



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

SEPTEMBER 2014



Another busy month for everyone, with some members away and others with visitors. The weather has been great and when you have visitors who say 'WOW' every time they turn around it makes you realise just how lucky we are to live in such a wonderful area.

We welcomed Odette van Der Berg to our club last meeting and this means we now have 39 members (nearly there Pam) – congratulations must go to the membership committee. Our annual Membership Night is not far off and Sandii is hoping for some new prospective members, so let your friends know what a great group of ladies form the Zonta Club of the Whitsundays and bring them along to meet us and hear what we do.

The committees are working well planning events – Trivia, Pink Ribbon Day Stall and Birthing Kits in October are completely different events but all supporting our charter -the status of women.

We must give a big thank you to Tanya for her offer to help with the website and Facebook. She obviously has the knowledge for this and we are very grateful.

From the comments I have heard, our idea to hand each member a table number on arrival for the general meeting went over quite well. It wasn't planned who would sit with whom and the social interaction was very good. Sometimes members sit with the same people every meeting and this idea was mooted as a way to mix them up and it worked very well. The board don't intend to do this at every meeting but it will happen again (and again) during the year.

Lesley and I were invited to the opening of the Big 4 Conference Centre – Palm House- and enjoyed a lovely evening. The McKinnon family must be very proud of what they have achieved and it will be a great addition to the area. One of the guests was Suzie Beirne and it was great to see her looking well, keeping busy with her business and looking after her grandchildren and the dogs. She sent her love to all Zontians and plans to come here again in the not too distant future.

Roz and I checked out the new Arts and Cultural Centre in Waterson Road and while it was still being painted and decorated, it too will be another great addition for functions.

What a shame full details of these two venues were not available when we were first asked to help with D22 conference planning!!

Noelene Helman, President





SERVICE



Trivia Night

Whitsunday Bowling Club 10th October. 6.00pm for 6.30 start.

Cost pp is \$15, which includes generous table nibbles and sweet things to accompany tea and coffee.

A representative of the winning table from of last Trivia Night, Karen Collins, is organising great questions and has gained many promises of fantastic prizes from local businesses. There will be prizes galore: Fantastic Door Prize, Raffle Prizes, Table Prizes for winners of various categories and also a silent auction.

Tables will be organised for 8-10 people and it is suggested that you invite a mixed bunch of mates with diverse skills and knowledge and book a table as quickly as possible. We have contestants already showing interest from a number of organisations in the area, so it will be great fun. When booking, please nominate a table name or group that you are sitting with.

Zonta members who are NOT attending, could you please provide a raffle prize nicely wrapped to the value of \$10-\$15 and give it to Cath Fernbach? You may bring it to next meeting (or drop it off at my place). If you ARE attending the night, could you bring a yummy slice/biscuits.... something that will go well with coffee.

The Trivia Night is a major fundraiser for our club and we'd love everyone to become involved in it.

You can buy tickets at the Amazing Place, Shute Harbour Rd (opposite Brumbys) or Contact Cath Fernbach (ticket sales) 0419653878. I will bring tickets to sell at the Membership meeting this month.

Sue Hansen, Chair



Birthing Kits Assembly Day:

It's Birthing Kits time again and we have booked the date of 15th October to pack 600 kits at Proserpine High School. With at least 12 Zonta members and another 20+ senior students from both the Proserpine High School and St Catherine's, the task will be carried out with a minimum of fuss, a lot of joyful chatter and an end result that will help to save the lives of many women and babies in third world countries, who would otherwise be subject to unclean birthing sites, risking infection and/or mortality. All this with a small package of very basic supplies costing a total of just \$3.

The Birthing Kit Project was formed in 1999 by the Zonta Club of Adelaide and later became a Foundation encompassing not only Zonta but other organisations, such as Rotary. The Foundation is supported and funded by Ausaid together with donations from Zonta and Rotary clubs around Australia. I have lost track of time but our club has been packing birthing kits for about 10 years with packs going to many third world countries.

Wendy Downes, Birthing Kits Coordinator



Books From Birth:

Our August meeting was very successful with six Zontians parcelling up six boxes of books which were sent off. Two to Eddie Smallwood, an indigenous worker from the Gudjuda reference group who delivered to Bur-del Playgroup and after school care in Ayr who are a Non-profit organisation.

