



DIARY DATES

DINNER MEETING

Thursday 17th AUGUST
6.15 for 6.30pm
On the Jetty at Coral Seas

BREAKFAST Get-Together

Monday 4th SEPT
8am at Capers
Presentation Joanne

UN & ADVOCACY Meeting

Tuesday 5th SEPT
4pm - Chair Robyn

Next BOARD MEETING

Thursday 7th SEPT
6pm Hostess Joan

DINNER MEETING

Bring New Members
Thursday 21st SEPT
6.15 for 6.30pm
On the Jetty at Coral Seas

STOP PRESS!!

BABY PHOTOS

Please bring to Dinner
Meeting or send to Guus
or Carole

WORLD NEWS

9th AUGUST

International Day of
Solidarity with the
Struggle of Women in
South Africa and Namibia

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Advancing the Status of Women Worldwide



From the President's desk

What a wonderful visit we had from Liana Beukes, a delightful girl and such a great investment from our club. Liana enthralled the students at Proserpine High with stories of her experiences in Peru. This was arranged by Sharon Rudinski - "thank you Sharon". I'm sure we will have plenty of applicants from our area for our next World Youth International project. Liana was a guest in Robyn's home and my own home and Joanne kindly organised her son Rowen and his mates to take her out on the town on the Friday night. She was an absolute delight and I'm sure that she will have fond memories of the Zonta Club of the Whitsundays.

I'm actually thrilled to see that the chairs and most of the committees are forging ahead with their plans for the year. The next recipe book is well underway, we are working on the new member's night, the Christmas Party plans are in motion and even next year's International Breakfast is being worked on as I speak. I think we need to work on the Reef Festival next as that will be on us before we blink. Has anyone any ideas?????

There are lots of fund raising ideas moving around, one of them is coming from a potential member and it sounds wonderful. You will all be in the know soon. There are some activities not going ahead and therefore we will be asking for the members who were on those committees to move over to another committee. It's all hands on deck from now on as this makes for an enjoyable club for everyone.

Please remember to advise Joan Watson of your apology or advice of a visitor for the General Meeting on Thursday 17th August otherwise you will be charged. The club has to pay according to numbers advised. We had a few complaints about not being able to hear up the back at our meetings. Could those people try to sit or swap with someone up the front from now on and we will all try to project our voices as well to alleviate the problem.

Remember to seek out prospective members for our new member evening in September. Hopefully the weather will be a bit kinder to us for our next meeting

I look forward to seeing you all again on the 17th August.

Love, Carole

Committee Chairs

United Nations – Robyn Mitchell
Status of Women Service – PJ
Membership – Roz Jennings
PR & C – Luella Mackay
Archives – Annie Lloyd-Lewis

Sub Committee Chairs

IWDB – Joan Watson
Newsletter – Luella Mackay
Advocacy – Robyn Mitchell
YWPA – Wendy Downes

MEMBERSHIP BOARD Don't forget to invite younger members to the 21st September meeting which I can assure you will be a wonderful night. Please also don't forget to let Joan know the name and number of guests you are bringing.
Roz, Membership Chair



Is it a bird? Is it a bat? No, it's a high flyin' Zontian !!



Finger lickin' good!



Yummy, yum yum !!

RECIPE BOOK NEWS

Production is underway for this year's recipe book. Our thanks to all those who submitted names for the new book – a decision will be made on it shortly. All copy plus photos is to be submitted to the Times by mid-September, so the committee will be very busy bees for the coming month.

Group photo for the book: As we have not yet found a suitable group photo taken at Marie's house on the Finger Food day we will take a group photo of Zonta members this coming General Meeting, 17th August, at Coral Sea Resort. You've been warned!

PHOTOGRAPHY LESSONS

A number of people have expressed an interest in learning some digital photography techniques. At the last Board Meeting it was decided that the cost of individual - not group lessons – to Zonta members would be \$20 a lesson, lasting approximately 1 hour, and that all \$20 will be donated to Zonta. This is a special private tuition price for Zonta members. Please contact me if you, or anyone else you know, would like lessons. *Eunice Shearer*



The team.. Cath, Marlene, Pam, Eunice, Louise, Wendy, Marie, Joanne, Joan, Carole, Kay, PJ, Leigh, Linda, Sandii, Connie, Eunice and Guus

Let's hear it from Sandy J in the USA !!

