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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 \$25.00

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.



Wednesday8th June - 6.30pm Dinner meeting – Arana Leagues Club

Sunday 4th July Sausage Sizzle - Bunnings

Wednesday 13th July – 6.30pm Dinner meeting – Arana Leagues Club

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 alzheimers as it covers all the human needs and senses.

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		June	2 nd 9 th 16 th 23rd	Barbara Ros Kay Jan
Birthday Wishes for June go to		July	7 th 14 th 21 st 28 th	Carole Barbara Ros Anthea & Kay
Rosalind Pestell 8th Vicki Williams 23rd	Regards, Vicki Williams Bingo Convener			
Have a lovely day !				

Grace Cochrane

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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.

All articles in this newsletter are provided by the chairperson of each committee. These articles are not necessarily the views of Zonta or the Editor.



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Congratulations to Karen, our new **President** who chaired her first meeting on Wednesday night and did a fabulous job! We look forward to the enthusiasm and unique, fresh perspective that she will bring in her term as President.



Zonta Club of Pine Rivers Fundraising

Casino Evening



The evening is on Saturday 20 August at

Video 2000 Warehouse, 31 Deakin Street, Brendale 6.00pm



Doing Lunch Program funded by Zonta October 5 – October 26, 2010

The Doing Lunch program consisted of a small group of 2 women with a group facilitator and nutritionist guiding activities. The Doing Lunch program did not have high levels of enrolment as we had aimed for 8 – 10 participants. We are unsure to why there was limited community enrolment. However those who did attend found it very helpful and a positive experience.

The nutritionist developed a range of recipes which were easy to follow, interesting and quick to create. The participants received a recipe booklet and all food and resources used throughout the program was provided free for participants due to the funding from Zonta. There were elements of self development for the female participants including; being more confident in their home management and their cooking skills; to place value on their health and wellbeing; and, also developed motivation and ability to make mealtimes a warm family occasion. One participant found their confidence to speak to new people had increased vastly through the warm interaction between the women present. The participants also developed an understanding of Zonta and their mission to develop the status of women all over the world and that this can be done in a large variety ways.

Some comments from the participants:

- I found the course very helpful
- I have found the practical skills most helpful
- I have discovered I am persistent
- I think the information and skills I have learned will help me very much in the future
- I would of liked to have more time (more sessions)
- I know I can stay in a group



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PRESIDENT's REPORT 2010-2011 (Zonta Pine Rivers)



2010 The 2010 – 2011 Zonta year gave us many reasons to be in a celebratory mood tonight but we also experienced a great loss on the 20th November 2010 with the passing of our dearly loved member Patricia Sherman. Pat had been a very active and supportive member for 5 years, including being a Club Director since joining in October 2006.

Not only was her passing a sorrow to all those members who had become friends with Patricia during her Club years but it was a particularly hard blow to Pat's long time friend and fellow member Dot Patrick, and to Pat's niece and fellow member Janet Hayward who has since transferred to the Sandgate Club.

Now to happier memories.

PLANNING

Much of the planning for 2010 fundraising events and service projects had been done at the January 2010 Club workshop meeting and this was updated and expanded upon at the 2011 planning meeting where we again set the Club's donations budget and Club calendar.

DONATIONS & SERVICE

At the February 2011 meeting we decided to give \$8000 as our annual contribution to Zonta International Service and ZISVAW projects. We also budgeted to spend \$18,800 on our local and national projects, which Suzanne will list in her Service Committee report. Suzanne's print–out of the Service budget has allowed all members to keep better tabs on where our Service funds go, thank you Suzanne, and we also thank you for being so active in your role, including organising the fridges and air conditioning for Jebb House, the "Say No to violence" fence panel and organising the R.A.V.E.S. programme.

FUNDRAISING

As Simone will report, we were able to support so many projects because of the work of fundraising members, particularly Karen who masterminded the year's biggest fund raising and fellowship events and Simone who organised the glowies and lollies stalls. And of course there is the weekly bingo game which Vicki has run every week for the past five years, and despite worrying about falling attendance numbers Vicki still manages to make the bingo game a great earner for the Club's service funds.

PROMOTION

Although we lacked a Public Relations Committee Chair this year we still managed to promote our Club in different ways. Simone organised our new vinyl banner for hanging on fund raising stalls, Dot organised our new big pull-up banner, and Karen and Vicki both made contact with and supplied information to local newspapers to advertise the Club's events and projects. Anthea continued to design and edit our attractive newsletters which I put onto our District 22 website.



