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Dinner Meeting:

Contact **Karen Fuller** 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 \$22.00

Special Dietary Requirements:

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

Karen Fuller

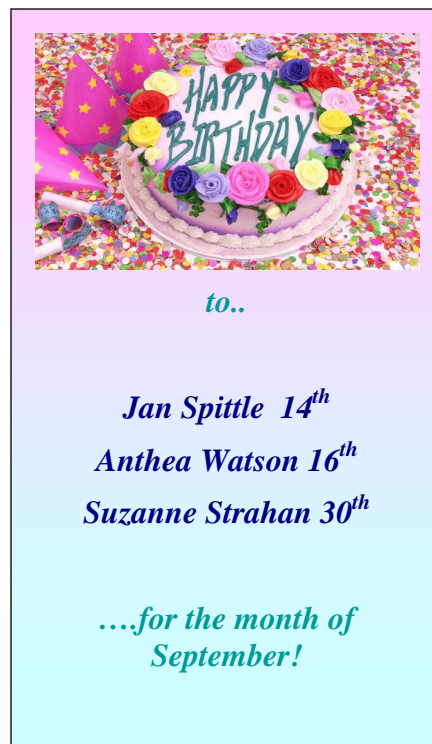
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As it is assumed you will be attending all meetings of the club unless an apology is received, any member from whom an apology is not received in time will still be invoiced for the meal ordered for her.



Bingo Report

We are very lucky to still have members who can punch their own time clock otherwise we would not be able to maintain the bingo game. If any members find that they can put aside one Thursday morning about once every 8 weeks, it would be a great help.

September

2nd Anthea
9th Bettina, Anthea
16th Kay
23rd Carole
30th Ros

October

7th Anthea
14th Jan
21st Kay
28th Bettina

November

4th Karen
11th Carole
18th Jan
25th Jan

December

2nd Kay
9th Bettina
16th Anthea, all helpers

Last Day is Dec16th – all helpers bring something. Club members to supply Xmas hamper goodies.

Bingo will resume on 13th January 2011. Who is available in January?

Thanks,
Vicki Williams
Bingo Convener



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President's Message

Dear members,

I am back from three weeks overseas which I enjoyed very much, especially the three day get together of extended family at my brother's house in Kingston, Ontario.

My thanks to **Suzanne** for taking over the presidential duties while I was away and for running what I can see was a productive dinner meeting thanks to the concise minutes written by **Kay**, thanks Kay.

I've also heard what a good evening **Christmas in July** was – thanks to Karen and the Reid family and Simone, and thanks to all members who were able to support this event even if you did give Karen the heebie jeebies wondering if anyone was going to turn up until the last week!

As you will see from Vicki's column one of our new members **Gabi Simon** has too much on her plate at the moment to continue with Zonta but she has agreed to take leave of absence for the rest of the year so she still receives the newsletter and minutes and can see what we are doing. I hope Gabi will be able to return to the Club in the coming years.

Gabi had kindly volunteered to take over the Public Relations and Communications

committee, so we do have a vacancy there.

I'd like to use the newsletter to give you a very short précis of the report (see pp. 6-7) of the **2010 International Convention** written by immediate past District Governor Vicki Varthas and current District Governor Trish Collins. Please note I have omitted far more information than I have included but I can send a copy of the report to any interested members and there will also be a copy in the correspondence file.

Looking forward to the September meeting when we should have our young guest speaker **Kristy Butler** who attended a science forum in Turin in July. Hopefully she will tell us little about the city which is hosting our next international convention!

Regards,
Rosalind Pestell

Service Report

Kowanyama... Lara sent some great photos of the fete which have been emailed to all our members. If any members did not receive them, please give me a call & I will send again.

High School Bursaries.... to date we have received 3 acceptances....Ferry Grove, Mitchelton & Albany Creek.

Arana Leagues Club – Domestic Violence sign...

has now been completed (and at time of writing) is to be fixed to the fence on Friday. By now it should be up so remember to have a look next time you are at the Arana Leagues Club!

Jebb House... we delivered 3 Kitchen Sets and \$50 cheque to fund their bar-b-ques. After leaving Jebb House, most women tend to re-establish themselves in the local area and the bar-b-que is a wonderful way for the women to get together to support each other and for Jebb House staff to keep in touch & offer whatever ongoing support they can.

