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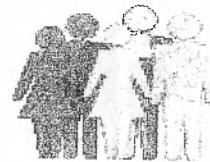
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Newsletter February, 2000

Happy New Year Everyone!

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14 February, 2000

13 March, 2000

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

From Our President...

WELCOME TO THE YEAR 2000 AND WISHING ALL MEMBERS OF YOUR FAMILIES
A VERY HAPPY AND SATISFYING YEAR AHEAD



1999 came to a great Zonta finish with our Christmas Party at Joan and Norman Sheridan's beautiful home. It was a wonderful occasion and all of us wish to thank Joan and Norman for their marvelous hospitality. At the Christmas Party, three new members were inducted into our Club and I would like to extend a very warm welcome to Peggy Fooks, Anne Frederick and Ann Jones.

A very successful celebration brunch was held for the Amelia Earhart Day on 30 January at Oxley's on the River and several members of our Club attended the function. The guest speaker was Patricia Toole, Charter Member of the Australian Women's Pilots Association.

Our Area 3 Workshop will be held in Brisbane on Saturday 4 and Sunday 5 March and Elizabeth Heber our Area Director promises that we will have a very stimulating and fun packed workshop.

Warmest congratulations to Janine Schmidt who was named the Australian Library and Information Association Library Manager of the year for 1999. Under Janine's management, the University of Queensland Library was given the highest score possible in all categories of the 1998 Commonwealth Higher Education Management Survey of Commonwealth Libraries. Congratulations to Chris Christensen who has been appointed Vice President by the Board following Elizabeth Gill's recent resignation.

Just a reminder that the theme for 1998 - 2000 biennium is "The New Millenium - A Voyage of Discovery - Sharing our stories - Listening, Talking, Learning".

Our four Biennial Program goals are

- To promote the Power of One;
- To strengthen membership;
- To advance the status of women through advocacy;
- To build our foundation for the future.

Our major goals for the Club this year will be following up the recommendations from our Future Directions Workshop in early October. We will be consolidating our ideas for the Club and working at achieving our goals over the next twelve months. As George Negus said on TV on New Year's Eve "One day, one world, and a million possibilities".

And just a reminder that the Zonta International Convention 2000 is on in Honolulu, Hawaii from 8 - 13 July 2000 and we hope that some of the members of Brisbane North will be able to attend.

I look forward to working with you in the year 2000.

Mary Mahoney

We regret to inform our members of the sudden passing of Leigh Archie. Leigh Archie was a member of the club for some years and held the role of Chairperson of the Status of Women's Committee. Leigh died on Sunday after catching pneumonia - a complication from chemotherapy. She is survived by her husband, Bob. The funeral was on Wed. 9th. Chris and Jennie represented the Zonta Club. We would like to express our sympathy with the family.

Diary Dates

- February 14** 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 (PH.3217 5804) before 9 am on the day of the dinner. Those who require a special diet also should ring Jocelyn before 9 am on that day. Jodie Baker and her mother will attend so that her Award can be presented formally. (see SOW Report for details).
- March 3 – 4** ZONTA AREA 3 MEETING. Venue: Z Block of QUT Campus, Garden's Point, Lower George St., Brisbane. Hosted by Zonta Club of Brisbane Inc. PLEASE NOTE: Registration Forms and Program Highlights have been posted to all members. Your Registration Forms should be forwarded ASAP or by 18th February at the latest, to the Registrar, Dr. Joan Godfrey, OBE, 18/44 Brisbane St., Toowong.
- March 8** INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY ANNUAL BREAKFAST. Venue: Brisbane Exhibition and Convention Centre. 7 am for 7.30 am. Cost \$40 each. Concessions \$28 PLEASE NOTE: Treasurer Jenni Watt received a ration of 10 tickets, four of which are already taken. So contact Jennie quickly, those wishing to attend. There is a very interesting Keynote Speaker from Indonesia, Professor Gadis Arivia Dir. Of The Women's Foundation in Indonesia Cost \$40 and \$28 for conc. Fruit, yoghurt & cereal, pastries & muffins, plain & ham and cheese croissants, juice & tea. coffee.
- May 7 – 13** DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PREVENTION WEEK. We are advised by recently appointed Project Officer, Barbara Struthers, of the Office of Domestic Violence Prevention, that information or dates for community grant applications, the Launch and Remembrance Day will be forthcoming later. For those wishing to contact Barbara her telephone is 07 3224 4532 and email is bstruthe@families.qld.gov.au
- May 20** ESK RACE DAY. Organised by Zonta Club of Brisbane South Inc. Convenor is Norma Davies 07 3899 2957
- July 9 – 13** ZONTA INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION. In Honolulu. Mary McGee will be inducted as Zonta International President at this Convention.

Area 3 Club Diary Dates

Zonta Club of Brisbane South Inc. celebrates its 21st Birthday on Sat. Feb. 12. They would dearly like to see other clubs represented. Contact Muriel Watson 3397 3868 Venue: Michael's Restaurant 123 Eagle St, Brisbane. Cost \$45

Zonta Club of Redcliffe celebrates International Women's Day in great style on March 8, with a gala dinner at Morgan's Sunset Blue Reception and Function Centre, Bird O'Passage Pde, Scarborough. 7pm for 7.30pm Cost \$60 (including drink) Sumptuous seafood plus Jan Power as Keynote Speaker should be a heady mix.

Zonta Club of Blackall Range is celebrating International Women's Day on March 8 at Clio's Restaurant, Palmswoods. Guest Speaker Judy Pippen presenting "Peace Makers and Hell Raisers-- artful women I have known.

Zonta Club of Kingaroy is holding a Charity Dinner "Night to Remember" on Sat. 11 March at 6.30pm at the Kingaroy Town Hall for International Women's Day. Guest speaker is Olympic and Paralympic Gold Medallist, Louise Sauvage, whose creed is "No Boundaries – No Limits". Contacts are Tracey Ashton on 07 4162 7122 (bh) or Julie Jang (Pres.) on 07 4162 5445 (ah)

Members' Family News

Joan Sheridan has welcomed back her two daughters from overseas – Dr Colette Sheridan from a gynaecology and obstetrics postgraduate course in Shrewsbury, England and Suzanne Hastie, who with husband and young family has been on a round-the-world. **BE WARNED!!!** Joan is already talking about this year's ZONTA FAIR. A bumper Millenium Zonta Fair perhaps!?!)

Report from Status of Women

We have had a **Status of Women BRUNCH FOR LAST YEAR'S ADVANCEMENT GRANT WINNERS**. This Sub-Committee held a very informal function - a brunch at Chris' place, attended by seven S of W members and our two 1998-9 Advancement Grant winners - Leanne Clayton and Ruth Cheater. It was very pleasant to meet informally and chat with these two young women.

Leanne is thoroughly enjoying her work liaising with foster families. Ruth was looking forward to her final year of study, and first overcoming the hurdle of repeating her "prac" from last year.

ZONTA CLUB OF BRISBANE NORTH ADVANCEMENT GRANT:

The recipient of the Club's Advancement Grant for 1999 is Jodie Baker who has just completed a 2-year full-time Diploma of Information Technology at the Brisbane Institute of TAFE.

Jodie was previously working as a Dental Assistant but returned to study to achieve a more satisfying career. She welcomes the Grant as it will assist in paying for a course which will enable her to obtain Microsoft Certification.

Jodie will attend our February dinner meeting as a guest. She will be presented with the cheque for \$1000, and a certificate (courtesy of June Halliday's trusty computer!) at that meeting. We hope that she will speak briefly of her studies and career goals.

YOUNG WOMEN IN PUBLIC AFFAIRS AWARD

Our Club's nominee for the Award this year will be **Melanie Roberts** who has just completed Year 12 at Corpus Christi College at Nundah. **We have invited Melanie and her mother to attend the March meeting** and hope that they will be able to attend. Melanie has been invited to speak briefly on her proposed studies and her views on how equality for women might be achieved.



Your Board At Work

Your Board met with the Chairs of Committees to discuss follow-up actions for the *Future Directions* which were listed at the workshop the Club held. Arrangements are in place to incorporate the feedback from the Dinner Meeting as well, and so provide the opportunity for all members to have input to this important strategy document.

The combined meeting discussed the work of the various committees and the projects that Brisbane North has undertaken in the last five years, such as the Literacy Package for early years, support for the fistula hospital in Addis Abbaba, the sponsorship of 10 women to undertake the 'escape fast' self defence course, the advancement grants, the public conference on anorexia and our support for the Foundation for Survivors of Domestic Violence.

The Mission statement of the SOW Service Committee reflects their special mission to explore and develop ways in which the club's commitment can be implemented.

The Board noted that the new Manuals for Zonta members is now ready and will either be printed or copied for all members to ensure consistency of information and action.

The Board discussed a modest increase in Annual Dues, from \$130 pa to \$135 pa and the overall budge for the year 2000 as well as the impact of the GST. A survey form has been designed for all members to have input to the decision about the Dinner Meeting costs and possible change of venue.

The monies collected from the Millenium Promise will be allocated to a project which needs such support. Members are encouraged to read the ZISVAW report and look at the *Future Directions* document for inspiration.

The Board also endorsed Joan Sheridan as the Convenor for the next Zonta Fair and commends it to members for their support.



Letter from Janet Montrose

Happy New Year and, as the Chinese say: Sunlee filo!



Thank you for sending the newsletter. I enjoyed reading it very much.

I've been to Vietnam for Christmas. We stayed in the Metropole Hotel in Hanoi. How different it was from a Christmas in Australia. Very French. I think that we were the only Australians staying there as most people were speaking French. On Christmas Day, we were seated next to two young Australians, backpackers from Adelaide, and we enjoyed the conversation with them. They were spending their weekly food allowance on one lunch! I was so relieved not to be backpacking!

Hanoi, the capital city, is alive and very busy. With beautiful old French architecture, it is so third world. One street hawker followed us for 2 hours to sell us a Viet Cong hat for US\$2.00. Old women earn a living selling cups of tea and a cigarette or a drag on a bong squatting on the footpath. Everywhere are bicycles and scooters. Beep, beep! Peep! The law demands that anyone overtaking sounds the horn. The cacophony is unceasing. In spite of their obvious poverty, the Vietnamese people are very happy and so pacifist. There is no road rage at all. Compared with Australia, it is a really accepting, compromising society. Of course, the Mercedes ride from the airport to the hotel was a different world from the one we viewed.

On Boxing Day we flew to Hue, the ancient imperial capital and it was a different world again from Hanoi. We stayed at the Morin Hotel which was the university before the war. Hue is very rural, yet again the people are well-nourished and seem contented with their lot. Old women run along carrying balanced baskets, wearing coolie hats, selling mandarins and sugar beets. They have happy faces and seem healthy. It's difficult to reconcile the communist politics with the rapacious capitalism that we endured every time we walked the streets. In the markets, food is abundant and the fresh vegetables are mouth-watering in colour and variety. Everything one could wish to buy is there. Yes, I have yet another pair of silk pyjamas! If anyone would like any silk pjs, just email me before I return to Brisbane in July.

Now it's back to work in earnest. Students here endure a rigorous system of exams, based on a 3 term system. It is archaic and in need of immediate reform. Unfortunately, the teachers are ill-equipped to innovate the necessary changes. In spite of the dinosauric conditions, I enjoy motivating/encouraging the students to have the confidence to speak English. That's my role and I use every trick to get them to talk.

