

ZONTA CLUB OF BRISBANE NORTH INC.

Member of Zonta International
Advancing the Status of Women Worldwide

NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2007

P.O. Box 368, Spring Hill, Qld 4004

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Editorial:

Possibly not a few members will approach our first meeting in this brand new year with a "where were we?" feeling. The past, as is often quoted, is another country. A quick look at our December Newsletter reminds us that we start this brand new New Year with a brand new President, Pauline Guthrie. Her President's Message for December gave promise of a busy club year ahead with new strategies in place. To quote part of that message – "As soon as possible in the New Year we hope to promote and facilitate a strategic operational planning session, involving as many members of our club as possible. We need to define and articulate our vision and goals for the coming year so that we all share a clear sense of direction to drive the work of committees and any local projects they might generate. We also need to see clearly how we fit into the wider organizational structure of Districts, Areas and the global perspectives of Zonta International." Should make for a very active and interesting year for all members whatever particular role they play in club committees. At the March dinner meeting we will be welcoming back Glenda Gobe who has been on six months' study leave working on kidney research at the New York Medical College in the strangely named hamlet Valhalla which prompted Glenda to give herself the pen name of "Valkyrie" in her e-mails home. For any very new members who may not have met Glenda, there is a pleasure in store. Glenda was Club President for the 2003-2005 term and much admired for her steadfastness in that role. And on the subject of Presidents, our newly elected Pauline is this month's Interesting Woman. You will find her account of her career and lifestyle in this Newsletter.

Those on e-mail would have been circularised by our Treasurer Margaret Marshall regarding Brisbane South Club's annual fund-raiser for Zonta International's Amelia Earhart Fellowship Program. This year's function promises to be bigger and better than ever. See details on page 2. Now, what will be our Club's first venture into fund-raising efforts for 2007? Stay tuned!!

Jean Sinclair

OUR BOARD 2006-07 (from December 2006)

President: Pauline Guthrie
 Vice-President: Jane Prentice
 Treasurer: Margaret Marshall
 Correspondence Secretary: Jenni Jolly
 Minutes Secretary: Pam Beavis
 Directors: Robbie Baird, Narelle Fraser,
 Jennie Watt, and Maggie Williams

From the President...

A very Happy New Year to all our Club members! I am delighted with the prospect of a very productive year; it has certainly started that way for me with the birth of my second grandchild, Matthew William Colen, 8lbs 11ozs, on January 19th, the very day he was due! I hope you too have had a pleasant break and are ready to face the challenges we might face in our Zonta year. The Board meets this week to discuss our year's agenda.

Firstly, a few important date claimers coming up soon in a busy start to the year:

- Unifem Breakfast, March 7th, @ Brisbane Convention Centre. 6.45am for 7.00am
- Area 3 and 5 workshop, 1st April, 2007. Details to be advised.
- 1st dinner meeting for 2007, Feb 13th, at the United Services Club, 6.30 pm for 7.00pm.
- Amelia Earhart Cocktail Party @ the Sciencentre, Qld Museum @ 6.30pm, hosted by Zonta Club of Brisbane South.

The Commission on the Status of Women will focus on the girl child in March this year. As part of the March 8 International Women's Day events, the Unifem Breakfast should be very interesting, with guest speaker Ms Malali Joya MP, National Assembly, Afghanistan – a 27 year old women's literacy and health worker. As an outspoken critic of the country's warlords, she travels incognito with armed guards to protect her life. Janet Mitchell, our Area 3 Director, District 24, encourages us all to attend the workshop on early April to understand better the aims and processes of Zonta clubs in the District as well as to enjoy fellowship with other Zontians.

At our Feb dinner meeting we will be challenged by a young lawyer who began an orphanage in Africa. At this meeting we will all be asked to complete a Membership Survey Questionnaire as requested by ZI President Olivia Ferry to be answered by members at the first meeting of the year. This will necessitate a fairly crisp business meeting!

Our Committees are the lifeblood of our club and so we look forward to a brief report from each of the Committee Chairs on the 'state of play' at our first dinner meeting. At our March meeting each member will have opportunity to provide input into a strategic plan for the ongoing work of these Committees with a view to pursuing perhaps one or maybe more local projects. As Tania Major, Queensland's Young Australian of the Year, said recently, after aspiring to go to Africa and help people there, she realized that people in her own country were

suffering disadvantages and decided to start at home.
We of course support women at home and abroad.
I thank you all for your continuing participation and support of our valuable work.
Pauline Guthrie, President.

DINNER MEETING DATES – 2007 :			
United Service Club - 6.30pm for 7.00pm			
12 February	14 May	13 August	12 November
12 March	?? June	10 September	10 December
?? April (Easter)	9 July	8 October	

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NOTICES

ZONTA CLUB OF BRISBANE SOUTH: *Amelia Earhart Cocktail Party*
WHEN? 6.30pm Friday 23 February 2007-01-27
WHERE? Sciencentre, Qld Museum, Cnr Grey & Melbourne Sts, South Brisbane
COST? \$35pp includes entry to Sciencentre and displays, etc., raffles, lucky door prize, auction, two drink vouchers and finger food by Wine and Dine'M Catering
RSVP? By Friday 16 February 2007 with name, contact phone number and payment to:
Zonta Club of Brisbane South Inc, PO Box 3041, Norman Park, Qld 4170

UNIFEM – INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY BREAKFAST
Our Treasurer has booked a table of 10 places for this breakfast. Places are filling fast. Contact Margaret Marshall if you wish to attend.
Brisbane Convention Centre – Wednesday 7 March 2007 – 6.45am to 8.30am
Guest Speaker: Ms Malalai Joya MP, National Assembly, Afghanistan
Subscription \$45 (Pensioners & Students \$35)

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Your \$35 payment for dinner (and any other payments) should be in an envelope marked with name, amount, purpose, and whether the payment is by cheque or cash.

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THE DISTRICT 24 BOARD 2006-08

District Governor – Patricia Lawson
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Area 5 Director – Julie Burton Area 6 Director - Ana Van Erp
Area 7 Director - Pam Graham
Area 8 Director – Rosemary Johnson
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INTERESTING WOMAN - OUR NEW PRESIDENT

Pauline Guthrie: A Satisfying Life

My family always said I'd really been a teacher from the age of 4! I jest, but I do mean that I feel I was born to be a teacher. I never had any other plan and began my career on the verandah of my old home on our pawpaw, pineapple and banana farm in Upper Brookfield, teaching my siblings how to read. My dad had bought 80 acres at the end of Pacey Rd in 1952 and he moved his little family from Deagon, our first stop in Australia to Upper Brookfield to take up his dream of working the land. It was to be an adventure spanning two decades.

We'd all arrived there as a Dutch immigrant family not long after the end of WW II—I was born in Batavia, now Djakarta, in Java just after the war. At the time Java was still part of the Dutch East Indies, where both my sets of grandparents had made their living in plantation management. My dad had escaped from occupied Holland in 1942 by entering a German Commandant's office through a skylight in the dead of night to steal a pass, to allow him work in a Parisian sugar factory. He escaped with his life on a few occasions, making him realize the vulnerability of his position in German-occupied France.

Whilst ostensibly working for the Germans, my father contacted the French Underground, obtained a false identity and passport and ended up on a train to the southern French - Spanish border. From there he joined a group of 'evades' who had to cross the Alps on foot by travelling night and day, for six days, in total quietness. He escaped with all but one of the group, to eventually join a British convoy to London where he was reassigned to fight in Indonesia, just as the Japanese were about to surrender, so he was assigned to administrative duties at Kampong Makasa where my mother had been interned in a camp as a Dutch civilian for four years of the war. She had suffered a good deal and had witnessed much more but that is another story. To cut a long story short, she offered to type in the office after the surrender, met my father and married him. I was born a year later.

We migrated to Australia when I was five because the Dutch were no longer welcome there and life had become very dangerous. I spoke only Dutch and Bahasa Indonesian until that time. When we arrived, my mother had to go to hospital and so my father took me to some friends he had made on Moreton Is, Harry and Jessie Wadsworth. He had to drop me off on the beach from a dinghy leaving me in the care of these perfect strangers without a word of English. I remember being quite terrified and sitting in Jessie's large pantry for two days not eating a thing. Jessie of course eventually won me over and we became wonderful friends for two decades. It gave me great pleasure, can I say, to end up dux of my Scholarship year at the Upper Brookfield State School at the end of Grade 8., not too many years later.

Life on our farm gave me a love of nature, sport, the outdoors and strengthened my natural resilience. I helped my dad to plant, pick and pack pawpaws and pineapples. We dealt with floods and fires as a matter of course. Annual floods cut us off from friends, school, shops etc. as the swollen creek criss-crossed Pacey Rd 13 times. Electricity did not come to our place until I was 16, and I used to study with the aid of a kerosene lamp. I learnt to drive very early, obtaining a special license to drive our jeep 13 miles to Indooroopilly SHS in my senior year at 16.

I received an excellent education at Upper Brookfield State School and Indooroopilly State High, winning a Commonwealth Scholarship to the University of Qld. to study humanities. Sadly, I did not take that up as I had also won a Junior and a Special Teacher's scholarship from the Dept of Education. With three younger siblings, I felt the need to become independent as quickly as possible. So I completed one year at Qld Uni, majoring in History, French and English, followed

by one year's teacher training at Kelvin Grove Teacher's College, before being appointed to Rockhampton SHS in 1966. I was all of 19 years of age, teaching students not much younger than myself. From there I taught at Biloela, Redcliffe, and Kelvin Grove State High Schools. By then I had completed my Arts Degree and worked off a bond owing the State Govt. I had had a wonderful time exploring the country as well as my profession, but I wanted to try something new.

I decided to leave the State Education Dept to take up a position at All Hallows girls' school in Brisbane, which I enjoyed very much. That year, however, I became a winger in the University of Qld's women's hockey team, and took my first interstate trip to Canberra with the team in the August vacation. As luck would have it, I twisted my ankle in the first game so spent the week checking out the ANU and enrolling in a Master's Qualifying there. Canberra was so beautiful in the autumn and the ANU was considered a wonderful place to study. It is amazing how much can turn on the simple twist of an ankle!!

In Canberra I took a job for two years as a Research Assistant in education and languages at the ANU, and then taught at Woden Valley High School. I continued studying part-time to complete a Master's Qualifying. I received a promotion to Subject Mistress, which was exciting, but I particularly enjoyed taking sporting teams and producing musicals such as *The Boyfriend* and *Cabaret*. In 1976, I won an ANU Scholarship to the University to study for a Master of Arts in International Relations. I revelled in formal study and still do. I met and married my first husband, Dr David Chant, a statistician, in 1971, and had my first child Helen, in 1977. Canberra was a very exciting place in the 1970s. The atmosphere buzzed with expectancy, hope and change. Women were only just being paid the same as men for their efforts and not forced to resign at Christmas time or when pregnant!

Back to Brisbane in 1978 to have a second child, Peter, and eventually re-enter the teaching world in late 1983 at The Gap State High School, as a divorced mother of two. There I spent 14 wonderful years teaching English, History and Social Sciences. I do believe students learn more from who you are than what you say and have always striven to respect them as young people who are naturally wired to grow. I have always tried, too, to teach for higher order thinking and maintained a special interest in preparing programs for the gifted and talented. I took up part-time lecturing of student teachers at Christian Heritage College in the evening for seven years, and have mentored many teachers over the years. On a personal note, I have also now been married to the then Principal of that school, Bob Guthrie, my second husband, for 15 years! He had come to Adelaide from Perth, where he had been an ABC journalist before entering teaching.

After one and a half decades at The Gap, I decided it was time for a change, so I applied for a position in a private school, Northside Christian College where I taught for seven years, joined the Senior Administration Team and became the Head of Humanities and then of Student Welfare. I learnt much that was both humbling and challenging about leadership, mentoring, teaching and speaking and feel privileged to have had the collegiate experience, the spiritual journey and great opportunities for training and in-service.

