



DIARY DATES

DINNER MEETING

Thursday 16 NOVEMBER
6.15 for 6.30pm
On the Jetty at Coral Seas
ADVOCACY WORKSHOP

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Thursday 30 NOVEMBER
6.30pm on board
'Whitsunday Magic'

BOARD MEETING

Thursday 7th DECEMBER
6pm Hostess Marie

DIARY DATES 2007

Dinner Meeting
18th JANUARY

Area Conference Mackay
Long Weekend 5-7 MAY

WORLD NEWS

ZONTA'S 87th BIRTHDAY
8 November

11th November
International Week
of SCIENCE and PEACE

20 November UNIVERSAL
CHILDREN'S DAY

25th November
WHITE RIBBON DAY

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Advancing the Status of Women Worldwide



From the President's desk

Hi Girls,

What a great day we had yesterday at our Melbourne Cup function at The Anchorage. Congratulations go to Sue Hansen and her team for all the effort they put into making the day a terrific success. We ended up nearly reaching our limit of 70 people and making between \$700-\$800. Thank you to all the members who donated prizes for the auction. Thanks also go to Gabby for the fashion parade and her interest in Zonta without even having become a member. Gabby and Dee have put a lot of time into the perfume order as well and we are extremely grateful for their ideas and inspiration. Our next event is The Reef Festival on Saturday at 5pm where hopefully we will have many hands on deck to take part in the parade.

Following that, the next big event is The Christmas Party on 30th November on board 'Whitsunday Magic'.

Already we have a few friends of 'Zontians' joining us to make it a lot of fun. Try to come along please and remember, we Zontians know how to party.

The year is drawing to a close and we all wonder where the time went! Our last general meeting for the year will be on November 16th, which will include our third Advocacy workshop. The last board meeting for the year will be 7th December.

Most of our travellers will be back home again and there will be lots of tales and adventures to talk about from Nepal, India, Dubai, England, America, Africa, Burma, Laos, Borneo, and even Melbourne. We are a well travelled lot, aren't we?

We hope to have 'Simply Whitsunday Volume 2 Finger Food and Cocktails' out in time for Christmas sales and we'll be needing a lot of help selling at the markets. Will keep you up to date on that and be making rosters. In other words, we will be contacting you...

I look forward to seeing everyone throughout the month at our various functions. Love to all for now, Carole



THE ZONTA Christmas Party!

When: Thursday 30th November on board 'Whitsunday Magic'

See you at 6.30pm in your best nautical attire!!

**Last Dinner Meeting for the year 16th November at Coral Sea Resort
with 3rd Advocacy Workshop hosted by Sharon and Kimberley**

As Joan is visiting her Melbourne friends this month, **Wendy** will take apologies, numbers and registering of special meals. Please give Wendy as much notice as possible if you cannot attend, also if you intend bringing guests.

White Ribbon Day

held annually on November 25...

is the international day for the elimination of violence against women. A day when hundreds of thousands of people around the world wear a ribbon which denotes that they will not "condone, commit or ignore acts of violence against women."

History: On November 25 1960, the three Mirabal sisters from the Dominican Republic were killed for their political activism. The sisters became known as the "Unforgettable Butterflies" and became a symbol of the crises of violence against women. White Ribbon Day was first introduced in Canada in 1991 after the shooting of 14 female students at the University of Montreal. In the first year, 100,000 ribbons were distributed across Canada. White Ribbon Day has now spread to countries on every continent and has the support of UNIFEM and Amnesty International.

In 1999, the United Nations declared November 25 as the "International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women." An initiative of UNIFEM – one of our partners in PROJECT FIVE-O www.project-five-0.org
www.ceo.challenge@minterrellison.com

SHOW IT'S NEVER OK: Wear a white ribbon on November 25 and join thousands of men across the globe as they make a stand and say they "will not condone, commit or ignore acts of violence against women."

October Inductions

Adele McKinty and Sheryn Blundstone



Inducted into the club by President Carole

Introducing our latest members

Sheryn Blundstone has the management rights of Portside Whitsunday Luxury Apartments and an impressive list of achievements and interests which include past club involvements in Lions and Scouts, and participation on several school bands. Also has qualifications in financial planning.