My only disappointment is that the Zontians here have not contacted me so my membership of Zonta will lapse. In retrospect, I think that they would not welcome an Australian into their clubs as then they might have to speak English. Most Chinese here think that they 'lose face' - a huge issue here- if they cannot speak English well. The school principal has never spoken to me and uses the younger female deputy to communicate with me. Fortunately, she is very fluent and we have developed a good friendship. It helps that she has a flat here on the Gold Coast as well.

I wish the North Brisbane Zontians well in their endeavours in 2000 and if I can catch a meeting when I return to Brisbane for the long Summer holiday (here), I will phone you. Best wishes,

Janet Montrose

An Apology

To all our members, please accept my apology for not distributing the Governor's Newsletter at our Christmas Party. They were all there, on the back seat of the car, neatly labelled for everyone to take away, BUT... Not only that! I didn't find them until I had to clean up the car so that our family members could zoom around in a clean car during the 'silly season'. (It was certainly 'silly' at our house), but I hope to make amends at this coming Dinner Meeting, albeit a little late for all the good wishes expressed in the Newsletter. Please make sure you collect one with your name on it. Thanks!

Thea Biesheuvel.

Zonta International Violence against Women message

(from Diane Jeans, via Jennie Watt, Brisbane North's contact person).

On average, over the past ten years in Australia, 125 women have been murdered each year - 90% by men, and 60% by an intimate partner. (Australia Institute of Criminology reported in the Courier Mail 23/9/99)

In Queensland, between 1994 and 1998, 62 women and 6 children were killed in domestic violence incidents. This represents women who can no longer be heard, and the children who will never reach their potential. Spare a moment's thought for these irreplaceable losses to our community.

We should all be well aware by now that ZISVAW – the Zonta International Strategies to Eliminate Violence against women and children – is now here to stay – the International commitment is that this program will continue until such violence is eradicated. It is now a central part of the Zontian message and needs to become part of the Zontian culture.

If some Zontians are already weary of this topic – then the best option is to get into the fight against violence, or else you are going to be hearing about it for a longer time. But what is it? It is domestic violence, it is rape and sexual assault, it is child abuse and in some cultures, it is genital circumcision. It has many faces, it is perpetrated for many different reasons – but at the end of any analysis it is violence and abuse of a person because of their gender.

This ZISVAW strategy is about harnessing Zonta expertise, resources, commitment and drive to address a problem which has an international recognition, which has national and state focus, but which happens in our communities, in our backyards.

The question is – what are we – in District 24 – going to do about it?

Well, as a start we must be informed. We must face the unpleasant factor that violence against women exists at all levels in society, it affected our mothers and grandmothers, it affects women like us, and it will affect our daughters and grand-daughters if we do not act. It is not some else's problem. Learn the facts, listen to the experts, listen to survivors, be aware and take that awareness with us into the community, within our business lives and our private lives.

We asked each club to nominate a member to represent them and carry the message within the organisation. We ask that each club has a regular space in their Newsletter for ZISVAW matters. We ask that each club has at least one guest speaker this year to talk about the issue of domestic violence. We need to recognise (that is, become cognisant again, *Ed*), that it is easy to give money or donate goods to women who are seen as less fortunate than us. The challenge is to take that further, to speak out against violence and to advocate change.

We have formed a partnership with the Federal Government to participate in the Business Against Domestic Violence initiative. Obviously this matter affects workplace absenteeism, sick leave, etc. In Brisbane, we have joined networks and devised strategies to take the challenge to the business sector, such as obtaining business sponsorship for a Media Award for the best DV Awareness reporting, organising Jim Hardeman, the man responsible for establishing the US program to come and speak and developing the concept of a trust fund to support services and prevention activities.

These are projects which we could commit to on a long term basis, which would have a significant impact on women. How about formulating something in the Zonta Club of Brisbane North?



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Your President's Message...

Hello Everyone...

The Area 3 Workshop was held on Saturday 4 and Sunday 5 March 2000 at the Queensland University of Technology and was entitled "Zontians in Wonderland - Making the Dream a Reality".



90 Zontians attended from the thirteen clubs in Area 3 including five from Brisbane North. The Workshop was a great success and speakers on the first day included Margot Appleyard, Sallyanne Atkinson, Gail Austen, Betty Byrne-Henderson and Dorothy Herbert. These speakers were very inspiring and spoke about their own journeys to success. They talked about the ways they coped with failure and how they didn't let it get them down, it just made them more determined than ever to go on with life.

We then had a session on 'hands-on service' and heard from five Clubs about projects in which they were involved. Chris Christensen from our Club reported on our coming seminar for "Young Women and Public Affairs" on 1 April 2000.

Following that, Nigel Harris, Executive Director Mater Hospitals Trust spoke about various ways of funding projects and how to be more effective in our fundraising. He spoke about ways of funding, about using advocacy to help with projects, giving time to be involved in projects and also about special skills of various members of the Club that can be used to help with projects. He advised us to develop a clear view of the results which need to be achieved in any projects we are funding. Nigel had given us help with our Trivial Pursuit nights some years ago for Brisbane North.

Later we heard a talk from The Honourable Ms Anna Bligh, MLA, Minister for Families, Youth and Community Care and Minister for Disability Services. She informed us of what her department was doing and ways to be involved.

On Sunday, we had Reports from all the Clubs in the District and this gave an excellent opportunity to see what was happening in all the Clubs and to gain ideas for our own Club about what we could do.

The Workshop finished with a talk from Leneen Forde on "Making Dreams into Reality". Leneen spoke of her own career and how things had changed directions several times and how one needed to be prepared for that. She told about the need to have imagination, courage and experience to seize the opportunities that came in life and be prepared to take a risk.

The Workshop was woven around the theme "Alice in Wonderland" and on Saturday night, many of the participants attended an evening with the Queensland Ballet performance of "Alice in Wonderland" which was delightful and very well performed. One of the highlights of the workshop was seeing Joan Godfrey dressed as Queen of Hearts and Leneen Forde dressed as a caterpillar from characters in Alice in Wonderland.

Warmest congratulations to Elizabeth Heber, our Area 3 Director and Coralie Van Straaten, President of the Brisbane Club and members of Brisbane Club for the wonderful workshop they ran and for their warm hospitality. Those of us attending the workshop felt rejuvenated, inspired and keen to get going on activities for Zonta after such a stimulating workshop.

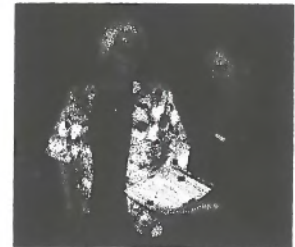
Zonta Club of Brisbane South held their 21st Birthday Party in February and it was a very successful and happy evening at Michael's Restaurant. The Zonta Clubs of Brisbane South and Brisbane North

The date for the Zonta Fair has been chosen as Saturday, 22nd July and we are very glad Joan Sheridan has agreed to be the Coordinator of the Zonta Fair again. A meeting about the Fair is to be held at Joan Sheridan's home at 2.00pm on 18 March 2000, so please come and give your ideas. We've got a lot to uphold after the fantastic effort we did for last year's Zonta Fair and hope that many of our new members will be able to attend and share their ideas with us.



It was sad to hear that two of our special Hon Zons, Eric Jesson and Tony Loutit were in hospital in the past month and our good wishes go out to them for a speedy recovery.

Finally, I would like to wish everybody a very happy International Women's Day on 8 March. Ten members of our Club will be celebrating at the International Women's Day Breakfast at the Brisbane Convention Centre and we are looking forward to sharing it with thousands of other Queensland women.



Mary Mahoney

Venue for Club Dinner Meetings - Results of our Opinion Poll

The response of the majority (77%) of membership was in favour of our Club Dinner Meetings remaining at the United Service Club, even if the cost of the dinner rises to \$30.

Responses were 42 members (out of 43) of which 33 voted YES to remain.

The Task Group analysing these responses did recommend some changes, such as allowances for more choice, that is, less meat and more salads, or even a buffet. The President will negotiate with the Club about those recommendations.

9 members prioritized 'low cost' and a further four favoured more vegetables/salads.

The on-site parking and separate dining room were the main attractions of the present venue, followed closely by its central location and well-lit, safe area.

So - we stay put! Thanks to everyone for participating so fully!

Diary Dates



March 13 MONTHLY DINNER MEETING at the United Service Club, 183 Wickham Terrace, Spring Hill. 6.30 pm for 7.00 pm.

PLEASE NOTE: At this meeting the Nominating Committee, (Noeleen Foggon, chair, Lorna Webber and Glen Marshall) will present the slate of candidates for office for 2000/2001. ALSO PLEASE NOTE: ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE DUE and need to be paid by the end of March at the latest as our Treasurer, Jennie Watt has to send International Dues to Chicago by the end of April. Please pay your \$135 sub. Promptly preferably at the March meeting - and make Jennie's task as Treasurer as easy as possible*

GUEST SPEAKER: Dr. Joan Lawrence, A.M. (also M.B., B.S., F.R.A.N.Z.C.P., F.R.C. Psych., F.A.M.A., CORR FELL.A.P.A.) Clinical Associate Professor in Psychiatry (Uni. Of Qld)

TOPIC: Can our Souls Keep up with our Science? Dr. Lawrence, when accepting the invitation to address the club was most emphatic that any reference to her topic should also add that her talk will be based on her 1999 Lyceum Lecture, delivered in Brisbane in Sept. 99.

THE USUAL REMINDER: *Apologies for non-attendance are crucial to keep our costs down* and should be made to Jocelyn Grant-Taylor (Tel. 3217 5804 before 9 am on the day. Those wishing to order special diets also should phone Jocelyn by the same deadline of 9 am on the day.

March 18 ZONTA FAIR COMMITTEE MEETING at the home of Convenor, Joan Sheridan, 57 Castile St., Indooroopilly, at 2pm. YES!! It's on again! This is the initial meeting for this year's Fair. Joan already has received Council approval for our Club to hold the fair in Robertson Park, Indooroopilly on July 22, 2000.

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* There was a very good suggestion made previously, that we put our **cheque or money into an envelope marked with our name**, listing on the outside the monies or cheques inside, so that receipts can be issued later and no queue-ups or mix-ups occur on the Dinner Meeting night.

Future Directions - A Draft Statement - to be ratified by the Membership at the Dinner Meeting of 13 March

The Aim of this Document

- ◇ To establish the Club's strategic direction'
- ◇ To agree on priorities; and
- ◇ To review resource management.

The Zonta International Mission

Zonta is a global service organisation of executive women in business and the professions, working to improve the legal, political, economic, educational, health and professional status of women.

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The values we espouse as members of the Zonta Club of Brisbane North Inc.

We value the community spirit, our friends and fun, our autonomy when given tasks, the respect given to our differences, the reliability, stability and history of our club, the purposeful energy and willingness to work. We also value the positive profile, the Zonta connections, the fellowship and stimulation and the esteem in which we hold each other.

The Zonta Club of Brisbane North Life giving Force - Its Mission

Our Mission and spirit will be kept alive through committed leadership, a shared and genuine interest, the preservation of warmth, flexibility and filling the needs of others and ourselves, to continue to have a 'people' focus, enthusiasm and goodwill.