We set up programs for the teaching of English, History and SOSE, vocational education, gifted and talented education, welfare and counselling. We established a very successful middle school, with the aim of helping Year 8s and 9s to become more engaged in learning, and I became very interested in improving teaching methods across the curriculum and worked hard to support this through both in- service, advocacy and modelling.

It was at this time that I became interested in Counselling as there was such a need to help students from all backgrounds and family structures to cope with the increasing demands of growing up in a complex society. I knew what it was to bring up young children on my own and

saw the dangers of students not having good role models and guidance throughout their growing years. So much hinges upon a stable family background. As a result, we were able to set up a Dept. of Welfare and Guidance. During these years, I also completed a Masters in Theology through the Australian Catholic University to complement my lifelong interests.

I have an abiding passion to help people succeed at whatever level, mend broken things and help make a difference in people's life journeys, so from there it was not a big jump to training as a Life Coach, now quite a popular calling. Having retired from full-time teaching, I have now established my own small business, **seeuchanging**, to which I can bring my life experiences as wife and mother, teacher, motivator, counsellor and coach. Whilst counselling helps people sort out problems, life coaching takes successful people forward towards goals they set themselves, through mentoring, motivation, and management. I really enjoy helping people to build foundation blocks in the areas of health, career, spirituality and relationships, essential for a happy, fruitful life.

In the last two years, Bob and I have enjoyed some wonderful trips to Alaska, New Zealand, Holland, Europe and Italy, including two luxurious cruises. We enjoy a full life combining work, hobbies, family and friends. I know I have been blessed to have had the opportunities I've had alongside my husband, two children and (now) two grandchildren, plus all my friends and colleagues, including the members of Zonta, whose proud President I now find myself!

Pauline Guthrie

CONTINUING OUR EDUCATIONAL SEGMENT (SUGGESTED BY BARBARA NEWTON)

What is the Zonta International Foundation?

It is the philanthropic arm of Zonta International and provides funding for a variety of Zonta programs and projects.

The International Service Program enables Zonta to address some of the crucial and pressing issues affecting women in developing countries, reaching to the causes – not just the symptoms – of primary boundaries to equality. Beginning in 1956, Zontians responded to needs far beyond the limits of their communities to assist Hungarian refugee women and their children.

The 1982-1986 Well Water Project in Sri Lanka achieved through UNICEF was a very popular one. As each well was calculated at a fixed amount this enabled individual members and clubs to fund one or more wells, of a target of 4000 wells, to free women and children from the onerous daily task of fetching water.

Do, please, take the time to look at the ZI website for details of the 2006-2008 Projects:

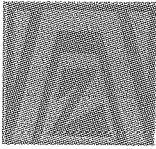
New Projects:

- With CARE: Education and Leadership for Girls and Young Women in Bolivia \$US 250,000
- With UNIDO: Support for Revival of Rural Community-based Self-Help Initiatives in Sri Lanka \$US250,000

Continuing Projects:

- With CARE: Support for AIDS-affected Women and Children in Niger \$US 300,000
- Afghan Institute of Learning: Developing Community-based efforts to educate Afghan Women and Girls \$US100,000

Since 1923, Zonta has provided more than US\$6million to projects benefiting over 2 million women representing 25 countries.



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Editorial:

Greetings Everyone. The end of summer seems to have brought on a severe form of inertia in club members if the response to an e-mail circular I sent out a few days ago is any indication. I asked each and everyone who has not contributed so far to submit their own Interesting Woman personal account. So far I have had only one reply and this was from the redoubtable Patricia Rego with the promise in the near future of an Interesting Woman albeit this was not to be about herself. Why are so many so shy? Perhaps one can blame The Drought which admittedly gets blamed for many things these days. I appeal to members to shake off their writer's "drought" and lets read of their exploits. Admittedly the IW submitted by our new President Pauline Guthrie is a somewhat awe-inspiring and a rather daunting example to follow. But all members must have interesting tales to tell, otherwise how could they become Zontians?

Meanwhile - and luckily - a fascinating book has fallen into my hands which reveals the magical gardens which country folk have created around their western homes. We hear a lot about dedicated garden-lovers in and around cities. But this book entitled Gardens Off The Beaten Track in Western Queensland gives an awe-inspiring vision of just what a challenge it is to set up a green, flowering oasis in the harsh environment that the West can present. The book will be officially launched at the Botanic Gardens at Mt.Coot-tha on March 30 at 5.30 pm. by the Curator of the Gardens, Mr. Ross McKinnon A.M.. At least my current IW quandary is solved as I will be able to use the two compilers of this very artistic and inspiring creation as this month's IW, albeit in the book they provide only modest details about themselves. And typical of the generosity of countrywomen all proceeds from the book will be donated to the Royal Flying Doctor Service.

Those who watch the ABC's Channel 2 will have noted the debut of a Country Women's Association programme. It is entitled "Not All Tea and Scones" although this first segment seemed to be all about the CWA's cooking competitions. But there was also mention of the enormous sums of money these redoubtable women raise. For me the QCWA has always been a great organization ever since when very young and on holiday at Redcliffe I used to notice the holiday home the CWA had newly-built. That was some accomplishment considering the QCWA had only been formed a few years beforehand. I never forget the glimpse I had of a thin, frail and

sunbrowned countrywoman relaxing - probably for the first time in years-on the home's sunny verandah. As I write the stockmarket is rocking and The Drought has yet to break. Hopefully these problems will be solved by the time we meet for our club dinner on March 12 when we will be hearing from Narelle about the first Fair Committee Meeting on March 10. As announced at the February Dinner the date for this year's Fair is July 21. Remember well!!!!

Jean Sinclair

From the President...

Greetings, and welcome to March, 2007. What a wonderful start to the year we have had with the inspirational message of hope John O'Reilly brought to us in February. It reminded us all of the good one person can do by following through with an idea that catches the imagination and passion of others along the way to come to fruition in a very practical way! It was also good to meet and hear from guests Kristi Vickery and Esther Keiji as recipients of our Advancement Grants.

This is the encouragement we can draw from as we prepare to review our club's strategic operational plan at our March dinner meeting, when we will all have the chance to have a say about important issues and processes. Key areas for discussion are networking, service, promotion, education, fellowship and 'other'. It will be an opportunity to evaluate strengths and weaknesses of the club and perhaps to discuss what kind of local project we could support. In the light of upcoming federal elections it might be useful to think about issues and policies that affect women nationwide for which we could effectively lobby or advocate - for example, women's health, child care, indigenous women's health and welfare, or the conditions for women and children in refugee camps. So be sure to bring your thinking caps and working pens!

We look forward to the Unifem breakfast on this coming Wednesday morning (March 7th) at the Brisbane Convention Centre. We will present a report on that at the April dinner meeting. Can I also encourage as many as possible to attend the Area 3 and 5 Workshop of Zonta International District 24. This will be held on Sunday 1st April, a full day at Brookwater Golf Club, near the end of the Centenary Highway (a very salubrious venue, I am assured!). It

will be a marvellous opportunity to work, learn and enjoy fellowship together. Perhaps it would be fun to carpool. You will be able to find out more details and obtain a registration form at our meeting.

A big thank you to June Halliday for her donation of a beautiful floral tapestry to raffle. We will all be able to help sell tickets for this. Robbie Baird has asked for leave of absence for one year due to pressing family circumstances. Thank you Robbie for your spirited

support of Zonta and the work you have done on the Board. We look forward to your return.

In conclusion, I will need to forward our quarterly report on the work of our committees very soon. Could Committee chairs please collate as much information as is relevant to their committee at their next meeting? Thank you for your help with this.

Pauline Guthrie, President.

INTERESTING WOMEN

This month's Interesting Women , Lindy Hardie and Rachel Noble are the creators of Gardens off the Beaten Track in Western Queensland, the book to be launched on March 30 at the Mt.Coot-tha Botanic Gardens as referred to in Editorial.

While acknowledging the help of many people, family and/or friends these two countrywomen spent two years on the book much of that time spent in travelling an area that extended as far west as Birdsville, as far north as Mount Isa and only as far east as Charleville which is still pretty far west to most of us. If one studies a map this is an area roughly a quarter of our State. Obviously an intrepid pair, Lindy and Rachel have produced a book of stunning beauty.

A total of 30 homesteads and their magnificent gardens are pictured with accompanying stories from the owners telling of their days of planning and toiling to create the lovely oases that surround their dwelling places providing beauty and tranquility to offset an otherwise harsh and unforgiving environment.

Inspiration for this book came from a dream long cherished by Lindy Hardy and she tells how over a morning tea party at Rachel Noble's she got effectively nudged into pursuing this dream.

Lindy grew up in Western Queensland and with husband David has reared four children in the northern Darling Downs area. Before work on this book she had already designed and created two gardens in rural Queensland and had them accepted into the Australian Open Garden Scheme.

Rachel Noble is also a born-and-bred countrywoman. One of seven children, Rachel grew up on her family's cattle property at the foothills of the McPherson Range beside Lamington National Park. Not surprising then that she has always strived to create peace and beauty in her environment. Rachel and husband Ranald moved to Tarbarah in the Blackall district in 1987 and have two children, Harry and Lucinda. With the rest of country Queensland they have undergone the trials and tribulations of our worst drought on record. But Rachel and family have coped, adjusted and emerged much matured by the experience.

Rachel's contribution is largely in the magnificent photography which gives breath-taking glimpses of the beauty to be found around so many country homesteads. She has also written of her own homestead garden at Tarbarah. So too has Lindy in describing her well-earned beautiful green surrounds of Dumfries where she and David have lived since 1999.

The two authors are already well-known in Zonta circles as the Zonta Club of Dalby are to give a celebratory Club Breakfast in their honour.

CONTINUING OUR EDUCATIONAL SEGMENT (SUGGESTED BY BARBARA NEWTON)

CLUB LEADERSHIP AND SUCCESSION PLANNING

Strong leadership is crucial to the effective functioning of Zonta clubs. In setting directions, the board must propose goals and activities that complement and enhance those of Zonta International and also inspire club member commitment. Goals and activities should be specific, attainable and effective, to demonstrate clear direction and to focus club efforts.

The board members need to have an in-depth knowledge of Zonta and sound communication skills. Both can be strengthened if succession planning is a natural part of the club leadership. Potential leaders should be identified within the membership and be appointed as committee chairs and encouraged to attend area meetings, district conferences and conventions. The stepping stones are then in place for election to the club board.

The board needs to take responsibility, uphold ethical principles, work towards progress for the club and organization, utilize the strengths of the members, and encourage self-developments.

When asking club members to perform various tasks, club leaders should specify the nature, requirements and goals of the task, provide assistance as required, monitor progress and acknowledge dedication and achievement.

(Club Manual – Part 1 Section 2)

NOTICES

DON'T FORGET – AREA 3 & 5 WORKSHOP

The Areas 3 and 5 Workshop will be held on Sunday 1st April, 2007 at Brookwater Golf Club, Tournament Drive, Brookwater. Cost is \$45.00 per person (to include morning and afternoon tea and lunch), and time is 8.30 am till 4.30pm. Registration forms will be available at the door at the March meeting.

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APOLOGIES:

Barb Young has been unavoidably absent due to hip replacement surgery. She is now recuperating well at her Pullenvale home and hopes to be back with the club before long. Perhaps the April meeting.

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NOW..... READ THIS!!!!

On the next two pages there awaits a real historical treat, especially for women aged about 50 years and under. Heather Mohay has laid hands on a memorandum about the possibility of Women Trade Commissioners. Women under 40 will definitely think this is a scam contrived by the feminists – after all they have no trouble with discrimination!!!!!!

Just read it through again!!! Every word would have been read with a nodding head by whoever was the current Director. This is what women had to put up with!! Any wonder I'm a battleaxe?

In 1962, in the Commonwealth Public Service, in Brisbane, I had just managed to get a supervisory job in charge of the Research Branch at the Labour Department. All attempts at promotion before that had been met with "But Chris, in this job you'd have to supervise men!!" When I answered that I had no problem with that. The response was that, maybe the men would – and I never got the jobs!!