Adele McGinty owns and operates a beauty salon "Adele's Beauty Spot" and lists her past involvements as organising children's holiday camps, so organising should be a piece of cake!

Third Advocacy Workshop

The third advocacy workshop will now be held at our **November 16 meeting**. This workshop will be lead by **Sharon and Kimberley**

The **purpose** will be to more clearly define each of the three key issues concerning women in the Whitsundays identified in the last workshop, in terms of:-

- * What **sub-set of each topic** should Zonta focus an advocacy project on.
- * Chose sub-committee **leaders** for each group.
- * Make a **plan for the next 3 months**, which will include researching the topic and preparing an action plan for a Zonta advocacy project.

You will be asked to select and join one of the following groups at the November 16 meeting:-

Women's health – could include access to specialist services, public health, high cost of health care in a low-income environment.

Education and training – could include child care for women continuing their studies, training at tertiary level, in-service training, managing jobs, home and study.

Violence against women – could include sexual harassment, bullying, conflict in the workplace, physical and psychological abuse and discrimination, including against the elderly.

So please make a choice and put your thinking caps on.
Kimberley

UN Secretary-General's study urges action to stop Violence against Children. UNICEF Press Release

New York, Thursday 12 October 2006

One of the most detailed studies of violence against children ever conducted shows that millions around the world are being subjected to the worst forms of abuse with little or no protection. The UN Secretary-General's Study on Violence against Children, presented to the General Assembly yesterday, examines the problem in five settings -- the home, schools, institutions, at work and in the community. Although there is a chronic lack of data, the report concludes that violence happens everywhere, is usually inflicted by a person known to the child and is invariably hidden or left unpunished. "Children continue to fear and experience violence in every country of the world," says Professor Paulo Sergio Pinheiro, the independent expert appointed by the Secretary-General to lead the study. "Violence cuts across all social, cultural, religious and ethnic lines. From extreme situations such as communities affected by armed gangs to the daily routine of schools, children face a range of very different forms of violence."

The study involved thousands of consultations with governments, non-governmental organizations, experts and most important, children themselves. Many gave testimonies to the violence they had experienced or witnessed. Harry Lopez, 18, works in some of the most violent neighbourhoods in Caracas, Venezuela. He leads workshops at a local NGO where children and young people can meet and talk. "Listening to a child telling me that he cannot come out of his house because he is afraid that he will be a victim of violence -- that he is afraid to play in his neighbourhood because this could even mean losing his life -- these are the ones who have pushed me to work against violence," he says.

"It's critical that people start to think of violence against children as an unacceptable reality that needs to be addressed, not as isolated but tragic occurrences that just happen," notes UNICEF's Chief of Child Protection, Karin Landgren. "The findings of this report point us in two directions. They give us a concrete set of recommendations for states to act on, and highlight the need for far more research and study."

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Professor Pinheiro calls for states to take primary responsibility in preventing violence against children by providing a robust legal framework: "That means prohibiting all forms of violence against children whenever it occurs and whoever is the perpetrator. It also means investing in prevention programs to address the underlying cause of violence. "Children cannot afford for this study to be just another report that gathers dust on shelves around the world," he adds. "We have a duty to ensure that children enjoy their right to live a life free from violence."



20 November Universal Children's Day

The date of 20 November marks the day on which the UN General Assembly adopted the [Declaration of the Rights of the Child](#), in 1959 and the [Convention of the Rights of the Child](#), in 1989.

The Assembly recommended in 1954 that all countries institute a Universal Children's Day, to be observed as a day of World wide fraternity and understanding between children and of activity promoting the welfare of the world's children.

UNITED NATIONS CALENDAR OF EVENTS NOVEMBER 2006

16 November	International Day for Tolerance
20 November	Universal Children's Day
20 November	Globalization and Mobility: Migration, Gender Equality and Public Health
25 November	International Day for the Elimination of Violence

ZONTA 2007 DIARIES FOR SALE

Zonta Club of Waverley has Zonta Diaries for sale to District 23 and 24 clubs.

