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## **Dinner Meeting**

Contact **Grace Cochrane** for all dinner arrangements no later than the Monday prior to our dinner meeting. Advise her of any apologies if you are unable to attend or to let her know of extra dinner guests that you have invited.

**COST** (Includes dinner) Members/Guests \$20.00

#### **Special Dietary Requirements:**

If anyone has any special dietary requirements will they please inform Tracy so that she can inform the club. The club is very happy to cater to individual needs.

**Grace Cochrane** 

Home: 3325 1896

Mobile: 0411 783 020

**Email:** 

gamp@iinet.net.au

As it is assumed you will be attending all meetings of the club unless an apology is received, any member from whom an apology is not received in time will still be invoiced for the meal ordered for her.





# Birthday Wishes for June go to...

Rosalind Pestell 8th

Vicki Williams
23rd

Janet Hayward 25th

Have a lovely day!

## **Bingo Report**

If anyone has a spare Thursday morning, it would be really appreciated if you could help our few treasured volunteers or just come and play as we need the extra numbers. Tell all your retired friends about our bingo game. It is the best exercise to stop alziemers as it covers all the human needs and senses.

When you are on roster, could you allow an extra half hour so I can teach you the rudimentaries of calling bingo. Jan and Ros are now in training.

## **Bingo Roster**

June	3 <sup>rd</sup> 10 <sup>th</sup> 17 <sup>th</sup> 24 <sup>th</sup>	Ros Bettina Jan Kay
July	1 <sup>st</sup> 8 <sup>th</sup> 15 <sup>th</sup> 22 <sup>nd</sup> 29th	Carole Ros Jan Kay Bettina
Augus	st 5 <sup>th</sup> 12 <sup>th</sup> 19 <sup>th</sup> 26 <sup>th</sup>	Karen Carole Ros Jan
Sept	2 <sup>nd</sup> 9 <sup>th</sup>	Kay Bettina

Regards, Vicki Williams Bingo Convener



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## President's Message

Dear members.

#### THANKS

Firstly, thanks to Past President Jan for chairing the May meetings. Jan will miss June's meeting as she's taking a short break on Lord Howe Island that week.

Secondly, thank you all for accepting me as your recycled president – (I last held the role in 2003 – 2005) and thank you to my fellow Board members Karen, Dot and Suzanne for continuing on the Board and to Grace and Kay for taking up the Directors' positions. Kay is recycled too, having previously been a Director when I was president and she also remains the Club archivist.

As well as being Vice President, Suzanne has kindly taken up the role of Service Committee Chair and has already been busy in that role this month. She will have updates on some of our service projects at the June dinner meeting.

Vicki Bell continues to be our chief buyer of supplies for Jebb House, thank you Vicki.

Thanks also to those continuing as Committee Chairs: Simone

as Fundraising Chair, Glynnis as United Nations Chair, Marina as Nominating Committee Chair and also to Vicki W, continuing as Bingo organiser. And of course a very big thanks to Anthea our beautiful newsletter editor (that is, both the newsletter and Anthea are beautiful) and creator of our pocket-sized Club calendar.

#### WANTED, WANTED

We still need a Chair for the Public Relations and

Communications committee (a hard act to follow after Janet, I know) and I would like one or two members to take on the Membership committee which can be quite neatly divided public side of into the membership (following up on contacts made through events etc) and the administrative side of membership (keeping the membership records and lists up to date and doing the paperwork re new members and annual membership fees).





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### CLUB BIRTHDAY NEXT MONTH

This is the 16<sup>th</sup> Zonta year for our Club. The Club's Charter members first met in May 1994 but they received their Club charter from Zonta International in July 1994, which is why we have traditionally celebrated our Club's "birthday" in July.

#### ANNUAL REPORT

Traditionally we have tended to use our annual reports as the basis for the June newsletter but as our efficient Secretary Dot has sent you all copies of those reports I won't repeat myself fully here but would just like to note the Club's 2009-10 highlights, as the newsletter goes on to the District 22 website and thus has a wider circulation than just our members.

Regards, **Rosalind Pestell** 



## Organisation, Membership & Classification **Committee**

Oh, hello it's me again! Anyway just a short note: We start the Zonta year with 22 members, and we were very happy to officially welcome our latest member Gabi into the Club at the May meeting. Hopefully I will be inducting latest new Elizabeth at the June meeting.

