



JANUARY 2011



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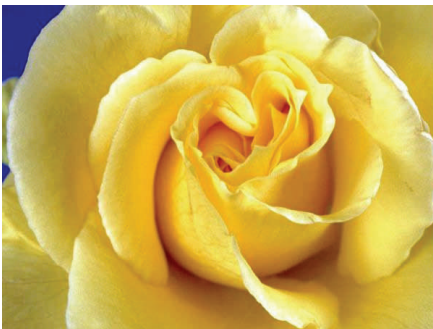


PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Happy New Year to all. I hope you have all enjoyed a wonderful festive season with family and friends. What a fantastic finale to our year with the Christmas Party, Carols, Pamper Packs, Adopt-A-Family and the presentation of the \$500 cheque to Kylie Smith. Thank you to all organisers and participants. It ended up being a very busy month, but a most enjoyable one.

We start off 2011 with our General Meeting being held on Thursday 20th January at the Reef Gateway. It is going to be quite a busy meeting with invoices for your annual subscription being handed out, the adoption of the Constitution, planning ahead and asking for expressions of interests for volunteers for International Women's Day in March, Area Workshop meeting in April and Healthy Lifestyle Expo. For me it has been a great 6 months as President and I would like to thank all of you for the support you continue to provide for me in this position and to make it a pleasure to be a member of the Zonta Club of the Whitsundays.

Cheers, Sandii



**Roz & Sandii induct newest member,
Judith Brett**



UPCOMING EVENTS

International Women's Day Breakfast ~ Sunday 6th March, 2011

Your IWD committee are well on the way in their organisation and finalisation of the planning for our IWD Breakfast, being held on Sunday 6th March, 2011 at Coral Sea Resort. This year, in line with our theme "No Limits Reach for the Sky", we have approached Pammie Harrison (who will speak about Aid for Africa Down Under) and Christina della Valle (from the Beefalo and Berkshire Pork Farm) to be our guest speakers. Both are amazing women who live right here in the Whitsundays. Serena from Serene Sea Pearls has already indicated that she would, again, like to donate one of her magnificent pearls for the auction, citing the worthiness this event and wanting to support the success of the day.

All we need now is your commitment to come on board and join in on the day. To this end, at the January meeting, we will be distributing chair covers, selling tickets and collecting monies (\$38.00 pp). We will also be asking you to spread the word to your friends, so that we can celebrate the 100th year of International Women's Day celebrations! Carole would particularly like to request someone to assist in getting donations for raffles.

Please contact her with your brilliant suggestions.



Zonta Area 5 Meeting 9 & 10 April

Don't forget to mark off this weekend in your new 2011 diaries. It will be a fantastic weekend and we are hoping for a good turnout of Zontians from around Area 5, so that we can show off the Whitsundays. The last time we hosted the Area (District 24) workshop we had, what I believe, was a record number of participants. Who wouldn't want to visit Airlie Beach in April? The theme for the workshop is "Flying with Geese" and this will be the same for all area workshops. The theme is being based around the "v" formation of the District, with Trish Collins, District Governor, leading and all of us supporting



her. If anyone has any ideas on a suitable guest speaker (preferably local), please contact Wendy. The workshop will start late morning Saturday and finish after lunch on Sunday. The workshop venue is the Cannonvale Reef Gateway, with a dinner at the Whitsunday Marine Club (VMR) on Saturday night. Discounted accommodation for our guests has been negotiated at the Reef Gateway, Adventure Whitsunday Resort, Summit Apartments and the Whitsunday Organic B&B. We are currently awaiting further instructions from the Area and District and will be advising you the date registration is open online. Please do try to attend this workshop. You will go home inspired and uplifted. That's a promise!

Wendy, Chair 2011 Area 5 Workshop Committee

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SANTA'S HELPERS

Carols: This year, at the annual Carols in Airlie Beach, we set up the sweets stand with our new Zonta banner proudly on display. We sold everything for \$2 - coffee, hot and cold, white Christmas (made by Joan – queen of white Christmas), yummy rocky road (made by Dawn), mince pastry rolls (made by Sue) with delicious carrot and Christmas cake as well.