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2010-2011 (Continued...)

. NEW COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

From this AGM on we will have 3 committees with the same responsibilities as in the past, Fundraising, Service, and Membership, plus a new Legislative Awareness & Advocacy Committee. We decide in February that this new mandatory committee will include the old United Nations and Public Relations committees, plus the members responsible for archives (Kay), and the newsletter, (Anthea).

VISITORS

We were pleased that our Area Director Bev Bellett was able to attend and take part in our 2011 donations and planning meeting, and during the year we also had a variety of guest speakers at our dinner meetings.

These were Sonja Flett from the Pine Rivers Neighbourhood Centre; high-achieving science student Kristy Butler, and Erin Cash from the Sweat Depot, who is now running our self-protection programme R.A.V.E.S. at Pine Rivers High School. Guest speaker Michele Davis from the Rotary Club of Brisbane Planetarium told us about her Club's project to build a residence for women battling addictions. We also had guest speakers Frances Orford (O.A.) Head of the ESL unit at Yeronga State High School, and Lisa Harrold from the Queensland Centre for Gynaecological Cancer.

QCGC/ZONTA LUNCH

The outcome of Lisa Harrold's visit to the Club was that Vicki organised a lunch and information session on behalf of the QCGC under our Club name. 117 people attended the November lunch and \$3880 was donated to this worthwhile cause, including a \$500 donation from our Club.

THANKYOU

On behalf of the Club as an entity I would like to thank all our current members as individuals for their contributions of time, energy and service to the Club in 2010-2011 and also make mention of recently resigned members Vicki Bell who was an active Service Committee member and Janet Hayward, who was an excellent Public Relations Chair.

I would like to thank all the current Board members: we couldn't have asked for a more conscientious and helpful Secretary in Dot, nor a better treasurer and fund raiser than Karen. Then there is all the work Suzanne as Vice president and Service Chair has done for the Club this year; and Kay just keeps on keeping on, serving the Club both as archivist and Director, while Grace our second newest member has served the Club as an involved and supportive Director this year and is now going on to be treasurer next year.

Next I would like to thank the Committee Chairs, Suzanne again, Simone (Fundraising and the keeper of the photocopier), Vicki (both Membership Chair and bingo organiser), Glynnis (UN) and Marina (Nominating) for all their work. I am hoping their annual reports will give a picture of all that we have achieved through their committees this year.



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MORE THANKYOUS

Thank you to Anthea for editing and designing our attractive newsletters, and the handy pocket calendar of Club dates. As well as taking over as secretary Anthea has learned how to run the bingo games when Vicki wants some time out.

And thank you also to Bettina, Jan and Carole who are all essential regulars for bingo and always provide help at service and fundraising events; and to Fiona, Yvonne and Pam who despite the demands made upon them at work, manage to find the time to come to meetings and to take part in Club events wherever and when ever they can.

Last but not least there is Barb, our newest member, and now a Director also. Barb participated in service and fundraising activities from the start and it was she who approached and brought along our guest speaker for International Women's Day, Professor Susan Hamilton, President of the UQ Academic Board.

I also always like to mention Marie Hamilton who although not a Zontian, kindly continued to make drainage bags and breast pillows on our behalf.

Finally thank you to all those who have agreed to serve on the 2011-2012 Board; on the Club's behalf I hope you have a happy and success Board year, and a personal extra thank you to Karen for stepping forward to take up the position of president.

Rosalind Pestell President Zonta Club of Pine Rivers 2011-2011.

Chank You

NOMINATING COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2010-2011

Nominating Committee Membership 2009 – 2010: Marina Duson, Glynnis Gartside, Vicki WIlliams The slate of candidates for election as officers and board members for 2010-11 was presented at the May 2011 dinner 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 were elected unopposed:

President	Karen Fuller
Vice President	Dot Patrick
Recording/ Correspondence Secretary	Anthea Watson
Treasurer	Grace Cochrane
Directors (3)	Barbara Clyde, Kay Reid, Suzanne Strahan

Marina Duson - Chair Nominating Committee 2010 - 2011



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FUNDRAISING REPORT 2010-11

Our year seems to pass so quickly and it is only when we sit down and list all our activities that we realise how much we have accomplished throughout the year. So I will begin with thanks and congratulations to the club for all the time, effort and enthusiasm shown in support of the fundraising activities. Special thanks go to **Karen Fuller** for all her fabulous organisation skills and ideas (and stress) that she has given to these events.