One box to Girudala in Bowen, again a playgroup and homework program.

One box to our local Crisis Centre.

One box to an indigenous mothers' group in Hughenden.

We received an engraved pen with letter of thanks to Zonta from Bur-del, so grateful for the books.

Unfortunately I had to cancel 3 September workshop but will have a workshop Wednesday 10th September and again 1st October, so if we can get at least six people each time we can send out twelve more boxes!!

Motivational piece: Two women were walking along a beach and saw hundreds of star fish washed up on the shore. One woman picked up a star fish and threw it back in the water. The other woman said "What did you do that for? What difference would that make?" and the Zontian replied "It made a difference to THAT starfish"!

Please come along and make a difference!

Judy Brett, Chair



MEMBERSHIP

The Membership Committee under the Chairmanship of Sandii Hansen is well underway with lots of interesting and exciting things happening for the rest of this year.

Welcome to new member Odette!

Information Night - The New Member Information Night is coming up soon. A copy of the invitation should have been sent to your inbox by now. Please take the time to forward it on to anyone who you think may wish to attend. Get the invites out there to make this night a great success. The evening will take on a similar format to last year, starting with Drinks and Nibbles and time for socializing. It will include talks by some of our members and a Power Point presentation in which all members will take part. Following will be a break for Coffee and Dessert and more socializing. Look out for the final event of the evening which will be presented by the membership committee and is something special. Make sure this is one meeting you do not miss! **See flyer attached and please use to invite guests.**



*You are invited to join us for an
Information Evening and dinner (on us!).*

Marina Shores

18th September at 6.15pm

To RSVP & parking instructions:

Please contact Connie at

zontaclub7@hotmail.com or 4946 4090

This is an opportunity to meet with members of Zonta to get a better understanding of how we work together to raise the status of women globally and have fun whilst doing so.....



*Thumbs Up Award for
Members of the community*



International Women's Day 2014



Helping local girls with their education

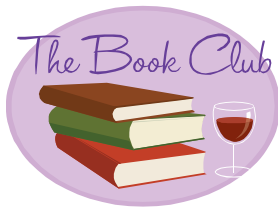


Board members for 2012~2014





CHRISTMAS PARTY: Can you believe that we are talking Christmas already! The Christmas Party is underway with Sue Hansen as the chair. If you would like to be on this committee please let Sue know on 0415 311 195. The theme is "The Great Gatsby" so should be lots of fun. Mark your calendar for 15 November. Sue will give more details at the October General Meeting.



BOOK CLUB: The Book Club has been meeting for some time on the last Wednesday of every Month. Venue varies from month to month. If you are interested in joining this dynamic group please contact Kerry K. on 4946 1460 or 0417 778 409. The Zonta Book Club purchases of books and DVD's for the Cannonvale Library is in its last phase. They have purchased seven sets of ten novels.

AQUA AEROBICS : Want to get fit? Aqua is happening at 10am Tuesday's & Thursday's. Currently about 4-9 ladies attend with probably the larger group on Tuesday's. There is lots of chattering going on so the 1 hour workout goes very quickly, then more chattering over a cuppa afterwards. All proceeds go to Zonta.



Anyone interested in joining this group – Contact Laura on 0409 396 204

Club Shirts - If you are considering ordering a Club Shirt, contact Lauren 0400 028 959. There are a number of shirts in stock and we will be placing an order for more sizes soon.

What's in Store for October

Watch Out! Another Knock Knock – Who's There Mystery dinner is taken place. Details coming soon.



Time for a bit of fun. Mentoring Moments, are on their way. The Membership Committee have something interesting planned for you at the October General Meeting.

- Thumbs Up Award – Another Candidate has been chosen and will be given the award in the next few weeks – Details at the October General Meeting – don't miss it.

Connie Riley Director



SUPPORTING KEISHA & LIFELINE

Tania, Nolene, P.J. & Pammie (Pam G.) and her sister Shirley walked over later)

Our men show support via Men's Shed; Janet's hubby Wolfgang, Dawn's hubby Warwick, & P.J.'s Steve help cook sausages for the attendees.