The carols venue was moved to the PCYC as it had been raining for weeks on end. Lo and behold, the sun shone madly for the whole weekend, which at least encouraged more families to attend. The evening was a great success, with a competition for children in fancy dress (lots of little elves and fairies and mini-Santas). The food court was set up outside the auditorium under the awning in the skateboard area and worked very well. At least 1000 people turned out for the Carols. Santa arrived by Fire Engine, which set lots of little hearts racing. The program was more geared to children this year and moved to an earlier time slot, with the carols flashed up on a big screen and lots of school choirs singing their hearts out. Roz shed a little tear, the softie.

Suzie, Wendy, Roz, Annie and Guus worked hard all evening selling goodies and, although, we only raised about \$100 Rotary graciously topped this up to \$300 which gave us a total of \$700 to spend on pamper packs and family hampers.

Spending the loot and buying the goodies for the hampers: Armed with our budget of \$700, Wendy and Suzie shopped 'til they dropped – with one family consisting of a mother and 7 school-aged children for whom they bought clothes, toys and treats. These were combined with some wonderful and very generous donations of make-up, toys and food. Wendy finished off the hamper with a lovely ham, Christmas pudding and delicious edibles for a Christmas day feast.

The 12 pamper packs were overflowing, with a number of very generous donations including some by hairdressers and beauticians, that ensured the recipients had the very things they could never afford when money is tight. The hampers for the 3 elderly people from Meals on Wheels were full of luscious goodies and everything was laid out at Cath's in readiness for the "wrap a thon" party.

Zonta Christmas Wrap Party: Cath was host again this year to a fab "wrap" party. We all brought a plate and Cath made a very delicious punch to keep us all going. We wrapped loads of lovely presents for our hamper families and filled up all the lovely Christmas pamper bags. A special treat was being interviewed by the ABC (Cath's daughter), where we got to talk about what motivates Zonta to do what we do so well at Christmas time.

Suzie Beirne, Chair of Christmas or Santa's Best Elf!



THE UNITED NATIONS COMMITTEE



Robyn Mitchell informs Zontians and guests of her experiences in Kyrgyzstan, a small and important country struggling to establish democracy in Central Asia.

Annual Membership Subscription Notice for 2011

The invoices for your membership fees will be handed out or emailed to you in January 2011. Please note the **'DUE DATE' which will be Monday 28th February, 2011**. Given the financial year for ZI closes off at the end of March, the decision was made to have all fees paid by end of February. This will then allow Catherine to have a reasonable time for the reconciliation of all accounts and organise for the auditing of the books for the Annual General Meeting in May. Thank you in advance for your consideration in this matter.

DATE CLAIMERS

- 12 January – Board Meeting at Sandii's
- 20 January – General Meeting - 6.15 – Reef Gateway
- 6 March – International Women's Day Breakfast – Coral Sea Resort
- 9 & 10 April – Area 5 Workshop in the Whitsundays
- May 2011: Domestic Violence Prevention Month
- 23-25 Sept – District 22 Conference – Brisbane

MEMBER NEWS

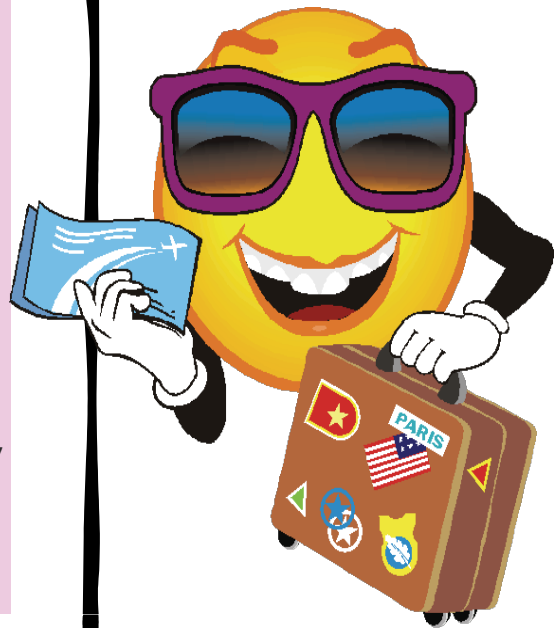
Kay Harris is going on 12 month leave of absence and moving up to Townsville for the next 11 months.



