



AUGUST 2011

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hello everyone

At our Information evening held in July, it was with great pleasure that we inducted Christina della Valle as our newest member of the Zonta Club of the Whitsundays. I know that you will all join me in welcoming Christina when you next see her.

By now you should all have received your copy of The Zontian and it was interesting to see an article headed "Find Inspiration" for recruiting and retaining members. In this article they have highlighted stories from clubs who have found successful methods of member recruitment and retention. For those members and guests that attended our meeting at Marina Shores, I am sure you will all agree it was very enjoyable way to promote Zonta. The new initiative by the membership committee to have an open invitation to come along and join us at the Coffee Club on the 20th of August gives a strong sense that we are on the right track!

It was also very exciting at the August board meeting to have 6 new project proposals tabled for consideration of the Board for recommendation to the membership! Your Directors will be presenting these proposals at the August meeting, along with filling vacancies on projects already identified and scheduling in dates for events. It should be a great evening and I am looking forward to catching up with you at this meeting.

Cheers, Sandii



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday Book Club:

The next meeting of the Book Club will be held at Roz's home on Thursday 1st September at 5.30 p.m. We will be sharing our thoughts on "The Tenderness of Wolves" by Stef Penny. Please bring your copy of the book with you.



Special Event for our Zonta Club: Our Annual Film Night (Rescheduled)



When: Tuesday 23rd August, 6pm – approx 9pm

Where: Angela's Place - RainForest Close Strathdickie (Car pool please where possible)

What to Bring: Bring your own wine and plate of tapas

RSVP: To Roz, please, by 18th August and she will tell you what to bring re food and wine (Email address peteandroz@bigpond.com)

The Film: Desert Flower Genre: Drama/Romance Running Time: 120 minutes Language: English Rating: MA 15+ strong themes



Christmas Dinner Buffet:

TAFE will be conducting a Christmas Dinner Buffet similar to last year's. It will be on Thursday, 27th October and the cost will be about the same as last year (\$32-35). Anyone who is interested please email Cath (cathfern@bigpond.com). It's too early to take money but an idea of numbers attending is necessary so that a booking can be made.



District Conference:



This is a wonderful opportunity to learn much about the real work of Zonta at the next 'level'. As we hosted the Area conference this year, we are familiar with that 'level' of Zonta. District includes all of Queensland and will be an opportunity to learn more about the great work we support.

***Please let Noelene know if you are interesting in attending. Four of us have registered but there is space for another to share a room.**

DATE CLAIMERS:

- 18 August – General Meeting – Reef Gateway – 6.15 for 6.30 start
- 20 August – Tea/Coffee and Fellowship – 9.30 AM – Coffee Club
- 23 August – Film Night postponed to new date – 6 PM – Angela's
- 1 September – Book Club – 5.30 – Roz's
- 12 September – Board Meeting – 5.30 – Noelene's
- 23-25 Sept – District 22 Conference – Brisbane
- 8 October – Healthy Lifestyle Expo – PCYC – 10.00-4.00
- 15 October – Domestic Violence Month event – Outrigger Club/Zonta/Whitsunday Crisis & Counselling Service
- 27 October – TAFE Christmas Party – contact Cath





REPORTS

SERVICE:



Healthy Lifestyle Expo Twitter:

With the exhibitor deadline set for September 1st, Connie and Sue are hoping to get all interested exhibitors confirmed and paid up by then. We already have confirmed 8 sponsors, with sponsorship provided by Zinc radio and the Whitsunday Times going a long way to help with the cost of our marketing. The media committee has been very proactive in revamping our flyer and making sure the event is listed on all relevant web sites, as well as helping to source our very valuable advertising sponsorship. A big thank you goes to Kerry, PJ, Jill, Angela & Cath for their enthusiasm and commitment.

To all our fashionistas: Look forward to the Climate Classics Clothing Fashion parade being held at the Expo. Climate Classic Clothing labels include: Earth Collection Label – Both men and ladies wear – silk/cotton blends, organic cotton, ramie /cotton. Bamboo/ cotton clothing. Zuzabart label – knitted linens – grown and made in Poland (organic linen). Pepitos range of Italian linen – Direct from Italy. Australian Designer Catarina linen/ cotton range.