There was supposedly equal opportunity for women and men in the Third Division from about 1949 I think. The Marriage Bar (resign from a permanent position if a woman got married) was lifted in 1966. Equal pay came finally by 1972.

[Chris Christensen]

MINUTE PAPER

THE DIRECTOR:WOMEN TRADE COMMISSIONERS ?

Even after some deliberation, it is difficult to find reasons to support the appointment of women Trade Commissioners.

In countries where publicity media is well developed, such as North America and England and where there are no other major drawbacks, such as the Islamic attitude towards women, a relatively young attractive woman could operate with some effectiveness, in a subordinate capacity. As she would probably be the only woman Assistant Trade Commissioner in the whole area, as other countries employ women in this capacity hardly at all, she could attract a measure of interest and publicity.

If we had an important trade in women's clothing and accessories, a woman might promote this more effectively than a man.

Even conceding these points, such an appointee would not stay young and attractive for ever and later on could well become a problem.

It is much easier to find difficulties, some of which spring to mind are:-

- (i) Women are not employed, except to an extremely minor degree, as career Trade Commissioners in any known services;
- (ii) It is difficult to visualize them as Trade Commissioners, firstly because they could not mix nearly as freely with businessmen as men do. Most men's clubs, for instance, do not allow women members;
- (iii) Relationships with businessmen would tend to be somewhat formal and guarded on both sides. This would make it more difficult for a woman to obtain information;
- (iv) It is extremely doubtful if a woman could, year after year, under a variety of conditions, stand the fairly severe strains and stresses, mentally and physically, which are part of the life of a Trade Commissioner;
- (v) A man normally has his household run efficiently by his wife, who also looks after much of the entertaining. A woman Trade Commissioner would have all this on top of her normal work;
- (vi) If we engaged single graduates as trainees, most of them would probably marry within five years;
- (vii) If we recruited from the business world, we would have a much smaller field from which to recruit, as the number of women executives in business is quite small;
- (viii) A spinster lady can, and very often does, turn into something of a battleaxe with the passing years. A man usually mellow;

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- (ix) A woman would take the place of a man and preclude us from giving practical experience to one male officer. She could marry at any time and be lost to us. She could not be regarded as a long term investment in the same sense as we regard a man.

CONCLUSION

It would seem that the men have it.

AT

(A. R. TAYLOR)

13th March, 1963.

P.S.

I have since ascertained the following, which, it would seem, only serves to support the foregoing views -

Mr. H.W. Woodruff, U.K. Trade Commissioner:

They have a few women Trade Commissioners but only in capital city posts, for they have found that women cannot operate where contact with businessmen is necessary.

The women are fairly senior people from the U.K. Departments and presumably handle trade policy work only.

Mr. H. Parkinson, External Affairs:

Since their recruitments of trainees are made under the Public Service Act, there is no way of precluding women from applying and in fact, many more applications are received from women than from men. Some are chosen and all appointments are made on the basis of the quality of their educational achievements. About one woman is appointed to every twelve men. This year one out of sixteen, last year one out of twelve and the previous year, none.

They have to be trained for 18 months before going to their first post. The average marries within five years.

It is a very expensive process, but External Affairs lack courage to slam the door because of parliamentary opinion, pressure groups and so on.

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NEWSLETTER APRIL 2007

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Editorial:

Hope everybody is alert to the fact that our April Meeting is set down for the FIRST MONDAY of the month, APRIL 2. A rare event but due to Eastertide and the second Monday being a public holiday. We Editors nearly got caught out ourselves, the moral of this story being that one must be sure to check minutes, etc. to be informed club members. Trust you all enjoyed the contribution from Heather Mohay of a copy of a Government Directive in which an all-male hierarchy considered the possibility of appointing women trade commissioners in the 1960's and the reasons given for the subsequent veto!! Which took me down memory lane and my mother's tales of her experiences as a shorthand-typist with a well-established wool firm in the early 1900's when Wool was King. This included her recall that no ladies' loo was provided for female staff and the girls had to seek out the nearest café or restaurant for relief!! I wonder when that particular piece of male chauvinism got the heave-ho! Yet in that same era women and girls had a freedom of movement especially at night that has more or less disappeared today. As a young girl, my mother, living at Kangaroo Point could take a night-time ferry across to the city and walk with friends to Central Station to catch a train and go visiting at Indooroopilly without concern. On the way home she said it was a simple matter to coo-ee the ferryman (little or no traffic noise to compete with then!) to take them back to Kangaroo Point. In my own youth, a night-time stroll with my mother and aunt to enjoy the scents from the gardens in our suburb was undertaken without any concern. I doubt if any women would do this today. Back to the present and no doubt members were thrilled to see our own Zonta club Vice President and City Councillor Jane Prentice being suggested as a possible replacement for the former Senate member Mr. Santoro. Meanwhile Club business progresses with the appointment of this year's Nominating Committee at the March meeting - June Halliday (chair), Jocelyn Grant-Taylor, Lyn Liddle, Peg Burke and Rita Fraser. Not always an easy task to persuade people to take office, but a slate of candidates should be presented at our next meeting and voted on at the May meeting. And then there is the Fair to be constantly on our collective mind!! Only about 16 weeks to go! And the next Fair committee meeting will be at 10am on April 14 at Claire Rowland's Coffee Shop at St. Lucia.

Jean Sinclair

From the President...

Greetings all.

Thank you to all who helped to make our March dinner meeting such a success. It was indeed gratifying to see so much productive interaction at every table and to be part of the collegiate discussion that came out of that. At our next Board meeting we will discuss these suggestions and bring to you our summary and recommendations for your consideration. It is hoped that we all feel more 'ownership' of our club, its activities and processes.

Those who attended the Unifem breakfast were greatly inspired by the story of Ms Malalai Joya's courage in placing her life on the line in her defence of fledgling democracy in Afghanistan, which supplies 92% of the world's opium, in which 40% are unemployed, and the life expectancy of women is under 40 years of age. Drug lords and warlords have devastated the country from which 4 million refugees have fled to Iran and Pakistan, unwilling to return. Most of the \$12 billion in aid goes into the pockets of the warlords. Afghan women suffer the world's highest maternal mortality rate. Afghan children suffer one of the world's highest child mortality rates. There are 50, 000 widows in Kabul. In the midst of this chaos, 25 year old Ms Joya has set up an orphanage, a school and a hospital. At 25 years of age, she is the youngest member of Parliament and in danger every day. Her shining example of courage and perseverance encourages us to be fervently grateful for what we enjoy in this country and ever more diligent in our support of the work we do through Zonta. We can take pride in our support of both local and international service projects.

Zonta was the first to help the Afghan Institute of Learning, (established by Prof Sakena Yacoobi as an NGO in 1995) educate women and girls in rural areas after the fall of the Taliban in 2001. Women's learning Centres were set up and a mobile clinic provided health service to thousands. Today, over 3,500 women and children visit the first clinic in Mir Bacha Kot each month. This model has been replicated in Kabul and Herat, where classes in literacy, health and sewing also flourish. Each year AIL provide classes for 650 girls and women as well as onsite training for teachers and managers. In the 2006-2008 biennium, the Zonta International Foundation will provide US\$100,000 towards the support of this program.

April 7th is World Health Day (sponsored by the World Health Organisation), highlighting the Millennium Development goals of reducing child mortality, improving maternal health and combating HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases. This year's theme is international health security with the slogan ***Invest in health; build a safer future for all.***

We are asked to mark this day with relevant activities. Australian girls and women benefit from a health system described by WHO as 'world class'. Not all girls benefit however, and Australia is currently legislating against internet child pornography, sex trafficking, sex tourism and female genital mutilation. We need to continue to advocate to protect children in this country from violence, child abuse, neglect and exploitation.

Given our current water crisis, we can also be mindful of water scarcity globally, which affects four out of

every ten people. The consequences of this include cholera, typhoid fever, salmonellosis, dysentery and other gastrointestinal viruses. We can all share the responsibility for conserving, recycling and protecting our water efficiently. There is so much need and sometimes it is easy to slip into a mindset that puts any response in the 'too hard' basket, but we must never lose faith in the ripple effect of our combined personal and collective efforts.

Glen Marshall and Barbara Young are both doing well and the club has sent them our best wishes. Our members wish them a speedy recovery. I am particularly looking forward to the April 1st Area 3 and 5 Workshop as a time to learn more about Zonta. If you have not registered there is still time!

I look forward to seeing you all on April 2nd.
Pauline Guthrie

NOTICES

DON'T FORGET - AREA 3 & 5 WORKSHOP

The Areas 3 and 5 Workshop will be held on Sunday 1st April, 2007 at Brookwater Golf Club, Tournament Drive, Brookwater. Cost is \$45.00 per person (to include morning and afternoon tea and lunch), and time is 8.30 am till 4.30pm. HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!!!

APRIL MEETING - MONDAY 2 APRIL 2007

The Guest Speaker at the April Meeting will be:

Professor John Mattick who is currently Professor of Molecular Biology at the University of Queensland, Director of the Australian Genome Research Facility.

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This month, in lieu of INTERESTING WOMEN - for which we received no contributions, we're providing an

ANZAC DAY SPECIAL

While this is a story about men rather than women, we think it encapsulates the Australian spirit that has united women of all classes, of all political persuasions, in their fight for equality of opportunity.

[These are extracts from the "life story" written for his family, by Chris Christensen's father, Christen Peter Christensen. Included in his story are accounts of his time in the Australian Army during the First World War. These two "mutinies" are well worth reading. I think we would agree that compared with possible reactions and punishments in other armed forces, these demonstrate not only the solidarity of the rank and file, but the ultimate fairness and understanding of the commissioned ranks.]

The "mutiny" at the Exhibition Grounds

Some time after the war broke out, I was working with my dray for the Commonwealth, when they were building barracks at Enoggera Military Camp. I had a good deal of contact with the soldiers in the camp there, and when my job on the barracks was finished, I also enlisted. That was in October, 1915, when the troops on the Peninsular were getting a bad time from the Turks, and thousands of men all over Australia were rushing to enlist. Enlisting was simple and quick. There were about twenty-five men there the day I enlisted, and we were examined by a doctor who asked a few questions, then we lined up two deep to take the oath of allegiance, and that was that.

I was sent to the Exhibition grounds to report to the C.O. there. The recruits were allotted a place to sleep. My first night was in a bower shed, with just brush overhead, and it rained that night, so we all got wet. Next morning they shifted us over to what was then called Petty's Paddock, that is the other side of the street from the main pavilion. We bunked down in what had been the sheep and pig pens - our bed was the floor, with blankets and groundsheet.

I must mention a beautiful bit of organisation that I saw in that camp. For some reason or other, camp leave had been stopped and the men resented this. So they organised a sit down strike. There were five thousand men on the Exhibition side and one thousand on our side of the road, and we all had to parade on the one ground at the nine o'clock parade. The word was passed around when the strike was to be. This morning after all the units had marched onto the ground, and were in their appropriate places waiting for the O.C. to come on parade, they were all standing at ease then the O.C. came on. The Orderly Officer called "Attention", and on that word every private on that parade sat down. The N.C.O. and the officers ran everywhere. The O.C. came down the line and picked on one man and ordered him to stand up, but he stuck to his mates and stopped down. He then called for a deputation to meet him. Some of the leaders went out and conferred with him. Then the O.C. announced that their leave would be restored, and all the men stood up again.

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The "mutiny" at the front

In August, 1918, came the breakthrough of the German lines and the big advance by all the Allied Forces. I don't recall all the actions we took part in. Somewhere about this time, an incident occurred that is worth recording - I called it our little mutiny.

It happened like this. Our guns were in action, just across on the hillside from us, with just the valley between. The wagons and horselines were on our side of the valley. One of the drivers of the Right Section had been charged with being late on duty, and the O.C. sentenced him to number one field punishment. That meant he would be tied with his hands behind his back to a gun wheel, and be unable to move, and an armed guard would be placed over him. He was also within range of enemy gun fire. Well, his Section Drivers didn't like this, and they thought the punishment was far too severe. They approached us, the Drivers from the Left Section, and asked us if we would fall into line with anything they could do to relieve the situation. We said we would. So a plan was made that we should all march up together to where the man, Kilner, was tied up and cut him free.

