



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

JULY 2012

Our changeover lunch on Daydream Island was a great success as we certainly know how to enjoy ourselves. The sun shone all day enhancing the surrounding gardens and pools on the Island. It is as though we ordered the weather to perform especially for us!

Good food, exceptional venue, couldn't fault the organization, well done to many of our members who were involved in making this day so pleasurable.

Our past President Sandii looked very relaxed, and was thrilled with her presentation gifts of a large frame displaying her various events during her presidency plus her "sparkly Zonta Shirt". Noelene, our secretary, was lost for words (now that's a first!) when she was presented with the Presidents Award by Sandii.

It was a very emotional time for all the members and guests when our Pam was awarded the "Life Membership" by the Zonta Club of the Whitsundays. She is "A Jewel in the Zonta Crown" and we joined Pam in shedding a tear or two during the emotional poem, read and

written by our talented past president Annie Lloyd-Lewis.

This Saturday July 7, we held a membership tea "getting to know you event"...on the deck of the "Organic B&B" in Airlie, the venue volunteered by Janet. On this occasion we showcased our past & future projects, all capably run by our membership committee. Again, it was well attended, and a lot of talking and laughter was heard.

Also on Tuesday July 10, another Breakfast Talk has been organized by Roz. Starts at 7.30 am, at the Crocodile Café with guest speaker Anna Durham, a breast cancer survivor and life coach. She will be an inspiration to all of us on how to overcome life's challenges.

It's these types of events that reinvigorate the fellowship enjoyed by the members of our Zonta Club. Everyone involved should feel proud and energized to start another year, and continue to band together and further our charter of improving the status of women.

Angela Spicer, President



2012-2013 Board

Roz Jennings, Catherine Moscato,
Angela Spicer, Noelene Helman,
Dawn Green and Kerry Kenyon
(Missing Janet Keppke)



Next meeting:
Wednesday
11th July 3-5PM
26 Macona Crescent
Cannonvale

SERVICE

Books from Birth

Between now and Christmas, Books from Birth is hoping to send out at least twelve boxes of books. We will only be working on this project from July to December each year. Monthly working bees at my place will ensure everyone is kept busy, as well as socializing and making decisions about Books from Birth. We'll be sorting, labelling and boxing books. We have been asked for:

- Baby and pre school picture and short story books
- Mother and Baby magazines
- Better Homes and Gardens Magazines.
- Basic recipe, food and nutrition books and magazines
- Baby and Child health books and magazines

- Simple craft books (lots of pictures) for children and adults.
- Literacy and numeracy activities, books, programs for adults and children.

If you have no contacts for these, then perhaps, you may consider buying a magazine (I picked one up in Woolworths @ \$3.30 with 351 recipes and tips that I thought was good value and mostly appropriate).

Does anyone have a contact in the newsagents or book areas who may be disposing of their children's books or magazines?

Keep collecting, Judy Brett, Chair

LEGISLATIVE AWARENESS & ADVOCACY



WHITE RIBBON DAY

25TH NOVEMBER

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Every day, 1,000 women are violently assaulted across Australia. Nine out of ten of these incidents in Queensland will go unreported.

As part of the largest global effort to publicly say “no” to violence against women and girls, White Ribbon Queensland asks men and boys of any age to pledge to never commit, excuse or be silent about violence

against women.

Take a stance this November to end men’s violence against women by swearing your commitment to remain “not violent, not silent” and wear a White Ribbon on 25 November to show your dedication to equality between men and women.

I would very much like Zonta Whitsundays to hold a function to remind us of the silent violence that is occurring in our against women and deleteriously affecting their lives and futures.

Would anyone interested in assisting on a committee to organise this event please contact me?

Janet Keppke, Director

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Watch this space for exciting news about our African Film Night Fundraiser

**When, Where yet to be confirmed
You know the Why!**

Get ready to party and raise funds for our Zonta charities and ADAFU

Suggestions for just which charity these funds will go to is to be decided by the membership, as always.

The AFADU knitting group are to take five or six blankets to WCCS and the balance on hand to be given to Lyn Brett (midwife) to send to Cambodia hospital.

ROW, ROW, ROW YOUR BOAT . . .

Community Act as 1 Against Domestic Violence
Outrigger Challenge

15 September

This action packed event includes not just fun competition on the water but family entertainment, food and music all day. I am hoping our Zonta Club can, at the very least, make us proud by taking out "The Best Dressed Team" competition. We will be sponsoring a team and can 'draft' rowers from family and friends (we have commitment from the couple, Suzette & Adrian Pelt, that CAN row and that 'captained' our ship our way last year!).

