



SEPTEMBER 2011

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hello everyone

What a wonderful response we have had from the articles that culminated from our information evening, advising the community of our up and coming coffee morning at the Coffee Club, film evening, as well as information on our General meeting in both of our local papers. It has been a terrific initiative providing us with the opportunity to meet new potential members and for them to in turn find out a little more about us! It was fantastic to welcome Sue & Julie to our dinner meeting; Lillie O'Keefe, Natasha Vetsich, Lauren Haack, Lyndi Hill & Kerrie Adams to the coffee morning and then Julie, Linda & Anastasia to our film evening. We are also looking forward to inducting Kerrie Adam at our September meeting, who we know will be a valuable member to our Club!

I think it is also going to be hugely beneficial for raising further awareness of Zonta and "what we do" in the month of October with us showcasing our upcoming activities: Whitsunday Healthy Lifestyle Expo, Birthing Kits and Outrigger Regatta, all of which should attract further newspaper articles. It certainly does make one feel very proud to be part of this Zonta club of ours, meeting our ZI goals and being very proactive with our own local community. Well done to one and all!

Cheers, Sandii



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Healthy Lifestyle Expo Twitter:

EXPO COCKTAIL PARTY:

Connie Sue and Roz and the members of the various Expo committees would like to invite ALL members and their partners and friends to our Expo cocktail party.

WHEN: Friday evening 7th October

WHERE: Capers Airlie Beach

TIME: Between 6pm and 8pm



COST: \$35.00 per person including a complimentary glass of wine (or beer or soft drink)

The nibble platters will be just delicious with the emphasis on fresh and healthy - not a fried dim sim or chip in sight. For example, you will be treated with egg and smoked salmon rolls, pumpkin and spinach mushrooms, Balinese chicken skewers, tomato basil brochettes', baby beefalo n bacon rolls and garlic and herb king prawn skewers . As well as wonderful food, we will be having some inspirational short talks about local initiatives concerning healthy lifestyle and food. Some lucky person will win a localvore tour for 2 kindly donated by Airlie Beach Hotel as a lucky door prize.

This is the opening night of our Expo so we would like it to be really well attended. Please give us your valuable support. We will be taking numbers and money at the general meeting on Thursday, 15th September. See you then, **Connie, Roz and Sue, Your Expo Team.**



DATE CLAIMERS

- 6 September – Books from Birth – 6.00 - Judy Brett's
- 12 September – Board Meeting – 5.30 – Noelene's
- 15 September – General Meeting – 6.15 for 6.30 start – Reef Gateway
- 23-25 Sept – District 22 Conference – Brisbane
- 28 September – Last Wednesday Book Club – 5.00 – Lyndy Hill's
- 3 October – Board Meeting – 5.30
- 8 October – Healthy Lifestyle Expo – PCYC – 10.00-4.00
- 15 October – Domestic Violence Month event – Outrigger Club/Whitsunday Crisis & Counselling Service
- 20 October - General Meeting – 6.15 for 6.30 start – Reef Gateway
- 27 October – TAFE Christmas Party – contact Cath

Whitsunday Crisis & Counselling Service Outrigger Regatta:



WHITSUNDAY COMMUNITY OUTRIGGER CHALLENGE 2011

We have committed to organise a team and participate on the day. This is a busy month for us but this is a day to just RELAX AND PLAY!! We have 5 for our team and hope to compete in the "Best Dressed Team Category". We REALLY need another team member or two (male or female), so please give it a go. At the very least, show up on the day to cheer us on...we'll need all the 'cheering' we can get!!!!

Please, also, use your contacts & sign up a business or community team. Contact PJ or Jill for sign up forms. It will be a day to remember.

Saturday 15th October 2011

9am to 4pm

The Lagoon Beach, Broadwater Ave, Airlie Beach

Come and take part in this action packed weekend event. Your team will compete against rival Whitsunday businesses and community groups for the chance to be crowned the champions of the WHITSUNDAY COMMUNITY ACT AS 1 OUTRIGGER CHALLENGE or perhaps be "The Best Dressed Team". This event is the perfect opportunity to participate in a fun day of competition, family entertainment and of course, food.

The day is aimed at promoting fitness, team work and FUN.

Club Outrigger Whitsundays will provide the boats, all equipment and expertise to run the fun races.