Our fundraising year began with sparkle and pizzazz at the **Christmas in July** celebrations at Wantima Golf Club. Music, good food and congenial company produced an excellent result with \$3,455.01 profit.

Ausfest in October, while suffering a slight delay due to inclement weather, was overwhelmingly sweet with an abundance of lollies everywhere. Although primarily this day is more of a promotional event for the club we raised \$151 on the day and a further \$120 from sales at Bingo.

Then hovering at the gates was the **Melbourne Cup** which delivered itself with style. After a buffet of fashion there was a smorgasbord of delicious food, great weather and lots of fun. Our win for the day was \$2723.42 + \$90 donation = \$2813.42

Bad weather once again interfered, with the Christmas Concert in Pine Rivers Park getting rained out and cancelled. Luckily we still had the **Aussie BBQ** in January to come. Flashing lights, noise and laughter ensued on the night with a tidy \$1868 made. **IWD** this year was the 100th anniversary of the event. After a great amount of difficulty in trying to get a speaker, a wonderful lunch time event at Portabellas was whipped up, and Susan Hamilton, our speaker appeared like a cherry on top. An enjoyable atmosphere and a respectable \$633 in funds raised were the end results.

Interspersed through all these events were our **4 Sausage sizzles at Bunnings**. Profits raised were \$2951.47 + \$611.75 + \$1,900 + \$510 making a total of \$6483.22

I must not forget to mention the **Bingo** which runs quietly along supporting the club throughout the year. Thanks once again to Vicki Williams for her organisation and time given.

So once again thanks for an excellent 2011.

Regards, Simone Boersma Finance and Fundraising Committee Chair





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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ORGANIZATION, MEMBERSHIP & CLASSIFICATION COMMITTEE 2010-2011

Chair: Vicki Williams Membership: One



I would like to thank President Ros for all her positive support for this role. Ros had been a very organized chair of this committee, so therefore, a hard act for me to follow.

Membership Numbers and changes -

At the end of May 2010 we had a membership of 22. At the end of May 2011 our membership is 18.

Over the year we have lost 5 members due to the following reasons.

Vicki Bell resigned for personal reasons. Vicki will be greatly missed as she did all the shopping for the emergency kits for Jebb House.

The death of another member, Patricia Sherman.

The transfer of Pat's niece Janet Hayward to Sandgate Club.

Elizabeth Ling and Gabi Simon have decided not to renew their membership due to other pressures in their life but today both have indicated that they will think about it again in a year's time.

On the positive side, we have a lovely new member Barbara Clyde who has also been nominated to our new board.

Membership

To be a member of Zonta International is considered an honour and a privilege. Potential members are invited to join Zonta. Classified members are executives and or professionals in a decision making capacity who are willing to support and implement the Objects of Zonta International. Members are classified according to their vocation and it is desirable to have members from different walks of life to add to the skills of each club.

The club's 18 members are classified in 18 different occupation codes which is excellent.

Communication:

Ros Pestell and Vicki Williams are the contact numbers in the local papers for anyone interested in knowing more about our Club.

Member's Profiles

The monthly member's profiles have been absent in the newsletters over the past months but it would be nice to start them again as I am sure some people's stories have changed in the last few years.

Last but not least, it is every member's job to be on the alert for new members. Feel proud of what we achieve as a member of our club and that feeling will come through when talking to other people. Zonta is the only organization in the world that is purely focused on women's issues.

Vicki Williams. Chair. OMC.



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SERVICE COMMITTEE REPORT 2010-2011

Well, until I started typing this report I had forgotten how much we had given towards helping improve other women & girls lives. This year has seen the fruits of our fundraising efforts help so many women & girls – many of whom we don't personally know and may never know, but I'm sure our efforts has made a positive improvement on their lives.

Jebb House - \$8052

This year we have invested approx \$8000 into Jebb House – providing 5 new refrigerators – replacing all of the refrigerators in the units, a new air-conditioner for the play room, \$200 towards hosting a monthly sausage sizzle for past "guests" as an opportunity to keeping in touch and supporting each other, as well as providing kitchen packs, sheets, school packs, art sets, Woolworths cards, etc. Jebb House has been extremely appreciative of our help and wish to express their heartfelt thanks to all the women of Zonta Pine Rivers.