Jebb House has requested jigsaw puzzles to suit ages 10-13, between 100 - 500 pieces. If anybody has some puzzles in their cupboards they don't want anymore (with all the pieces), please bring them to our next dinner meeting. Jebb have also requested painting canvasses (small & medium





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sizes), paints and school bags. When you are out shopping, please keep a look out for these items. If you spot any on sale, please give me a call.

QUT Scholarship... I have been given some information on the recipient of our 2010 Scholarship. The information is very limited due to privacy reasons. The recipient is enrolled in NS40 Bachelor of Nursing. She is a sole parent with 2 dependant children; earning less than \$650 per fortnight. And sadly suffered a close family member bereavement in 2009. I have requested QUT to pass on our invitation to the recipient to speak at one of our dinner meetings. Hopefully this will be accepted.

That is all for this month.

Regards,
Suzanne Strahan

Finance & Fundraising

Well, goodbye to Christmas in July and hello to Ausfest and the Melbourne Cup Lunch. I ask you all to consider whether you can spend some time on the Ausfest Stall on Saturday 9th October before the next dinner meeting. The event starts at 12.30pm and finishes at 6.30pm.

Melbourne Cup Lunch will be held on Tuesday 2nd of


November at Wantima . So get out your fancy hats and beautiful dresses and come along and have some fun. If you want to take part as a model for the fashion parade and please let Karen or myself know.

So get out those email addresses and grab some invites at the meeting and let everyone know that the Zonta club of Pine Rivers fabulous race day event is on again.

Regards,
Simone Boersma

Organisation, Membership & Classification Committee

It is with great regret that Gabi has advised us of having to take leave of absence. She is very concerned about her elderly parents back in Germany whom she has just visited and discovered them to become very frail. She is an only child and as they have no other close relatives, she expects to be returning to Germany several times to try and persuade them to move



United Nations Day Guest

At the October Dinner Meeting traditionally we acknowledge and celebrate Zonta's ties with United Nations. The month of October is chosen because United Nations Day is held on October 24.

This year our dinner speaker will be Frances Orford, a teacher from Bunya, who was a recipient of the Order of Australia this year for her work in assisting young refugees to integrate into the local community.

Mrs Orford teaches at Yeronga State High School where refugee students from African and Middle Eastern countries make up about 50% of the school population. Her role involves more than just providing English lessons to migrants. She helps the students integrate into the local community through social networking, community groups, support and advice, even helps them to find employment and has attended birthing classes with some of the young women.

Although Mrs Orford has a busy time coming up in October, with a family wedding that brings her 98 year old mother visiting from England, she is keen to speak to the Zonta Club of Pine Rivers. She believes in furthering the communities knowledge of the courage with which these young refugees approach life in their new country and an appreciation of the diversity that they bring to our city.

Regards,
Glynnis Gartside
United Nations Committee



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into care. This is her major concern at this time. For those of us who have been in this position and some still are, we know how difficult it is when our parents are nearby, let alone in another country.

Ros, Kay, Marina, Karen, Jan, Carole, Glynnis, Simone, Vicki and Suzanne completed packing 1000 birthing kits and once again I forgot to take a photo for our records.

Getting to know you...

This is just a little column about events of the club members so when you come to a dinner meeting, you will know a little bit more about your fellow members:

Our **President Ros** has returned safely from her trip and very adequately called the bingo game two days after arriving home. She had a lovely time, especially as one of the treats was her brother's 70th Birthday.



A little bird told me that **Bettina** is going on holiday in New Zealand in

style with Bill Peach's tour, flying from spot to spot. Maybe to celebrate her 65th Wedding Anniversary which is on Melbourne Cup Day this year.

Vicki Williams was spotted out to lunch and had her photo taken with Kevin Rudd. This was before the election.

You can visit **Yvonne** at Brookside Shopping Center in her new position as Manager of "Wombat" Brookside. This is a full time job and she will still fit in her volunteer work for "Look Good Feel Better" and travel back and forth to Nerang to support her mother and father who are both very frail and need care.

Member Information

Where do our fees go?