Carole Brauner has accepted the position of Director for Membership in her absence.

Zonta Whitsundays sub-branch in Sydney? You would've thought so with Ann, PJ, Sue & Cath all enjoying the holiday celebrations on Sydney Harbour and special Zonta friendships.

Dear Zontians: I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and wish everyone a fun filled, safe and happy New Year in 2011. Because I have been travelling so much in 2009 and 2010, I have only been able to attend a couple of meetings and have not been able to be involved as much as I would like to. I am also travelling heaps this year- I am off to New Zealand for a month; then to Perth on the Indian Express with my Mum, who is looking forward to the adventure; then off to South Africa in May and Russia in July, so I may be back in Airlie for May and hope to attend a meeting then. Zonta is a great organisation and I have great admiration for the many hours volunteered by the Whitsunday Zontians and the wonderful work they do for the community and I hope to participate more fully when I return. *Best wishes to all, Marlene*



Noelene has had a fall while putting out the garbage bin and has "broken a bone in my right arm and a stress fracture in my right foot so things are a bit of a mess at the moment". Please give her your best wishes & see if there is anything you can do to cheer her.



PHOTO GALLERY



Photos from our Christmas Party at the TAFE
Top: Kay convinces Santa that she has been good
Middle: Kerry rings Santa's bell!
Bottom: Sandii and Allyson catch up



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Santa appears to appreciate Carole's exceptionally nice knee



Congratulations to Guus, who won this amazing margarine sculpture made by the students. Apparently it will last for years!!



January Profile: Noelene Helman



BIRTHDAY – 6th January (same day as Kay Harris but not the same year)

JOINED ZONTA – June 2003

HOW I HEARD ABOUT ZONTA – From Wendy Downes and local papers

POSITIONS HELD IN ZONTA – Various committees including Archives and Secretary

WHY I AM LIVING IN THE WHITSUNDAYS - My husband and I left Sydney in 1987 to go to Port Douglas to buy a charter boat. We stopped at a lot of places on the way and had a week in Airlie Beach and liked it. We went to Port Douglas and spoke to the boat broker and real estate agent that we had been in contact with. We weren't happy with what was on offer and didn't like the place that much, so we came back to Airlie and purchased Pinky's coffee shop. Our eldest daughter, Fiona, joined us in 1989 and our youngest daughter, Mandy, came up in 1994. We sold the business in 1995 and opened a small convenience store, which we ran until 2007 – official retirement!

MY FAMILY – I also have another daughter, Vanessa, who lives on the Sunshine Coast. She is married to Greg, an accountant, and has a son Andrew 19 and daughter Natalie 16. They lived overseas for many years and upon returning to Australia, decided to live in Queensland too. I also have a son Tim, a mortgage broker, who is married to Kim with 2 boys, Ben 23 and Scott 19. They are still living in Sydney on the northern beaches, where we lived before heading north.

SHARE SOME LIFE/CAREER HIGHLIGHTS – I was born in Sydney and educated at North Sydney Girls High School. My first job was in a bank. I then worked for a stockbroker, Charles Ord (of well known Ord & Minnett), in his early days with the stock exchange and later joined by Jack Minnett. When one of the operators left to start his own business, I went with him. It was a very interesting and exciting time when Ampol had the oil boom. I met my husband, John, who worked for another stockbroker and then came to work with us and the rest is history.

I returned to the workforce when the children were older, working for an independent steel broker who had his office in Avalon on the northern beaches where we lived. I used to buy and sell steel and didn't have clue what it looked like until I was taken to the steelyard. I used to do a lot of the estimating work for builders and loved this side of the job. As we dealt with a lot of NZ firms, my boss decided I should meet them so sent me on a trip all over NZ. One of the highlights (?) was being taken around the pub in Hamilton by a customer, who introduced me as “the steel lady from Australia”.

ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE OF ZONTA – I am very involved with golf club and play when I can with the “Veterans”, as well as being on the club committee. I loved to sail when we lived in Sydney but haven't done much since we came here.



Noelene, Catherine, Kerry, Kay and Sandii working hard at a board meeting