Club Goals for 2000 - 2002

Aligned to Zonta International's Mission and the four Biennial Goals, the Zonta Club of Brisbane North Inc., has the following 5 goals for the next 2 years:-

- 1 *Membership, Organisation and Extension.* We will promote the power of one by encouraging, actively seeking, accepting and developing (by peer support) our membership. We will be proactive in providing flexible structures which accommodate women's changing situations in life and by the promotion and mentoring of Z Clubs in Secondary schools.
- 2 *Public Relations and Communications.* We will promote an identity for our Club as a progressive and uniquely vital Club, answering the needs, as well as advancing the interests and status of women. We will do this by having a successful and reputable 'model' club, providing leadership and advocacy on women's issues. We will be on-line by 2001, have our own Web Page/site and be known in our community.

Future Directions - A Draft Statement - Continued from p.5

3. ***Status of Women Service.*** To be consistent with our Mission Statement we need to merge successfully the two committees and develop a common understanding of what "advancing" the status of women means and what "advocacy" for that advancement will entail. We aim to do this by agreeing on the criteria for decision making (and action) incorporating Biennial goals and Committee focus.
4. ***United Nations.*** We will create an awareness of U.N. goals and achievements in advancing the status of women and humanity, worldwide, in order to both influence and implement these. In this context advocacy means creating alliances and links, providing information. Empowerment through the means of food control and food production will be part of our focus.
5. ***Fundraising.*** By the end of 1999 our Club will have a fund raising model, like that of the 'hub and spoke' method used, survey our own members to provide the information and explore tax deductibility as a means of attracting funds. We will have an annual goal of raising 25% over current funds (to be reviewed annually) and a data-base for potential sources of income outside the club, as well as from events that raise money and foster fellowship. We will have a specific date for budget planning, late disbursements, a development fund. It will need input from other Committees for data, (for donors as well as projects past and future), a good Mission statement, accountability statements such as on confidentiality of information, the use of the monies raised, (esp. International's dues), publicity and rewards for donors. We will need to train our members in fundraising approaches for the future.

Our Priorities

For each goal, the following priority actions will be undertaken:-

1. ***Membership.***
 - . Rotation of committee members and chairs;
 - . Identification of the non-represented areas of classification
 - . Actively seek Z Club schools (as listed)
 - . Advocate to review the criteria for our classifications to be more flexible in accommodating the changing situations of our members and their needs
2. ***PR/Communication***
 - Web-site for our Club - to contain our History, photos, activities, etc., designed by March, set up by July 2000.
 - Brochures - design and preparation by March
distribution by July 2000
 - Promotions by email, newsletters, information up-dates, etc., from Feb.
 - Speakers Kit, for helping start Z Clubs/promotional activities.
3. ***Status of Women Service*** Merge the two committees. Revise their criteria to align with ZI Mission and Goals, especially as it relates to the criteria for fixed grants/Awards.
Ask new questions of those seeking grants (as listed on original

document, such as history, evidence of standing in the community, etc.
Put out draft on new focus, new working groups, joint meetings, time-
tables, roles, etc.,

Have a Service Budget for formal fundraising

4 *United Nations.* Keep abreast of updates.

5 *Fundraising* Establish a small group across committees to develop fundraising base.
Coordinate and cooperate with existing fund raising.

Set up a data base containing business connections, rich friends,
contacts, potential donors, etc.

Confirm tax status.

Survey of members to ascertain referrals to potential donors

Make up information package/kit similar to PR Kit.

Design recognition Certificates for donors

Arrange workshops/train canvassers

Have an ongoing service commitment so that funds can be disbursed
quickly should the need arise.

Indicators of success

By October 2000 we will have:-

- ◇ Efficient Fund raising organisation
- ◇ Zonta Club of Brisbane North Web Site
- ◇ Workable and enjoyable Status of Women Service Committee
- ◇ Enhanced profile and reputation for advocacy
- ◇ A global 'face' and broader membership
- ◇ A school partnership
- ◇ U. N. Integration In Club Activities.

We will review our program in October, 2000 and March 2001 to make sure we're 'on track'.

Please read this document carefully as it represents the blue prints for the Committees, the members generally and the direction for the Club.

This will be the Final Draft. The completed, revised document will be launched in April.

Thanks to all those who contributed their ideas originally, subsequently, and to you, for reading this far. Your comments will be most welcome, either through your Committee Chair or via comments to the Secretary.

Who was it that said:- "You can't jump the Grand Canyon in two small leaps"?

Who was it that said:- "Leadership is a skill, not a position"?

Who was it that said:- "No pain, No gain"?

Domestic Violence - an update

"The Brisbane City Council, in conjunction with the State and Federal Governments, is bringing to Australia Jim Hardeman to participate in a range of speaking engagements about the implications of family (domestic violence) in the workplace and the importance of developing protocols, procedures and guidelines to prevent workplace violence."

Latest e-mail from Diane Jeans who is the Chairperson for ZISVAW

"The next area of work is the issue of Business and Domestic Violence and the recent visit by Jim Hardeman from the US has inspired us to move forward of this project. At the moment we are commissioning research on the impact of DV on workplace and the business sector in an Australian context (funded by the Brisbane City Council) and working to adapt the US program - the CEO challenge - to the Australian environment. I will be able to distribute this information later in the year, together with some suggestions about the concept may be taken up in your local area"

The Brisbane City Council has also set up a project team to appoint referral officers and train these in recognising and referring individual employees who have been affected by Domestic Violence. This will be one of the first 'businesses' in Australia to recognise the impact of a violent home to its employees.

Zonta's Intergenerational Literacy Project

This has resulted in a publication:- *Sweet Sisters and Other Secrets*, an anthology of personal anecdotes about people from different backgrounds doing ordinary and extraordinary things.

The Blackall Range club is launching this book and offering all Zonta Clubs the chance to raise money by selling copies. They will retail at \$20 per copy, but clubs will get a discount of 40% for 10 books.

Enquiries:- Adele Gruber (07) 5494 3002

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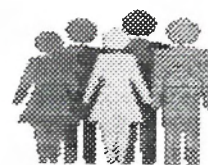
Newsletter

April, 2000

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Your President's Message...

Hello Everyone...

Recently the Zonta Fair Committee held their first meeting for this year's Zonta Fair which will be at Robertson Park on Saturday, 22 July 2000. It was held at the home of Joan Sheridan who has kindly offered to be the Coordinator again for the Fair. We have a big challenge ahead to beat what we did in 1999, but I am sure that with everyone's enthusiasm and commitment, we will be able to achieve great things and as a result, fund more projects.

Several members of our Club attended the International Women's Day Breakfast at Brisbane Convention Centre on 8 March 2000 and shared it with over 1000 other Queensland women. The Guest speaker was Prof. Gadis Arivia, Phil. & Women's Studies, University of Jakarta, Dir. Of "Yayasan Jumal Perempuan", who gave an excellent address. One of the highlights was the singing and dancing performance by Papua New Guinea female students from Clayfield College. Their joy in what they were doing was an inspiration to us all. It was wonderful to see so many school students at the breakfast and to participate with women from many other organisations.

At our April Dinner Meeting, we will officially launch our "Future Directions" Paper and then it will be time for hard work, and we will need commitment and enthusiasm to ensure that our Club goals for the next two years are met.

Our Club goals for 2000 - 2002 are aligned to Zonta International's Mission and the four Biennial Goals, and are as follows:

1. **Membership, Organisation and Extension.** We will promote the power of one by encouraging, actively seeking, accepting and developing (by peer support) our membership. We will be proactive in providing flexible structures which accommodate women's changing situations in life and by the promotion and mentoring of Z Clubs in Secondary schools.
2. **Public Relations and Communications.** We will promote an **identity** for our Club as a progressive and uniquely vital Club, answering the needs, as well as advancing the interests and status of women. We will do this by having a successful and reputable 'model' Club, providing leadership and advocacy on women's issues. We will be on-line by 2001, have our own Web Page/site and be known in our community.
3. **Status of Women Service.** To be consistent with our Mission Statement we need to merge successfully the two committees and develop a common understanding of what "advancing" the status of women means and what "advocacy" for that advancement will entail. We aim to do this by agreeing on the criteria for decision making (and action) incorporating Biennial goals and Committee focus.
4. **United Nations.** We will create an awareness of U.N. goals and achievements in advancing the status of women and humanity, worldwide, in order to both influence and implement these. In this context advocacy means creating alliances and links, providing information. Empowerment through the means of food control and food production will be part of our focus.
5. **Fundraising.** Our Club will have a fund raising model, like that of the 'hub and spoke' method used, survey our own members to provide the information and explore tax deductibility as a means of attracting funds. We will have an annual goal of raising 25% over current funds (to be reviewed annually) and a data-base for potential sources of income outside the Club, as well as from events that raise money and foster fellowship. We will have a specific date for budget planning, late disbursements, a development fund. It will need input from other Committees for data, (for donors as well as projects past and future), a good Mission statement, accountability statements such as on confidentiality of information, the use of the monies raised, (especially International's dues), publicity and rewards for donors. We will need to train our members in fundraising approaches for the future.

We will be discussing how we can action these goals at our April Meeting. I am looking forward to seeing you there.

Mary Mahoney

VALE

In March, we were very sad to hear the news of Ian Ferrier's death and offer Mercia and her family our deepest sympathy. Ian was one of our favourite Honorary Zontians and over the 21 years that the Club has been in existence, Ian was at so many of our functions lending a helping hand, and he and Mercia were often surrounded by their children and their partners and grandchildren. The Requiem Mass and Funeral Service were inspiring and the love and esteem in which Ian was held by family, friends and so many community leaders was very evident. Ian was a loving, caring and thoughtful husband, father, and grandfather and was a man of great integrity and wisdom. Ian will be greatly missed by us all.

Diary Dates

April 10 MONTHLY DINNER MEETING at the United Service Club, 183 Wickham Terrace, Spring Hill. 6.30 p.m. for 7.00 p.m.

Apologies for non-attendance are crucial to keep our costs down and should be made to Jocelyn Grant-Taylor (Tel. 3217 5804) before 9 a.m. on the day. Those wishing to order special diets should also phone Jocelyn by the same deadline. **Failure to apologise means you will be required to pay for your ordered dinner.**

Please Note: At this meeting members vote for election of officers to the Board for 2000/2001. If Time permits the PR and Communications Committee Chairman Carolyn Evans will call on charter members to give potted (3 mins.) autobiogs about careers, lifestyles, etc.

MAKE A HASSLE-FREE ARRIVAL: By putting dinner money in an envelope with your name and amount enclosed written thereon, you will dodge the usual queue and possible confusion at the door.

May 7 – 13 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PREVENTION WEEK. Information to come from Barbara Struthers of the Office of Domestic Violence. To contact her Telephone 07 3224 4532 and e-mail bstruthe@families.qld.gov.au

May 8 DINNER MEETING AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. Committee chairmen present their Annual Reports

May 20 ESK RACE DAY. Organised by Zonta Club of Brisbane South Inc. Convenor is Norma Davies 07 3899 2957

June 22 GALA DINNER BOOK LAUNCH. Blackall Range Club function at Parliament House. 6.30pm for 7.00 pm Three-course dinner at \$60.00 each. Includes pre-dinner drinks with hors d'oevres. To celebrate launch of "Sweet Sisters & Other Secrets" by Jill Morris and Eliza Burfein. This is a response to Zonta International Literacy Project celebrating the International Year of the Older Persons. Phone bookings for dinner to Adele Gruber, 07 5494 3002 or post cheque to 260 Maleny-Montville Rd, Maleny 4552.

