



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

August 2012

Since my last report we have had another eventful month.

Hot Off The Press!! We have just heard that our Pam has had a successful operation at the Mater Hospital in Townsville, and is in good spirits with her first cup of tea! What a relief it must be for her family and close friends. It's amazing that it has only been just over a week since we heard of Pam's diagnosis of breast cancer....a life changing experience for Pam. We can't wait to have her back with us in Airlie!

We have received warm wishes for Pam from our new Area Director Hilary Grant and District Governor Judith Anderson. Thank you both for your concerns, and we are all enjoying your first Newsletter, sent to our club last week.

Before I go any further, I wish to congratulate PJ on the July Newsletter. A great read for the members; we certainly know how to enjoy ourselves! Roz, our Vice President, once again organized a very informative Breakfast Talk held on July 10, at the Crocodile Café. We enjoyed an inspirational talk from Anna Durham, a cancer survivor and life coach. Well done, Roz.

Congratulations to our three new members who were inducted during our dinner meeting: Lesley, Laura and Carol. We welcome you to our Zonta Club and we are all looking forward to you sharing our vision to improve the status of women in our community.

Included in the meeting, we had our Directors reports, which gave us a snapshot of our coming events currently under research and future projects for the months to come. Also, Michelle's Brain Quiz kept us on our toes. We finished with a candlelight celebration for our July birthdays, six altogether!

At our August dinner meeting we will be welcoming Theresa Fisher as our speaker. She is currently enrolled in a Masters of Community Development, with seven years experience sharing techniques with indigenous peoples in Australia, America, Africa and Thailand. Plus, we will re-introducing our "2 minute Spotlight". This enables a member to relate a humorous incident in their lives. Only 2minutes mind you!

Also, don't forget the Progressive Lunch August 12, they are always great fun! It sounds exciting doesn't it?

Make sure you read the latest (International) Zontian Magazine; it has articles on all projects, with our new International President Lyn McKenzie on the Cover.

Angela Spicer, President



HURRY! DON'T MISS IT!

Come join us in a little bit of Asian delight this Sunday with a lazy lunch. Starters at Sue and Cliff's home from 12pm, then to Dawn and Warrick's and finishing up at Carole and Peter's. Come along and bring a friend for a fun afternoon. Please let Sue or Dawn know if you haven't already done so and we can also give you easy ideas if you haven't decided what to bring.



Service



Books from Birth

Next meeting:
Wednesday
15 August
3.00 PM
26 Macona Crescent
Cannonvale



Dawn, Judy, Joan and Kerry enjoying and sorting the donated books

Birthing Kits

Our 2012 Birthing Kit Assembly Day is booked for Thursday 11 October at the Proserpine High School. This is supported by Year 11 as part of the school curriculum and some of the year 12's assist, lending their experience from the previous year.

Due to the increase in the kit cost, from \$2 to \$3, we are this year packing 400 kits, instead of 600, and we need about 8 Zonta members to set up, supervise and pack for mailing, so please contact Wendy if you are available.

We are not advised of the destination for the packs until closer to the date but we do know they will be going to help to prevent mother and infant mortality or infection in a developing country. We also know that they are very much appreciated.

Sue, at the Crocodile Cafe, has been collecting donations for this project and I recently emptied and counted her first money box full - \$86. It is great to see that the community is becoming more aware of this project.

Wendy Downes, Chair

Advocacy

Next Breakfast is Tuesday morning 14th August,
at CAPERS 7am for 7.30 am start

Penny Wilson, currently studying for a masters degree in tropical medicine, will be speaking about her experiences with Medecins Sans Frontiers in Africa. Because her work has been concentrated in this troubled country, she has had extensive experience with HIV transmission from mother to child and this will be the focus of her talk at the breakfast. She will be doing a power point presentation with the latest statistics on this

problem. Penny has also helped set up clinics for gender violence in Africa and has had a lot to do with obstetrics fistula. I think you will find her an amazingly dynamic speaker and this a "must attend" event. Please bring along any of your friends you think may find this talk interesting. I am always amazed at the number of women here in the Whitsundays who have had such fascinating and worthwhile life experiences.