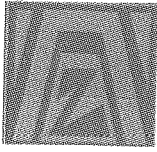
Everybody seemed enthusiastic about doing this, and we all gathered together, about twenty or so men and started up the slope. It was a distance of about seventy-five yards. I'd turned up with the rest and started up the hill. A little over halfway up it suddenly seemed terribly quiet, and I looked around. Bill Green and I were from ten to twenty yards in front of anybody else, with the organisers of the scheme furthest back of all. Bill sang out to the laggards to come on and they gradually closed up. Bill and I were first up however. The guard was armed, but it was obvious he was uncertain what to do, so he did nothing. We crowded around the prisoner, but we could not untie the rope, so I produced my jackknife and cut it. The sergeant came running over and tried to stop us. We told him why we had done it, and said that if he was tied up again, we would cut him loose again. He ordered two of the guards to tie him up again, but they refused, so he put them under arrest. Now there were three men under arrest. The man wasn't tied up again, the three of them were put in the guard tent.

At two o'clock, after lunch, we had to go on parade for duty of the afternoon. But we had two men under arrest, so we reckoned we should get them out of it. So when the whistle went, we all sat down in a bunch, and only the N.C.O. fell in. The officer came on parade and blew the whistle again, but no one moved. He sent the sergeant over, yelling at us a couple of times, but we sat fast. Next time the sergeant came over, he said that the Major wanted one man from each subsection (there were six, A,B,C,D,E,and F) to come over and state our case. No one moved for a while. It seemed fair enough to me, so I was the first to stand up, Bill Green did also, and then the others followed. We marched over and fell in, in our order - that made me as C section, third in the line. But for some reason the O.C. Major Campbell, ignored the others and addressed himself to me. He asked what it was all about, and called me by name.

I hadn't thought to be the spokesman, but I just stated the facts. I said that we considered that Kilner had been too severely punished, and also that before we would go on duty he must release the other two men who had been arrested. He said, "That is your opinion, is it? Well I am a lawyer, and I should know what I am about. But if you all come on duty, I will have the two men brought before me at once, but Kilner will stay under arrest." I agreed to this, and none of the others objected, so we carried on with our work.

The climax came the next morning. It appeared that the C.O. of the Brigade, a Brigadier, had witnessed all the proceedings from his headquarters a short distance away. He had instituted inquiries and got to the bottom of the affair. The result was that next morning Major Campbell came on parade without his Sam Brown, and apologised for all the happenings of the previous day. The two guards were exonerated of blame, and Kilner's sentence was reduced to two day's C.B. which was really nothing.

So ended that little escapade. Had it happened in the British Army, we would probably all have been shot. The Australian Army could have given us twelve months in clink. I can't remember the Brigadier who put Campbell in his place, but whoever he was, he is always No.1 with me. I have no proof of this, but I think the Major Campbell was the man leading the New Guard at the opening of the Sydney Harbour Bridge. In any case there were no more severe sentences from the Major after that.



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Editorial:

Now that it is May we need to remember that the Fair is only two more months away. Quite an alarming thought is it not? We really should have begun turning out drawers or wherever one keeps items that have been useful and/or attractive in their day but can now be passed on to enhance another's domicile or person, either in a practical or decorative sense.

Do members recall that it actually RAINED on our record-breaking 2006 Fair? And Governor Quentin Bryce gave her opening speech under the shelter of an umbrella? Yet the net results were a record-breaking \$15,690.10. Can we do that again? So desperate is the drought situation now that if it rains this year we can only regard it as encouraging and endeavour to beat our 2006 record!

But it would be even more heartening if those "flooding rains" that Dorothea McKellar enthuses about in her epic poem about our "sunburnt country" came well before Fair Day. We can only hope.

And talking about the weather – as if on cue I have just received an ecstatic postcard from Elizabeth Gill who is holidaying with sister Rosemary at Tangalooma. There, writes Elizabeth, it rains every night and every plant, shrub, tree and blade of grass is as green as green can be!

Back to the Fair. Success of previous years has always been achieved by generous donations from members to as many of the stalls as possible. May it be the same (or even better!) in 2007.

Always in especial need is the Cakes, Sweets, Jams and Pickles Stall. Lorna Webber and Co. can never receive enough stock for this stall. They sell out very quickly.

Trash and Treasure stall convened by Jocelyn Grant-Taylor is also well-patronised. Goods donated to this stall MUST be in saleable condition. Otherwise it gives Jocelyn and her helpers an extra burden on top of an already very physically demanding day.

New to the game of convening the Book Stall is enthusiastic new member Chieko Klerkx. Donations to this stall also should be in saleable condition. Nothing in tatters PLEASE.

For the Clothing Stall, Noreen Gorman and Maggie Williams with Lynette Liddle are looking for lots of pre-loved clothing Noreen and Maggie are handling the up-market category and Lynette is taking care of every-day clothes still in good repair.

Then there is the Jewellery stall and convenors June Halliday and Mary Mahoney who cannot get enough knick-knacks. They have customers of all ages, including very young ones on the look-out for "something for Mummy".

From now on Newsletter will continue urging members on to spend as much time as possible thinking about the Fair, collecting items to donate, and talking about the Fair to the world at large. After all, the Fair would be nothing without PEOPLE!

Jean Sinclair

From the President...

Greetings all. How the year has flown and all the fun of the Fair is upon us! I hope we can all share in the excitement of the preparations which are well under way and high expectation is mounting. Please give generously your donations of trash and treasure, books, clothes, fruit for jam etc to the various stall holders.

Our next dinner meeting on May 14th includes the AGM, at which our new office bearers will be voted in. We will be delighted to hear from our newest member, Chieko, who has transferred from Rockhampton. She will entertain us with a job talk and a demonstration of flower arranging. Please make it a priority diary date!

Our Saturday morning meeting at my home with the chairs of Committees was very convivial and productive. The discussion ranged over many issues, such as the role of each committee, new strategies, and the importance of mentoring new members. Thank you to all who were able to come. It is hoped that each committee will be able to action some relevant suggestions which came out of our planning evening at the beginning of the year.

At our first meeting of the year we were all asked to participate in a general survey about our satisfaction levels with Zonta at international and local level. At the beginning of the new Zonta biennium, (2006-2008), President Olivia Ferry felt that decision-making by the International Board needed to be guided by "essential information that would give them a better understanding of Zonta's profile and an appreciation of what Zontians are doing all over the world." Accurate statistics derived from surveys and reports provide valuable feedback with which to improve the credibility and visibility of Zonta worldwide. We have been asked to provide some data on the work of our committees and service projects by the 1st June. I would be very grateful if chairpersons could return their forms to me by May 25th.

We are almost at midpoint of the 2006-2008 Biennium, so it is helpful to review what is happening to the one third (1/3rd) of our annual service funds donated to the Zonta International Foundation. The latest issue of *The Zontian* provides the following information: To date, this Fund has received 12% of its Biennial Goal of \$US 1.5 million in donations. After a rigorous review process, monies are allocated to worthwhile projects and continually monitored. We can review the progress of these service projects on the Zonta Web site. (www.zonta.org).

Four projects are funded by the Foundation, two continuing and two new. One continuing project is Phase II, Mata Masu Dubara project in Niger, focusing on economic security and health for women. The other is continuing support of the community-based program

to help educate Afghan girls and women through the Afghan Institute of Learning.

One of the two new projects is based in Bolivia and partners with CARE International to provide education for girls and women, of whom 50% in rural areas are illiterate. The other works alongside the UN Industrial Development Organisation for security and survival of women in Sri Lanka in the wake of the 2004 tsunami. It is satisfying to have contributed to advancing the status of women on this world stage.

I look forward to seeing you all on May 14th.
Pauline Guthrie

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DON'T FORGET – ZONTA INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 24 BIENNIAL CONFERENCE

The 9th District 24 Biennial Conference will be held at the Twin Towns Resort, Tweed Heads, beginning on Friday 7 September 2007 and ending on Sunday 9 September. Friday begins with a first timers session, followed by supper and the opening ceremony. Saturday has business sessions, guest speakers and a Conference Dinner with entertainment and speaker. Sunday continues the business sessions and guest speakers, concluding at 1pm.

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INTERESTING WOMEN

Here's a contribution from an interesting woman in our Club imparting some "live and learn" experience.

Away soft, back tough!!

Glenda Gobe

I am head of a research laboratory of 3 staff, 1 visiting fellow, 4 full time and 3 part time post-graduate students at the Department of Molecular and Cellular Pathology, the School of Medicine, University of Queensland. I guess I was a late starter. I did all my degrees, right from high school, part-time and so I was late 30's when I received my PhD and 45 when I started to run a significant-sized laboratory. I say this with some reluctance, because in the course of my professional development I was "given" quite large laboratories to run by my Departmental Heads when clinical academic staff at my Department were sparse. However, the new advertisements for laboratory heads would always specify "clinical" training and my training was basic science – although very medically focused, so I was unsuccessful in many applications. Anyone who knows might say – why did you stay there? I had a very good salary – enough to send my daughter to a private high school and pay off my house mortgage as a single, self-supporting parent. I did see schooling and also home stability for my daughter as a priority. I am a very persistent kind of person and I just kept knocking on doors until I was given my own laboratory here at home, and then I did not look back. I have been successful in all aspects of my selected profession; personal satisfaction, good and trustworthy colleagues, success in research grant funding, publications, invited reviews, invited talks, students who review my lectures yearly and who approve.

Now, that's a bit of background on me at work. Most of you know I have just had 6 months at a research laboratory in the USA. I have had many instances of "study leave" during my professional development, but never more than 6 weeks in one block. The laboratory I went to for my 6 months leave was headed by Michael, a colleague of clinical and research training who is just a little older than I am, internationally renowned for his work on the endothelium (cells that line blood vessels and determine outcome in many aspects of disease), a migrant to the US from Russia who went there after many years in Israel. I imagine that background might toughen a person and that he was!! Because I was an unpaid guest at his laboratory, I was treated very differently from the rest of his staff and I could sit back and observe.

Now, I consider I have always been a bit of a softy with regards collaborative work for research. That clinical staff at hospitals in Brisbane (or maybe Australia wide) have little time for research, yet their background makes the research much more applied to human disease, has some truth to it. I am generally willing to do, or provide staff for, research projects that the clinicians cannot manage by themselves. So my time is often very fragmented, and my focus a bit soft. Michael was none of that. Whilst he was always kind and polite, he insisted on commitment from his staff that might mean many hours in the laboratory outside anything even remotely like normal working hours. He did not deviate from his focus, and was never tempted into other projects by people crying out for his expertise ("What is the point?" he would say). He is very successful. So I watched and learned.

I often think I went away soft and came back tough from this experience. I now have a determination and, I believe, a realism that I should have learned long ago. My staff and students seem a bit in awe – but I must say they are all working harder than before, without being "driven" by me. My advice to anyone considering study or work experience away from the norm? Go for it, no matter how late it seems in your career. Toughen up! It's never too late. Get as much time away as your workplace will allow. Enjoy the experience. Take your family – their educational experience will be just as rewarding – and off you go. It's well worth it.