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ZONTA FAIR RAFFLE. From now until the Fair appeals will be made to members to collect donations for all the stalls. One's concern is that members support generously the Monster Raffle that Kathy Thomson conducts so brilliantly at the Fair. All sorts of attractive goodies are acceptable. So ransack those cupboards for books & clothes you can spare for the stalls. Green fingers will find Glen Marshall grateful for their efforts. The Cake stall never can have too many cakes, etc, either!

Domestic Violence – an update

The Status of Women Committee is hoping to make a Nomination for the Domestic Violence week Award. This will be a week, starting on 7 May – 13 May, in which the many organisations concerned about the impact of this, sometimes, hidden problem, on the community, family life, organisations and our general culture, will highlight the issues and present some of their methods for dealing with the issues.

Zonta Cooperation (or co-opting?)

Chris Christensen is wondering whether it was wise, at the recent Area Workshop, to sit beside former ABS workmate, Denise Conroy, Zonta Club of Brisbane East. Denise is a Senior Lecturer in the School of Management at QUT and is rather good at obtaining Project Grants. Currently she has a Grant under the Small Business Enterprise Culture Program to set up a dedicated small business women owners/managers website. Denise needed a Senior Research Assistant. Denise is persuasive. Chris is now working casual/part-time as a Senior Research Assistant!!!! and enjoying it.

Reconciliation

One of the members of the Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation came to address our Dinner Meeting last year. You may remember Dr. Joan Hendrix's talk. The Council's Vision is a united Australia which respects this land of ours; values the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander heritage; and provides justice and equity for all. Values, that we could all espouse. Their key issues are to get the wider community to understand their special and unique relationship to this land. Another is to heal the ruptured relationships, not only between the European Australians and the Indigenous Australians, but also between their own people. This means that after two centuries of interference and domination by the European culture (as laudable as these may have been in their intent), it has been difficult to retain a strong sense of their own cultural identities. This diversity needs to be recognised and to be truly valued and accepted with pride. We share a history. Most of us have gone through a school system knowing nothing of Australian people, their diversity and the myths surrounding various ethnic groups and the facts, as these groups can present them. One of the authors of the Draft Document for Reconciliation, the author Ms Jackie Huggins, will present a view, for our members' consideration, after the Document has been ratified, sometime in June/July.

Cyberspace

NO DON'T SKIP THIS LITTLE ITEM!!! It is amazing. Did you know that there is a 'celebration of women' on the Web? Those of you who have an Internet browser/explorer, try these:-

- ◇ The UN Internet Gateway on the Advancement and Empowerment of Women.
Learn about the work of the UN and find information about UN Conferences on women's advancement and empowerment www.un.org/womenwatch/
- ◇ OzEgirl is the first totally Australian owned monster portal, cyber community for women only. OzEgirl features mentoring programs, support groups, career strategies and successful Australian women. www.ozegirl.net
- ◇ AVIVA is an International Women's Listing Magazine which enables women all over the world to make contact with each other. Groups and individuals around the world provide information for free listings. It also acts as Website 'host' to Women's groups and services globally. www.aviva.com

WHO WAS IT THAT SAID:- "There will be no harmony if we all sing the same tune"? You know, singing four-part harmony is a real eye-opener. Some people get double the notes to sing in their part, others get only 3 or 4 different ones to sing during the whole song and yet others have to keep the song 'on pitch' and expressive. The result is so pleasant to listen to! It is really like our Club isn't it?
Some do 'double' time/effort, others 3 or 4 good things, and so on. What part do you sing/play?



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At our April Dinner meeting, the Board for the coming year was elected. Our warmest congratulations to:

President -	Thea Biesheuvel
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I would like to thank all current members of the Board for their great help and support in the past year and special thanks to Chris Christensen, Dianne Loutit and Jenny Grant-Taylor who are leaving the Board.

At our 8 May Dinner meeting, we will also be holding the Annual General Meeting. Elizabeth Heber, our Area 3 Director will be attending to induct the new Board and I am looking forward to seeing as many of you there as possible.

On Sunday, 21 May, the St Lucia Festival will be held at the No. 2 Oval, University of Queensland and our Club will be represented. Elizabeth Fraser is convening a Sub-Committee and Elizabeth hopes that many of you will be able to attend the day.

As this is my last editorial for the newsletter, I am in reflective mode. It has been a year of re-living our birth back in 1978 and of examining what we were currently doing, and deciding on new directions for the Club in the 21st Century. 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 participating in all our activities.

I have been honoured to serve as your President and I appreciate very much the support I have been given by Immediate Past President, Noeleen Foggon and other Past Presidents, by all members of the Board who have been a tremendous help and support, the support I have had from Chairs of Committees and from all members of the Club. I wish Thea, as incoming President and members of the new Board and all Club members a very happy and satisfying year ahead.

Mary Mahoney



Bouquets to all those who gave of their time and energy !

Our deepest sympathy to Chris on the loss of her beloved sister on Monday, 1st May last

Diary Dates

May 8 MONTHLY DINNER MEETING, ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND INDUCTION OF NEW BOARD, at the United Service Club, 183 Wickham Tce, Spring Hill. 6.30 pm. For 7 pm. Inducting the new President, Thea Biesheuvel and the new Board. **Apologies** to JENNY GRANT-TAYLOR in place of Jocelyn, who is overseas. Jenny's telephone number is 3353 0730. **Failure to apologise** for non-attendance means you will be **required to pay** for your meal whether you attend or not. Those requiring special diets also should ring Jenny. All these calls to be made before 9 am on the day of the dinner.

This is our Club's big meeting of the year and warrants an especially big roll-up. Some members probably have yet to meet Elizabeth Heber, a well-known artist and a very entertaining speaker. It should be a lively meeting with Elizabeth around.

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Talking of opportunities to learn -- Would you like to learn how to put this Newsletter onto computer and publish it using Microsoft Publisher? The club will invest in such a software program for you and Thea will show you the ropes. All you need is a PC and some patience! We'd like as many different people to learn as possible. (DON'T RUSH! - you can go on a list of potential learners and wait your turn).

Our 2000-2002 Biennial Program goals

- * **Simplify our organisation by the more efficient use of technology.**
To be used at all levels in Zonta International.
- * **Go for Gold – Go for Growth**
Gold means "The Best". Our target is a membership growth of 10%. Let's 'Go for Gold' and recruit, rejuvenate and retain the very best.
- * **Educate members about Legislative Awareness to become efficient advocates.** Our members are looking for positive outcomes and this is one way of providing them.
- * **Increase our commitment to service by the wise use of our time, talent and money.** This is the work 'smarter, not harder' focus, but it means we ask you to commit yourself and accept the challenge.
- * **Support the International Foundation** in focusing support for service programs that empower more women and girls by contributing to:
 - Rose Fund
 - Amelia Earhart fund
 - Int. Service fund
 - YWIPA fund
 - ZISVAW fund
 and by individual as well as Club gift giving.
- * **Support our international service Projects:-**
 - the prevention of FGC in Burkina Faso (Phase 2);
 - Eliminating Maternal and neonatal tetanus in Nepal;
 - preventing violence against women and girls in India;
- * **Publicly distribute yellow roses or items bearing their image, accompanied by Zonta information to improve the visibility of Zonta, promote recognition of International Women's Day and of issues affecting women.**
- * **Be United in Common Goals!**

COME TO THE FAIR!

ZONTA FAIR UPDATE.

Convenor Joan Sheridan will be holding another meeting nearer the Fair date.



In the meanwhile there is a lot of cupboard turning out to do and rummaging around requested of everyone, so that they can make donations to various stalls including JEWELLERY: June Halliday and Mary Mahoney, who need a lot of trinkets and bric-a-brac; MONSTER RAFFLE; Kathy Thomson needs everyone's donation to boost this popular Fair attraction. This could be anything from a simple packet of tea-bags or as lavish as you like in the way of gourmet lines; CLOTHING: It is remarkable how certain items sit in one's wardrobe and never get an airing. Lynette Liddle will happily relieve anyone of their pre-loved clothing, provided it is in good repair (AND CLEAN); TRASH AND TREASURE: Jocelyn Grant-Taylor will take anything for this stall. PLANTS AND PRODUCE: Glen Marshall has great expectations of gifts of pot-plants from our green-fingered members – do oblige her; CAKES AND BISCUITS, JAMS, SWEETS AND RELISHES: Lorna Webber & Co will be delighted to hear what you are planning to donate to this very popular stall. It sells out in double-quick time, so there can never be enough stock for this one; BOOKS: Can't have too many of these wither – Jean Sinclair and helpers look forward to a well-stocked stall. This depends of course on plenty of donations from members – every book resembles a profit of some sort.

Our Jocelyn on Pilgrim's Way

It all sounds very mediaeval, but Jocelyn is in Spain to travel the ancient pilgrim route to *Santiago de Compostela*, in North-western Spain. She will then spend a fortnight in Portugal and a week in Norway before flying home again.



The Minister for Family and Community Services, Sen. The Hon. Jocelyn Newman has released a statement on "Delivering on our Commitments to Women". She is the Minister assisting the Prime Minister for the Status of Women, of course.

'The Government supports women's diverse choices and aspirations. This requires a strong policy framework that supports women in their working lives and in retirement as well as in their roles as mothers and carers'

Should any committee care to comment, Thea has a copy and will be scrutinising the document, ready for some comments back to the Senator, if we feel this is warranted.



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From your (very new) President

Having survived my first year as Minute Secretary, with a fair bit of help from the President, I look forward to the challenges of the year ahead, personally as well as at the Club level. With your support there is no doubt that the coming year will see the successful implementation of the goals set down in our *Future Directions* and those of Zonta International.



Starting a new Zonta year is the most opportune time to take stock and see why it was that we became Zontians. Fellowship and friendships are high on most people's list. There is such a wide variety of women, isn't there? But, most of us can meet other women elsewhere and most of us have friendships in other spheres of interest too.

We are all busy people, combining so many different interests with our work, family and talents. So, it can't be because we have nothing else with which to fill our time, can it?

I suspect that we are all attracted to helping women achieve their goals. Especially those women who need support in order to reach a life worth living, who need a boost to their self-esteem, who need an income to survive, who need to know that we are behind them. We may have experienced some of these challenges first hand, but for the most, we have been the lucky ones, achieving professional status, better than 'survival' incomes and support throughout our personal quests. What better gift than that of empathy allied to practical support?

We are part of a *SERVICE* organisation. Successful women helping women and girls less fortunate than ourselves. So we need to organise 'hands on' practical support, and/or raise the money to enable support to reach those women. We do this by organising events that will please us, but also enable us to raise the money to be of service. We do this by finding out about those women and girls still struggling in a way that preserves their dignity and by raising the Zonta profile in the community. I don't need to tell any of you that this means we are not only busy, but need to be focused and committed members of Zonta.