- * Zonta Reusable Burgandy Diary including Week at a Glance Diary \$24 each
- * 2007 Zonta Diary Refill \$17 each
- * Indexed Address and Telephone Book \$5 each

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UN: New Report Says Violence Against Women is a Human Rights Violation

Classification Obliges States to Punish Perpetrators and Prevent Abuse

(New York, October 9, 2006) – Human Rights Watch and the Centre for Women's Global Leadership at Rutgers University welcomed a report issued by the United Nations today that classifies abuse against women – whether it happens in the home or elsewhere – as a human rights violation. As such, states are obliged by international human rights standards to hold perpetrators accountable.

The 140-page report, entitled "In-depth study on all forms of violence against women," which was issued by Secretary-General Kofi Annan's office, confirms that violence against women by spouses, family members and employers is a human rights violation, settling any outstanding debate on this issue. By squarely stating that it is, the report says that governments have an obligation to protect women whether the perpetrators are state or non-state actors.

"This report acknowledges for the first time from the highest levels of the United Nations what human and women's rights advocates have documented over the past few decades: violence against women is a massive human rights violation that is both a cause and a consequence of deeply ingrained inequality between men and women," said Charlotte Bunch, executive director of the Centre for Women's Global Leadership at Rutgers University, and a member of the secretary-general's International Advisory Committee for the study. The report describes promising practices in the fight against violence against women, but dismisses state efforts so far as mostly ineffective. Even with a sophisticated analysis of the problem and, in certain cases, strong laws related to this violence, most national-level responses have been inadequate, and have not eradicated the impunity perpetrators too often enjoy.

"The secretary-general's study conveys a very simple message," said LaShawn R. Jefferson, executive director of Human Rights Watch's Women's Rights Division. "The individual who carries out any form of violence against women has committed a crime. A government that does not develop, fund and implement all necessary laws and programs to prevent and to punish this violence violates international human rights law. Both the individual committing the violence and the government blithely letting it happen must be held responsible." The study highlights the need for additional attention to violence suffered by women from marginalized groups (such as indigenous peoples or ethnic minorities). The report also draws attention to the problem of under-documentation of violence and control of women's bodies and sexuality as an insidious component of gender inequality. In addition, the study addresses violence in conflict situations, pertinent issues related to criminal justice systems, service provision for survivors, the need to work with men to address violence, and needs of women who are facing multiple forms of discrimination.

It is incumbent upon the next UN secretary-general to commit to advancing the specific recommendations set out in Kofi Annan's study and it is imperative for human rights advocates to keep pressure on governments to fulfill their responsibility, said Human Rights Watch and the Centre for Women's Global Leadership upon the launch of the report. The report's recommendations are directed at member states and at various entities within the UN system, and include a call to document and register all forms of violence against women and to provide leadership at all levels in the condemnation and prevention of violence against women. "What the secretary-general's study makes clear is that this violence is not inevitable: with sufficient political will, funding, and carefully developed and targeted programs, violence against women can be significantly reduced," said Bunch. "The issue now is, will governments and the United Nations make a firm commitment to act on the findings of this report?"

www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/vaw/violenceagainst_womenstudy_doc.pdf

Profile Ann Cleghorn

Born Melbourne 25/7/1965 'Zonta Women Rock'
Never married. No children. Never smoked.

How I heard about Zonta:

The Zonta ladies breakfast invitation from Kay Harris was a welcome treat. It is hard to find time in busy lives to catch up and this opportunity was perfect. Kay explained the club to me and I was pleased to be invited. Coral Sea is a great location and this breakfast with a highly motivation guest speaker and Elva with hairy armpits made it a wildly fun event. I was hooked, where have I been in Airlie? All these amazing women. As I am in a male dominated and sea going career I realized I missed girl friends and female company. I was also at great risk of losing the quality friendships and support only women can give to each other. It has opened my eyes to local issues and events that I did not even know went on. The global issues have been a great learning curve.

Position held in Zonta:

I hold no position and am the lowest in rank but am just happy to be part of Zonta. It is to my delight Zonta takes all types and does not discriminate against the not so active members. My day will come when I am able to commit more time and effort.