#### MARINA'S PROFILE

I am holding over Marina's profile until next month as this is a large newsletter already.

Regards, **Rosalind Pestell** 

## **United Nations** Report

Women's Empowerment Principles: Equality Means Business

Introduced on International Women's 2010, the Dav Women's **Empowerment** Principles are aimed towards the full participation of women in economic life across all sectors.

The private sector will be key in efforts to advance gender equality and empower women. Current research demonstrates that gender diversity helps business perform better but ensuring the inclusion of women's talents seems to require intentional actions and deliberate policies.

The Women's Empowerment Principles offer practical guidance to business and the private sector on how to empower women in the workplace, marketplace and community. Developed through partnership between UNIFEM and the United **Nations** Global Compact, the **Principles** are designed support to companies in reviewing existing policies and practices — or establishing new ones to realize women's empowerment and include:

- 1. Establish high-level corporate leadership for gender equality.
- 2. Treat all women and men fairly at work respect and support human rights and non-discrimination.
- 3. Ensure the health. safety and well-being of all women and men workers.
- 4. Promote education, training and



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professional development for women.

- Implement enterprise development, supply chain and marketing practices that empower women.
- 6. Promote equality through community initiatives and advocacy.
- Measure and publicly report on progress to achieve gender equality.

Subtitled **Equality Means Business**, the Principles emphasize the need for corporate action to promote gender equality and women's empowerment.

Regards,

**Anthea Watson** 



## Annual Reports

#### **CLUB HIGHLIGHTS for 2009 - 2010**

I am sure all Club members would have liked to have the opportunity to thank Lorraine and Tracy for all the hard work they did on the Club's behalf in the last year before they resigned. I am sure also that Lorraine and Tracy would like to thank the Club members for making last year such a successful year as regards fundraising and service projects both of which helped to improve the lives of women and girls locally and internationally.

It was a very big year for fundraising. We have Vicki to thank for our steady source of income from the Thursday bingo game, but this year we also had at least eight major fundraising events which netted us substantial extra funds, including a fantastic Melbourne Cup lunch, a delightful morning high tea for International Women's Day and six separate opportunities to sell a lot of hot snags, cool glowies and colourful cup cakes!

Thanks to our fundraising efforts we were able to send \$8000 to Zonta International's Service Programme and to continue to support Jebb House, the women and children of Kowanyama, and to make various other, at times substantial, local donations to community organisations and individuals.

Thanks to Tracy's liaison with QUT staff we established the \$2,500 Zonta Pine Rivers QUT equity scholarship for a female, low income, sole parent tertiary student, which each year from now on will help assist a woman to improve her status through education and will make our name and our work better known in the university world.

We also established the Zonta Encouragement Award for Community Spirit, offering a \$100 gift to Grade 11 girls meeting our criteria at Pine Rivers High Schools.

At the end of the 2009 the Club donated \$1000 to the Catherine Hamlin Fistula Hospital, Ethiopia, and \$1000 to the Barbara May Foundation, an offshoot of the Fistula Hospital established by Australian Doctor Andrew Browning to provide maternal health care in remote areas of Ethiopia..



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#### BINGO REPORT FOR YEAR 2009-10

The bingo game is our major fundraiser for our club and we have been conducting the bingo game for 14 years at least, I think, thanks to our past member and President Maureen Pickstone and her husband Des Pickstone who has a bistro named after him at the Leagues Club.

During the last year we have made about \$12,500.00 at the Thursday morning bingo. This is made up from the bingo game itself, the sales of dabbers and pens, raffles for special occasions such as Mother's Day, Christmas and Father's Day and the lucky number board. Quilt raffles have also been largely supported by the bingo players. The bingo players are so happy to support our club and they are kept informed of what we do and how they help our projects.

I would like to thank all the bingo helpers who come along on their roster day as without them we would not be able to continue with this fundraising venture.

#### Vicki Williams

Bingo promoter.

#### **SERVICE PROJECTS**

As well as these direct donations our Service projects also require guite substantial funding for materials. For Service, the Club continued its regular breast pillows sewing bees, and Marie Hamilton, although not a Zontian, kindly continued to make drainage bags, breast pillows and assorted draw-string bags (used as storage bags for the women and children at Jebb House and in Kowanyama) on our behalf.

And as usual we held our annual Birthing Kits Workshop Day in August, with the 1000 kits going to Afghanistan again.

