-ee - and some from beyond, even interstate. Always an interesting guest speaker. This year it will be Patricia Toole, a charter member of the Australian Women's Pilots Assoc., whose flying experience includes 30 years in New Guinea. Contact: Jan Monteith on 3369 2213

March 4 – 5

Area 3 Workshop in Brisbane. Theme: Zonta in Wonderland (or finding the difference between dreams and reality).

This is your Newsletter Committee signing off for the year and the Millennium. If you cannot attend our Christmas Party we take this opportunity to wish you a very happy Christmas and look forward to exchanging New Year greetings at the first **Dinner Meeting on February 14, 2000**. Otherwise we look forward to raging on with other members in true Christmas spirit.



Advancement Grant news:

You will remember that our 1999 Advancement Grant was shared by Leanne Clayton and Ruth Cheater. Recent news of these recipients is:

Leanne Clayton: Leanne is now in full-time employment in her chosen field - working with children in foster care.

She wrote "I would like to thank Zonta, as indeed your grant has given me the opportunity for advancement. During the interview for my current position, my interviewers were impressed with the award Zonta had given me. Both ladies knew of Zonta and spoke highly of the organisation." Leanne also mentioned that a recent contact the Status of Women had made with her "made me feel very special".

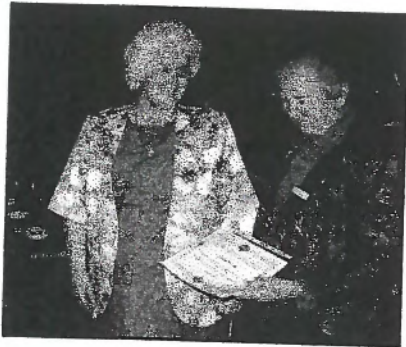
Ruth Cheater: Ruth missed out on her "Teacher's Prac" in a Special School, but will be able to re-do it in a different setting. Hopefully this will lead to her original aim of being able to work in the Learning Difficulties (Special Needs) strand. Ruth is a real "trier".

She writes "I hope you ladies believe in me ... because that ... is something that keeps me going, in those times when I do lose faith in myself. I can't believe that I am actually at the end of my 3rd Year. It still seems so unreal. I still can't believe I am actually in University, let alone nearly finished my degree. I realize this last year will not be easy either; ... so don't give up on me yet?"

I believe that our Advancement Grant is one of the best initiatives which the Zonta Club of Brisbane has ever undertaken. Letters like these prove how important is not only the monetary support of the Grant, but the self-esteem it engenders and the moral (or do I mean *morale*) support it gives.

We all wish both Leanne and Ruth all the best in the year 2000.

Chris Christensen (SofW Sub-Committee)



One of the jobs in any organisation is now that of 'Change Manager' and there are even Change Management Units. One of these managers went into a pizza shop recently and asked for one with 'everything'. They chatted about her job while waiting. She paid with a \$20 note and waited for her change. And waited. And waited....
'Hey', she said, finally, 'what happened to my change?'
'Change', replied the owner, 'must come from within'.

And here is Chris presenting our Certificate at the Qld Orienteering Association's Annual Dinner, to Jenny Brown. The Certificate was designed and printed by Brunella Novello.

Your Board at Work



At its last meeting for the year, the Board met with Committee Chairpersons to discuss just how our "Future Directions" will affect the various Committees and the time-lines we agreed to on that planning day.

We also discussed our common understanding of 'advancing and advocating the status of women'. The Service Committee has formulated its understanding, but other Committees will also need to define this important focus. The Service Committee's method for formulating their statement is a good model and will be available for other Committees.

The Treasurer presented a Budget for next year which will mean, inevitably, increasing the charges for our Dinner Meetings to \$27. The reasons for this will be put to the February Dinner Meeting. The United Service Club has increased its charges to the Club and we will be passing this increase on to our members.

All Committees have been asked to reply to the Survey put out by Zonta International. Collating replies will be Thea's task. To date only one Committee has replied, so there's not much to collate. A request to canvass members of committees will be sent to Chairpersons.

A Manual for the members of the Status of Women Service and SoW Committee members was presented to the meeting by Chris Christensen.

The Board needed to discuss the resignation of the Vice-President, the appointment of a nominating Committee and an interim arrangement. We were very pleased to have Chris Christensen offer her services as Vice-President until nominations and elections to office can be organised.

Your Board members wish each and everyone a joyful Christmas and a Happy New Year and look forward to facilitating the Club's direction and focus during the New Year.



From small acorns

Small acorns in a shallow pot
Fertile soil, nourishment and love
Achieve a lot.
Small efforts in unison with more than one
Common aim, capacity to give.
Big things begun.



To strong bonds
and united purpose