We all attended to support 'our' Keisha, whom we Zontians have recently helped with her education expenses.

Out of the light and into the shadows' is an annual walk hosted by Lifeline that strives to increase suicide awareness in communities. The walk was organised by Proserpine teenager Keisha McEwan in conjunction with the Whitsunday Neighbourhood Centre, Whitsunday Crisis and Counselling and Stand for the Silent. Our Councillor Jan and Mayor Jennifer opened the ceremony/walk (as is usual, no male councillors were in attendance!).

A great many young people were in attendance and we 'assumed' young ones were most likely to be the ones to suicide.

We were rather shocked to learn from Constable Simon Walters that the over 70's are the largest age group to take their own lives.

Another surprising fact is that the most recent data shows that almost twice as many people died from suicide in Australia, than in road related transport deaths (1,310 vs 2,535). We hear daily about road deaths but virtually nothing about suicide, unless it is a movie star.



MEMBER PROFILE:

Tanya Stewart



BIRTHDAY: 28th November

HOW I HEARD ABOUT ZONTA: Was involved with Zonta Glenelg about 25 years ago.

WHY AM I LIVING IN THE WHITSUNDAYS: Unlike most people I am not a sailor, I am a romantic I fell in love and relocated to be with the man I love.

MY FAMILY: My partner David (the reason I'm here) and I have been together since March 2009. We have no children together, however have 3 children between us, Samantha 25, Matthew 24 and Jordon 21. Samantha lives in Melbourne and Mathew and Jordon live on the Sunshine Coast.

SHARE SOME LIFE/CAREER HIGHLIGHTS: At the beginning there was this beautiful princess...no really; I'm far from a princess, a vagabond traveller is closer to my story. I was born in Adelaide. I have an adopted brother eight years younger than me, who at the age of 42 is still my baby brother. My parents were Gypsies so I went to a variety of different schools throughout Western Australia and the Northern Territory. This set the tone for the rest of my life having lived in every state in Australia except Tasmania.

I have built an amazing career in hospitality first as a chef, then as a property manager working in such remote locations as Ayers Rock and Kangaroo Island. Nine years ago I decided that I needed a change and went back to studying completing a HR degree, an Advanced Diploma in Nutritional Medicine, Coaching and Behavioural Profiling. I am privileged enough to now have my own business, Life in Focus that assists small business' and women with Holistic Performance Management. This allows me to wrap all my skills, knowledge and passion into one bundle.

MY MOTTO: Life is Simple not Easy and The Universe never gives you more than you can handle

MY PASSION: WOMEN... I want to help women to Identify, Articulate, Believe and Achieve their Dreams

WHY ZONTA: I am a true believer in sharing and giving back to the community both in time and resources. Zonta's strong ethos in assisting women, aligns perfectly with my personal beliefs and values; however, I can honestly say that joining Zonta was also a selfish move. The quality of the women in Zonta is amazing, the friendship and support beyond belief and the fun the ladies have is legendary. I wanted to be part of that.

WRAP UP: I hope I can contribute to the Whitsunday Zonta both on a day to day as well as in a development level. Developing new and different projects that Whitsunday Zonta can contribute to. I would really love to see a proactive approach to helping young women in business. I am also looking forward to becoming friends with all the amazing ladies that make up Whitsunday Zonta.



Date Claimers

2 Sept: Board meeting – 5.30

10 Sept: Books from Birth – Judy Brett's

11 September: IWD committee meeting

18 September: Information Evening: 6.15 PM – Marina Shores

1st October : Books from Birth - 3 – 5 PM – Judy Brett's

7 October: Board meeting – 5.30

10th October: Trivia Night - Whitsunday Bowling Club- 6.00pm for 6.30 – Contact Sue Hansen

15 October: Birthing Kit Assembly Day – Wendy Downes, Chair

16 October: General Meeting - 6.15 – Reef Gateway

27 October: AFADU Carole 4946 6538 for time/place

29 October: Book Club – contact Kerry K. 4946 1460 for time/place

15 November – Christmas Party – Sue Hansen, Chair

9 -11 October 2015: We host the District Conference – all of us will need to be in attendance so mark your calendars! This is an honour that seldom comes our way.



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