The new Board has met and discussed all these matters. Remember, we are working for you, our members. Some small changes to the reporting and support mechanisms for the various committees have been proposed, with this in mind. We are sure that this will help all of us to collaborate in our efforts, while preserving that great fellowship and the solid friendships for which Zonta is also known. It is going to be an exciting year! Regards,

Thea

Your Board At Work

Each member of the Board has been asked to act as the liaison person and information person for the committee on which they have nominated to serve. That is not to circumvent the normal reporting mechanisms, but to help support and inform the members of their committee of the Board's function and commitment to work with them. At its last meeting, the first for the new Board, members discussed improvements in the way the Committees and the Board could work together as well as making the Dinner Meetings speedier and more social.



The Board will recommend that it needs to hear of issues, concerns, ideas for action (especially on the *Future Directions*), etc., before a Dinner Meeting. It could then recommend to the general membership what the Board feels should be the course of action on particular matters brought to its notice. At the Dinner Meetings, a recommendation from the Board will be presented for the membership to consider. If there are matters of importance brought up at a Dinner Meeting, the member(s) or committee would be asked to submit it to the Board for its consideration and its recommendation back to the membership next meeting. The Committee Chair persons would report on their actions for the past month, to the membership, at the Dinner Meetings and their ongoing or future concerns, issues, etc., to the Board in time for it to consider and recommend actions to the Dinner Meetings.

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Guest speakers: PAT DREW, Lecturer at Ithaca TAFE who is doing the Club Web Page and GAIL PEARSON who has been nominated for the J.M. Klausman Award.

APOLOGIES: To JOCELYN Grant-Taylor, (yes, she's back from Spain and other points of the compass). Tel. 3217 5804.

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PLEASE NOTE: DINNER COSTS FROM NOW ON \$30.00

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June 22 GALA DINNER BOOK LAUNCH: Organised by Zonta Club of Blackall Range. Venue: Parliament House. 6.30 pm for 7 pm. Three-course dinner at \$60 each, includes pre-dinner drinks and hors d'oeuvres. To celebrate the launch of "Sweet Sisters and Other Secrets" by Jill Morris and Eliza Brufein. This is a response to Zonta International Literary Project, celebrating the International Year of the Older Person. Phone bookings for dinner to Adele Gruber (07) 5494 3002 or post cheque to 260 Maleny-Montville Rd, MALENY 4552

June 22-23 MORE THAN JUST A BAND-AID: A seminar for workers in the area of Young Women and Self-Harm. For more information call Annie on 0418 309 755 or Miriam on 0414 538 420 OR e-mail on anniecaulfield@wildmail.com.

June 24 YOUNG WOMEN IN PUBLIC AFFAIRS ALUMNI INAUGURAL DINNER
We're looking forward to a good attendance from ALL CLUB MEMBERS. Contact Gina.

July 1 ZONTA FAIR MEETING for ALL club members. At home of Fair Coordinator, Joan Sheridan, 57 Castile St., Indooroopilly. At 2 pm Joan's phone no. is 3870 9879. Hopefully there won't be any apologies. Joan is counting on every member's input on what can be done to make the Fair even bigger and better. Be there!

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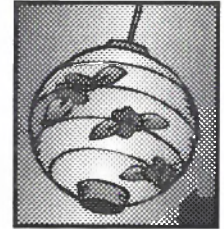
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Dr. Mary Mahoney and Patrick Mahoney, Thea Biesheuvel and Eric Jesson attended the cocktail party held by the Zonta Club of Brisbane to launch the inaugural *Elenora Award* for Poetry and the anthology honouring the poet Oodgeroo of the Nunuccal tribe (formerly Kath Walter) Phyllis McDuff won the prize (trophy) and 53 entries will be published by Ibis International in the book *Moongalba*. Thea will have 3 poems in the book. Copies are available from the Club at \$20, and will be sold at Writer's Week (for \$27) later this year.

A FAIR REMINDER:

As noted in the Diary Dates, Zonta Fair Convenor, Joan Sheridan is calling a meeting of ALL club members on June 24, to discuss the setting up of our Fair. Can we make it even bigger and better than last year's record effort? Bring all your bright ideas to the meeting please. MEANWHILE here is what can be made in the way of donations to the various stalls (*have that Spring cleaning now!*)



THE MONSTER RAFFLE: All members are asked to make some input. This can be as simple as teabags or biscuits, coffee or sweets OR as lavish as you like in gourmet lines. Anything attractive and tempting. Kathy Thomson produces the finished product beautifully but it is important that we all pitch in to help her make it a great money spinner.

CLOTHING: Lynette Liddle is convenor and accepts donations of CLEAN pre-loved clothing. It is a fair bet that all of us has the odd garment or two that hangs about year after year and is never used. Your big opportunity to ride of such gear.

TRASH 'N TREASURE: Convenor Jocelyn Grant-Taylor will obligingly take ANYTHING for this stall.

JEWELLERY: All pre-loved trinkets and jewellery should go to convenors, June Halliday and Mary Mahoney for their stall. Much favoured by the young fry looking for "something for Mummy". TOYS are also required.

PLANTS AND PRODUCE: Glen Marshall is in charge and she has great expectations of the green-fingered amongst us.

CAKES, BISCUITS, JAMS SWEETS AND RELISHES: Lorna Webber and helpers want lots of supplies from members for this popular stall which always sells out quickly. There never can be enough stock for this.

BOOKS: Can't have too many of these either. Anyone wishing to leave books with convenor Jean Sinclair, at 95 McCaul St. Taringa (opposite Indooroopilly State High School's rear entrance. Please ring Jean beforehand, so that Toby the dog can be restrained.

REFRESHMENTS: Brunella Novello is in charge and needs ONION RINGS for her hot dogs. All members are requested to bring on Fair day a bag of these, I. E. 4 ONIONS sliced into rings. These can be done the night before and put in a plastic bag in the deep freeze.

MUFFINS; Vicki Lomax and her assistant, Barbara Young, look forward to lots of customers.

BITS AND PIECES

Travel Talk June Halliday is just back from a conference in Japan, but is off again, accompanied by Hon. Zon. Bill, to the U.K., where they will spend most of a month or so in Wales. They will be back in time for the Zonta Fair.



Peggy Burke, meantime, won't be, as she intends going to the Oberammegau Passion Play, in the Bavarian village where every 10 years a the famous play is staged by locals. It was first staged in 1634 as a token of gratitude for the abatement of a plague.

If we can button-hole Jocelyn Grant-Taylor long enough, she could tells us about another ancient religious activity – the pilgrimage to Santa de Compostela – the route of which Jocelyn has recently traversed.

See also the letter from Janet Montrose, sent by e-mail, that marvelously quick way of sending mail, these days.

On a lighter note, Thea is just back from the Biennial *Sweet Adelines* Australian competition in Perth, where 900 women sang their hearts out (in four parts, of course) to vie for the honour or representing Australia at the International competition to be held in America next year. NO – she won't be going! *Harmony in Paradise* came third in their Division (small – medium chorus) and sixth overall. Don't ask her to sing for a while, please.

Heather Mohay is off to Canberra for 3 months, then back overseas again.

Brunella Novello and her rowing team are doing extremely well, having come 4th in their respective competition, despite her busy life and other commitments!



Letter from Janet Montrose

Hello there,

It seems quite a time since I emailed you that I would send another item for the newsletter after Easter.

We had 11 days off for the Easter holiday so I went for 4 days to Xi'an to see the excavation of the terracotta warriors and the other historical sites originating in Buddhism and Confucianism. If you've ever wondered where that saying "set in stone" came from, it is from Confucius' decree to inscribe his tenets into stela so that no errors could be made in copying them.

They had a special 'forest of stone' which contains all the original stone inscriptions. Quite fascinating.

Since the discovery of the terracotta army in 1975, Xi'an has become an important tourist destination with all of the trarara of capturing the tourist dollar, especially if its US\$!! Unfortunately, the air pollution is severe and it was difficult to see into the distance. The local tour guide dismissed it euphemistically as 'dust haze'! We were rather blunt with our description of air pollution. The other disturbing aspect of China is the huge unemployed population who have no social security. Everyone pays for education and health and their old age. All along the streets, huge groups of unemployed men in shabby communist suits stand with mops, buckets, brushes hoping someone will give them a job. Poverty stalks them all.

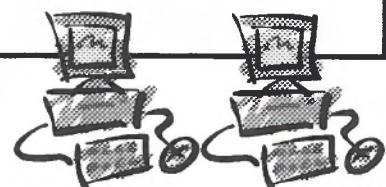
As for South Korea, what a different scene that is. Marie Gracey met me at the airport with one of the fathers of the children who attend the school where she teaches. As one would expect with Marie, I had a fabulous time. We were driven through one of the prettiest parts of the country, very reminiscent of Japan. The people are well-dressed and appear to be very prosperous. Everything is immaculate and very modern. I loved it.

Marie is enjoying herself and learning so much every week. Fortunately, she has some expatriate company amongst the Canadian and American population. Her life there is so different from mine in Hong Kong. I have a huge support group whereas she is really quite isolated in her school. On the day that I left, the science room caught fire and there was a huge blaze with angry orange flames flaring out of the second floor window. It was really frightening. So I decided to go out to the airport early to be one fewer body to look after in the mayhem.

I send my best wishes to the North Brisbane Zonta Club and I hope to attend the August meeting.

Regards, Janet

The Zonta Club of Brisbane North has its own Web Page! For those of you who've made the leap into the Internet, the address is:- www.geocities.com/zonta_bris/index.htm This is most easily accessed through the search engine called Yahoo (as it owns geocities). There is a link to Zonta International, for all those bits of up-to-date information. The address for Zonta International is:- www.Zonta.org and there are many links, both to the UN, the Beijing+5, (with its 12 areas of critical concern), etc.



Domestic Violence

Every Zonta Club has been asked to keep this subject 'fresh' for its members, as violence against women and girls is only just starting to surface as the major barrier to women's improvement in status. There are many resources, if you want to find out for yourself how big an issue it really is.

Books

Dozens of books are available from web sites, from commercial book stores, and government publications to universities and organizations. See "bibliography" within a web site Ask your library, or bookshops for these:-

Violence Against Women and Girls. By Wendy Smooth and Leslie R. Wolfe. The **Research and Data in Brief** report includes the latest research findings and data on the prevalence of violence against women, woman abuse and domestic/family violence, rape and sexual assault, stalking, and violence against girls and young women. \$4.00. To order: Center for Women Policy Studies, 1211 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Suite 312, Washington, DC 20036

The Wilder Foundation (also available on-line),

Offers six books on violence prevention: (1) *The Little Book of Peace*, a guide to help people think about violence and talk about it with their families and friends, (2) *Journey Beyond Abuse*, a step-by-step guide to facilitating women's domestic abuse groups, (3) *Moving Beyond Abuse*, a series of stories and questions that coordinate with the sessions provided in the facilitator's guide, (4) *Foundations for Violence-Free Living*, a complete guide to facilitating men's domestic abuse programs, (5) *On the Level*, contains 49 worksheets where men can record their insights and progress, and (6) *What Works in Preventing Rural Violence*, a review of 88 effective strategies.

Women's Ink International Women's Tribune Centre

The largest international distributor of books on women and development. It includes 200 titles from publishers all over the world, and is the exclusive distributor of publications from the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM).