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Dates to Remember	
Zonta Club of Brisbane North Inc	
Dinner Meeting United Service Club	Monday 4 th June, 2007 6.30pm for 7.00pm Start
Please ensure that you notify Noreen Gorman – 07 3371 5752 by 9.00 AM Friday the 1 st June 2007 if you are unable to attend. Otherwise payment of the meal is obligatory.	
Board Meeting – 20 Millwood Street Rainworth.	Wednesday 30 th May 2007 5.30 pm Start
Other Zonta Club News	
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Committees	Meetings
Status of Women Service Awards SubCommittee Chair: – Gina Brosnan Ph: 07 3878 9645 brosnan@brigidine.qld.gov.au	6.00 pm at USC prior to the Dinner Meeting
Sevice and LAA SubCommittee Chair: Glenda Gobe Ph: 3355 9256 (w) 3365 5301 g.gobe@uq.edu.au	
Organisation, Membership and Classification Chair: Linda Fletcher Ph (H)3376 5690 (W)3240 2779 Ljn_Fletcher@health.qld.gov.au	Meets prior to dinner meeting at USC 6.00 pm.
United Nations Chair: Patricia Régo Ph 3870 0935 (w) 3346 4683 p.rego@uq.edu.au	
Public Relations and Communications Chair: Maggie Williams Ph 3392 3310 (w) 3217 4977 weswill@piskp.com.au	
Newsletter Editor Editor: Jean Sinclair Ph: 07 3371 1390 zzjsincl@uqconnect.net	Copy for the Club Newsletter to be sent no less than 10 days before the Dinner Meeting.
Parliamentarian	Vacant

Editor's Message:

Greetings all. Especially to our new Board. Congratulations and may your deliberations lead the Club to ever increasing success. And of course that includes our 2007 Fair which is to include a new stall. Glenda Gobe, this year's convenor of the book stall has hit on the splendid idea of setting up new member Chieko Klerx with her own stall to display her brilliant talent in Origami. Should make a splendid attraction especially for the young. It is difficult under the present mega-drought conditions to forget for any length of time the deplorable state of our dried-out south-east corner of Queensland. Heaven help us if these conditions still prevail by Fair-time. Even a flood (which will surely arrive some time) would be welcome. And we should always bear the possibility of that in mind. We never have had to postpone a Fair (although last year this was by the skin of our teeth and Joan Sheridan's determination to hold fast against postponement to the last possible moment when lo and behold the weather began to clear). Meanwhile we have to remain positive and keep collecting saleable things to donate to the various stalls. There are only two meetings left to which we can bring our donations to stalls other than our own so please bear that in mind.

And of course it is easy to get distracted with all the pre-election gossip in the media. It could hardly have escaped our notice how the subject of women has cropped up in electioneering tactics as never before. A single woman in Parliament accused of being "deliberately barren" and dark hints of some married women being mere "appendages" of their husbands. Really!! How much more Victorian can some of the male species get!?

Jean Sinclair

From the President

Greetings to you all.

How the year has flown! We are looking forward to the installation of our new Board at our next Dinner meeting on May 4th. At this meeting we will have Lieutenant Governor Vicki Varthas, and Area 3 Director, Janet Mitchell as our honoured guests, who will each bring us an encouraging and informative message. We are indeed fortunate to have both of these ladies at our meeting and I hope to see as many members as possible there!

Zonta International divides the world into 30 districts, each under the supervision of a District Governor. Each District is managed by a District Governor and Board, who meet three times a year. Long term goals are set by the Governor and the District Board. Districts are then divided into areas. The elected Area Director reports to the District Governor who together plan and coordinate activities in cooperation with the governor and the clubs. The Area Director is elected by the clubs at the area meeting or the district conference. She is a member of one of the clubs in the area, represents the clubs on the District Board.

The Board is elected by club members to direct the affairs of the club. Our Board consists of a President, Vice President, two Secretaries (Minutes and Correspondence), Treasurer (and assistant treasurer), with three directors. Members hold office for one or two years, assuming office on June 1st. We will be meeting on Wednesday 30th for a handover celebration. Our responsibilities include developing coordinated goals and monitoring our progress towards them.

We welcome Ann, Karen and Glenda to the Board and look forward to your fellowship and input at our meetings. Thanks go to Jane and Maggie for their excellent service as Vice-President and Director respectively on our outgoing Board. Your service has been greatly valued!

Part of what Zontians actually do is to support self-help and development programs for women in local and global communities. For example, the UN Committee is currently discussing ways in which we might help the women of Oecusse as a Zonta International Project. Another avenue of service is to fund award and scholarship programs for women with exceptional ability. For example, the Board has been presented with an excellent applicant for the Jane M Klausman Award in Togoldor O'Brien, a fourth year Bachelor of Commerce/Arts Degree student who is strongly committed to the advancement of the status of women. Janet will be speaking on ways in which other clubs do service and advocacy.

Preparations for the Fair are ongoing and I encourage you all in your service to the club as we prepare for this major calendar event. Thank you so much for all that you are doing!

I look forward to seeing you all at our next Dinner meeting on May 4th

Pauline Gutarie.

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Don't forget
21st July, 2007
Zonta Fair

A reminder for all who have not cleaned out the book shelves and back cupboards - time to do so!!!

Lorna is wanting a few more cooks to put their hand up and now is the time to get out the favourite recipe and commit to some baking.

Last but not least Joan will have flyers for you all at the Dinner Meeting - remember it is the people that come who make us the money!!!!

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This Editorial is rather different because your Editor first of all wants to pay tribute to co-Editor Chris and all her untiring efforts with the technicalities of presentation and remembering all the important bits and pieces reminding members of this and that. Apart from that we had a lot of fun on Newsletter days. Dear Chris, if you are reading this may I say once again your whiz-kid approach to computer technicalities impressed me no end. I have always admired your really brilliant mind which resulted in you achieving such important positions as Assistant Director (Research) in the then Labour and National Service in Brisbane Then being invited by the head serang of the outfit, Sir Henry Bland to be Officer-in-Charge of the Women's section in Melbourne only resigning from that position to return to Brisbane to care for an elderly widowed father. I once asked Chris how she had acquired her skills at the computer. Turned out she was self taught. Typical !!

Our President Pauline having skipped off to England with husband Bob for two weeks (but not before dutifully filing her President's Message) Narelle Sommerfeld will take the chair for the July Dinner Meeting. Narelle is also stepping into the breach as co-Editor of this Newsletter providing the essential technical skills or whatever else she may have in mind.

No doubt much of the July meeting will be taken up with discussion about the Fair. Only a few more weeks to go AND so much to do!! In fact this Newsletter is a Fair Special. You will find a list of stall convenors and their hopes for generous donations to their stalls on an inside page. Mark well!! And forget not the ONIONS! This is a donation for the Barbecue required of EVERY member, more Fair details inside this edition.

Jean Sinclair

From the President

Hello everyone!

Our June dinner meeting was a great success, with the installation of the new Board. Our guest speakers, Lt Gov. Vicki Varthas and Area 3 Director Janet Mitchell set the tone for an interesting year ahead with reminders about our personal vision for the coming year as members of this club, and the inspiration and fellowship experienced by working together as a club on various projects.

Vicki mentioned the value of a team identity and the importance of making everyone feel really valued in their contributions in the business of attracting and retaining our quality members. She emphasized the need to capitalize on each member's strengths and skills to allow for growth in a supportive environment. It is always important to keep addressing issues such as leadership training, change management, mentoring and experience in advocacy roles in retaining members and attracting young ones.

Janet affirmed and encouraged all our efforts with regard to fund raising and the support we give to various projects. She reminded us that we "Come for the work and stay for the fellowship," and that the fellowship is the glue that keeps us all together. And so we are finding again this year as everyone does her bit to raise money and get the stalls ready for the Fair under the leadership of Narelle. Thank you everyone for your ongoing hard work to put things in place. I am sure we will make this every bit as successful as our Fairs have always been! Janet also brought news of some of the work done by other clubs such as the cooking project in Beaudesert, teaching young women to cook healthy and inexpensive meals in a wok, and secondly, a trip to the Kimberleys to meet up with Aboriginal women to offer them friendship, clothes, mentoring and tutoring.

We have received very good news regarding Stephanie Carter, who has won one of five Young Women in Public Affairs Zonta International scholarships. You will remember that among other things, Stephanie was an outstanding recipient of our YWPA Award, who raised money for World Vision, became Youth Ambassador to Laos, and organized a very successful 40 hour Famine appeal at her school. If you are planning to go the District Conference at Tweed Heads in September, you will meet her there.

Two important dates to note: There are few things more pressing in our world today than having right answers to the drug issue. June 26th is the International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking and may be an opportunity for reflection about how we as Zontians could get involved? July 11th is World Population day, highlighting the need for conserving and sharing our planet's resources equitably.

The thoughts of us all are with Chris, who, as I write this column, after her return from a great family holiday in Denmark, is going through a challenging time with her health. I know that every member of Zonta Brisbane North is with Chris at this time in thought and prayer.

Pauline Gutrie.

FAIR COMMENT!

How prepared are we all for our Zonta Fair?

It is only 3 weeks away and the time has simply flown hasn't it? No doubt the stall convenors are flexing their muscles but it is up to the entire club to do likewise.

Here is a list of the stall convenors and what they hope for in the way of donations:
Donate to as many as you wish!

Lorna Webber is looking for – CAKES, SWEETS, JAMS AND PICKLES

Ann Jones and Jocelyn Grant-Taylor are looking for all your TRASH & TREASURE

Chieko Klerkx is looking for all or your pre loved (but not tattered) BOOKS

Margaret Marshall is looking for all sorts of bits - FRUIT & VEGGIES, 'GIFT PLATES' and display the Ecosilk bags for sale

Claire Rowlands will have the COFFEE SHOP at full steam

Jenny Grant-Taylor and Brunella Novello will have the BARBECUE sizzling

Noreen Gorman and Maggie Williams will again have a huge range of PRE-LOVED CLOTHING and don't forget the presale. See notice page for more details!

June Halliday and Mary Mahoney are looking for JEWELLERY, SOFT TOYS, JIGSAWS AND GAMES

Jane Prentice and Jenni Jolly will be after gifts to fill the 'wheelbarrow' MONSTER RAFFLE.

Mercia Ferrier will once again have her LUCKY BARREL.

Stop Press: Peter Hollis (great friend of ZC Brisbane North) has again made a donation to the Annual Fair - \$300. Many thanks to Peter this is a wonderful effort, very much appreciated by all Club members.

It is a matter of great concern that donations start flowing, especially for the Cake, Sweets, Jams & Pickles. This stall always sells out rapidly so needs to be particularly well-stocked.

The same goes for the Jewellery Stall where June and Mary are besieged by children eager to buy "something for Mummy" as well as the grown-ups looking for something in the way of a glamorous accessory.

Of particular concern is the Monster Raffle and Jane Prentice the Convenor cannot be expected to provide any shortfall from her own resources. So please give generously to this. Donations can be taken to the July meeting or left at Jane's Council office at Shop 4001a, Level 4, Indooroopilly Shopping Centre.

The Book Stall needs to be well stocked. All contributions gratefully received PROVIDED the books are in good saleable condition. Nothing ragged or tatty please. It just makes extra work for Chieko and her team at clearing-up time after the Fair.

The same goes for the Trash & Treasure Stall. All donations welcome but the Trash does not mean anything that looks ready to be thrown out. The sort of Trash required is what somebody would regard as Treasure!

And here is something that those who feel they are duffers at cooking or are stretched for time can do to help.

The Barbecue stall has heavy pre-Fair expenses in the purchase of sausages by the mile, eggs by the dozen, bacon, etc. This stall would welcome money to defray these expenses.

Timetable for Fair Day:

- 0600 hrs Gates will be opened. Please ensure cars are removed from the Park as soon as they have been unloaded.
- 0630 hrs Trestle tables, round tables and chairs will arrive – we will have some fit young people to help with this.
- 0800 hrs The people arrive (well some maybe earlier).
- 0900 hrs Official Opening by **Lord Mayor of Brisbane – Cr Campbell Newman**.

The Donation Required from ALL MEMBERS!!!!

Each member is required to bring to the Barbecue Stall on the morning of the Fair a bag of three (3) sliced onions. These can be sliced the night before and stored in a plastic bag and placed in the freezer.

The important thing to remember - bring them with you on Fair Day.