Resources and skills available to Zonta:

I have been available to man the stall at the market and sell cookbooks and raffle tickets. Undetermined as yet.

Why are you living in the Whitsunday's?

I have followed a dream. I grew up in Adelaide and worked in PR for BRL Hardy's Wines. My high school sweetheart and I had been around the world in a year off and the most exciting thing we did was sail. We had no idea how to sail but bought a boat any way on our return. We were moored next to a couple that had a Whitsunday 100 magic miles book. I knew the photos were doctored to look so beautiful but I thought that was the place to take 3 months off and learn to sail..... Well, I never returned to Adelaide except to pack and visit the family. I left a great 12 year relationship. My family, I am very close to my two brothers and two sisters and here I am. Still sailing. More than a passion now a profession.

Tell us something about your family:

My boyfriend Ian Bone is a darling; he supports my work and sailing. He is an intelligent man who now loves Airlie Beach. We have been together since March 04. It all started with Ian visiting Airlie Beach on his Harley and me wandering into to KC's Restaurant and some red wine.

My parents many of you have met. Beth and Dave married in 1964 and gave us all the love and opportunity they could. A go and try attitude, we were encouraged and we are very different and yet very close. My father is the adventurous traveller and mum more stay at home with the little dog Holly. On a visit for the 40th birthday last year dad's heart needed surgery. This year he was able to spend quality time with me after a great recovery. We value "extra time" and spend it together. He's a great inspiration to me, my best supporter. Thank you Zonta ladies for caring for Dave while I sadly went to sea during part of the visit. Dad was dined, taken for coffee, phone calls and enjoyed friendship and care from you girls that makes Zonta really important and special. I was so touched and words are small when I think of how big the caring is towards my family and me.

Career highlights:

I started out a hairdresser. After my apprenticeship I started a saloon in a gym, a groovy hip place. Then BRL Hardy Wines employed me for 8 years and I enjoyed the sound of popping corks and selling wine. The 12 months off overseas trip in 1992 opened my eyes to the world of travel. Then the sailing.... Whitsunday's 1994. Then sailing deliveries in the Caribbean, USA to Antigua, Barbados to Tahiti, Tahiti to Fiji. Some racing in the Sydney Hobart 1996, all east coast races Sydney to Cairns, raced Brisbane to Solomon's 4 times, Sydney to Noumea race, Key west regatta. Cont...

I wrote for the Aust sailing magazine for many years. Stories of places visited and interviews with sailors like Kay Cottee, Ian Murray and Syd Fisher. I spent a year living in Thailand due to a romantic attachment. I was able to be involved with a women's group there but the main interest was shopping for some. It was my pleasure to teach English to the local boys orphanage and those wonderful people are still my friends. I was able to experience Thailand in a whole new way with this opportunity. I have seen women's roles in a very close range in this very different culture. I also spent time with an Italian priest in a catholic aids community he still runs. The people there needed help with English. This whole experience I can't begin to explain. I feel it is easy to help and the small things count. Giving time and being patient revealed many things.

The med skippering a boat for a private owner was the highlight. A new 64-foot yacht with all the mod cons. Wonderful opportunity living there nearly a year. Master 4 studies at Aust maritime college in Tassie, investing in Airlie Beach, doing older places up. Then the National marine unit for Aust customs. This career I do not share with many people as it is a very complex, diverse and can be political. It is currently very topical with armed boarding of illegal fishermen. I have three weapon licenses and am required to do use of force training. I shoot a mag 58 every time I go to sea as training. My normal 3 weeks at sea and three weeks off is interrupted with operational needs, training and just Canberra changing my roster. I have completed a three-week full time engineering course in May which meant I was not home for nine weeks straight.

To enable me not to go to sea so often one day myself, my sister, Ian and his mother invested in Jubilee and are doing up some old units.

Favorite activities outside of Zonta:

At work there is no alcohol at all so I like champagne or a good wine when I am home. I am known to call Joanne and wander to Capers for a chat. Waters Edge on a Sunday is a favourite lunch and relaxation time.