In Queensland, The Office of Women's Policy provides *Women's Infolink* with many resources. 62 Mary Street, Brisbane Ph. 1800 177 577 We also have a *Domestic Violence Resource Centre*, not just for 'victim' services and support, but also for research data and ideas about support services needed in particular areas. Phone (07) 3217 2311

WISBIS - Women in Small Business Information Site

Another level of Zontian co-operation? **Denise Conroy**, ZC of Brisbane East, in her role as senior lecturer in the School of Management at QUT obtained a Commonwealth Government grant under the *Small Business Enterprise Culture Program* to develop this 'portal' web site. Denise lured **Chris Christensen** back into the workforce (casual part-time) as her Senior Research Assistant on the project. The web site will be launched at 11 am on 29 September 2000 by the Hon. Mal Brough, Parliamentary Secretary for Small Business. Anyone interested in attending is asked to contact Denise Conroy, School of Management, QUT (Ph. 3864 2746, Email d.conroy@qut.edu.au) or Tonnie Anderson (Ph. 3864 1302, Email tm.anderson@qut.edu.au) by 19 August.

Would you like an invitation to attend? Contact:-

Chris Christensen or the above.



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4th July, 2000

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From your President

It is only when the weather turns cold and we move from room to room or from room to car to office, without that walk outside, or without that picnic, that one can realise how limited life must be for those who are 'confined to quarters', either by illness, or by force, or even by limitations in their own capacity to get around. To add to that, life, as we all know, does not offer us a second chance to fiddle with a problem. There are few opportunities to undo or redo one's actions. If you could have redone or undone something in the past, what would it be?



Past generations of women were 'confined to quarters', as was traditional. More and more women now work, but concede that if they could redo or undo something, it would be to choose not to have children and even to stay at home. Almost every poll of women, especially in workplaces, reveal that, well, they might not choose to be without a job or their children now, but....

Let's face it, women still 'hold up half the sky', as the Chinese so succinctly put it, they also earn the second income for the family, while being the centre of the family and its dynamics. Something, sooner or later, has to give. No wonder they feel tired, sleep deprived and tense most of the time. So – how do women cope?

More and more women also concede that if it were not for their 'own interests', they'd feel more pressured. Thank goodness that most of those 'interests' shore up the things that we value in a society, such being a good friend, giving to others, helping out, voicing concern. It isn't necessarily raising money, buying raffle tickets or giving a donation, is it?

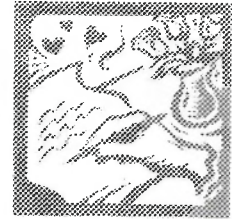
We, as Zontians do all that, but don't we also do more? Think of how wonderful it would be if we could ask our local councilors, or State politicians, to help us to contribute more to our communities and develop a project which will demonstrate our service and support to the women and children within our midst.

The Governor's Newsletter (Glenda's last), has some wonderful District 24 reports. One is about the Golden Z Clubs at University of Qld, Maryborough and Ipswich. The other is about the Golden Rose Award. Put on your thinking caps in your Committees and suggest a project. Involve the other Committees. Let us band together and find a Brisbane North identity, so that like minds can be attracted to us. It was so great to see those women at the Young Women In Public Affairs seminar. Not only those special women who came and told us of their struggles, with jobs, families and interests, but also those young women who came and enjoyed the talks. Lastly, thanks to all of you who pulled together to make this a wonderful showcase for what we do.

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- July 29** SECOND ANNUAL GOLDEN CHARITY BALL, held by the Brisbane Golden Z Club at the Ship Inn. Contact Jane Robertson, Tel 3282 2848 (see also notices at the Dinner Meeting).
- July 29** AREA 3 CLUB BOARD TRAINING WORKSHOP for all Board members. Goals, roles, planning, team building, conflict resolution, etc.
- August 17** WHITE BALLOON DAY LUNCHEON, breaking the silence on Child Sexual Abuse, at the Brisbane Hilton. MC will be Kay McGrath. 11.45 for 12.30. RSVP by 4th August. Why not make up a table? (See leaflets at Dinner Meeting).
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- Footnote:** Like all seminars/workshops, etc., there will be some decisions made, just like we did at our own *Future Directions* workshop. The fact that you, personally, weren't there, or didn't get to discuss issues and plans will not mean that we will redo or undo the process, so if you have ideas, issues, or need to hear others discuss these, put your name down to attend, let one of our Secretaries know, talk about it in your Committees
Your Chairs of Committees will have notices about this Seminar.

**STATUS OF WOMEN SERVICE COMMITTEE -
THE ZONTA ALUMNI SEMINAR/DINNER:**

Now I know how proud parents feel!!! - they bask in the reflected glory of their offspring's achievements.

A Task Group - Gina Brosnan, Margaret Lee, and Heather Mohay - planned and ran the very successful inaugural **Zonta Alumni Seminar/Dinner** on Saturday 24 June at Women's College, University of Queensland. This was a demonstration, not only of a very well-planned and successful function, but also of the "task group" concept for handling the very heavy and constant workload of the SofWS Committee.

The seminar was held in the Playhouse, an excellent venue with a pleasant entrance area allowing introductions/conversations, etc before the seminar and at the afternoon tea break (scones, jam and cream with tea and coffee). The very inspiring speakers were May Lamont, Leila Abukar, Jackie Huggins, Dr Cherrel Hirst and Professor Sandra Harding.

The impressive dining room at the College provided further opportunity for socialising over drinks and savouries. Then one found one's place-card at the dining table, and an opportunity to chat with yet another group. The College served a really first-class dinner. District Governor Glenda McChesney-Clark was unable to attend but was ably represented by Bev Folliott, who read out the 'vision' statement written by the District 24 nominee for the year 2000 YWPA Award. The after dinner speaker was Spider Redgold, interesting and amusing.

Congratulations Gina, Margaret and Heather. You'll be a hard act to follow, but at the same time you have paved the way (am I mixing my metaphors?) for next year's Task Group.

Speaking of Task Groups - the **Advancement Grant** (for 2001) Task Group has been formed - Barbara Newton, Alison Hardy and Margaret-Mary Batch will handle the work involved with this Grant from now until February 2001 when we hope to entertain a winner at the Club dinner in February.

This month (July) a **Young Women in Public Affairs** Task Group will be sought to commence work on the YWPA publicity and selection for the Club's 2001 nominee.

Chris Christensen

Just a reminder that e-mail is mail. E-mails will need to be regarded in Correspondence Inwards or Outwards and tabled at the meetings.

We can also have e-mail meetings, that is, a meeting that lasts a week, with everyone's input and comments collated at the end of a week about particular issues/concerns of a committee or task group.



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President's Message



For those of you who do a bit of reading from time to time this quote will be familiar:- *'the limits of my language are the limits of my world'* Yes, it was Wittgenstein who wrote that. If we can't describe something in our language, English, it limits our experience in some way. Fortunately, I came to English a bit late in life, so there are still some things that are very fresh to me. Those of you who have learned another language will appreciate how good English is and how good it sounds after you haven't heard it for a while.

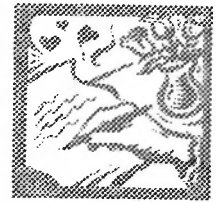
This same concept can be applied to behaviour, of course. The limits of my behaviour are the limits of my world, If we can't behave in a certain way, it limits our experience. You may have seen the *7.30 Report* which documented an item about a Sydney High School where the boys, habitually truants and aggressive, learned that they could dance, sing and play music, even put on a musical and enjoy doing it. What an eye-opener this was for some. They were slightly amazed at themselves being able to do all that and not feel like a sissy.

We, as busy professional women can apply similar limits to our world, without really meaning to do this. The limits of my language and my behaviour are what limits me, personally, and my world, generally. As a service organisation we are asked to improve the status of women by eradicating violence, helping women to access quality education, make sure they have equal rights under the Law and that they can fully participate in the economy and political life of our country. We, as concerned, busy, professional women, are meant to **have fun** doing all that. It is difficult to communicate these aims to women who speak another language, or women who have had too short an education to learn their (our) native language well. It is difficult to feel that we have anything to offer those women whose behaviour does not match our own. It is no wonder, we think, that if they don't learn English, or how to read, or misbehave, fall foul of the law, that they ended up this way or that. Besides, doing anything to help them is not all that much fun, anyway. So, we limit ourselves, as an organisation and as a person.

Why did I think of this, suddenly, I hear you ask? Well, I had a look at the list of women's groups who use *Infolink* (where the Board now meets), and their aims. The Older Women's Network is worried about health and aging, The Barred Women's group is worried about how to get an education now that they are no longer in jail. The Gurrpower group is learning to use computers so that they can do some office jobs. The Murri Women's group is using it as a safe venue for their mutual support group, away from their men and other disrupters. The Service Committees in our Area will be collecting information on the needs to fund some initiatives again shortly. And I'd like to think that we will be expanding our service and eliminating the limits on our world, especially our service world.

Thea

Diary Dates



AUGUST 14 MONTHLY DINNER MEETING: At the United Service Club, 183 Wickham Terrace, Spring Hill.
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GUEST SPEAKER:- *Elizabeth Appleby*, wife of Bishop R.F. Appleby who will speak about her experiences in the Northern Territory during the time of her husband's appointment as the Bishop of the Northern Territory.

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SEPTEMBER 2 DISTRICT 24 SEMINAR 2000. "The Biennium of the Millenium", hosted by the Zonta Club of Brisbane River Inc., at the home of Treasurer, Judith Beal, **97 King Arthur Terrace, Tennyson.**
Cost \$10

RSVP REQUIRED - PLEASE SEE SEPARATE FLYER LATER

This is for ALL Zontians, so make it a priority. It offers everyone the opportunity of input on every aspect of Zonta's activities. COME AND HAVE YOUR SAY ON THESE THINGS, as well as enjoy the fellowship and exchange of ideas. It is a chance to welcome and meet our new District Governor, Judy Lord. Also present will be our newly elected International President, Mary Magee, plus all the Area Directors responsible for Coordinating responses from the various Committees.

ADVANCE NOTICES

OCTOBER 20 OUR CLUB'S TRIVIA NIGHT - **MAKE UP A TEAM!** - KEEP THE DATE FREE. MORE DETAILS BY SEPARATE FLYER!

DECEMBER 11 OUR CLUB'S CHRISTMAS PARTY - EXPECT MORE!!

THANK YOU!!!

Joan Sheridan, Fair Convenor Extraordinaire is at present in Holy Spirit Hospital with pneumonia which she strenuously denies has anything to do with all the hard work she put into the Fair. She is, however, anxious to thank everyone for their contribution. In her own words –

‘Thank you one and all for your wonderful contributions to Zonta Fair. Your dedication, support and commitment was fantastic. It was indeed a great pleasure to convene our very successful Zonta Fair’.



Mary Magee, Joan S and Jane Prentice, at our Fair

THE WORLD MARCH OF WOMEN 2000

On Oct. 17, a petition will be presented to His Excellency Kofi Annan in NY, demanding that the UN and its member States take concrete measures to:-

- . Eliminate poverty and ensure a fair distribution of the planet's wealth between rich and poor and between men and women;
- . Eliminate violence against women and
- . Ensure equality between women and men.

SHALL WE ADD OUR VOICES TO THAT?
Who will coordinate this? ASAP.

Glen, Leigh and Jocelyn, busy at it!