**So don't forget the
ONIONS, ONIONS, ONIONS!!!!!!**

Young Women in Public Affairs Winner goes International

Remember Stephanie Carter, the Community Service Captain at Brisbane Girls Grammar School - a remarkable young woman who was our Club nominee for YWPA? Stephanie came to speak to us about her work with the World Vision 40 Hour Famine Project in East Timor, for which she raised \$7,000 in one day. Not only did Stephanie go on to win the District Award of US\$500, but she has also been awarded one of five (5) US\$1,000 international YWPA prizes. This is a first for our Club. Special thanks must go to eagle-eyed June, who spotted a story about Stephanie in the Brisbane News - and as they say in the movies 'the rest is history'.

Our club can now claim two JMK international winners and one YWPA winner; this is a tribute to all those on the Awards Sub-Committee of you're the Status of Women Service Committee who have the expertise to pick the sort of women who will make a difference in years to come.

Gina Brosnan
Chair SWS Service Awards

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*Saturday, 7th July 2007
Pre Sale of Designer Clothes
(with Champagne and Nibbles)*

Just another reminder to all that Noreen and Maggie have again taken the time for a special viewing of designer clothes for members, family and friends.

Venue: Ann Jones 3/33 Sissley Street, St Lucia

Time: 1.30 pm

Date: Saturday, 7th July, 2007

RSVP: 5th July, 2007 to Noreen or Maggie

This is a wonderful gesture as we are always too busy on Fair Day to spend any time browsing the stall.

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So what next. Well, most importantly there is the Call to Conference from District 24 Governor Patricia Lawson. It is to be hoped there will be a large bevy of Brisbane North Zontians attending.

To be held at the Twin Towns Resort, Tweed Heads the conference begins on Friday September 7, ending 9th September 2007.

The call has gone out to the 76 Zonta Clubs that comprise District 24. Tweed Heads should be all a-buzz with so many Zontians in the area for this very important conference. There is nothing so guaranteed to re-energise the Zontian enthusiasms of well established members. And there is nothing more important for new Zontians than to attend such a conference. It helps them really find their place in the Zontian scheme of things.

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From the President

Congratulations to all our members for a **fantastic effort at the Fair!** What an amazing team we have, and what fun was had by all. The weather was kind and everyone enjoyed themselves. It was good to see friends and Hon Zons lend a valued hand. As I have already mentioned, it was a huge effort, crowned with success.

A very special thank you from us all to Narelle as Fair Convener who pulled her team together for a better than ever result, as well as to Joan as Publicity Officer for all her fruitful efforts to provide the usual high standard of entertainment and promotion. Every stall convener and helpers did a fantastic job in providing interesting stuff for sale, as well as so many pre-Fair sales behind the scenes! Maggie and Noreen went to a great deal of trouble with sales of exclusive garments before the Fair, as did June with her jams and lovely embroidery. And of course we all appreciate Joan and Norm's continuing hospitality after each big event. We are sorry you could not be with us Norm and know how much you would have liked to have been there. My personal thanks to you all. Now for the job of deciding where to allocate these hard won funds.

We have just received **acknowledgement from the Zonta International Foundation of our gift of US \$5,339.67** distributed to Amelia Earhart Fellowship Fund, Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarship Fund, Young Women in Public Affairs Fund and the ZISVAW Fund. We can all be proud of our continuing support for this Foundation, which together with all the other Zonta clubs "can make a real difference in touching the lives of many women and girls in different parts of the world."(Anne Silvester, Foundation President). Do take a moment to read their letter of appreciation to be tabled at our next dinner meeting.

We are also one of the 42% of clubs which have handed in a half-yearly report this year. Thanks you to all Committee chairs who helped me with information for this. Lynn McKenzie, Chairman, Status of (International) Women Service Committee reminds us that measuring this information enables Zonta to

1. increase credibility and visibility as an international service organization
2. attract and retain membership, and
3. provide easily accessible info. to districts and clubs for their planning.

You will all have received the July *Zontian* which focuses on the elimination of violence against women and girls, a priority theme at this year's 51st Session of the Commission on the Status of Women at the UN, New York. I commend this to you.

The **District 24 Conference for 7-9th September** promises to be an exciting event. You can still avail yourself of early bird registration until 12th August, so be sure to take that opportunity. It will be a very good opportunity to meet with the District Board, specialist guest speakers, (such as Prof Myles McGregor-Lowndes on bridging the generation gap), other club members as well as to glean new ideas for service and advocacy for our own club. You will have received the Conference programme by email, which shows how much effort has been put in to making this year as interesting and informative as possible.

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NEWS FROM ZONTA INTERNNATIONAL HQ. In CHICAGO, USA.

have been advised of some interesting developments regarding our International headquarters in Chicago. Modern technology has rendered the three floors of our four-storey Chicago headquarters too spacious now to be an efficient and economical proposition.

headquarters building was bought in 1986 and with the monetary assistance of many clubs the mortgage was paid off in 1995. There are four floors, but only three were able to be utilized effectively and used.

there is concern about operating costs and general maintenance expenses for a building that has become too large for present needs and for requirements in the foreseeable future.

real estate market in Chicago is positive and our building is a desirable location. So the move is on to purchase a more up-to-date condominium in a desirable area of downtown Chicago. We have been promised periodic updates of progress in this new venture.

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This is further complicated by the fact that the Friday beforehand is a public holiday in Sydney and the heightened security procedures associated with APEC. We can only wish our southern Zontians the best of luck with their transport arrangements. District Governor Pat Lawson hopes those affected can get away a day or so earlier and so avoid possible hassles.

Registration can be done on the District Website or by cheque made out to Noresearch Conference Services and mailed to Noresearch Conference Services. Southern Cross University, Zonta District 24 Conference Registrations, PO Box 157, Lismore, NSW 2480 (ph: (02) 6620 3932 Fax: (02) 6626 9317.

Early Bird registration charge of \$285 has been extended to August 12 but no later than that. After that date the full registration fee of \$325 is required. For Saturday only registration the charge is \$185 and for Sunday only the charge is \$140. A Partner can be registered for \$20 and that will include a name badge, lanyard and a bag.

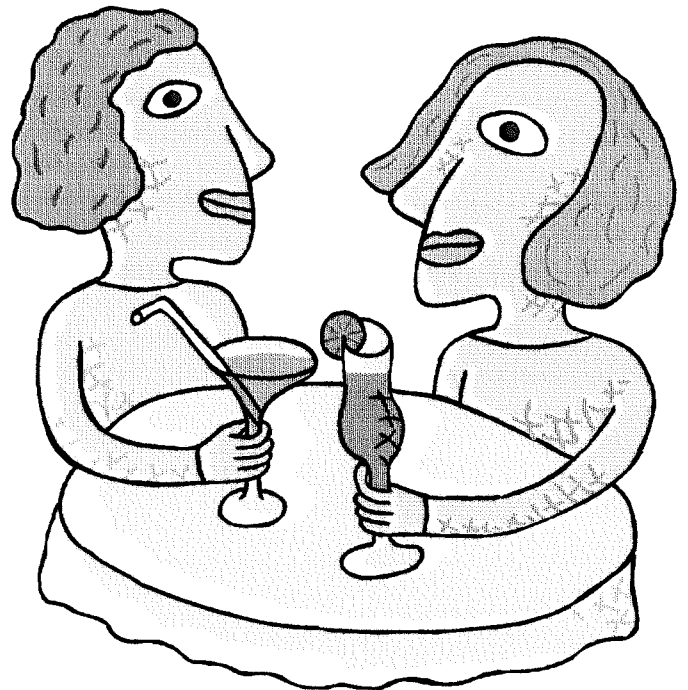
Jean Sinclair

DREPREPARE TO SOCIALISE!!

Maggie Williams and her Program subcommittee have planned an especially social dinner for the August meeting.

No Guest Speaker although Past-International President Mary Magee will be attending and no doubt will be saying a few memorable words.

In addition, during dinner members will be expected to swap places half-way through dinner. After the first course members on one side of their table will be asked to change places with members from another table. More time for Fellowship is the idea.



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It has lately dawned on me, your current Newsletter Editor, that it is a long time since I said I would carry out this task “until someone else takes over”. That is now about 10 years ago when things temporarily got a bit chaotic. Before then I had carried out the job, first in the very beginnings of the club and then filling in when other members took over with great enthusiasm and then later resigned. So several times I took over “until someone else” would take on as Editor. This “taking over” eventually became such a habit that I and everybody else forgot my original stance in the matter.

The computer age naturally brought a great change to the “hands on” method of previous years. That system had meant photocopying the original piece wherever one found a photocopier meaning a trip to a newsagent or wherever there was a machine. Then one had to type envelopes, have a supply of stamps and then find a letter box. Quite time-consuming and requiring some petty cash on hand. And I am sure Elizabeth Gill drew a sigh of relief when a computerized newsletter was introduced because she used to do a bit of the running around involved with the snail-mail method.

So the only hitch now is that I have never come to grips with much of the technical side of computing and have watched in admiration as co-editors Chris. and now Narelle have whizzed around the screen making boxes and all kinds of fol-de-rols etc. to give your Newsletter a professional look.

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From the President

Our sincere appreciation must go to the members of the Status of Women Service and LAA and Advocacy Committee and to Glenda as Chair, for all their work on prioritizing the Project Grant Applications which were tabled at our last dinner meeting. At our last Board meeting we discussed and ratified the Committee's proposal to be presented for the club's consideration at our next dinner meeting, Monday 10th September. All the applicants had some worth and it has been an interesting exercise to weigh up priorities against set criteria. You will have the opportunity to have your say, so have your questions ready and be prepared to speak up!

At this meeting the Conference delegates, Margaret and I will also present a report on the issues raised and motions passed. We are very much looking forward to meeting other delegates and learning from other shared experiences. Of course we will be interested in the motions to be voted on as indicated to you all at our dinner meeting and by email. A big thank you to all who have forwarded their responses.

The most controversial motion for Margaret and I and perhaps for all of us (?) is the proposed revision of membership categories into three sub-divisions - classified, associate and 'retired'. We disagreed with this on the basis of the need for equity and the fear that members might feel discriminated against, or relegated to a 'lesser' category as a result of this nomenclature. Thirty three percent of our members are retired and they are indeed 'time rich' and very experienced in the workings of Zonta. Many are Charter members. While we note that a component of the rationale for this proposal is the desire to gain and retain members, we believe that the motion as it stands will not help to do either. In fact we have had no resignations from the club because of retirement from the workforce. On the contrary, women have enjoyed maintaining longstanding friendships and wanted to continue to give to the club and the community through their membership. No doubt this topic will generate an interesting debate!

On a more global note, we advise that Saturday, 8th September is International Literacy Day and Tuesday 25th of this month is the International Day of Peace. We note the timely hosting of delegates from all APEC nations in Sydney for their scheduled summit. No doubt these issues will be part of their deliberations and affect in this region.

I would like to extend to all our members, and their families, especially those presently going through tough times, all the very best in their journeys.

Pauline Guthrie

Editor's Message cont'd

The bonus for me has always been the fun of making newsletter production a great opportunity for fellowship. And after all there is much truth in the old adage that two heads are better than one.

Now that it is Newsletter time again and nobody has yet offered for the post I will continue in it until, as I have said before, someone else offers to take over.

Although all the excitement and not inconsiderable stress of the Fair is over our PR, Communications/Program/Newsletter Committee Chairman Maggie Williams has not been idle. Maggie has lined up an interesting list of guest speakers for the rest of our Zonta Dinners for 2007.

Our guest speaker for the forthcoming September 10 Dinner will be Fiona Gardiner. Fiona will talk about our Heritage Buildings. At our October 8 Dinner the recipients of our Advancement Grants will be our guests and speakers. They will tell us of their hopes and ambitions that these grants are designed to help them achieve.

Lisa Newman, wife of our Lord Mayor, Campbell Newman will be our guest at our November 12 Dinner. So thanks for that very interesting line-up Maggie. We have much to look forward to for the rest of 2007!

Jean Sinclair

Notices

Put in your diary now!!!!
Zonta International District 24 Biennial Conference

The 9th District 24 Biennial Conference will be held at the Twin Towns Resort, Tweed Heads, beginning on Friday 7th September 2007 and ending 9th September 2007.