Before I joined Zonta, I asked the question about whether Zonta is just an organization that supports a whole lot of executives to fly around the world. I was assured that was not the case. Well, in a way we do. Our membership fees cover many items and I thought that members would like to know what happens to our membership fees.

Our club members at this point in time pay \$175.00 per year.

US\$65.00 is sent to Zonta International. This is increasing to US\$80.00 next year.

\$A30.00 goes to district fees and the rest into our admin account.

Why, you might ask, do we have to pay all this to international and district. Well the answer is simple. As I have just completed 2 years as area director, I could not have done it without the district budget to cover all out of pocket expenses. E.g. travel to all clubs. These costs and

costs of the other district board members come out of the district fees.

All area meetings, district conferences and international conferences have to be self funded which means the costs of attending have to cover the costs of the functions.

Our club is very supportive of our members and pays for the President's or club delegate's registration fees to area, district and international conferences. We pay one third of the air travel of the delegate to international. Over the last few years, we have also paid for any interested members to attend the area meetings. We have a healthy admin account and try to give back to the members when we can. Before email, clubs had postage and printing or photocopying of newsletters and costs of any other correspondence.

Regards,
Vicki Williams (*Chair*)

Crossword Puzzle

Answers (from last month)

Across: 4. Bursaries 5. Chairwoman
6. Cities 8. Empower 11. Service
12. Sausage sizzle 14. Kowanyama
16. Minutes 18. Wednesday
19. Women

Down: 1. Zonta 2. Domestic violence
3. Italy 4. Birthing kits 5. Committees
7. Volunteer 9. Amelia 10. Christmas
13. Formal 15. Bingo 17. Six



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Report on the AGM of NCWQ

(National Council of Women Qld)

Last night, I represented our club at the NCWQ AGM which was as always, very informative and interesting. The guest speakers were some recipients of their bursaries:

- **Marney O'Dea** year 12 student from Kenmore high who talked on volunteering as a cub master and the joy of supporting younger people learn more about the world.
- **Keryn MacDonald** talked about guiding and how the Guides are celebrating their 100 year anniversary. She had a power point presentation on how to make the difference by educating one girl in a remote village. I have seen and read this before but not sure where or when and it is most interesting. It goes like this - help one girl- she buys a cow - goes into business- she helps others- etc etc. Very good.
- **Ms Sintayehu Mekonnen** was winner of the 2010 refugee bursary. Her story brought tears to most eyes but she was so engaging, I would love to be able to have her at our club function. - Refugee camp until 11 years old and now wants to do nursing. You can only imagine the in-between story.
- But my favorite speaker was **Ms Therese Rein** who spoke on homeless women - who they are and the sad facts of what makes them homeless. There is an organization called "Common ground Australia" which is worth investigating. Therese said that women are the invisible homeless. They are unaccountable because, mostly out of fear of abuse, they do not want to be found. They can sleep in cardboard boxes, in the reeds of creeks and stay hidden for fear of being raped or found by the person who abused them originally. Therese also said "life is unpredictable", as she recently found out, but when people do not have the support of a loving family, who knows what can happen.

Keryn mentioned that when men are poor, women are poorer. As you can see, the evening made a huge impact on me.

President Ros had also managed to do a lovely report on our club for NCWQ records which was great to read.

By Vicki Williams

QCGC
research

DATE CLAIMER!!

30th November 10.30 – 2.00 pm

Kedron Wavell Services Club

COST: \$25.00

Please put this date in your diary and start asking friends. This is an information and fund raising event to raise awareness of the signs and symptoms of gynaecological cancer.





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PRECIS OF THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S REPORT ON THE ZONTA INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, 25 – 30 JUNE 2010.

1,418 Zontians and 188 guests registered for convention but 112 of 1,224 clubs were not represented at Convention. 19 new Clubs were formed during the biennium and at 31 May 2010 the total membership stood at 31,354.

Vicki and Trish gave brief details of the evening social events on offer which I shan't include – suffice to say there was plenty of Texas hospitality with down town tours, visits to a ranch, a museum, a river cruise and the closing banquet, and good times were had!

First Day Open Forum

At the open forum on the first day some of the issues that ZI president Beryl Stern openly and honestly shared at our District 22 conference in September 09 (and which those of us who were at the conference have since shared with the Club) were discussed.

