## **ZONTA ON THE ROCKS**

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**AREA 4 - DISTRICT 24.** 

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NOTICES.

If you are
unable to attend
the dinner meeting,
please advise
Anna Tempest
Ph 4928 7880 (W)
Ph 4928 7125 (H)
by 10 am
on the Monday
before the meeting.
Failure to
apologize will
incur payment
of \$25.00.



Area 4 Workshop: 20-21 May 2006 Emerald

> International Convention: 24 – 29 June 2006 Melbourne





Advancing the Status of Women Worldwide

## President's Message:

Dear Fellow Zontians

Easter is upon us again. How quickly time goes now. Do hope you all have a very pleasant Easter break. Our meeting is on Tuesday immediately after Easter, so I guess some of you will be away. Our guest speaker for Tuesday will be our Young Woman in Public Affairs winner. We will be at the Plaza as usual. Chris has kindly offered to have us at her home for our next meeting.

It is with regret that we note that Carol will be leaving us. We hope that Carol will continue to join us for social functions when she can.

The good news is that Norma Davies has made good progress and will be returning to Rockhampton and Zonta in the near future. Well done Norma!

Not long till Convention now. Will be a wonderful experience for those who can make it.

Jacque has kindly offered to have some people stay at her Emerald residence for Area Workshop. Do hope most of you can attend. Would be good to do a spot of sapphire hunting as well as have some fun and fellowship.

Looking forward to seeing everyone (welcome back to our holiday makers) at our dinner meeting on 18 April.

Yours in Zonta, Glenys.

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#### Invitation To Attend

The Zonta Club of Emerald cordially invite you to attend the Area 4 Workshop to be held at the Gemfields.

We feel the nature of the Gemfields truly reflect the theme;

"Diversity... Creating our Future".

We hope our time together may help our clubs to collectively use our diverse skills to think 'outside the box', and move forward in creative ways to strengthen our clubs and further the aims of Zonta.

Dale Lane President: ZC of Emerald Inc.

## Zonta on the Rocks - Advancing the Status of Women Worldwide

#### **MEETINGS.**

#### **Board:**

6.30pm:

2nd Tuesday

of the month

Venue:

Rockhampton Plaza

Hotel.

#### Dinner:

6.00 pm for 6.30pm 3rd Tuesday

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of the month

Venue:

Rockhampton Plaza

Hotel.

#### Committee

Meetings.

#### OMC/PR/UN

## **Program:**

Venue:

Rockhampton Plaza

Hotel

5.30 pm—

2nd Tuesday

of the month.

# Finance and Fundraising:

Venue:

Rockhampton Plaza

Hotel.

5.30 pm-

2nd Tuesday

of the month.

#### Status of Women:

Venue:

Rockhampton Plaza

Hotel.

5.30pm—

2nd Tuesday

of the month.

#### Calendar:



#### APRIL:

Committee Meetings/

Board meeting

18 Dinner Meeting

#### MAY:

09 Committee Meetings/

Board Meeting

16 Dinner Meeting

Special United Nations Observances and Other Significant Days.

April:

07 World Health Day

May:

Women's Health Day

"Peace will come when we replace the love of power with the power of love."

Sri Chinmo

#### Dinner Raffle.

The supply of gifts for the Dinner Raffle follows the listing in the Members Directory.

April Mary L
May Jacki M
June Suzanne McT
July Teresa M

Please give your raffle prize to

Elizabeth to co-ordinate.



## Zonta International and the United Nations.

Zonta International service has been closely linked with the United Nations since Zonta expressed support for the fledgling UN in 1946. As an international non-governmental organization (NGO), Zonta brings women's concerns to the UN, suggests solutions, draws public attention to issues and encourages its members to participate at the local level.

Zonta maintains representatives of its United Nations Committee at UN sites in Geneva, New York, Paris and Vienna. Committee members attend UN conferences, and UN agency, committee and commission sessions.

Accredited NGOs, like Zonta, participate in these sessions by providing written statements and oral presentations on issues being considered. NGOs also may organize panels relating to the general debate.

#### UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC)

Since 1985, Zonta has had general consultative status with the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), one of six principal bodies carrying out UN work.

ECOSOC is responsible for two-thirds of UN programs, in particular, those concerned with economic issues such as trade, industrialization and development, as well as social issues such as women's rights, children and social welfare. ECOSOC makes recommendations on how to improve education and health conditions and to promote respect for and observance of the human rights and freedoms of people everywhere.