Friday begins with a first timers session, followed by supper and the opening ceremony. Saturday has business sessions, guest speakers and a Conference Dinner with entertainment and speaker.

Stephanie Carter has agreed to speak at District Conference, this will be an excellent opportunity for us all to again meet Stephanie and congratulate her on her international award

Sunday continues the business sessions and guest speakers, concluding at 1 pm.



Just thought that this little umbrella might encourage some more good falls that will fall over the catchment areas of our dams.

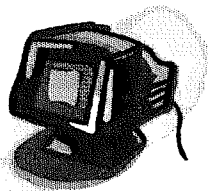
To our very dear friend Chris also prayers and best wishes from all members of the Club. We look forward to seeing you at the next meeting.

Stop Press!!!!

News just in:

June is recovering well from her knee operation and doing all the right things to ensure a speedy recovery.

No doubt she will be able to train for the Masters Games in the near future!!!!



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A very special thank you from both Norman and Joan Sheridan to all members of the Club for the beautiful orchid sent to them. Joan reports that it has six beautiful flowers and they are enjoying it very much.

Newsflash!!!!

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Editor's Message:

We are nearly at the end of what has been a highly productive year with greater public recognition of our efforts.

As advised by our Area 3 Director, Janet Mitchell, the Federal Minister for Defence Brendan Nelson gave Zonta a warm commendation for its work on the birthing kits for third world countries and announced support for the Birthing Kit Foundation (Australia). ADF logistic sustainment aircraft will be used to progressively transport up to 3,600 kits into Afghanistan.

Closer to home the Councillor for Toowong Ward, Peter Matic in his Community News Winter 2007 gave generous space to a story about our Zonta Fair plus an excellent photograph of our President Pauline Guthrie with the Lord Mayor and Councillor Matic. So well done us and Zonta as a whole.

Hard to believe there are only two more formal meetings for this year. For our October meeting Maggie Williams and the Programme Committee are arranging for the Club to host our Advancement Grant recipients.

From the President

Greetings! The year is marching on and our October meeting (Monday, 8th) is significant in that as a club, we are confirming the allocation of funds agreed to by the Status of Women Service and LAA and Advocacy Committee. You will have the opportunity to ask questions of Glenda as Chair, as well as of the other committee members. Once again we thank this Committee for their work in prioritizing the Project Grant Applications. At this meeting also we will hear from Cara Newton, Barbara's daughter on the making of jewellery and look forward to that.

At our last meeting, it was good to hear from Fiona Gardner, from the Environmental Protection Agency and leader of a multi-disciplinary team of architects, environmentalists and designers. She outlined the work of the agency and gave some interesting insights into how they record and classify historic sites hotels, railway workshops, monuments, churches, etc.

Possible support for such enterprises as Dale Spender's Second Chance Program (SCP) for homeless girls was also raised at that meeting, and further discussed by the Board, in the hope that at our next meeting, we may profitably consider if and how we could support such an enterprise. The SCP was originally set up in response to a crisis in accommodation for homeless women and has now set up viable systems of support and intervention. . However, the problem is huge and there is much work that can be done. You can check this out on http://dalespender.com.au/?second_chance_programme.

May I remind committee chairs that half yearly reports are due in to the District Governor by December 5th so that in the next few meetings members could consider the work that has been done in the last six months and the approximate number of hours spent. Could I also remind each committee of our agreed motion to nominate a set goal to be achieved in the next six months (see Sept minutes). It would be wonderful if you could present that in your report at the November meeting.

A final reminder that we will be drawing the raffle for June's tapestry very soon so keep selling those tickets! Look forward to seeing you on Monday 8th October, and wish you all well.

Pauline Guthrie

Editor's Message cont'd

In November the Club will have as our guest speaker Lisa Newman, wife of our Lord Mayor Campbell Newman.

Both very important and interesting meetings in the pipeline.

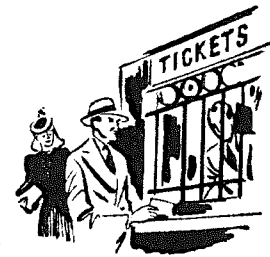
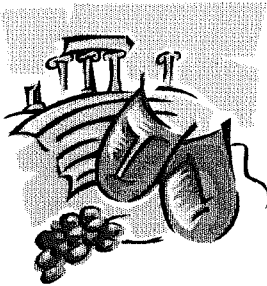
And then comes December and our annual Christmas meeting which is always a relaxed social function,

For many years our Christmas party was held at the home of Joan and Norman Sheridan. Alas no longer possible – a matter of great regret for Joan and Norman as well as the Club.

Last year our Christmas meeting was held at the United Service Club and proved to be a very pleasant occasion with not a business paper in sight!

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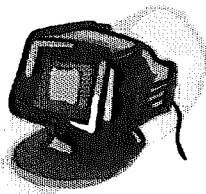
Best wishes to our very dear friend Chris as she embarks on a new clinical treatment. Chris our best wishes, thoughts and prayers go with you as you begin this new clinical trial.

Update from June:

June is recovering very well from her knee operation and has an 'A' on her report card from the Doctor and she would like to thank the members for the flowers and best wishes while she was recovering.

June is hoping to be at the next meeting as we look forward to hearing about her exciting encounter with brilliant actress Miriam Margoyles.

And for those who have cross-stitch orders June is well into the waiting list and the eyes are holding up - just!!



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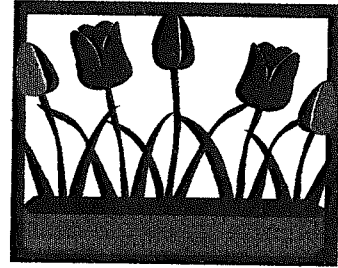
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Message from Joan:

After a few journeys to and fro to the Wesley Hospital Norm is again home.

Joan and Norman would like to thank all for their best wishes and messages.

The orchid is still providing much joy as it continues to bloom.



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Feedback from District 24 Conference

I was fortunate to attend the District 24 Conference was held earlier this month at the lovely venue Twin Towns Resort and found it a most wonderful experience and look forward to making the Zonta International Conference in The Netherlands next year. I thought that I would share the following Club Service and Advocacy Programs with you from the Zonta International District 24 Conference Newsletter.

Moree Club:

Recognised for their successful International Women's' Day breakfast which is funded via the Council and the Premiers Department. Over 100 guests attended, including Citizen of the Year nominees and women featured in the Women of Moree book.

Roma Club:

Recognised for the popular 'Pamper Yourself Day', held to coincide with World Rural Women's Day. The Club had 32 stalls offering massages, candles, tarot reading and much more. Raffle prizes were drawn every 30 minutes throughout the day. A laughter coach kept the crowd smiling and they raised over \$5000. This sounded like a really fun day.

Toowoomba Garden City Club:

Di Thorley Mayor of Toowoomba City has welcomed 1200 Sudanese migrants to the garden city. The Club works one on one with the refugees on their reading skills. This is a truly wonderful project that is giving so much benefit to the Sudanese community.

Pine Rivers Club:

Members traveled to an aboriginal community, which is located more than 300 kms from the nearest town, to meet with girls and women. They asked for good quality second hand clothes to sell and provide funds to send the children to school camps in Cairns. Over 15 boxes of clothes have been sent and they are sold at a weekly stall. This is one project that I felt was truly providing benefit to a community where the Club is working to advance the status of women and providing an avenue for the children to experience life outside of their own community.

Northern Beaches Club:

Members joined with the residents of Huon Park retirement Village and in the course of one day the 105 workers put together 8000 Zonta birthing kits. Next year the aim is for 10000 its in one day. The resident's felt valued and important contributors and club members enjoyed the opportunity to share this service project with the broader community. Again another very worthwhile project and as you will be read in Jean's editorial message it is wonderful that the Minister for Defence has provided transport for distribution of these very valuable kits to those in need.



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Please Note:

It is imperative that Noreen is informed re the number of guests that will be coming to the November dinner meeting as we have booked the larger dining room for which we need a mini mum of 66 people.

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From the President

Our Zonta year is fast coming to a close. We have much to be grateful for as we look back over past achievements. At our last dinner meeting we awarded **several Local Project Grants**: \$6000 to support nine young women in Youth Enterprise Trust (YET) programs; \$500 towards art materials at the Zig Zag Young Women's Resource Centre; \$ 3000 to the Aboriginal and Islander Community School as part funding for one camp and \$2000 to the Search Light Inc Healthy Food Program for 2008. We will be presenting these cheques at our Christmas dinner meeting on Monday 10th December.. We can all be justly proud of our contribution!

Thank you Cara (Newton) for the exciting display of jewellery you presented at our dinner meeting. A fitting end to a very good evening.

We were thrilled to hear that **Anna Kloeden**, our 2005 Jane M. Klausman Award winner, was offered a Rhodes scholarship, announced by Governor Quentin Bryce at Government House. Anna is currently studying Arts/Law, works at the Queensland Anti-Discrimination Commission and also as a volunteer in an orphanage in China. She sings in the Brisbane Concert Choir and speaks Mandarin. Long involved in community work, Anna believes that volunteering is one of her most important achievements. Congratulations Anna!

October 24th was United Nations Day and I was pleased to attend a Lord Mayor's Civic Reception in City Hall in support of the United Nations Development Fund for Women, where Ms Annmaree O'Keeffe spoke about her work as Deputy Director of Aus AID. Over 42 million people, the vast majority in Africa, live under a death threat from AIDS, and the most prevalent victims are women and girls. It was very encouraging to hear of the effective work of AusAID in helping to combat the tragic consequences of this dread disease.

It is now official that Zonta International has ratified the motion passed at District 24 Conference at Tweed Heads separating Queensland from NSW/ACT, and so we have become part of **District 22**.

Could I remind **Committees** that we have asked for a brief statement about their goal(s) for the next six months. These should be realistic, achievable and measurable – a mouthful I know, but such goals would give us something concrete to aim at. It will be an encouragement to hear what each committee is setting out to do at our next dinner meeting. Janet Mitchell has also reminded us that half-yearly (they used to be quarterly!) reports are due by Dec 1st, covering the period from 1st June to end November.

We are looking forward to having **Lisa Newman**, wife of the Lord Mayor, as our guest speaker on November 12th, our club's birthday dinner meeting, where we will also be honouring our Hon Zons as well as drawing the winner of June's acclaimed tapestry in support of our Advancement Grants. It should be a great night. See you then.

Pauline Guthrie

President

Editor's Message

Our committees usually beaver away quietly on their allotted tasks with little or no acclaim but this month great praise is due to our Status of Women Service Awards SubCommittee.

As noted in President Pauline's message the winner of our 2005 SoW award Anna Kloeden has won a Rhodes Scholarship beating a field of 28 hopefuls. This confirmed our SoW SubCommittee's perspicacity to pick a winner.

Our committee which selected Anna for our SoW award in 2005 comprised Gina Brosnan (Chair) Pam Beavis, Peggy Burke, Rita Fraser, Jocelyn Grant-Taylor, June Halliday, Jenni Jolly, Claire Rowlands and Narelle Fraser. Congratulations! It is the second time the group has selected a candidate who went on to win at an international level.

And it was June Halliday's sharp eye and sharp memory prompted by the Courier-Mail announcement of Anna's latest success that actually drew our attention to this latest of Anna's achievements!!

Meanwhile there is slightly lighter news from the Sheridan household. When contacted Joan reported that Norman was having a brief respite from treatment and actually looking more like his old self. Joan's daughter Colette and Colette's husband, both medicos are on hand and there was hope that a family excursion to

Burleigh Heads was in the offing. Joan had a little respite one night when she visited her other daughter who held a party for the 10th birthday of her son Elliot – our Zonta Fair busker – for Elliot and 60 (sixty!!) of Elliot's "closest friends" (according to Elliot -and his mother's disbelief!) Congratulations Elliot, our Fair busker extraordinaire!!