Trivia Night-

20 October at St. Clement's Church,
Eudundah St., STAFFORD.

Prizes
Raffles
Supper
Table 'nibblies'

Great Fellowship and Fun for your Team!

Cost \$10 per person – 8 per table

THANK YOU AGAIN!

We also owe a great vote of thanks to :-

- . Our International President, Mary Magee, who said such kind words;
- . Our local councilor, Jane Prentice, who had her baptism 'of fire' at our Fair AND did so well at it;
- . Our state shadow Minister for the Arts, Denver Beanland, who hasn't missed one yet!;
- . And last, but not least, THOSE WONDERFUL MUSICIANS AND SINGERS

FROM OUR ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Some interesting information published in the latest issue of Green Connections.
The average Melbourne household:

- Uses an average of 270,000 litres of drinking water each year;
- Sends approximately 175,500 litres of water down the sewer which ends up in the bay or Bass Strait;
- Collects over 100,000 litres/year of rain water from its roof and discharges it into stormwater drains, then via creeks into the bay - carrying with it oil and litter;
- Contributes between 5-7 tonnes of CO₂ emissions to our atmosphere each year;
- Produces 7 tonnes/year of solid waste.

Although the survey was done in Melbourne the figures for Brisbane would be very similar.
How many generations can assimilate such a large footprint ?
In following newsletters we shall look at 'the power of one' to change these statistics.

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Your Board

Meets 1st Thurs every month at Women's Infolink, Mary St.,
6 - 7.30pm

- President Thea Biesheuvel
 Vice-president Gina Brosnan
 Treasurer Jennie Watt
 Secretary Correspondence - Elizabeth Fraser
 Minutes - Barbara Young
 Directors Margaret-Mary Batch, Ann-Maree O'Connell, Kathy
 Thomson and Ulla Zeller



6 September 2000

Your Committees and their Meeting Times

All members are expected to attend their respective committee meeting

Service Chairpersons: Noleen Foggon, Jenny Grant-Taylor and Kathy Thomson, meet at St. Margaret's School,, 11 Petrie St, Ascot, every fourth Monday at 6 pm

Status of Women Chairperson: Chris Christensen. These two committees will eventually merge and subcommittees formed to tackle work at hand. For further information contact the Chairperson, on 3356 3512; e-mail - chrisglenva@bigpond.com

Membership Chairperson: Lynette Liddle. **CHANGE OF VENUE AND TIME FOR SEPT. Meeting at Bean Scene, Shop 1/242, Hawken Drive St. Lucia. SEE DIARY DATES!**

Finance Current President and Treasurer. Meet with Service Committee 2 - 3 times per year by appointment

Public Relations and Communications

Chairperson: Carolyn Evans. For meeting times and place, contact the Chairperson on 3357 5254; e-mail-pcevans@ozemail.com.au

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

Dinner Meeting dates

2nd Monday of the month at the United Service Club, Wickham Tce.

11 September, 2000

9 October, 2000

13 November, 2000

6.30 for 7 pm



President's Message



By the time you get to read this newsletter, Eric and I will have visited the moai, ahus and quarries of Easter Island. We will have visited Orongo Village and the volcano, Ranu Kau. By the time you have your dinner meeting we will be visiting the museum of Catarpe, after having been to Pucara de Qitor and the Valley of the Moon. It will no doubt mean much less to you than it will to us, so why am I starting this message in this way?

Well, I have been waiting since I was 12 years old for this moment (and some of you will know that was not last year!). We are very good at 'putting off' things, aren't we? Even when we know that life won't be complete until we do these things. There's always the family, the job, the career, the study, the.... (you fill in the spaces). And, just like you, I've had to consider those things. But one finally runs out of those, and then what? These are life's little lessons, I think.

Like every individual, organisations have similar cycles. We know we want to do some things in which we are willing to put our efforts. But - there's the family, the job, the career, the study, the... (you fill in the spaces). And, as an organisation where women give of their services voluntarily, while enjoying it themselves, we have to consider those things. But the organisation finally runs out of steam, the energy dissipates. Our Fair is a great re-vitaliser for us, (just as my travels are for me), but what about the rest of year? It would be great to see so many of us band together for other activities, events, fund-raisers, networking with other women's groups, wouldn't it?

How many other (non-Zonta) activities, events, fund-raisers, networks, do we support? Could we combine those events, fund-raisers, networks?

Just as I am keeping a travel diary, it would be good to have our Brisbane North diary, with those activities, those networks and events so that we could collaborate and combine our efforts, wouldn't it? Who will be the intrepid soul to start such a document and make it work? There are a few people who are not currently inspired by our activities, perhaps?

I'll talk about my diary, if you can talk about our organisational diary, (or perhaps this is a good way to prevent me from talking, eh?)

Thea

Diary Dates:

September 11 Monthly Dinner Meeting at United Service Club, 183 Wickham Tce. Spring Hill. 6.30 pm. for 7.00 pm. Guest Speaker: Ann Shevill of Brisbane Zonta Club and Past District Treasurer who will give her impressions of recent Honolulu International Convention.

Apologies to Jocelyn Grant-Taylor Tel. 3217 5804 before 9 am. on the day of the dinner. Failure to apologise for non-attendance means you will be charged for the meal ordered on your behalf. Those requiring special diets also should ring Jocelyn. Cost of dinner is now \$30.00. For a hassle-free arrival put dinner money or other monies in envelopes with your name and amounts thereon. You then avoid queuing and possible confusion at the door.

September 14 Zonta Club of Brisbane South hosts the World Premiere of High Court Judge Ian Callinan's play *The Acquisition*, at Brisbane Arts Theatre 210 Petrie Tce. 7.15 pm. for 8.00 pm. Cost: \$25.00 (including GST). Includes coffee at interval, supper afterwards and a meeting with Judge Callinan.

October 20 Zonta Club of Brisbane North TRIVIA NIGHT - Regard this as a wake-up call. Convenor is Jocelyn Grant-Taylor and her aides are Glen Marshall, Jennie Watt and Anne Jones. They will send round a roster at September meeting for members to indicate what they can provide in the way of comestibles or money to provide catering and or funds to purchase prizes or raffle items. See enclosed flyer for venue and function details. Please note that to get to St. Clement's Church Hall one only has to drive straight up Reuben St. and you can't miss it!

October 24 United Nations Day Breakfast at Brisbane Park Royal, Alice St., Brisbane. Guest Speaker Senator John Herron, Federal Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs. "From the Personal to the Political" Cost: \$25.00 per person. 7 am. For 7.15 am. Proceeds to aid Zonta International Projects. Contacts: Denise Conroy Tele 3864 2746 (W) 3397 8385 (H & Fax) Lynn Callander Tele 3200 5942 (H) or 3388 5942 (Fax) Payment for function is required beforehand. Receipts and entree card available at door.

November 5 Too Busy for Tuesday's Melbourne Cup Lunch. Annual Fund Raiser of Zonta Club of Brisbane River in aid of Cord Blood Bank and New Farm Women's Shelter. Tickets \$30.00 a head. Venue The Clubhouse St. Lucia Golf Links. Time: 12 noon. Contact Lexie Stanley 3378 3889 or Sally Greenwood 3378 9179..

November 12 Christmas Gift Fair at St. Lucia Golf Club, Carawa St. St. Lucia. Organised by Zonta Breakfast Club of Brisbane Inc. \$20.00 for a Buffet Breakfast and opportunity for Christmas shopping in peaceful surroundings. Contacts: Sheryl Ayres Tel. 3420 0943. Marilyn Crompton Tel 3265 4792.

December 11 Our Club Christmas Party. Expect more!

DIARY DATE FOR MEMBERSHIP: Mindful of the injunction that Zontians should have fun the Membership Committee will discuss this and expect to have some serious fun on September 10 at 9 am. At Bean Scene, Shop 1/242 Hawken Drive, St. Lucia. So please Membership members do not beetle out to Lynette's as is customary. She will be waiting for you at St. Lucia. Dare one make some dreadful pun about been seen at Bean Scene? Better not.

District 24 Seminar. This took place on September 2 as planned except for the wild winds that blew. There were about 120 Zontians from far and near and we marvelled not only at the expansive riverside setting of the Beal homestead but also at the engineering skills of hostess Judith Beal's husband and Hon. Zon. who had set a marquee up on the tennis court in which the discussions took place. The marquee billowed and swayed but stood its ground. A delicious finger-food lunch took place overlooking the river and away from the wind. And much inter-club socialising was a highlight. Brisbane North had 10 representatives namely Thea Biesheuvel, Noeleen Foggon, Joan Sheridan, Chris Christensen, Barbara Newton, Kathy Thomson, Jennie Watt, Lynette Liddle, Ann-Maree O'Connell and Jean Sinclair. This meant that the committees of Service, Status of Women, PR & Communication, Membership and Amelia Earhart all had an ear to the discussions.

Main concerns expressed covered the need to increase membership, to spread the word of Zonta through media outlets, and above all not to let the expertise of former office bearers, particularly Presidents to fall into disuse. It was pointed out that achieving office should not be seen as a climb to the top but as a continuing roundabout of talents and Vice-Presidents always should realise that they are in duty-bound to eventually take on the role of President.

Note for Status of Women Committee. Unifem Australia Inc. Change of Address from 11 August 2000. PO. Box 1152 N Armadale North, Victoria, 3143. Webpage: www.unifem.org.au Email: Glenda@unifem.org.au

AN EXTRA VERY IMPORTANT DATE FOR YOUR DIARY.

THE WORLD MARCH OF WOMEN 2000 demanding an end to violence against women, women's poverty, and insisting on real equality between women and men will take place on 15th October starting from Suncorp Park (cnr Adelaide and George Streets), leaving at 11.30 AM to walk to the City Botanical Gardens where there will be a cultural festival and other activities celebrating women and marking the conclusion of AUSTCARE Refugee Week. If you do not wish to march you can still support its goals by joining a journey on a Virtual Bus. The Queensland Domestic Violence Services Network has embarked on an event that will take the form of a virtual bus trip beginning in Far North Queensland on 15th September and ending in Brisbane on 15th October. During its month long journey women may "Jump aboard" and become part of the Global march that will end in New York on 17th October at the United Nations with millions of signed petitions demanding economic and social justice for all women. **HOW TO GET ON THE BUS.** Visit the DVRC website at www.dvrc.org.au from the 15th September and find your way to the bus terminal and follow the instructions to be placed on the passenger list. If you don't have access to the internet you can telephone the DVRC and ask for the information officer who will book you on. A small nominal fee will be charged to get on the bus and all proceeds will be channelled to emergency assistance for women and children escaping domestic violence. At the Queensland level a list of all passengers will be sent to the Queensland Premier to make our voice heard here.

The objectives of the march and bus journey are identical to those of ZONTA. Here is an opportunity for all of us to practice that "advocacy thing" we all talk so much about. LET'S DO IT!!