YOU DON'T HAVE TO KNOW HOW TO PADDLE. (A Club Outrigger member will steer the boat)

The day kicks off at 9:00 am with children's activities, information stalls, food and drink, music and entertainment for all ages. Our sponsor Zinc FM will be broadcasting LIVE from the event.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION including Registration forms

Whitsunday Crisis and Counselling Service Ph: 4946 2999

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REPORTS

SERVICE:

While August has been a quiet month for some aspects of Service, others have been humming along very energetically. With October 8th getting closer, the Expo team has been extremely busy with exhibitor numbers growing and advertising brochures and fliers being finalised. It is an excellent initiative that several of the Zonta projects will be part of the event this year.

The [AFADU group](#) continues to quietly work at creating beautiful and colourful blankets and the group has again offered one of these to be raffled at the Healthy Lifestyle Expo, an offer which has been gratefully received.

The [Garden Group](#) is also preparing to participate in the Expo to showcase their work as is the library with a display of the Zonta Library Collection available for visitors to peruse and discuss.

The [Last Thursday Book Club](#) continues from strength to strength with another great meeting held last week. While some may think that this is not really a "service" activity but just fellowship, I believe that it is performing an important function in strengthening the bonds between members and raising awareness of social issues. Although there was so much more that could have been discussed from our reading of "The Tenderness of Wolves" by Stef Penney, such issues as the situation of women living in an isolated community, the particular hardships faced by them as well as attitudes towards the assertiveness of women and their right to determine their own future were all matters that sparked lively discussion. These are also issues which are central to our work in Zonta and it is good to be able to explore them in various contexts.

In addition to discussion of the month's reading, other Zonta matters are often raised, but in particular it is the sense of mellow companionship with like-minded women that I really treasure. It was great to welcome Pam to the group as a valued participant. She brought along information on talking books and we are hoping to be able to link these with at least some of our selections. Our Horizontians joined us for dinner this month and my thanks to Roz and Pete for providing their beautiful home as the setting for an evening that sparkled!

We have two new projects coming up: "Books From Birth" and "Act as One" Outrigger Regatta. Let's "act as one" and get behind these projects. **Kerry, Director**

Film Night: What a wonderful film night we had at Angela's. After a glass of strawberry garnished champagne and some yummy nibbles and chat, we piled our plates high from a sumptuous buffet and then

relaxed on Angela's comfy couches to watch the movie "Desert Flower". We were all completely spellbound by the life journey of Waris Durie, from desert nomad to top model to UN ambassador – an extraordinary story. Tissues had to be passed around when she talked about the "day that changed her life" and we had to witness the cruel practice of female circumcision being practiced on her when she was just 3 years old. A very educational, moving and thought provoking film.

A big thank you to all members for bringing along such delicious food and wine and thanks to Angela who as usual was hostess with the mostess, the perfect cinema proprietor, who complete with torch and uniform, handed out popcorn along with copious amounts of warmth and hospitality. **Roz**

Books from Birth: The project is to supply **used** books to isolated and indigenous communities in QLD and NT, primarily for the age group 0 -7years.

Our focus is on getting used books into the communities to encourage women, mothers, grandmothers and their children and families to want to learn to read so that ultimately they can improve their own lives, that of their families and their community.

Please bring any age appropriate books to Zonta meeting or contact me to collect.

Our aim is to send out our first box at meeting on Wednesday 19th October, 1pm to 3pm at 26 Macona Crescent Cannonvale, everyone welcome.

Thanks everyone, **Judy Brett, Chair**

ORGANISATION, MEMBERSHIP & CLASSIFICATION:

- * We are very pleased to announce the induction of Kerrie Adam at our 15 September meeting. Come along a welcome her into our Zonta family.
- * The Coffee Club morning was a lovely time and enjoyed by all our visitors. Let's continue to keep recruitment in the forefront of our minds when talking to non-Zontian friends or new acquaintances. We must continue to grow to do all the terrific projects and proposals put forth. We have the ideas, we know how to do 'it', we just need the woman power to succeed!

12 Steps to Becoming a Zontian by Dianne Leggo, International Chairman of OMC from 1998-2002:
(First 8 were in the last 2 Reef Talks):

9. **Nurture new members** and look after guests.

10. **Be a member of Zonta International**, not just your own club. Visit other clubs when travelling, make plans to attend at least one function per year outside your own club activities, preferably an Area Meeting, District Conference or International Convention.

11. **Communicate, communicate, and communicate!** Good communication means good team work. Communication is the most essential aspect of a well-run club. Keep in mind, that whenever you don't get back to your Chair or President with a report, she is forced to contact you again. You cause her extra work. It is one of the most frustrating things about being in office, or being a Chair, or organising a function.