Healthy clothing is an interesting concept for our Healthy Lifestyle Expo but these garments are produced without any toxins or pesticides; it is sooo good next to our skin, as well as for the environment. We need a few models from our club – over a variety of size ranges. Contact Roz if you fancy yourself on the catwalk and would like to be part of this fashion parade and get to wear some gorgeous clothes.

Your expo team, Connie, Roz and Sue

MEMBER NEWS:

Annie reports that she just has spoken to Pam and had to share her fantastic news: She is currently tumour-free and has all the specialists gob smacked at her amazing recovery.

Woo-hoo!!



Eunice will be coming home to Australia, relocating in Melbourne after teaching English in China for two years. She'll be attending our general meeting this month and, perhaps, we can gather a few of us for lunch on Friday to hear more of her adventures.

ORGANISATION, MEMBERSHIP & CLASSIFICATION:

Members are invited to enjoy a morning chat at the Coffee Club with prospective members. Please bring along any guests that you think may be interested in getting a better understanding of how we work together to raise the status of women and have fun whilst doing so. A good showing of our numbers is needed to encourage visitors. 20th August, 9.30 am. RSVP to Michelle so that she can confirm numbers.

Our Annual Information Night at July's meeting was small but mighty! Many of our members were unable to attend, due to travel or the rampage of the flu. That didn't deter us from presenting our Whitsunday Zonta Club and International projects to our guests with enthusiasm. We were happy to hand out three applications for membership, with more potential members coming along. Inducting Christina was especially a pleasure to share with our visitors.

12 Steps to Becoming a Zontian by Dianne Leggo, International Chairman of OMC from 1998-2002:
(First 4 were in last month's Reef Talk):

5. *Never say no to a delegated task because you think you can't.* You will grow personally if you take on assignments you have never done before.
6. *DO IT NOW!* Be Reliable.
7. *Read, Read READ!* Zontian magazines, Club, Area Director, District Governor Newsletters, minutes, emails – Accumulate knowledge.
8. *Share your talents and expertise.* Don't be modest! We don't know you can do something unless you tell us.

Photos from Information Night

TOP: Sandii & Michelle

RIGHT: Connie

BELOW: Sandii, New Inductee Christina, Sponsor Carole, And Michelle

Looking good Ladies!!



MEMBER PROFILE-

Carole Brauner

I was born and raised in Brighton, Melbourne and was a student of St Leonards Presbyterian Girls College my entire school life. My desire was to go to uni and become a physical education teacher. Alas, my grandfather was to decide my future and I was taken for an interview at The National Bank of Australia in a crisp shirtmaker dress with collar up, stockings, white shoes, gloves and my mother at my side. I was to spend many years in this institution, transferring to Sydney and achieving a very high position in the bank (well as high as any woman could go at that time). I remember the feeling of injustice as men below my station received higher wages than I did. I started my heart's desire to travel by taking cruises and trips and working three jobs to finance my travels. I had a different date each night and somehow managed to work by remote control at the bank as well as my other jobs. I

transferred to the London Office of The National Bank only to change my mind as so many of us did, after meeting what I thought at the time was the love of my life. In retrospect, I shouldn't have done that but that's another story.

I then followed the love of my life to Sydney, transferring in the bank. I lived in a house in Randwick with 12 other girls and had a wow of a time for about 13 months, then returned to Melbourne. I

eventually married Dieter, a Catholic German tradesman (it nearly killed my Grandfather who was in the 13th Light Horse in the First World War, head of his Masonic Lodge and the Controller of accounts of The Victorian Railways).

We purchased a house and I gave birth to my son, Andrew, 3 years later. (He was a breech birth of 30 hours duration, where I wanted to kill all the Nuns at the hospital and called them terrible names that I was very ashamed of later.) I then worked with my mother in her Poodle Clipping Salon and was quite accomplished in the field of red toe nails and bows and bobs for the little darlings.