Hi Sue and Cliff, We have managed to settle in well over here and think we are over the culture shock now. Within the first month we purchased a new vehicle, rented a house, Art started work (on the fourth day), registered the kids for school, brought new furniture, set up a house, opened bank accounts, got drivers license (even had to do the driving test - its been a few years since we had to do that). Every little thing was challenging, but we just tackled each as it was put in front of us.

We have squirrels in our yard and sometimes we see wood peckers. We've seen raccoons, armadillos, deer, eagles, gators, manatees (like our dugongs). Also explored lots of Florida and into Georgia (we're only 30 mins from the Georgia border). Been to Orlando to Seaworld, Disney World and Kennedy Space Centre and we were lucky enough to get tickets to the recent Shuttle launch and saw it take off on the 4th of July. That was an amazing experience, as exciting to even celebrate the 4th of July for the first time. We were hoping to get up into Tennessee in the next week or two to visit Memphis (Graceland) and the Grand Ol' Opry in Nashville - but not sure at the moment - fingers crossed. I've applied for my work permit so after 7 months I think its time for me to get back and earn some money - can't keep having fun without it.

I think of you all often and a friend sends us copies of the Whitsunday Times so have seen many of you in there - you've all been a little quiet of late though.

Take care, regards Sandy, Artie, Elle' and Thomas

Sandy & Artie Jacobson, Tallahassee, FL 32318 USA



Proserpine High girls looking at Liana's photos



and not forgetting The boys

Introducing Liana Beukes

Liana was both excited and nervous as we drove to Proserpine High on Friday 21st June to speak to 20-30 year 11 and 12 students about her WYI trip to Peru. The purpose of her talk was to encourage local students to consider overseas work projects in the future, and for young women to apply for Zonta sponsorship. As we were putting the chairs around the room in the Library it became clear from the gathering throng outside that we needed many more chairs.

At 2.00pm as Liana began her talk, 60 students, including some boys, were listening expectantly. After 15 minutes of a summary of her experiences she asked for questions. At first these were focused on her project – the work she did, the customs of the people, their clothing, food etc. And slowly the questions became more personal and acute as the group identified with her and were stimulated by her personable and open manner. Questions like – how did this change you, what will you do now, was it hard to leave? Liana talked about her passion for raising awareness about poverty and her intention to make documentaries using her degree studies next year to give her more skills.

There was no shuffling of feet or mumbling from disinterest, students were transfixed. And you could feel the sparks of inspiration firing all over the room. The growing feeling of excitement and awareness of opportunities was palpable.

By 3.00pm when it was time to stop, students were still huddled in groups looking at the photos and Liana was giving out her e-mail address so other students could keep the conversation going. If not one application comes from this exercise (and I'm sure it will) I know that the session with Liana has changed the way the students in the group think about their future and broadened the scope of their options. It was a privilege to be part of this.

A big thank you to Sharon Rudinski for organizing this, preparing the students so well and encouraging their interest.

On the way home I asked Liana how she felt – her response was as honest as ever – “relieved” she said.
from Robyn



What is Advocacy?

This is your homework question for our meeting this month. (Yes, homework - more than half the UN Committee are schoolies or ex-schoolies so you can't escape it). It is a really important question to get your head around as we need to know what activities come within our Zonta mandate and what forms advocacy can take (remembering that we are not a political or religious organization).

The answers are in the pink booklet which PJ distributed some time ago. If you don't have a copy let PJ know before the next meeting and she can e-mail you a copy.

The booklet explains

- * what advocacy means at the social, legislative and systems levels
- * what protocols we should follow when advocating in local, district or international matters
- * some examples of how we can advocate and get involved in advocacy activities
- * what other clubs are doing as examples of local advocacy

The understanding which comes from this reading will form the basis of our discussions about advocacy at the international level and the themes which emerge for our local advocacy activities. This promises to be a lively and informative time with 3 sessions planned to develop our own Advocacy projects. After all, isn't this what Zonta is all about?

Robyn Mitchell, Chair UN Committee



Member Profile

Augusta Gerarda Maria HERMANS

Birthday: 16th May

Joined Zonta: February 2006

How I heard about Zonta: from Zontian Member Joanne Richardson

Positions held in Zonta: United Nations and PR&C/ Newsletter committees

Resources and Skills available to Zonta: Organizing-writing-slavery

Why are you living in the Whitsundays?

The first chair I sat on had glue on it! (at the dentist)

Tell us something about your family:

I have got my hands full on my own. My siblings are taking care of a good balance in denomination. My part, being single, is paying the high income tax. As I am the oldest in the family, I am "Mother Superior".