12. **Loyalty.** There will come a time when you have a President or Committee Chair whose ideas, whose way of doing things, whose personality you don't like. These positions come and go, but Zonta and its committees go on forever. The people your club are working for are benefiting regardless of the personality and methods of those in office. Bide your time patiently and remain loyal to the ideals of Zonta.

PJ

United Nations:

A BIZARRE WEDDING

Laos, March 30th 2011: In a very small village in the Nambak district in the middle of the country of Laos, a boy 17 and a girl 16 are students at the local High school. She is four months pregnant; they don't love each other and don't want the baby. The parents from both sides don't want to hear the word 'adoption', so the show must go on and they organize it. It is a beautiful evening with over 600 guests, from families with babies and hundreds of youngsters. On their scooters, guests arrive and take their place at over a hundred tables to enjoy lovely food and unlimited drinks into the early hours, for which each person has paid Kip 50 = \$ 5. The entourage is enormous and the DJ loud.

The Bride is dressed in the national blue wedding gown complete with a tiara and the Groom, half a head smaller than she in a suit two sizes too big. They go around and talk to all the guests, not showing any emotion or smile, not even when photo's are taken. When they arrive at our table, I had a longer talk with them: Are your parents taking care of the baby while you finish study, was my first question? Without any hesitation she answered: as soon as the baby is born we will divorce. And he: then I will be a student without any income and the state will take care of the baby and my ex-wife. Would I not have been married, I would have been obliged to take care of them my whole life. Now I can continue my studies and start a new life. "And you?" I ask her: "I will have the baby and I am not allowed to study anymore".

Submitted by, *Augusta (Guus) Hermans*

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The Office for Women is pleased to share with you the details of this initiative.

Equal Pay Day - 1 September 2011

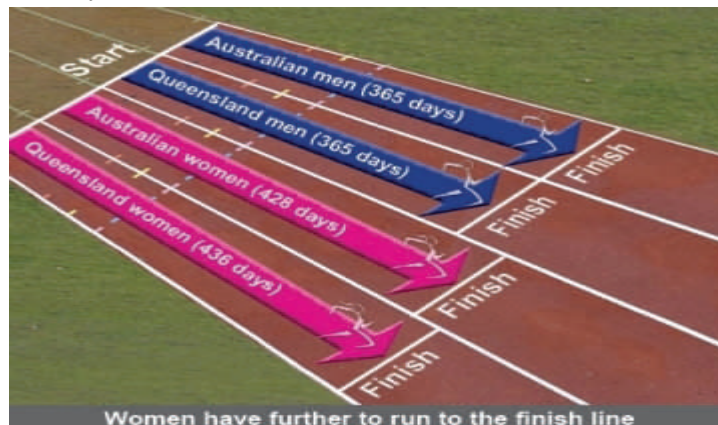
Did you know?

- In Queensland, women working full time earned 19.5% less than a man working the same hours [i].
- At a national level, women working full time earned 17.2% less than men working the same hours [ii].
- Women are more likely to be employed in health care, social assistance/service, retail trade, education and training, which tend to have lower rates of pay.
- Women are less likely to be employed in mining or construction, which have higher rates of pay.
- Women are less likely to hold a leadership position in their place of employment.

What does this mean?

- By 2019, it is likely that Australian women will have half the amount of superannuation compared to their male colleagues.
- To close the pay gap, women in most States and Territories would need to work an extra 63 days this financial year to match what men earned during the financial year. In Queensland, women would have to work an extra 71 days to close the 2010-11 pay gap.

To mark this inequality, this year in Australia, Equal Pay Day is recognised on 1 September – an additional 63 days past the end of financial year on 30 June 2011.



Equal Pay Day is an opportunity for the business community to drive action in their workplaces to close the gender pay gap. Addressing and recognising the pay gap will help to ensure that women will one day receive equal pay for work of equal or comparable value.

More information

Visit the [Australian Government Equal Opportunity for Women in the Workplace Agency \(EOWA\) web resources](#) including the pay equity audit tool and interactive online course, 'Mind the Gap'.

Visit the [Office for Women's website](#) or the [Department of Justice and Attorney-General's website](#) for more information on Equal Pay Day.

[i] Equal Pay Day is calculated based on the gender pay gap using seasonally adjusted ABS Weekly Ordinary Time Earnings. The gender pay gap as a percentage is then added onto the end of the financial year in days worked.

Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS), Category 6302.0, Average Weekly Earnings - Trend, February 2011 (released 19.05.11), as at November 2010. available at: <http://www.abs.gov.au/AUSSTATS/abs@.nsf/DetailsPage/6302.0Feb%202011?OpenDocument>

[ii] Ibid., as at 19 May 2011.