Rotary has come on board (pardon the bad pun!) as the major sponsor. We certainly can't let them "show us up" in the awareness campaign against domestic violence, can we??

Please mark the day in your diary now and plan to attend to show support for our Zonta Team, Whitsunday Crisis and Counselling Service, Whitsunday Outrigger Club and to

ACT AS 1 against
Domestic Violence.



ORGANISATION, MEMBERSHIP & CLASSIFICATION

PROGRESSIVE LUNCH

This is a Date Claimer for 12 August for our Progressive Lunch. It promises to be a fun day so make sure you are going to be there. Of course, there will be lots of amazing food, as always.

Food and Dress Theme is Asian

Homes participating: Entree: Sue Hansen Home 16 Wills Court Cannonvale.
Time: 12 noon for a 12.30 start
Main: Dawn Green Home 27 Panoramic Court, Cannonvale 2.00 p.m.
Dessert: Carole Brauner Home 11 Country Road Cannonvale 4.00 p.m.

We will need to know numbers by our next meeting on the 19th of July. If you have a preference for what you would prefer to make, please let Dawn Green know. Once we have an idea of what people would like to bring, we will be in touch to allocate other dishes.

Please don't hesitate to email Sue if you are not going to be at the meeting. Guests are welcome and there will be a \$10 charge. They do not have to bring any food.

Sue Hansen, Chair





ORGANISATION, MEMBERSHIP & CLASSIFICATION

“We are keen to bring new members with fresh ideas and skills to our club”

June was something of a whirlwind with Changeover followed closely by the membership afternoon at the Whitsunday Organic B & B and a new director (me) learning the ropes! Thankfully, I have a wonderful team of Michelle (membership Chair) PJ and Sandii to keep the ball rolling.

We began with a meeting at which we reviewed our goals and activities for the year. We agreed that while we are keen to bring new members with fresh ideas and skills to our club, we also want to build on activities that will create a feeling of well-being and enjoyment in what we do. To help us achieve this we are planning some activities that will help us get to know each other better and hopefully have a bit of fun along the way. So that more people will find out about us and what we do, we also plan to place leaflets and business cards in public places such as libraries, hairdressers and community centres.

The mentor programme was started again last year as a way to help new members settle into the club and to get involved in activities. I’m delighted that we will be welcoming three new members at our July meeting: Lesley Pratchett, Laura Morrison and Carol Van Der Gaag. Thank you to those who have agreed to be their mentors: Pam (Lesley), Catherine (Laura) and Noelene (Carol). I know all members will make an effort to get to know them and make them feel welcome.

Our members’ “Get-to-Know-Us” afternoon at the B & B was a warm and welcoming event; a great opportunity for us just to catch up and enjoy one another’s company in a lovely, friendly environment. Although well supported by the members we only managed three guests. Hopefully the articles and happy faces in the photos in The Times and Guardian will make more people aware and interested in our club. Finally, if you have any ideas, however small or large, to help improve our meetings or find new people interested in joining Zonta, please have a chat to any of the membership team at the monthly meetings, your input would be greatly appreciated!

Kerry Kenyon, Director






JULY BIRTHDAYS:


15th: Angela Spicer
16th: Christina della Valle
17th: Kerrie Adam

18th: Dawn Green & Pam Harrison
31st: P.J. Halter




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Pam and I took our seats on the ferry for the return trip and sat opposite a young man who was working on his computer.

After a while he looked up and said to Pam –

“I think you were my primary school principal Mrs Graham”

Pam looked hard at him, smiled and asked his name. He told her Dylan and she remembered him.

It was lovely hearing the two of them reminisce and he reminded her of her “card” system –white for a warning, yellow for being naughty and blue for being a bad boy – apparently he got a few! They had a good laugh about it.

It was a lovely ending to a great day, Noelene



Six Whitsunday Presidents: Pam Graham, Annie Lloyd-Lewis, Carole Brauner, Robyn Mitchell, Sandii Hansen and Angela Spicer (only Wendy Downes—on holiday in Italy—was missing on the day).
What a wonderful occurrence for us to celebrate!