#### Commission on the Status of Women

One of nine functional ECOSOC committees, the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) is the leading policymaking body concerned with women's rights and the equal status of women. Since 1946,the CSW has convened an annual conference, now attended by thousands of women worldwide, to discuss issues of paramount concern for women.

#### **Department of Public Information**

Zonta is one of many NGOs associated with the <u>United Nations Department of Public</u>
<u>Information</u> because of its strong programs on issues of concern to women. The UN provides NGOs access to information and materials and the NGOs agree to disseminate information to their membership. (*From the Z I Website*)

If you would like to contribute to your Newsletter please forward articles to Berenice Payne either by

Fax: 4922 3315 or Email to berenice.a.payne@bigpond.com

Deadline: First Tuesday of the month.

#### Mark Your Calendar.

2006 - Area 4 Workshop 20-21 May Emerald

2006 - International Convention. 24 – 29 June: Melbourne.

## Thank you very much to Suzanne for a very interesting profile.



Profile of Club Member: Suzanne McTier-Browne Classification: 2394

**Personal & Work History:** Born in chilly Chinchilla, I lived in Warwick until I was five. My family relocated to Rockhampton and I went to school at Central Girls - stayed there until its closing in Grade 5. Attended Allenstown and Frenchville primary schools, before going to North Rockhampton High School (Interact President in Year 11 and High School Vice-Captain in Year 12). Completed my Bachelor of Arts degree majoring in Journalism, Communication and Japanese (this was where I first met Chieko Klerkx), and then decided to stay on and do a fourth year in business – the Graduate Diploma in Management.

After graduation, I started working with ANZ as a Management Trainee – unfortunately on my first day of work, my darling father passed away unexpectedly (he was 51, I was 21). My manager at the time, Enid O'Toole, was a founding member of Zonta Rockhampton and she was a great mentor. I stayed with ANZ for two years and then decided to fulfill a dream of working in the Whitsundays - Assistant Personnel Manager on Hayman Island. This was during the very interesting period of its establishment as a luxury international resort. There are many stories to tell about Hayman, but too many for this profile - one day I intend writing a book!

After a hard working but fun filled year at Hayman, I came back to Rocky and began working in the Faculty of Arts as the Graduate Assistant to the Dean (Professor David Myers) and Faculty Course Adviser. This commenced a 16 year career with the University during which time I worked in a variety of positions, such as Project Manager for the Faculty of Business, Lecturer/Subject Co-ordinator in Marketing, and Deputy Director for International Education (1990 – 1994) when I supported Judith Anderson as the Director (another Zonta past president). During this period, I worked through several university restructures, got married, had two daughters and completed my MBA. By 2003, I needed a change and decided to pursue an alternative career, that of natural medicine. Colleagues thought I was crazy to leave CQU but I was excited about starting my own full-time natural therapies business where I now specialize in Advanced Bowen Therapy and Reflexology. I have also been working with the doctors at the Kmart Family Practice since January 2003.

**Family History**: I first met Steven in my second year of uni and we have been married almost 17 years - our eldest daughter, Cassandra, is in year 9 at Emmaus and Mikaela is in her final year at Frenchville.

**Personal Talents:** Having tutored in Japanese and traveled there many times for business and pleasure, I have a love for Japan and its culture. My daughters also love it when we host Japanese homestay students.

**Personal passionate hobbies:** My children – whatever sport they are into. We've been through the swimming, dancing and athletics phases, and now are heavily into Basketball. The last three years, have involved our weekends and holidays being taken up with traveling throughout Queensland to representative basketball competitions and my husband is a basketball coach. If you ever go to see the Cyclones or the Rockets play at Hegvold Stadium, chances are you'll see the McTier-Browne family working as volunteers (my husband on the bar, me on the door and the girls floor-sweeping for the big games). It's an activity we do together as a family and enjoy. My other hobby is the gym. Being so busy, I finally realized last year, that in order to keep up with the workload, I have to start looking after myself.

**Why Zonta:** While we all have faced challenges in our lives, I realize that I have had many opportunities and have been fortunate in my life with my family and loved ones. Because of the blessings I have been given, I see Zonta as an important way of giving back to the community. I feel fortunate to be raising my daughters in Australia, as I am well aware of the challenges that many women face in overseas countries.