#### **GUEST SPEAKERS**

Our Club's guest speakers during the year included Valerie Silver from DV Connect, Glenda Haig from Kids under Cover, the "Travel Bright, Travel Light" ladies, Patsy Cloake and Julie Anderson from Penneys Boutique, Virginia Balmain, President of the United Nations Association of Queensland, Wendy Reid from CEO Challenge, and the International Women's Day guest speaker Kelly Higgins -Devine, who was a great success and very entertaining.

#### **OTHER CLUB EVENTS**

We also held a Membership Information evening in November in the end netting two great new members; and we also had a very successful informal meeting to set the Club's proposed donations budget and Club calendar in January 2010.

So now the New Zonta Year begins and our first big event will be Christmas in July - more on that at our June meeting. See you there.

Regards Rosalind





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#### **FUNDRAISING REPORT 2009-10**

This past year has been a very busy, but an extremely successful one for the club in regards to fundraising.

We commenced the fundraising for the year on August 19<sup>th</sup> with our inaugural "Bunnings Sausage Sizzle" (\$1195.50), participated in the Arana Leagues Club Ausfest in October (approx. \$570) and promoted the club at the Samford on Show Day (\$74 from the raffle prize donated by Jan Spittle).

The club then launched into the Melbourne Cup Lunch at Wantima which was fantastic, with everyone having a marvellous time and simultaneously raising \$4,400.

The weather for the Pine Rivers Christmas Concert was hot and sunny this year, so many flashing objects were sold, lighting up the darkness surrounding the audience. We sold most of the products so more had to be purchased for the Australia Day event and the remainder of these was kindly sold by Karen Fuller at a school dance night (\$600). The funds raised, made these three events quite successful for us. (approx. \$3,700 in total).

March 2010 saw us conducting our annual International Women's Day function. We had a lovely High Tea at Wantima, with Kelly Higgins-Devine being wonderfully entertaining as our guest speaker and raising a fabulous \$2,416.

As the club's final instalment we had our second sausage sizzle at Bunnings on Saturday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2010. A total of 90kg of sausages and 60 loaves of bread were sold which is amazing! It was an extremely busy day with little time for breaks but it was well worth while to the club, ending our fundraising for the year at a high point. (\$2,755.77)

Of course, throughout the year, Bingo is our quiet achiever. It comes around every week, gradually filling our coffers, and without these funds many of our projects would not be possible.

As chair of the Finance and Fundraising Committee would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to all members for their sterling efforts throughout the year, all their time and support, which has made the 2009/2010 period so successful.

Regards,

Simone Boersma

Finance and Fundraising Committee Chair

## UNITED NATIONS REPORT 2009-10

The Committee commenced the year with Laurie Krause as Chairperson. Laurie organized the Guest Speaker for the October Meeting to celebrate United Nations Day. Victoria Balmain the President of the United Nations Association of Queensland gave an informative talk on the work of the association and reminded us of the strong affiliation between the United Nations and Zonta International.

Since Laurie's resignation
Glynnis and Anthea have been keeping the work of the United Nations and in particular
Unifem in club focus through regular newsletter articles.

Regards
Glynnis Gartside





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#### CHAIR OF PUBLIC RELATIONS & ADVERTISING 2010 REPORT



2010 has indeed been a very active year and successful fund raising year for the Zonta Club of Pine Rivers. The work of the committee during the 2009/2010 year focused on promoting our two major fund raising events: our Club's inaugural Melbourne Cup Luncheon and our International Women's Day event.

My work was concentrated on writing up the editorials for these fund raising events and promoting a membership evening to attract potential new members. The community newspapers of the Pine Rivers district have been very generous in their support of our events. All the advertising for these 3 major events was provided free of charge and on behalf of the Zonta Club of Pine Rivers, I would like to formally acknowledge their support.

I would like to acknowledge the assistance and support of our club President, Lorraine Hunter, who assisted with my work by making contact with our IWD event guest speaker, Ms Kelly Higgins-Devine, arranging for her to be our guest speaker. Thanks also to Patricia Sherman who organised post event media for our Melbourne Cup Luncheon.

Many thanks also to Karen Fuller, Anthea Watson and Simone Boersma who lifted the standard of our flyers advertising our events to a highly professional and attractive level this year in the areas of presentation and production. Speaking of professional presentation, an acknowledgement and thanks to Anthea Watson for her consistently creative work in producing our club newsletter-I am sure you all agree the newsletter is something we can all be proud of.