Kowanyama - \$2636

Our support for the young girls & women of Kowanyama continued this year. Firstly we sent a variety of seeds to start up a vegetable garden and then many boxes of clothes & books to sell at their fete. The unsold books were packed up into age groups and Lara put them into homemade bags to use as prizes/rewards for school attendance, etc. We also financially supported 5 girls to attend leadership camp. The main aim of leadership camp is to prepare for the big step of leaving home and going to boarding school.

Pine Rivers Neighbourhood Centre - \$2300

We again supported the Pine Rivers Neighbourhood Centre by sponsoring two programmes specifically to support women. Firstly "Doing Lunch" aimed at building self development of the female participants including being more confident in their home management and their cooking skills; to place value on their health & wellbeing; and, also develop motivation & ability to make mealtimes a warm family occasion. The second course – "Feeling Good (Women's Self Esteem)" gave participants an opportunity to give themselves space to grow, develop their self esteem and place value on themselves. Reports on both courses are attached.

Secondary School Awards - \$900

This year we presented Encouragement Awards to four Year 11 female students from Ferny Grove, Mitchelton, Dakabin & Albany Creek High Schools. We also supported Kristy Butler from Mt Alvernia College to attend a science forum in Turin, Italy.



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SERVICE REPORT (Continued...)

QUT Scholarship - \$2500

We decided this year to support a single mother of low-income background studying at QUT. Our scholarship directly supports QUT's aim to attract and retain students from low-income backgrounds and to assist them to succeed by reducing financial hardship as a barrier to achievement. The 2010 recipient is enrolled in NS40 Bachelor of Nursing.

Birthing Kits - \$2257

This year we again gathered together and 1000 kits were sent to Papua New Guinea.

Other donations:

As my report is getting very lengthy, I have listed below the many other organizations/persons we have supported this year:

Redcliffe Knitting Club \$100 Unifem \$400 Look Good Feel Better \$2000 Gyno Cancer \$500 Walk 4 Welfare \$598 Barbara May Foundation \$1000 Hamlin Fistula Relief Fund \$1000 Arana Leagues Club Sign \$660

It's been a rewarding experience being Vice-President for 2010 and I wish to thank everyone for their support throughout the year.

Regards, Suzanne Strahan



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BINGO REPORT FOR YEAR 2010-11

While Carole was on bingo roster last Thursday, she said to me -

"This is a real service to the community"

Zonta International is a women's SERVICE organization. I changed my attitude towards doing the bingo and realized that it is more than making money but also a service to the community and I had come to the conclusion that Carole had come to about 12 months ago.

Bingo was no longer a chore but a lovely service to the community. I stopped worrying about how much we were making and concentrated on making it an enjoyable morning for the players so that they will come back. Of course, I work out the figures so that we do make some money each week. That amount will be in the Treasurer's report. The bingo is a separate account and takes into consideration the buying and selling of the games and also the payment of the jackpots. (\$5334 as per treasurer's report)

I also supply raffles for special days and the players are very supportive, no matter how silly are the prizes.

We have a lucky number board which we make \$45 and get six which we make an average of \$40 plus selling the different markers. We donate \$10 to a lucky door prize out of those sales which means we bank on average \$75 into the service club. You may say, that is not much but multiply that by 50 it equals \$3750 plus the extra from the raffles. These monies all go into the service account. (\$4373 as per treasurer's report. A total of \$9707 for Thursday bingo)

I would like to acknowledge the eight members of our club who help at the bingo games:-

Jan, Ros, Anthea, Carole, Kay, Bettina, Barbara and me. Our club is very thankful to these people who can juggle their time to help out at the bingo on a roster basis every Thursday.

Vicki Williams, bingo convener Vicki Williams Bingo promoter.

DIARY DATES

18th or 19th June Sewing Bee at Vicki's (d – but Sat or Sunday to be voted on)

4th July (Tues) Sausage Sizzle – Bunnings

17th August Sausage Sizzle – Bunnings (exhibition Wednesday)

20th August Fundraising Evening - Casino night

27th August Birthing Kits at Vicki's

7th September Sausage Sizzle – Bunnings

8th October Sewing Bee at Karen's

13th October Sausage Sizzle – Bunnings

1st November Melbourne Cup Day

16th Novermber Sausage Sizzle – Bunnings

21st December Sausage Sizzle – Bunnings

Plus dinner meeting - 6.30 on every second Wednesday of the month.