Roz Jennings, Vice-President

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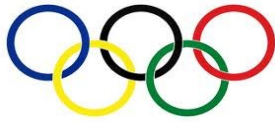


Guest Speaker Theresa Fischer

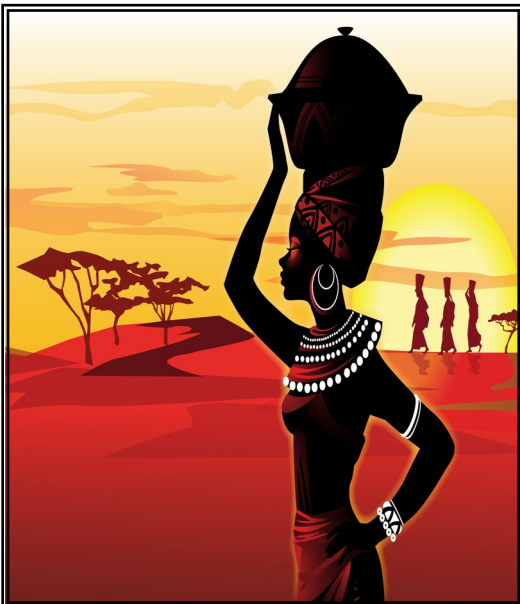
Theresa Fischer is a practicing ecologist, currently enrolled in a Masters of Community Development, with seven years' experience in developing tropical sustainable agricultural systems and ecosystem health. Preferring the field to the office, Theresa has learnt and shared ecoagricultural techniques with indigenous peoples in Australia, South America, Africa and Thailand. Committed to peace, liberty and empowerment, Theresa works towards a world free from hunger. "It is through Aliamos that I have realised my

dream for food sovereignty for the world's poorest. I have been challenged many times and have pushed through my own self- limitations and achieved what I thought I never could. I have actually made a difference to people in Africa, Thailand and Bolivia, and there are now children eating organically grown vegetables and drinking clean water because of the opportunity that Aliamos provides. It is such a privilege to be a part of this new awakening in the world."

Janet Keppke, Director



"This is the first time in the history of the Olympic Games that every participating country has at least one woman in their team"



African Film Night Fundraiser

Details now confirmed: Your committee, chaired by Pam Harrison, has been hard at work to get the plans confirmed for this major fundraising event (we "had" to meet at TAFE for one of their luscious lunches - you will see why below!)

When: 13 October—6.30 PM

Where: TAFE College Cannonvale

Why: *Get ready to party and raise funds for our Zonta charities and AFADU*

Film: "The Machinegun Preacher", A 2011 release without subtitles

Taste of Africa Foods: will be prepared and served by TAFE International students, buffet style in the courtyard

Cost: \$30 per person

Fundraising: Money will be raised, primarily, from raffles and auction.

We all ready have some terrific major auction items (a hint—how does an overseas island holiday sound?)

What next?: We will need the participation of each and every member to make this event a success. Most of the planning 'jobs' are underway. What is needed from YOU is to get out there and obtain auction and raffle prizes. If we have just one from each member, the evening will ROCK and we will fill our SOCKS!



Sandii in her new beaut Zonta shirt

Date Claimers

- 12 August:** Progressive Lunch, 12.00 for 12.30 start
CALL DAWN TO BOOK NOW!
- 14 August:** Breakfast meeting, 7 for 7.30, Caper's
Speaker Penny Wilson, Medecins sans Frontier in Sudan Africa.
- 15 August:** Books from Birth, 3 PM Judy Brett's
- 16 August:** **General meeting**, Reef Gateway, 6.15 for 6.30 start
- 27 August:** ADAFU
- 29 August:** Book Club, 5.00 Lyndy Hill's Warrain St. Shute Harbour
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- 14 September:** Board meeting
- 11 September:** Breakfast meeting 7 for 7.30 Speaker Sue Methany, WCCS
- 15 September:** WCCS/Outrigger Event—Team Zonta to row and show support
- 20 September:** **General meeting**, Reef Gateway 6.15 for 6.30 start
- 24 September:** AFADU
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- 11 October:** Birthing Kit Assembly Day
- 13 October:** African Film Night

Around the District:

- 29 September:** Mackay Club 20th anniversary party
- 13 November:** Zonta Birthday hosted by the Burdekin
- 20-21 April 2013:** – Area 5 meeting – hosted by Bowen

Zonta around the world

Did you know that Zonta Chiang Mai Club in Thailand has a ZAO project?