The ZI Boards have taken actions to reduce the administration costs of ZI but it will still be necessary to raise our fees by US\$15 from next year. This is from the current fees of US\$65.

Members Database And Payments

A database will be available shortly on the members' only section of the ZI website for Club Presidents and Treasurers to make changes to membership lists directly, and additional membership payments will in future be possible through the use of Visa (rather than obtaining a US cheque).

Use:- goodsearch.com and goodshop.com to raise funds for ZIF
If you choose to use goodsearch.com instead of google, and goodshop.com for online shopping then both these companies will give the Zonta International Foundation one cent for each search undertaken.

Opening Ceremony

The presentation of flags was a little different from the usual format were Zontians bear the flags of countries and Districts etc. Instead the flags were carried by escorts - members of the San Antonio Fire Department Honour Guard.

The keynote speaker Dr. Carolyn Hannan highlighted the role and importance of Zonta in the United Nations, always good to hear, and the ceremony concluded with lively entertainment by a team of singers, dancers and boot scooters.

Memorial Ceremony

The traditional memorial service to remember Zontians who have died in the past two years took the form of a New Orleans style service with a Jazz funeral parade.

Elections

Elections took place on the second day and the successful candidates for International Committees and District Governor positions are featured in the July 2010 Zontian.

Vicki Varthas stood as an International Director for Australia and New Zealand but was pipped to the post by Alison Martin. (I don't know which Club Alison is from, sorry).

However Jane O'Brien, formerly of the Redcliffe Club and now with Sandgate, continues as Chair of the Young Women in Public Affairs Award committee, and Denise Conroy of the Zonta Club of Brisbane East

continues as Chair of the Legislative and Awareness and Advocacy committee.

ZI Bylaws & Resolutions

I have a full list of the proposed amendments to the bylaws and rules of procedure and have marked them as whether adopted or not. The vast majority only involved deletions or additions of words without changing the meaning of the bylaw or rule, and many others were not adopted so there was no change at all. The full list will be in the correspondence file for those interested.

The only two which I (and Vicki Varthas/Trish Collins) have noted as of interest to Clubs are:

18c. Article XIV, Clubs, Section 9. Committees. P.40

"There shall be an Organization, Membership and Classification Committee, a Service committee, a Legislative Awareness and Advocacy Committee and such other committees as the Club board may authorise to achieve biennium goals."

Previously the standing committees were the ones we have now – Finance, OMC, PR, Service and UN. So this is something we will have to discuss.

The other by-law worth noting because it was NOT changed (although there had been a proposal to change it) is

21. Article XIV, Clubs, Section 2. Members (b) Classified members p.34:-

"To be invited to membership a candidate shall be actively engaged in, or have experience in, a recognised business or profession in a decision-making capacity".



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The proposal by District 27 (Belgium) was to delete the phrase "or have experience in" which would have severely limited whom we could invite to join.

Awards & Service Programs

The delegates heard from winners of the Jane M Kalsumann Women in Business Scholarship, and Young Women in Public affairs and also from UNICEF and UNIFEM representatives on the international programs. Delegates adopted the new or

continuing programs outlined in the minutes of the May dinner meeting, and which also can be found in the July Zontian.

Caroline Rickards from Melbourne is an Amelia Earhart scholarship recipient who gave a presentation at the convention as to how she had used her scholarship and how her career had evolved.

Not all financial targets were met during the biennium but the ZISVAW

fund's target of US\$600,000 was exceeded by 75,000. Unfortunately the International Service Funds target of US\$1,600,000 was only at 83% by 31 May 2010.

Last Things

The Convention finished with an invitation to attend the 2012 Convention in Turin, Italy, presidential gift giving, the installation ceremony and the closing banquet.

END

ZONTA CLUB OF PINE RIVERS INC.
Invites you to a
Melbourne Cup Lunch
Fashion Parade
by **DKW Fashion**, Albany Creek
Lucky Door Prize
Sweeps
Raffles
Bubbly on Arrival, Hot & Cold Buffet
Wantima Country Club
530 South Pine Road, Brendale
Tuesday 2nd November
10.30am Arrival
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