I wish to acknowledge club members who supported our events by distributing flyers within their local communities and through their personal networks, especially, Lorraine Hunter and Karen Fuller. Lorraine and Karen generously gave of their time to ensure a thorough and diverse distribution of the promotional material.

The role of Chair of Public Relations and Advertising has been a good experience. I have been in this role for 3 years-almost since I joined the Club in 2007. I wish to signal to the executive of the Club and members that I do not intend to continue in this position. I believe it is time another club member with a fresh approach gained experience in this role and I encourage a club member to take on the position. It is a position that would suit a working member of the club, because most of the work can be done after hours in your home with a perhaps a few phone calls during business hours.

In closing, I wish the incoming Club executive all the very best for the coming year and I wish to thank all the Club members for their support and hard work during the year.

Yours In Zonta, Janet Hayward.



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#### **NOMINATING COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2009-2010**

Nominating Committee Membership 2009 – 2010: Marina Duson, with assistance from Dot Patrick

#### **Annual Elections**

The slate of candidates for election as officers and board members for 2010-11 was presented at the May 2010 dinner meeting with elections held at the same meeting. There were exactly as many candidates as positions to fill. At the election meeting further nominations were called from the floor. There being none, all members were elected unopposed. These are the results:

President	Rosalind Pestell	Elected unopposed
Vice President	Suzanne Strahan	Elected unopposed
Recording & Correspondence Secretary	Dot Patrick	Continuing
Treasurer	Karen Fuller	Continuing
Directors (2)	Grace Cochrane Kay Reid	Elected unopposed Elected unopposed
Nominating committee (3)	Marina Duson Glynnis Gartside Vicki Williams	Re-elected unopposed Elected unopposed Elected unopposed

#### **Marina Duson**

Chair Nominating Committee 2009 - 2010



## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ORGANIZATION, MEMBERSHIP & CLASSIFICATION COMMITTEE 2009-2010

Chair: Rosalind Pestell

Member: Melindie Hunt (until April 2010)

I appreciate the assistance of Melindie with the membership committee until she resigned from the Club in April 2010.



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#### **Membership Numbers and changes:**

Following the May 2010 induction of two new members, Gabi Simon and Elizabeth Ling, and the April 2010 induction of Grace Cochrane, the Club membership at May 2010 stands at 22.

At end of May 2009, we had a membership of 26.

During the 2009- 2010 year, Jenny Leggo who had been on leave of absence for two years decided to resign, and Linda Harrison (who had been a Zontian previously in Bundaberg) joined us in October 2009 but resigned in February 2010 finding the drive from Bribie Island to meetings or working bees too long to be practical.

Unfortunately Joyce Krause, Di Woodland, and Jenny Meek all resigned in early 2010, and also most regrettably, 2009 President Lorraine Hunter, Vice President Tracy Watson and one of our Directors Melindie Hunt all resigned in April 2010.

They will all be missed greatly and I am sure all members appreciate the tremendous amount of work they did for the Club.

As required by Zonta International's "Diversity of Classifications" By-Law, the Pine Rivers Club's members are actively engaged in a variety of occupations. The Club's 22 members are classified in 22 different occupation codes. This includes 7 members who are education professionals but whose current positions or occupations are all quite different from one another.

#### **Membership Information Evening 25th November 2009**

We held a very successful membership evening on 25th November 2009 with 9 guests attending. Guests Grace and Gabi have since joined the Club and three other attendees have indicated they will be interested in joining in the future but circumstances such as new jobs, a husband's redundancy, and new grandchildren to mind are in the way at present!

Thanks to all members who brought friends along to the evening and/or were willing to share their experiences of Zonta with the guests and thus contributed to making the evening a success. Special thanks to Janet who donated a delightful door prize won by one lucky guest.

#### Members' profiles

The monthly member's profile in the newsletter continues to work well, and I thank all the members who have shared a little of their lives with us this year.

Finally, thank you to all members who have spread the word about Zonta or brought friends (both new and old) to meetings, or through fabulous events like the Melbourne Cup lunch and IWD morning tea kept our profile high in the local community.

#### **Rosalind Pestell**

Chair: Organization, Membership and Classification Committee