After that, we went on to live in Germany for what was to be a short time. My husband started up an Industrial Plumbing business with his brother and we settled into normal family life there. I found out that my Spanish/Italian heritage showed and I was a real foreigner there. The area where I lived had a lot of Italian & Spanish workers living there and they were not exactly loved. I learnt the language very quickly, though, and it wasn't too long before I could stand up for the rights of foreigners in German. The strange thing was that as soon as they found out that I was Australian I was almost worshipped. My daughter, Heidi, was born 2 months premature and I was quite proficient at cursing in German this time around. Giving birth in German was yet again another experience in life. (I was obviously not born to breed.) Nearly five years later, I returned to Australia, leaving some very good friendships behind. I was immediately involved in our own, not one but two, businesses. My son went to immigration



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school because I spoke only German to the kids, as it was easier. I was the only one speaking English. I'd speak in English and Andrew would answer me in German so what was the point? Heidi only knew German nursery rhymes despite any efforts on my part teaching her English ones. My experiences lead me to believe that everybody should live in another country to learn to be extremely tolerant of foreigners living in Australia.

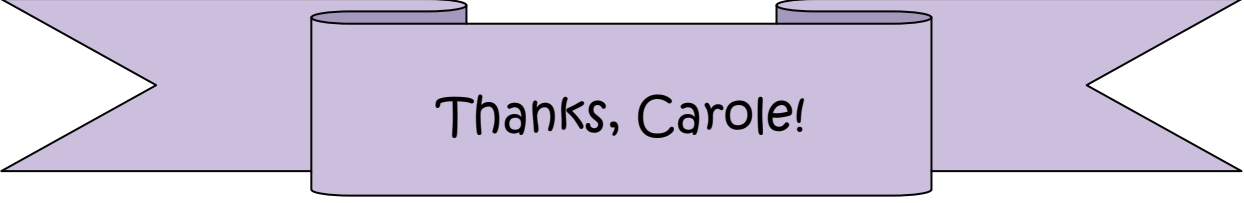
Well, all that tolerance did me no good, so we will now leave that marriage and move on to the next one...

Yes, another Catholic German tradesman (poor Grandpa). With new house and new husband I worked with my mother dog clipping again and then went on to become a picture framer with a girlfriend. At the time, we were the only women picture framers in the business in Melbourne and the men were amazed at our prowess on the guillotines, air guns and glass cutting. We framed for many of the artists/exhibitions in the Malvern area and enjoyed the social aspects of the job as well. My family were snow skiers and campers of a weekend and we all lived the good life and then it was decided to come to Airlie Beach. That was nearly 32 years ago and we had a contract on Paradise Bay with great plans, which didn't eventuate in the end. We bought a house in Cannonvale and my husband began building in the area. My children went to Cannonvale State School and "wore bare feet", as they used to say. I'd do a monthly shop in Mackay as there was no supermarket or even corner store. I had to buy a large chest freezer for the half beast that I used to purchase from Proserpine, as there was only one butcher here with tourist prices. (I mean buying half a beast was quite an experience for a Melbourne girl). I had to go to Proserpine for a reel of cotton and the selection of materials to make my daughters' clothes was limited. My parents moved up to the area too and purchased Quarterdeck Units and then Palm Tree Lodges. I worked cleaning the units at first, then in the architect's office and then guess what! I went back to the National bank for a bit. It was soon discovered that I'd also been a swimming teacher and was urged to teach 3 children which became hundreds over a period of 6-7 years. I'm extremely proud of this as it probably saved many lives. At the same time, I supervised at Denham's supermarket (became Bi-Lo, now Coles). It was so exciting the day that Denham's opened. We were lined up waiting for the doors to open. We had all lived without a supermarket for so long it was like withdrawal.

I then took up my dearest wish, working in travel and have been at it now for approximately 23 years. Over the years I have had many trips back to Germany and Europe and have travelled extensively in my job and privately as well, riding donkeys in The Valley of The Kings to motor bikes in the middle of monsoons in Vietnam or taking all day to trek to KLM on The Great Wall up near the Mongolian Border (not where the milling masses go), my dream trip to South America and numerous trips to Asian & Pacific countries.

I started my own business MTA Travel in 2002 working from my home, the customer's home or even the coffee shop. It has been a great success and I love my job, especially working in a sarong and dipping into the pool whenever the heat is on.

Following the many ensuing unpleasant times that followed in my life, which I will omit, I am now happy and contented and ready for the next phase of my life. My life has had many ups and downs but I owe so much to my women friends in Zonta for the help and support that they have given me through the bad times and for being there in the good times. Being a member of this club has given me great happiness, purpose and wonderful friendships.



Thanks, Carole!