Cooking dinner at home for a crowd and a lot of laughter is a pleasure. Visitors popping in. Friends and family visiting. Soon a fitness test is being imposed at work so I will be busy getting fit!!!!!! I scuba dive and the last trip was Cairns on a three day trip in June. Study in the marine industry will never finish, I keep busy.

Renovated my Airlie apartment slowly but surely, it never seems to end either. Yacht skipper work in the Whitsunday's. Taking people around the beautiful islands overnight and enjoying the area.

Recent travel: Cook Islands and Noumea. Just bought a bike and intend to use it. Spending time with Ian.



Ann, you are an amazing woman and we are so proud you are part of Zonta Whitsundays. Luella

What is Project Five-O ??

In 1980 at the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women in Copenhagen, Denmark, the International Federation of Business and Professional Women, the Associated Country Women of the World, the International Federation of University Women, Soroptimist International and the International Council of Women agreed to work together on a common project designed to help women in developing countries in poor economic circumstances.

Thus **Project Five-O** (the "O" stands for "organization") was born. When the ACWW decided to resign from Project Five-O in 1990, the remaining four organizations asked Zonta International to join. The initial objective of Project Five-O was to establish a training centre on each of the five continents with each of the five organizations selecting an appropriate location and establishing a steering committee of local members to develop detailed proposals. Funds have been raised worldwide by members of the participating organizations and have been matched by donations from UNESCO.

Activities sponsored by **Project Five-O** include projects in India, the Philippines, Thailand, Turkey, Mexico and Bangladesh. www.project-five-o.org for more information

2006 Nobel Peace Prize Winner Muhammad Yunus, Founder of Grameen Bank

DHAKA, Bangladesh, Oct. 13 /PRNewswire/ -- Muhammad Yunus, Ph.D, known as "the father of micro-credit," and his Grameen Bank, which he founded to provide small loans to impoverished people who were not served by traditional banks, jointly have been named winners of the 2006 Nobel Peace Prize.

Dr. Yunus was born in 1940 in the Chittagong, Bangladesh. He studied at Dhaka University and received a Fulbright scholarship to study economics at Vanderbilt University, where he earned a Ph.D. in economics in 1969. After serving as an assistant professor of economics at Middle Tennessee State University, Dr. Yunus returned to Chittagong University, to head the economics department. In 1976, he loaned his own money to a destitute basket weaver, then started the Grameen project, a village bank movement, which led to the opening of the Grameen Bank in 1983. Since then, Grameen Bank has made micro loans to more than 6.6 million borrowers, **97 percent of them women, and disbursed more than \$US 5.7 billion in loans throughout Bangladesh.**

Today, more than 250 institutions in more than 100 countries operate micro-credit programs based on the Grameen methodology. Reflecting Dr. Yunus' belief that credit is a basic human right, Grameen Bank operates on the idea that loaning money to poor people on terms that are suitable to them and teaching people a few sound financial principles enables them to help themselves. Grameen Bank has instituted a number of innovative programs to help improve the economic well-being and also the health, education and living conditions of poor people, including:-

* Scholarships to high-performing children of Grameen borrowers. * Higher education loans for tuition, maintenance, and other school expense. * Housing loans * Pension Fund for older borrower. * Life Insurance program for families of deceased borrowers * The Struggling Members Program, interest-free loans to beggars, many of whom are disabled, blind, mentally incapacitated or in ill health * Enterprises that create jobs for poor people in such enterprises as fish farms, knitwear, rural phone services, baby formula, and solar energy.

Additional information on Grameen Bank is available at <http://www.grameen-info.org>.

Snippets

Wildly Wealthy Women

Kimberley has been participating in the Wildly Wealthy Women mentoring program for the past 6 months and has received **3 awards** from the program. At the June workshop, Kimberley was awarded the top prize of \$5,000 for financial achievements in the previous 2 months. At the October meeting, she was awarded \$2,000 for the success she achieved with her USA purchases. Also at this meeting, Kimberley won the "*Most Sophisticated Dame Edna*" at the gala dinner, thanks to **Annie's beautiful pink feather boa** and ideas for Dame Edna glasses.

Congratulations Kimberley, you are a star!