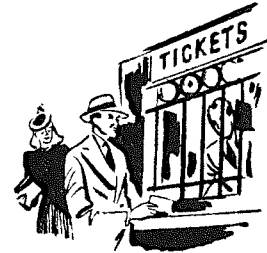
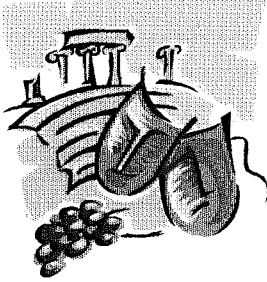
November is usually something of a winding down period in Club affairs but our meeting this month on November 12 promises to be something of a stirrer. The guest speaker will be our Lady Mayoress, Lisa Campbell. Her particular interest is the plight of Brisbane's homeless people. This problem is likely to grow and we should be keen to hear of any practical solutions that Lisa has in mind. Please to remember November 8 is the 88th birthday of Zonta International, founded in Buffalo, New York on that day. Its founders sought to retain women's place in the workforce, won during the World War I days.

The poor horses with their influenza virus puts a dampener on the usual high-pitch excitement of Melbourne Cup Day and the disharmony on the political scene will reach crisis point on November 24.

We can only hope that a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year is just around the corner.

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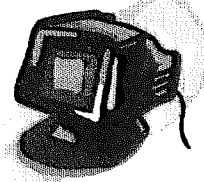
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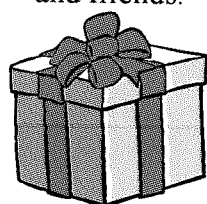
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Christmas Party	Monday 10 December 2007 6.30pm Start
Venue:	Maggie's Place 10/19 O'Connell Street Kangaroo Point (m) 0419 642 432 (h) 07 3392 3310
Cost:	\$35.00 (Margaret is happy to take your 'money at the door'). Please don't forget to put payment into an envelope with your name and whether cash or cheque and if you are paying for other guests.
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Each year we all bring a suitably wrapped Christmas gift for those less fortunate who will spend Christmas separated from family and friends.



A HARK HONOUR FOR PEGGY BURKE

A recent ceremony at Union College at the University of Queensland was the naming of The Peggy Burke Room in recognition of the outstanding contribution made by our Club member Peggy Burke to the College.

At the ceremony the Chief Executive Officer of the College, Peter Fraser paid a glowing tribute to Peggy and her career first as Honorary Assistant Warden and later Deputy Warden. This is an excerpt from his speech:

Every so often, it comes to some of us to acknowledge and thank those who have gone before and tonight I am greatly honoured, on behalf of the Board, to be in a position to pay my respects to Peggy

Burke, a former Honorary Assistant Warden and later Deputy Warden of this College.

Peggy has had a most enduring and continuing connection with this College. Her extraordinarily long and constructive relationship to the College is the one iconic relationship that I feel should be heritage listed. Most of her work was done under the radar and without adequate thanks - The College now wants to redress that situation by formally acknowledging Peggy's work by naming a room after her.

There is no-one in this College between 1968 and 1995 who has not been touched by Peggy's magic in some significant way. Like her or not, she knew your name, your family connections and what you were actually doing in College (as opposed to what you represented to the outside world you were doing in College). Whilst a great deal of Peggy's focus was on the women - some of whom did not appreciate the oversight honour - none of the men were let off the hook, either. It was all done in the nicest possible way and in my view there is no doubt Peggy provided a strong backbone and effective leadership for the College in all the years that she was here.

Amazingly, Peggy tells the story that she was asked to help start up the introduction of women to the College and somehow was prevailed upon to stay on. So, while she sustained a full-time career at the University, she also took on the mentoring and guardianship of all the women in Union College. When she retired from the university, she took a more active role in managing the entire range of College activities

- a role she performed up to the point in 1995 where she thought that I, as the new Head, might be able to manage things without stuffing up!

Until her retirement from College, Peggy gave us an incomparable network for students to access key figures in the University as well as the ability to get inside information on most people. College has benefited from this kind of support strategy that has become very much Peggy's legacy. We haven't been able to match that level of access until we were able to get senior UQ people like Kaye Basford and Linda Bird on the College Board.

In 1997, Union celebrated 50 years. We had a party of a significant kind and created our first alumni database. Actually, Peggy was the active database - we wouldn't have had a clue how to contact the nearly 8,000 students who by then had been through the College. Peggy knew where many of them had gone - many had gone overseas- some had passed away. Peggy knew most of the one's who were in Australia - where and who their friends were and we were eventually able to set up an invitation list of over 750 people. People came from near and far - many specifically to link back with Peggy as well as their own cohort. Quite a performance.

On behalf of the Board, Peggy - may I thank you for your support for the College, your support for me personally in the years before and after your retirement and your continuing interest in the College. I know that you still keep an ear to the ground in the interests of the College - long may it continue.

The room we have called the "meeting room" has recently been created and decorated as a dedicated space to hold Board and other college related meetings and has, with your kind permission, now been named the Peggy Burke Room. It is located close to the heart of the College and student activity, the dining room which in the circumstances of what we are celebrating seems entirely appropriate.

Peggy - Many Thanks



From the President

Greetings everyone! Who can believe that the end of the year has arrived and what an active, productive and successful year it has been! I am sure that like me, you are all looking forward to the festive season, a time for reflection and a break from routine that this usually brings with it more time with friends and families.

Our **Christmas party** promises to be a fitting time of fellowship to end our year together. Thank you so much, Maggie and Wes, for offering to host it for us at your apartment. It is a wonderful gesture and a welcome change from the USC. It will be held on Monday, Dec 10th, beginning at 6.30pm. As noted, Maggie's address is 10/19 O'Connell St, Kangaroo Pt. [Ph: 0419 642 432 (m); 3392 3310(h)]. Cost is \$35.00, (payable on the night), including drinks, and Noreen needs to know asap if you are coming, as well as how many guests you will be bringing.

I now have the honour of advising you all of the very generous donation to the club recently given by **Chris Christiansen**. Her goal is to **support the Advancement Grant**, the purpose of which is (and I quote from Chris's letter), *to assist a woman with limited or curtailed opportunities to achieve a particular goal that would advance her status.... The target population was women who would not otherwise have access to scholarships, financial assistance, etc. It is hoped that the Advancement Grant would make the difference between whether the woman could achieve her goals or not. Her goals should be aimed at 'advancing her status,' not just temporary 'band-aid' relief.*

To that end Chris continues, *I am enclosing a cheque for \$ 20,000 for Zonta Club of Brisbane North. It is intended to be deposited with other Advancement Grant moneys. I do not put any other conditions on the use of this money. I would however, like future selection teams to know that I hope it could be possible to target some applicants via organizations in contact with refugee and migrant women (especially from the Middle East and Afghanistan, Iraq, Iran etc.), and that some weight in the selection process could be given, for one of the Grants each year, to a woman from that source, other things being equal. With limited English, their aims may be very modest, and academic excellence should not present a barrier.*

Chris, we honour you and thank you for this truly overwhelming gift, made even more special by our knowledge of your present personal circumstances. Your time and universally acknowledged talents have been freely given to this club over a long period of time, making this contribution even more significant to your friends and all in Zonta Brisbane North.

Chris also mentions in her letter how the fund has been built up over many years, 'not least by the efforts of **June Halliday** and her wonderful needlework.' We want to thank you June, for the hours and hours of stitching you have contributed to this same cause, and as a club want to acknowledge the amazing gift of time this represents. We are indeed fortunate to have women so dedicated to our cause!

Our next function will be the **February 14th, 2008 dinner meeting**, with special guest speaker **Judy Charnaud**, whose bio appears separately in this newsletter. As a geologist working on the Village Environmental Action Planning Project in East Timor, and now specifically with an NGO in Oecusse, she will present a most challenging talk.

This will be the **last newsletter edited by Jean Sinclair**. Jean and Chris have done a stalwart job over so many years of editing this newsletter and we thank them both, (as well as Narelle, who took over from Chris as Jean's aide), for meritorious service to our club. Thank you for your faithfulness in carrying the banner for such a long time! We are so grateful for your efforts and acknowledge all the work behind the scene to keep us up to date. You have done a sterling job.

May I take this opportunity of wishing you all a very joyous and happy Christmas. We look forward to finding you all refreshed in the New Year, but in the meantime, see you at the Christmas Party!

Pauline Guthrie

Editor's Message

This, believe it or not, is my 153rd Editorial since I took over the role in '95 "until" as I said at the time, " somebody else will take it on " It was not the first time I had produced Newsletter but this latest stint is quite the longest time I have occupied the editorial chair. And now President Pauline is ready to take on what is a most interesting task.

Pauline has asked me to give a kind of biog. of my editorial years which began with the club's beginnings way back in 1978. Possibly some copies of those early efforts survive in our archives. Periodically I was edged out of the editorial chair by those who expressed an interest in the task. The trouble was they then left, leaving me to pick up the pieces again. My latest stint has been of nearly 12years duration which included the introduction of the computer age. Before that, the production of Newsletter was far more complicated involving photocopying, stationery requisites such as envelopes and stamps, and much running around to get Newsletter mailed off. Elizabeth Gill was most kind and helpful with the running around and delivery tasks of those days which now seem so antiquated.

I might add that before starting a Newsletter I usually contacted Joan Sheridan – a very useful

mine of information. Especially at Zonta Fair time when positions reversed and it was more often Joan contacting me!

Not being conversant with computer technology I have always required someone with the skills in this area to assist me. It was a great joy when Chris.Christensen joined in Newsletter production. I had known Chris.rather distantly for many years- in pre-Zonta days in fact- but not as well as in Zonta membership and then when we joined forces as co-editors I grew to appreciate fully her lively and superior intellect and enjoy her company in a less formal setting than Zonta dinner meetings.

And now its Narelle Fraser to the rescue as co-Editor and again the opportunity arises to get to know a member better and establish a firm friendship outside formal dinner meetings. So over to you, Pauline as the Club's new Newsletter Editor. Enjoy!!

As we go to press the weather forecasters are promising us a wet Christmas. Hooray! How strange it seems that we should welcome this prediction for the festive season except that this has been no ordinary drought. It seems that those going away on holidays to some normally sunny spot would be well advised to pack some books, playing cards and Scrabble board! As for myself I am thinking about investing in a raincoat. Haven't had one for years!.

JEAN SINCLAIR

Date Glaimer - Invitation from Zonta Club of Southern Gold Coast Tweed

To celebrate **International Women's Day** on Friday 7 March 2008.

Guest Speaker: Annette Duffy

Venue: Bond University

The function will support the Anang Serian Home for teenage girls in Tanzania.

Look for further details to be advised in the New Year.

An Introduction to our February Meeting
Guest Speaker - Judy Charnaud BSc (Geol), Dip Ed,
FGAA

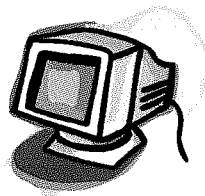
Judy has had an interesting career beginning as a Science teacher in 1965, becoming a Research Geologist with a large Mining Company in 1987 and then returning to Science teaching as Senior Geology Coordinator in 1989. Since 1999 Judy has been working with OzGREEN, a Sydney based Environmental Education NGO which runs programs throughout Australia and overseas. Judy has been a committed environmentalist for many years winning awards for environmental initiatives during her teaching career, acting as Streamwatch coordinator, being a founding member of the Narrabeen Lagoon Committee and now working in the field of overseas aid and development.

Since 2001 Judy has been Program Manager of the East Timor Project which has involved living and working in the enclave of Oecusse for seven months a year. The project is based on *Village Environmental Action Planning* which is a people based, transformative learning program. Communities are empowered to critically analyse their environment and livelihoods and design their unique contribution to building a society which is socially and ecologically sustainable.

Judy is now mentoring and supporting a new local NGO in Oecusse, GREEN TL, with the idea that it will become the foremost environmental NGO in the enclave acting as environmental monitor, educator and spokesperson.

The main issues of concern confronted by the OzGREEN program are poverty alleviation and environmental sustainability through providing:

- ◆ Access to Clean Water
- ◆ Reforestation
- ◆ Food Security
- ◆ Capacity Building and Human Resource Development
- ◆ Opportunity for Young People



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