



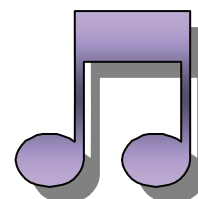
**FEBRUARY/MARCH 2011**

### *PRESIDENT'S REPORT*

Hello everyone. I am happy to report the acceptance of the recommendation by the Board for a President Elect position for 2011-2012. Now, it is now over to you! I ask you all to think about considering accepting nomination to the Board for 2011-2012. It is an amazing experience being part of the Board of the Zonta Club of the Whitsundays. Honestly, with such a dynamic and supportive group of women that have a resounding depth of knowledge and expertise to call on, being on the Board is a joy and a privilege. I think we will continue to grow as a club, in a positive direction, with the input of all members taking their turn on the Board. As I said at the meeting, it is a little bit like the song, Mambo No 5:



*“with Verniece commencing in the role  
and then our Pam came to the helm,  
the flamboyance of Annie was renown,  
the dynamic Wendy kept us on the run,  
Carole showed us how to have fun,  
Robyn’s leadership was divine,  
along came Sandii who showed us a different way to dine  
and then came.....????*



We have a busy time coming up over the next couple of months with our IWD breakfast on Sunday March 6th and then the Area 5 Workshop being held in the Whitsundays on the 9th and 10th of April. I think you will find by attending both of these amazing events, you will not only have a lot of fun but be rejuvenated and inspired in being part of this wonderful organisation. The agendas for both events are looking fantastic, so mark these dates in your diaries now and come along and enjoy the comradeship with like minded people!

Cheers, Sandii

#### **Zonta Club of the Whitsundays**

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

International Women's Day Brunch ~ Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March, 2011

The plans are all set and now it's up to YOU to sell as many tickets as you possibly can. The terrible destruction and focus of Cyclone Yasi must not deter us from making a success of this great day.

# NO LIMITS Reach for the sky



## Zonta International Women's Day Brunch

- At Coral Sea Resort on Sunday 6th March 2011
- Nautilus Room - 9.00am for 9.30am start
- \$38.00pp Includes two course meal, complimentary glass of sparkling wine, 2 guest speakers: Pam Harrison & Christina della Valle, charity auction, lucky door prizes and raffles.

Ticket Venues:

**CPQ Real Estate**  
400 Shute Harbour Road

**Moocha's Boutique**  
Shop T26, Centro Cannonvale

**Proserpine Hair Shoppe**  
Shop 2 Deicke Arcade Proserpine

**Cellarbrations**  
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#### Zonta Area 5 Meeting 9 & 10 April

Please see the attached flyer. The workshop will start late morning Saturday and finish after lunch on Sunday. The workshop venue is the Cannonvale Reef Gateway, with a dinner at the The Whitsunday Marine Club (VMR) on Saturday night. Discounted accommodation for our guests has been negotiated at the Reef Gateway, Adventure Whitsunday Resort, Summit Apartments and the Whitsunday Organic B&B.

We are currently awaiting further instructions from the Area and District and will advise you the date registration is open online. Please do try to attend this workshop. You will go home inspired and uplifted. That's a promise!

Wendy, Chair 2011 Area 5 Workshop Committee



#### Relay for Life

This event needs no introduction and this year will be held on 16-17 April at the Airlie Beach Sportspark. The theme for this year is "Whitsundays Biggest Party", as we all know how much Airlie likes to party (especially Zontians). It is also Cancer Council Queensland's 50<sup>th</sup> birthday, so another reason to celebrate, along with Zonta's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. I have registered a Zonta Team – **Zonta's Party Gals** – and you can find this on the [www.relayforlife.org.au](http://www.relayforlife.org.au) website. I would love you to join the team, which you can do by going online, finding the Whitsundays Relay (follow the prompts) and "join a team" – select either my name or the team name. It will only cost \$15 and you have the opportunity at that point to make a donation to kick start our team fundraising. You can also send this out to all your friends via this website asking them to donate to you or the team.

Please remember, you do not have to stay for the full 18 hours. Just stay for a few hours, walk a bit, feel the atmosphere and encourage others to keep going. You can bring your family and friends – they don't have to be a member of Zonta to be in our team. If you haven't attended a Relay before, please try it this year.

Wendy

*Who will you Relay for?*

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##### Annual Membership Subscription Notice for 2011

The invoices for your membership fees have been handed out or emailed to you in January 2011. Please note the **DUE DATE, which is Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2011**. Given the financial year for ZI closes off at the end of March, the decision was made to have all fees paid by end of February. This will then allow Catherine to have a reasonable time for the reconciliation of all accounts, and organise for the auditing of the books for the Annual General Meeting in May. Thank you in advance for your consideration in this matter.