This stands for Zonta adopts an orphan, a project in which the Club funds 18 orphaned children whose families were affected by HIV/AIDS.

"As is found so often throughout the world, these children live with their grandparents, who themselves do not have an income to pay for shoes, uniforms, and the books which the young children require." The Zonta Club of Chiang Mai budgets \$3,500.00US annually to provide 18 scholarships for these children.

Taken from "Year in Review" Chiang Mai Zonta Club Newsletter. Robyn Mitchell



PROFILE: Kerrie Adam

I was born in a very small town (Nabiac), just south of Taree on the Pacific Highway in NSW. The eldest of four kids, I spent all my childhood in Taree.

I went to Chatham High School where I met my husband Ken. We have now been married 37 years. Straight after we were married, we moved to Sydney. Very exciting and a little scary for two kids from the bush. Twelve months later, Ken got a posting to Deniliquin in the Riverina District (Ken worked for Telstra).

I have two beautiful children, both born in Deniliquin. When Meagan was three months old, we moved to Denman in the Hunter Valley. We spent about 4 years there before moving to Maitland, where we lived for approximately 20 years and, finally, moving to Mt Julian 3 years ago.

I have had a few jobs over the time, starting at the local radio station in Taree, working in the advertising department and, when we moved to Sydney, I worked in a news agency. (I loved the news agency work because I met lots of interesting people.) I worked the telephone exchange in Deniliquin (boring except for the day I cut off the Prime Minister, Malcolm Fraser). When the kids were at school, I was a housekeeper for a doctor, his wife and

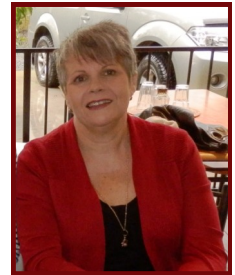
family (lovely people). After that, I started retail work again. First, was at Lowes (casual), then with My House (2IC and Manager) and, now, I manage the Rockman's Store at Cannonvale.

I have always had an interest in sport, encouraged to swim when I was a child because I had asthma. I started playing netball at an early age and continued to play, coach and umpire until I was approx 50. I remember my mother telling me once when I was in my forties "Kerrie don't you think you're a bit old for this now"? Maybe I should have listened to her.

I have always enjoyed craft work as well. Knitting, ceramics, doll and bear making and, at the moment, I am quilting. I have just finished a double bed quilt that's only taken me five years!

Ken and I had one grandchild when we moved to Mt Julian. We now have three and we hope there are still more to come. They are a great joy to us and we love being Grandma and Pop.

Through my work at Rockman's and membership of Zonta, I have met and spoken to lots of people with great stories to tell and people travelling from all over the world. I hope it continues this way (as long as my legs hold up). Cheers all, Kerrie



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he lovely ladies (and men) of the combined Zonta clubs of the Whitsundays and Mackay at last years regatta appear in ALL the advertising for this years event.

PLEASE SIGN UP TO DRESS UP, AND CHEER for your team.

Volunteers are also needed in two hour shifts to watch over the children's area.

Contact P.J.

Act As 1 - Whitsunday Community Outrigger Challenge

The Lagoon Beach Broadwater Ave Airlie Beach

Saturday
15th September 2012
8am - 2pm

**Challenge a rival
business/organisation!**

FUN! FUN! FUN!

**You don't have to know
how to paddle!**

**Get a Team
together Now!**



Acting as 1 against domestic violence in our community
Show your support by participating in a fun day of friendly competition

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For further information or to register contact the event host:
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Phone: 4946 2999

E: reception@whitsundayccs.com.au

Best Dressed Team Prize!

Lucky Paddler Prize!

TEAM ENTRY - \$125

5-7 paddlers per team
Each team **MUST** have at least 2 females

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