Joan & Annie
wearing table
decorations





DATE CLAIMERS:

10 JULY: Breakfast meeting, Crocodile Cafe 7 for 7.30 Speaker Anna Derham. Transformational and personal success

11 JULY: BOOKS FROM BIRTH 3 PM JUDY BRETT'S

19 July: General meeting, Reef Gateway 6.15 for 6.30 start

25 July: Last Wednesday Book Club 5 PM Roz's

31 July: Board Meeting, Venue TBA

12 August: Progressive Lunch, 12.00 for 12.30 start

14 August: Breakfast meeting, 7 for 7.30 Speaker Penny Wilson, Medecins sans Frontier in Sudan Africa.

15 August: Books from Birth 3 PM Judy Brett's

18 August: General meeting, Reef Gateway 6.15 for 6.30 start

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

13 October: (Provisional) AFADU/Zonta Film Night





PROFILE: Lauren Haack

When I joined Zonta: August 2011

How I heard about Zonta: I first heard about Zonta through some of my amazing friends, who had been in Zonta for many year.

Positions held in Zonta: My position in Zonta is on the Committee for Books from Birth and International Women's Day.

Resources and Skills available to Zonta: Definitely NOT computer skills but I am willing to help in a hands on position.

Why are you living in the Whitsundays? Being attracted by its unique beauty, both land and sea. Also, having met a lovely group of friends and Airlie's small town community atmosphere.

Tell us something about your family: I am one of five sisters and 2 brothers, all born in Melbourne, where I and married my wonderful husband, Douglas. We had two sons, Jason and Craig. We moved to the Tully region some 31 years ago, then to Airlie 12 years later. Our much loved family, Jason and his wife, Denise, and three precious grandchildren all reside in Tully, where Jason runs an electrical business. Denise is a wonderful mum and is busy working and looking after our 3 grandchildren and loving son Jason.

Share some of your life and/or career highlights: Career highlights were working as a showroom receptionist in Doug's fathers family cabinet making business. Also, being involved in the prawn farm industry in Yamba NSW, and then Cooktown, whilst prawn farming was still in its infancy. We owner operated our backpacking hostel, servicing the banana and small crops industry, with labour from our working hostel. During our 11 years of operation, we expanded from 30 to 60 beds, with four premises in total. Through our guests, we often became their extended family during their stays. We met and accommodated some very special young people, often having taken time off from their prospective careers in medicine, the arts, the tourist industry and all walks of life.

Favourite activities outside of Zonta: I love to walk the boardwalk with friends, taking in some of Airlie's beautiful views and splendor. I also love to cook for family and friends. I enjoy working as a volunteer at Vinnies, with a great group of fellow volunteers, getting the work done and enjoying a good laugh and good company...



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Ode to "our" Pam Graham

Written by "our" Annie Lloyd-Lewis

I am Pam
Pam I am
I do not like green eggs and ham

I do not like to throw out books
They're in my garage stacked in nooks
And hanging off sharp butchers' hooks

I do not like to be served crab.
You quite possibly think it's fab
But I could end up on a slab

I really truly do not like spiders.
Hairy, scary little hiders.
They're in the garage behind my readers
The creepy, crawly, little breeders.

I do not like to sit and brood
Folks who're rude or rhubarb stewed.
Gosh so much talk just on food.

But that's me,
I am Pam
I do not like green eggs and ham.

Then one day the sun did not shine.
We were too sad to play
So we sat in the house all that cold, cold sad
day.
I sat there with Sharon, we sat there we two
And I said, "How I wish we knew what to do."

Too sad to go out
Too sad to play ball
So we sat in the house
And did nothing at all.



We knew the truth to that awful rumour
Our friend Pam had found a brain tumour

Then all of a sudden we stopped being glum
As we started to think, and talk of our chum
Sharon said, 'Caring,' I said, 'Admired and so loyal.'
To family and friends she's the most loyal 'goyal.'

Then in was easy to make a long list
But quickly, before we both got too.....tired!

It was like playing tennis between her and me
'Nurturing,' she said, I said protective, then to-
gether 'FAMILY.'

She's kind and positive, the glass always half full
Though life has recently been very cruel

But so brainy and determined to succeed
She's even taught herself to read

Ready to party beyond what's expected
Being chatty and funny, but always respected

Loves a red or a white, as long as there's cheese
And continues to work with what seems like ease

Pam... Principal, President, leader and friend
She's got magic, charisma of which there's no end
Pam's a lady
And most important, is always so glam
She just does not like those green eggs and ham.