**WANTED**

Do you have an excellent grasp of the English language? Are you grammatically correct at all times? Can you punctuate your way out of any difficult situation? If so, PJ and I would appreciate it if you would volunteer for proofreading duties to back us up. Please contact us via email if you are interested. Thanks, Jill

### **DATE CLAIMERS**

17 February – General Meeting - 6.15 – Reef Gateway  
24 February – Last Thursday Book Club – 5.00 – Cath’s  
2 March – Board Meeting  
6 March – International Women’s Day Brunch – Coral Sea Resort  
17 March – General Meeting – 6.15 – Reef Gateway  
23 March – Old Bags Lunch (Community Event)  
6 April – Board Meeting  
9 & 10 April – Area 5 Workshop in the Whitsundays  
16 & 17 April – Relay for Life  
21 April – General Meeting – 6.15 – Reef Gateway  
May 2011: Domestic Violence Prevention Month  
23-25 Sept – District 22 Conference – Brisbane



## MEMBER NEWS

# CONGRATULATIONS BEN!



Ben Lloyd-Lewis with Zontian 'mums', Joan Watson & Pam Graham

We're all proud to call Ben 'ours': At just 17, Ben Lloyd-Lewis was recognised as the young citizen of the year for his work with Rotary, Lions, Zonta, the PCYC, Disability & Community Care Services, the Whitsunday Youth Affairs Committee, the Red Shield Appeal, the Whitsunday Sailing Club 'Sailability' Program and Relay for Life activities this year. He has done this while meeting his Year 12 commitments at Proserpine State High School, with the extra duties of High School Band Captain, Flinders Vice House Captain and Secretary of the Gavel Club. He said winning the award meant so much to him but helping people was really the rewarding part. "I just like the look on people's faces when someone less fortunate gets a helping hand," he said.

# WELL DONE!

## WHITSUNDAY HEALTHY LIFESTYLE EXPO 2011

### COMMITTEES BEING FORMED NOW

Well, it's on! The 2011 Whitsunday Healthy Lifestyle Expo! So will you grab your red pens, NOW, and mark a huge circle in your diary/calendar/lpad and claim **SATURDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER** for Zonta. We chose that date, mindful of what other events were on in the area at the time, the availability of the PCYC and, of course, the availability of beautiful Annie to be our MC during her busy wedding schedule. The PCYC venue is reserved but the committee is still in negotiations with PCYC to secure the best possible price. We need YOU on our sub committees. So contact Connie ASAP and volunteer your wonderful talents.

Your Expo Committee, Connie, Sue and Roz

We need your help on the following

MEDIA COMMITTEE

SPONSORSHIP/GRANTS AND PRIZES COMMITTEE

FOOD/KITCHEN COMMITTEE

Please put your name down and help provide the best Community Event ever.

E-mail Connie at [lesterandconnie@bigpond.com](mailto:lesterandconnie@bigpond.com)



## SERVICE AND ADVOCACY NEWS

### EDUCATION BURSARY

There will soon be an Education Bursary Committee meeting. It's important to get things up and running for the new school year as soon as possible.

Let's hope we can find a worthy recipient this year.

WHEN: Monday February 7<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m.

PLACE: Caper's

Please let me know if you are able to attend,

Kerry.

### LAST THURSDAY BOOK CLUB

The Zonta Last Thursday Book Club was formed last year to give members an opportunity to share their interest of reading. Each month a set of books (fiction or biography) of interest to women is borrowed from the State Library collection and passed on to members to read. We then meet over drinks and nibbles to share our thoughts and impressions in a very relaxed atmosphere at one another's homes, a very pleasant and rewarding form of fellowship. All members are welcome to join any time; perhaps now would be a good time to foster your enjoyment of reading! This month we will be sharing any books we have read over the break.

**WHEN:** The next meeting for our book club will be on the last Thursday of the month, 24<sup>th</sup> February, 5.00-6.30 p.m.

**WHERE:** Cath's, 28 Hayman Views Estate (3<sup>rd</sup> house on left), 14 Hamilton Ave, Cannonvale. It would be appreciated if you could let Cath or Kerry know if you will be attending.