Share some of your life and/or career highlights:

I consider my life as one big high light. Whatever I touched gave me pleasure, satisfaction and success. Dutch Cheese Girl in Scotland, junior journalist for a newspaper, Tour guide in Europe and eight years city guide in Rome, two years Italian teacher, seven seasons ski teacher in five countries. Manager in East-block countries and the Middle East, survived three wars, seven years in local politics, member of a Dutch current affairs TV team and finishing as the general manager of the second largest Dutch tour operator.

The biggest highlight is, after working over very long days, spending the money!!!!

Favourite activities outside of Zonta:

Boozing with friends, traveling, reading, writing (I am a political and news addict) and playing golf. Starting a program in Laos to support a local female dentist.



Guus is the little leprechaun up front!!

58th Zonta Melbourne Convention

A BETTER LIFE FOR WOMEN IS A BETTER LIFE FOR THE WORLD

Melbourne, June 2006. *I was one of the 683 first time attendees at an International ZONTA Convention and it will not be my last one. Not having any idea what to expect my mind was prepared for a lot of the usual convention bla bla fun with the four other girls from our club and a chat here and there with other women of the world.*

Dragging my suitcase from the station to the conference hall, woman after woman I passed smiled at me. Although I was not recognized as a Zontian without the big nametag and black-purple Zonta bag, my return smile must have showed them: aha, she is one of us. That feeling, being one of a powerful organization, was a phenomenon of this convention and I still have that feeling with me.

Absolutely impressive was the highly personal status of the members of the board, directors and various committees of ZONTA Int, all being extremely qualified for the job within Zonta and on the international market. Most of them are more than 20 year Zonta members. Also, during the discussions on tough material such as By-laws, the know-how, the interpretations and motions presented by members from all continents demonstrated a high educational level. Because of the importance also for the small local clubs, a great deal of time was spent on education and training.

Outgoing International President Mary Ellen Bittner stated in her report: *"Recruit - Retrain- Rejuvenate your membership and focus on strengthening Zonta's identity and member base through better communications and member education."*

Public Relations also needs much more attention world wide, according to the President. The International Director will soon present a packet with suggestions.

After a few coffee and tea breaks in between the very interesting sessions, another highlight was meeting white, brown and black women personally. After a while you know them by name, their district and their programs. Those ladies wearing their beautiful national costumes could have earned a fortune for the non stop photo sessions they graciously gave. Seemingly, these women from upper class society, mostly from African and Asian countries, had to listen again and again to how miserable the status of women in their countries is, how rotten their government, and how nice we are helping them make changes. A bit embarrassing.

Talking to a few of them gave me the impression that their clubs have a highly elite character with still a long way to go to improve things and that the power of Zonta International is very well needed. 'Come and see me when you are in.....' I'm sure that many invitations will be answered in the coming years.

It was not a bla bla convention at all. The most satisfying outcome of the five days for me was listening to the guest speakers and participating in a workshop. Zonta is an international organization with a wide horizon and clear cut number of goals, and all activities executed should be fulfilled according to the Zonta International principle and guidelines.

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Calendar of Events

If you are working diligently on one of your ideas and/or projects, to remind you:

The new procedure is **FIRST, CALL MARIE and BOOK YOUR DATE**. The Calendar is filling up after last night's Board meeting and some conflicts may be arising. Do this first so you won't be disappointed. We'll soon have heaps of things on this calendar and will get it out to you, after approvals from all at the General Meeting. PJ

Breakfast Get-togethers

Interested in hearing about the status of women in very different cultures? Want to learn more about the exciting times of some Zonta members as they contribute to the lives of others? Then come along to the Breakfast Get-Togethers planned by the UN Committee over the coming months.

For some time we have been talking about having a more leisurely opportunity to talk about the work being done in some less developed countries and creating more awareness amongst Zonta members (and their friends) of the needs of women in those countries. So here's the chance.

Time: 7.00am till 8.00am sharp, as some people have to go to work. (You will need to come a bit earlier to give yourself time to order breakfast).

Place: Capers

DATES:-

Monday 4th September - Joanne will talk about her work in Nepal and in India

Monday 30th October - Guus will have just returned from Laos where she has been assisting with a dental project.

November TBA - Kimberley will be back and we are hoping to have her talk on her work in Africa.

So put the dates in your diary, come along, have brekky or just coffee, enjoy the company and learn heaps from our interesting and talented members.