MANDATORY SENTENCES - The Mikado had the punishment worked out for a lady who dyed her hair a chemical yellow or stained her grey hair puce or pinched her figure(I assume with corsets). He planned that she be painted with vigour with permanent walnut juice so that the punishment fit the crime! The issue of mandatory sentencing has hit the headlines recently mainly as a result of the Northern Territory "3 strikes and you're in" provisions for juveniles (children in the eyes of the Law) convicted of property offences. The authorities look at it from the viewpoint that, having been convicted on two prior occasions, the offender will be incarcerated no matter what their circumstances or the circumstances of the offences. My view is that the authorities have been made aware on two prior occasions that all is not well in the life of this young person and twice the authorities have failed to help effectively. What do you think? **Barbara Newton (Recycled Lawyer).**

A LETTER FROM ELIZABETH HEBER in Salt Lake City. Dear Zontians - Hello, Just a note to say hello, I hope all is well with your club and to say I miss being your Area Director. It as the best job I've had to do for ZONTA. I'm sure May will find it so as well. I'm well and truly immersed in American life. I shan't be at the District "Think Tank" but hope many of you are. Judith Lord will be a great leader and deserves your enthusiastic support. Now - Z Clubs! I'm sure you know that I'm Z Club person for the next two years. Pine Rivers have already said they are planning to start one in 2001, and Nambour Club is considering doing a Golden Z Club in 2001. What about the rest of you? I'll look forward to speaking to you about this soon after I return in late October. All the best and much love. **ELIZABETH.**

AND NOW FOR A BIT OF HISTORY. When we join Zonta we become aware of the various awards and grants but little of their history. So this for those of us who have joined the club within the past seven or eight years.

Young Women in Public Affairs This program was started during the 1990-1992 Biennium implementing one of the important strategies of the 1985 Nairobi Conference of the UN Decade for Women - "For true equality to become a reality for women, the sharing of power on equal terms with men must become a major strategy" And so the purpose of the award is to create awareness and sensitivity in young women about their place as responsible and equal citizens and as potential leaders in their and the wider community. At our club level our nominee receives a Certificate and \$250. At District level the nominee to compete at the international level receives a Certificate and \$500 and the final winner receives \$1000 and a Certificate at the International level. **The Advancement Grant.** This grant was established in 1991 and is worth \$1000 today targeting women with limited or curtailed opportunities to achieve a specific goal that would advance them socially and economically. They can spend it on education, books, travel, accommodation, child care and similar things. **Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarships.** The first scholarships were awarded in 1999. Applicants must be qualified to enrol in the 3rd or 4th year of an accredited university or college level business program. Worldwide there are five annual scholarships worth \$US4000 each. At our club level, we give our candidate to District level an award of \$250 and a Certificate.

AND TO FINISH - how do you define SUCCESS? This is what Ralf Waldo Emerson said. "Success is to laugh often and much. To win the respect of intelligent people and the affection of children. To earn the appreciation of honest critics and endure the betrayal of false friends. To appreciate beauty. To find the best in others. To leave the world a bit better, whether by a healthy child, a garden patch or a redeemed social condition. To know one life has breathed easier because you have lived. That is to have succeeded."

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Vice-president Gina Brosnan
Treasurer Jennie Watt
Secretary Correspondence - Elizabeth Fraser
Minutes - Barbara Young
Directors Margaret-Mary Batch, Ann-Maree O'Connell, and
Kathy Thomson.
Parliamentary advisor Barbara Newton



8 November, 2000

Your Committees and their Meeting Times

All members are expected to attend their respective committee meeting regularly.

Service Task Force Chairpersons: Noeleen Foggon, Jenny Grant-Taylor and

Kathy Thomson, meet at St. Margaret's School, 11 Petrie St, Ascot, every
fourth Monday at 6 pm

Status of Women Task Force Chairperson: Vacant. The two committees will be
merged under an overall Chairperson/Coordinator and subcommittees formed to
tackle work at hand. For further information contact the President on Ph 3300
3368 or e-mail: thea@gil.com.au

Membership and Organisation Extension: 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 Task force Current President and Treasurer. Meet with Committees
2 - 3 times per year by appointment

Public Relations and Communications Chairperson: Carolyn Evans. For meeting times and
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Dinner Meeting dates

2nd Monday of the
month at the United
Service Club,
Wickham Tce.

Next:-

13 November, 2000
6.30 for 7 pm
Christmas Party and
break-up for the
year, 11 December,
2000





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Your Committee and their Meeting Times

The President's Message

Well, my wayfaring in the steps of the Inkas has finished and only a virus on our return to Australia managed to slow us down (for several weeks, as it happened). In the meanwhile the club has been busy with a new Service funding application package, which, judging from the phone calls, has been well received by a wide network of women's organisations. You have also been busy competing with each other on Trivia Night (see report elsewhere). And here we are, Zonta's birthday is upon us and (dare I mention it), only six weeks to Christmas.



There are, however, other important 'world' dates between now and then, such as the International week of Science and Peace and, on 25 November, International Day of no Violence against Women. The 10th of December is Human Rights day, commemorating the signing of the UN Declaration of Human Rights in 1948. So it is a significant month on the world calendar as well as a busy time for us all with families and friends to contact, preparations to make and work to complete.



Eight of our members attended the *Janet Irwin* dinner, held each year to commemorate women's achievements. This year, our ZI President, Mary Magee was the keynote speaker, on the topic "We all know the Challenge, but..." She highlighted the increasing numbers of women in all spheres of life, (although not in our State Parliament), and pondered over the reasons for so many women choosing not to continue to get involved. She talked about our propensity to 'cut down' successful women, to feel the need to criticize or passively resist their efforts, (not you and I, of course), hence the *but...* in her topic. She appealed to us to help women 'with a generosity of spirit'. The networking, after dinner, was tremendous (and the dinner wasn't bad, either).



Well, this time of year is the time to take stock, close your eyes and think (no, not of England) of the things we could put in place for our club for 2001. I'm asking those who chair committees to take stock and see where we are in terms of our *Future Directions* agreement, before we formally revisit our direction. Every member could do that on a personal level too. I know I will. When that happens I will remind myself of the hard work that everyone has done in the past year and the twenty-two years before that. I will also remind myself that many great women have built up this club. It puts a great deal of responsibility on our shoulders to extend the work, doesn't it?

We have *Amelia Earhart* to commemorate in January and then early in March the *International Women's day* as well as the *Zonta Rose Day* for which a number of our members have worked very hard in the past years. I want to say thanks to all those who have kept the momentum going for so long. Thanks.

If you really can't come to the next meeting, or our Christmas Party (and even if you can), I'd like to wish you and your loved ones every happiness at Christmas and in the year to come.

Thea.





Just to get us ready for the Christmas Party and its fellowship, our Dinner Meeting on 13th November will have place

numbers. COULD YOU TAKE A NUMBER AT THE DOOR, LOOK FOR YOUR NUMBER AND SIT IN THAT SEAT, PLEASE?



Trivia Night in Retrospect

What a lot of fun this was! Thanks to the convenors, Jocelyn Grant-Taylor and Glen Marshall assisted by Jennie Watt, Anne Jones, Vivienne Hallman and champion raffle ticket seller, Anne Frederick. The rest of us had a delightfully entertaining evening and had our general knowledge considerably enhanced. With a bountiful supper as well, we all certainly got our \$10's worth. Especially table 10, which carried off the winning prize, much to our surprise, really. But then, we had a secret weapon, in Carolyn Evans, who seemed to have an awful lot of general knowledge that proved jolly useful. By the end of the evening table 10 resembled a bottle-shop as we each were presented with a bottle of wine. To add to our joy, two people at the table won raffles - one of these winning twice! Amazing. Nigel Harris, son of Elizabeth Harris - a former club member - once again proved what a splendid master of ceremonies he is. Jocelyn has asked that all helpers be given **BIG THANK YOU**, actually the convenors deserve an even bigger thank you.



The Zonta Club of Brisbane North exists through the generous donations of members' time, expertise and donations. If



you have a friend who may like to donate time, expertise and money to improve the status of women, pass this Newsletter on and have them contact you, the Membership Chairperson, or the Board to find out more about us.

Should you want extra copies of the Newsletter for this purpose, please contact the Editor.



Congratulations!!!

Brunella Novello and her team have won a Silver and two Bronze Medals at the Asia-Pacific

Masters games at the end of October. A great achievement, don't you think?



To all those who didn't make it to

Trivia Night - tough Gruyere.

Don't miss out next time. Jocelyn will be telling us about the proceeds at the dinner. She thinks it will be about \$800

NEEDED Billiting for the Board members, meeting for a **DISTRICT BOARD MEETING** to be held in Brisbane 16th - 18th February, 2001.
A Venue for the same meeting, for 13 people, with tea making facilities and access to a photocopier, with simple catering during the day.
A Club to host the event. This would entail a Friday night dinner, for about 15 - 18 people, a Saturday night dinner for the Board and club members interested, sandwiches for Saturday and Sunday lunch and some, if not all of the above, or at least the coordination of billiting and venue.
CONTACT YOUR CLUB PRESIDENT WITH SUGGESTIONS/HELP Ph. 3300 3368



Diary Dates

November 13 **Monthly Dinner Meeting** at the United Service Club, 183 Wickham Tce., Spring Hill. 6.30 pm for 7 pm
GUEST SPEAKER: JAYNE DIXON

Jayne, a teacher by profession, has an extraordinarily interesting background. She taught at the Brisbane State High School and lately taught at the Indooroopilly State High School, where she was the first recipient of that school's Woman of the Year Award. In between she lived and worked in Fiji - yes, she was there for the coup - for a NGO. When she returned back to Brisbane, she brought with her three adopted Fijian children to add to her own family of four children. Jayne who met Mother Theresa, is particularly interested in the problem of the exploitation of children - especially female children.



PLEASE REMEMBER - BRING YOUR MONEY for the Club Christmas Party to the November dinner meeting - it is the same amount as for the dinner meetings - \$30. For a hassle-free arrival, put each amount into separate envelopes with your name written thereon and avoid the door queue or any possible confusion and hold-ups.

APOLOGIES must be made to Jocelyn Grant-Taylor. Ph. 3217 5804 before 9 am on the day. Failure to apologise means you will be charged for the dinner ordered on your behalf. Those requiring special diets should also let Jocelyn know before 9 am on the day.

IT'S A BIRTHDAY DINNER! November is Birthday time for Zonta world-wide. Zonta International was founded November 8, 1919 in Buffalo, New York. So let's celebrate!

November 25 International Day of No Violence Against Women. Many organisations with 'peace' and 'women' in their charter will commemorate this with special events.

December 10 United Nations Day for Human Rights. This commemorates the signing of the Declaration of Human Rights, in 1948, to which Australia is a signatory.

December 11 **OUR CHRISTMAS PARTY!** At the home of Joan and Norman Sheridan 57 Castile St., Indooroopilly. \$30 per person. Just repeating - **PLEASE BRING MONEY TO THE NOVEMBER MEETING.** The Christmas gathering is not an official club meeting and money cannot change hands there. Members are asked to bring a gift in Christmas wrapping for a resident of a Women's Refuge. You will find, awaiting you, delicious finger food, wine, soft drinks and Roden Sheridan's specialty cocktail! What fun!

Advance Notice JANUARY - Amelia Earhart Dinner. Contact:- Ann-Maree O'Connell.
MARCH - International Women's Day and Zonta Rose Day.

Club Chat REMEMBER RYL HISKENS? Well, newer members won't, but a few years back the decorative Ryl was an active member, until she married Paul Gardner and went to Emerald to reside. She has not been idle. The couple have a two-year old son, Rowan, who now has a little brother, Stuart, born just a few weeks ago. The family now live in Gladstone, where Paul is into the business of selling barbecues.