Kerry



*Workshop Theme*  
*Lessons from geese*



*Zontians unite to give to the world*

**2011**  
**AREA 5 Workshop**  
**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2011**

*(mark your diary now)*

**Venue:**

**Reef Gateway Hotel**

*Shute Harbour Road*

*Cannonvale Q 4802*

**(Whitsundays)**

**Host Club:**

**Zonta Club of the Whitsundays**

*cooperation*

*direction*

*support*

*team work*

*perspective*

*leadership*

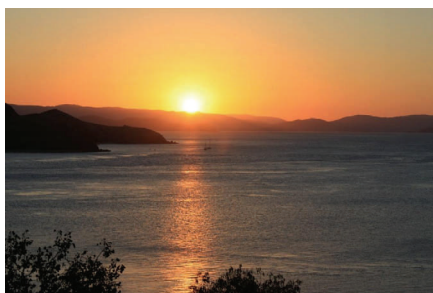
*strength*

*perseverance*

*focus*

*care*

*structure*



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### **MEMBER PROFILE:** Connie Riley

**BIRTHDAY** – 17th December

**JOINED ZONTA** – June 2004

**HOW I HEARD ABOUT ZONTA** – From PJ Halter and Cath Fernbach

**POSITIONS HELD IN ZONTA** – Currently, Vice-President; Formerly, Director; Treasurer; Secretary and various committee chairs

**WHY I AM LIVING IN THE WHITSUNDAYS** – We have always loved the

Whitsundays and Airlie Beach in particular. When we retired we looked at several places but we always came back to choosing to live in Airlie.

**MY FAMILY**- I married Lester in 1988 and our combined families include four children and seven grandchildren. Two sons and 2 granddaughters living in Dayton Ohio, one daughter with 3 grandchildren near London and a daughter and two grandsons living in Perth.

**SHARE SOME LIFE/CAREER HIGHLIGHTS** – I was born in Battle Creek, Michigan and went to Union City High School in Michigan. I attended college courses later in life in Dayton Ohio.

I started working at a very early age. My first jobs starting at 12, were working as a Car Hop in a Root Beer Stand, as a short order cook at a Drive-In Movie Theatre and, at the same time, having my own business as a Baton Twirling Instructor with approximately 40 students. All this continued through my high schools years until graduation. I guess it keep me busy and out of trouble and it enabled me to pay my own way all through school, by buying books, clothes etc. Coming from a family of 5 children, I am sure my Dad appreciated this.

My first job after High School was Elmendorf Air Force Base in Anchorage Alaska as a government employee. At Elmendorf, I worked in Alaskan Communications Systems (telegraph department), Air Force Base Hospital (records department) and Aerospace Systems Division (in an aircraft hanger).

Leaving Alaska I moved to Dayton, Ohio where I spent a number of years at home raising my two boys and attending college. I obtained a real estate licence and worked for Century 21 Real Estate part time for a number of years. Again, at the same time, I worked for Garlock Inc. in Dayton, Ohio as an Inside and International Sales Correspondent.

After moving to Australia, I worked for Toyota Motor Corporation, Sales and Marketing Office in Woollooware for a number of years in the following roles: Warehouse as a Personal Assistant and Statistical Clerk; Corporate Facilities as a Facilities Manager; Network Development as Manager of the Corporate Signage Department and two of the largest budgets that Toyota Sydney have. After taking redundancy from Toyota, I set up my own contracting business. My biggest job was Project Manager for Toyota's Head Office in Woollooware Bay working on building design, fit-out, refurbishment and staff relocation. My project was to relocate 400 staff from the existing site to 3 new buildings and 2 refurbished buildings at the new Woollooware Bay location. This was a three-year project which lasted until my final retirement in 2002.

**ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE OF ZONTA** – Biggest activity outside of Zonta would have to be travel. We usually do a 2-3 month around the world annually, of course, combining it with a visit to our families in USA and England and our friends all over the world. With the 2 or 3 other small trips we do in the year, we are away around 3-4 months of the year.

Second biggest activity is my Ancestry passion. Boring though it may be to some, I have spent more than 20 years amassing family history for both mine and my husband's Paternal and Maternal lines. Among my biggest coup was obtaining acceptance to the Mayflower Society, proving my lineage back to 1600's and to several of the Pilgrims who landed at Plymouth. Also, writing an article on DNA and my Robert Pepper line for the New England Historical and Genealogical Society and submitting family sketches on my Pepper line for inclusion in a book to be produced by the New England Historical Society; this is to be printed sometime next year. Most recently, I have become involved in DNA projects. I find DNA intriguing; it opens many doors to aid in finding ancestors and gives final confirmation to many years of work.

I also enjoy golf, socialising, parties and attending so many of the events that happen around Airlie Beach. Definitely no time to be bored - life is great for us in Airlie!