Centro Photo Competition

Kimberley would like to thank all those Zontians who voted for her picture of Olivia (on a trampoline) in the Centro Whitsunday photo competition. Although Kimberley did not win the shoppers choice prize, she did receive this enlarged photo displayed at Centro.



Body Business Breakfast Club.

Monthly networking breakfast at Club Croc on the first Wednesday of each month at 7am, for people who are practitioners in body healing and health or those interested in such. Guest speakers are invited to each meeting. Next Meeting 6 December and the speakers are (1) Natalie from the Relaxation Centre, speaking on "Natural Health" and (ii) Claire Hubbert speaking on "business solutions".

Could be interesting! If you wish more information or want to attend, please get in touch with Di Ashbury on 4948 1355 or relaxation@koee.com.au



THE GOLDEN LAND

From: Augusta Hermans/UN Committee

I have been traveling twenty days throughout BURMA, now called Myanmar, with 12 other people from all different nationalities. The tour was perfectly organized by travel organization Peregrine. We lived in luxury hotels and resorts and were transported by planes, boats, tenders, open trucks, buses and even two hours on an elephant. We visited almost all the most beautiful Pagoda's and also the monstrous sizes of laying Buddha statues. The biggest one in construction when ready will measure 98 meters. This was all overwhelming, the thousands of stupas, the glittering gold on the famous Pagoda's in every city, the difficult names of kings and other people who made history and after about one week I got confused. There was something I could not give a name to and I could not get warm so far with this country.

Our absolute excellent guide explained that Buddhism means a life of giving and preparing for Nirvana. But how come all those thousands and thousands of Pagoda's are rotting away and new ones are being built, bigger, and larger with more gold (the city of Bagan alone has more than 4000 Pagoda'). I asked and the guide answered: 'just showing who is ruling and who has the power'. But didn't you say that Bhuddism is..... Slowly I realized that the feeling I had and could not give a name to was an atmosphere I have experienced for four years working in the east block countries behind the iron curtain. Here also there is a curtain, but not so obviously. People are scared to talk, not only to tourists but also even at home about the "Top". The guide never mentioned the name Aung San Suu Kyi but called her 'the Lady'. The Junta is ruling into her pockets. They have built a new Capitol and a very nice airport two hour drive from Mandalay and a four lane highway. For the opening of the airport on November 6th 2005 the Junta asked Thai Airways to fly in with a 747 and VIP's. That was the first and the last time an international airline landed. Now there are only three inland flights a week , plus VIP's in their private planes.

The facilities for tourists have been increased. More areas are open as long as you travel organized. For private touring the possibilities are less and renting a car is only possible with special permission from the Army, which takes time to get. We visited many of the very interesting tourist sites, the colorful markets, handicraft workshops and where a kind of guilt feeling hit me by seeing under which manual and labour conditions people are working for less that US\$15 a month and we keep bargaining for silk, lacquer ware, marble, sarongs etc.

The Golden Land is very interesting and worth visiting. However, the professional way the Junta exercises tourism (they literally manoeuvre you through their agricultural country) and contact with the nice hard working people was limited to waving at them. This Golden Land, is a country where all the glittering gold easily can blind your vision.

Ps. On Tuesday 25th November I brekkie over LAOS

Kimberley 2nd Kerry 6th Pam 23rd Roz 27th
HAPPY NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY



Belated birthday wishes to...



EUNICE 2nd OCTOBER

ZONTA ACTION

Stem Cells and the Involvement of Women

District 27 Area 1 Legislative Awareness and Advocacy Committee has been acting on Zonta's 2004 Resolution on Umbilical Cord Blood, Stem Cells and the Involvement of Women since the resolution's adoption. They have provided information through various activities, including: a press conference in Brussels, Belgium, a conference in Dijon, France, and a workshop in Le Grand Hornu, Belgium with more than 120 Zontians attending.

For more information, visit the Zonta Action section of www.zonta.org

Taken from The Zontian October 2006

From the Editor



*Thought for the month: Minds, like parachutes,
 function only when they're open!!*

Cheers, Luella (ima00845@bigpond.net.au)