Robyn Mitchell, Chair UN Committee

There were four guest speakers. The first speaker, who impressed me most, was **Dame Silvia Cartwright, Governor-General from New Zealand**. It was her very personal speech, not from a ghostwriter, that told us exactly what Zonta is all about and her involvement. The second speaker: **Kim Boyd-Campbell, from New Zealand, YWPA Award winner in 1991**. A brilliant speaker who brought almost every one to tears when her 14 day old daughter came on the stage. The third speaker: **Rachel Germann, from New Zealand, Women in Business scholarship recipient 2005**. A young, cool, talented, clever business woman. The fourth speaker: **Dr. Susan Mary Anderson from Adelaide. Amelia Earhart Fellow 1994-1995 and 1996-1997**. What this mechanical engineer achieved is more than amazing. How about: turbulence measurements using triple hot water air...! Think about it when you fly! All ladies were absolutely fascinating speakers therefore in the coming months you will find the complete text of each of them in our Newsletter.

And by the way, did we have fun??? Wooooow!!!!!!
Guus Hermans,
UN/ Pro-Photographer/Newsletter correspondent

Money, money, money



Always sunny in the rich man's world.

Aha - ahaaa

*All the things I could do, if I had a little money
It's a rich man's world*

STATUS OF WOMEN SERVICE COMMITTEE

To the poor & destitute of the world & our community, we are all rich, very rich, although we don't see ourselves that way. Not only in money wealth, but in the BIG wealth of having each other and Zonta and enough money and time to help others.

However, our Zonta bank account is getting dangerously low due our terrific generosity this last year. And you know what happens next... nah, got ya! Zontians don't go broke... they come up with brilliant money making schemes to fill our coffers!! Just as we're reaching a worrisome low in funds, no less than 3, count 'em, **THREE NEW** ideas are presented to the Board (one already "cooking" of course is our recipe book so that makes 4 projects on the burners!) I'm not going to spoil the fun and outline them here – they will be presented at the 17th August meeting in detail – but be prepared to put your hands up and assist. We'll be asking for you to rally round as all three already have Chairs who are busy working to make a good presentation to you and finalizing some details. There are people on "dormant" committees who might like to get their hands & minds busy. To name a couple, Car Boot sales, Garden Party, Festival of Creative Arts or Reef Festival are not "at it" yet... if you're on one of these, think about helping, similarly on one of the others you will soon learn about. Oh, this is exciting stuff!!!!

PJ, Director



make-over AMBUSH starring ex President Wendy

It was a surprised **Wendy** who was ambushed from her home last week. "I thought the limo had the wrong address," she said when The Times jumped out and started taking photos of her.

But it didn't take long for her to start enjoying the day. "I feel like I'm on an emotional cloud, I've never done anything like this before," Wendy said as she sat down at Sculptures Hair salon.

Wendy received two nominations for a make-over; for all her work in the athletic fields, and for organising fund raising events such as the Relay for Life and Run for a Cure for the Queensland Cancer Fund.

"To be recognised and appreciated for my efforts in our community, plus also being pampered big time, is something I will always remember." *Wendy*

Accolades to Zontian Kay Harris who was one of the two nominees. Three cheers... from the Editor

Oh Baby, Baby, Baby ... Where is the picture from you with your little pink bumie on the white sheepskin and your lovely toothless smile which we need for our exhibition extraordinaire!!!!!! Please send to Augusta Hermans, PO Box 1508, A/Beach or drop it into Carole's mailbox 11 Country road, Cannonvale or bring to the Dinner meeting

Thanks... Guus



Seven Shirley's from the Australia-wide Shirley's Club were invited to our Dinner Meeting by Zontian Noelene (on left). Truly amazing ladies... we sang happy birthday to 2 Shirleys!!

Colours in Crisis !!

RED means Power

ORANGE means Change

GREEN New love, new ideas, personal growth

PURPLE Inner strength, personal strength

PINK Fertility and inner peace

BLUE Communication

YELLOW Optimism and clarity

For true love wear orange coloured undies for two days (no, not the same pair!) to clear the air and invite change into your life, then opt for a pair with pink and green on them. This will help evoke new love and put a spring into your step!



From the Editor

Remember: A smile is an inexpensive way to improve your looks! A smile takes only 13 muscles, a frown takes 64!!

Congratulations go to **Guus** who produced some of these great pics... and to **Robyn** for the super Proserpine High School pics.

Many thanks Guus and PJ for your very entertaining Profiles. Guus won by two days but PJ deserves accolades too, especially for her cute teenager pic!

Ciao, Luella (imao0845@bigpond.net.au)



Female IT Experts...

