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Advancing the Status of Women Worldwide

Fellow Zontians

Well Spring has sprung and I'm sure that we are all feeling energetic after emerging from a cold winter and being motivated by all of those wonderful Olympic performances!

All of those in attendance at the Diane Cilento lunch on August 20th agreed that it was a most successful and enjoyable function. Diane's reminisces about her life were well received by all in attendance and many of us came away with a signed copy of her book 'My Nine Lives'. Ninety eight guests attended, including a good representation of Zontians. Helen and her team are to be congratulated for organising this event and thanks to Robyn for her skilful comparing of the function.

We have been advised by webmaster Ros Kinder that the new District 22 website is now up and running and gradually being further developed. This can be found at <u>http://zontadistrict22.org</u>, so have a look.

We will gradually bring you more information about the Rotterdam Convention. Berenice has prepared an informative article to be found in this newsletter, which I am sure that you will find interesting.

With all the busyness of late, it was decided at the August meeting to defer our planned twenty fifth anniversary celebrations to allow more time to organize the event. This is now scheduled for the weekend of November 8&9. So pencil these dates into your diary, put on your thinking caps and give Teresa and her team your ideas so that a memorable weekend can be planned.

'Til next time

Jan



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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.



International Convention:

2010: San Antonio Texas

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MEETINGS. Board: 6.30pm: 2nd Tuesday of the month Venue: Rockhampton Plaza Hotel.

Dinner:

6.00 pm for 6.30pm 3rd Tuesday 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.

September: 9 Committee Meetings/ **Board Meeting** 16 At home Dinner Meeting October: Committee Meetings/ 14 **Board Meeting** 21 **Dinner** Meeting **Special United Nations Observances** and Other Significant Days: September: 1st Labour Day (Canada) 1^{st} Labour Day (USA) 3rd Military Day (Taiwan) 15th Mid-Autumn Festival (HK) 15th Respect for the Aged Day (Japan) 21st International Day of Peace 22nd Anniversary Day (Canterbury,

Calendar:

NZ) 29th Queens Birthday (WA)

"Patience is the companion of wisdom" St. Augustine

Dinner Raffle.

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

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Please give your raffle prize to Elizabeth to co-ordinate.

If you would like to contribute to your Newsletter please email articles to Teresa Moore t.moore@cqu.edu.au

Deadline: First Tuesday of the month.

Amina Maric, a Bachelor of Commerce student at the University of Southern Queensland is our first District 22 JM Klausman Women in Business Scholarship Winner. Amina is in her third year of study with her major subject areas being accounting and business law.

Amina was nominated by the Zonta Club of West Moreton Inc. Her application has been forwarded to Zonta International for the International judging and we wish Amina all the best for this.

Congratulations also go to our second place getter, Rebecca Van Moolenbroek, who is studying for a degree in Business Management at the University of Queensland and who was nominated by the Zonta Club of Brisbane North Inc.

Happy Birthday September

- 05 Trish Collins
- 12 Chris Putman
- 24 Margaret Anderton

October

- 04 Jan Landsberg
- 10 Wendy Christie
- 18 Robyn Donovan
- 30 Rita Adkins



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From District Governor Vicki Varthas (District 22 Website).

Our theme for the biennium is to encourage all District 22 membership to **Expand our Zonta Horizons** and with the goals that have been set, there are so many opportunities to achieve this. The goals are attainable and critical in helping us move our new District forward. I encourage all of you now to join the Board and District Committee Chairmen, in setting your individual and club goals to focus on this theme for the biennium.

Goals of District 22 Board: Expand our Zonta Horizons

- Membership
- Increase district membership numbers with an overall increase of 8% over the biennium
- Utilise a variety of membership strategies that are both relevant and current to support, encourage, develop and retain members
- Communications
- Keep membership informed and up to date with relevant information to strengthen their knowledge to assist them in advancing the status of women using a variety of media.
- Enhance our District website so that it is the resource of choice for our membership.
- Advocacy
- Encourage and assist clubs to be more effective advocates in their local communities and of Zonta International issues and programs.
- Service
- Encourage clubs to focus on increasing their Z(onta) projects as compared to (B) projects.
- Governance
- Increase the knowledge base and understanding of Board members in a not for profit environment.
- Develop, review and update relevant internal and external written policies and plans.
- Manage the affairs of the District that ensures a strong, harmonious and active district at the end of the biennium.



Opening ceremony after the parade of flags



Berenice (District secretary) and Norma (Parliamentarian) with Vicki Varthus (District Govenor) Convention 2008 – Rotterdam. Delegate – Berenice Payne.

In the same way as almost all Zonta International Conventions of the past, the Rotterdam Convention opened with a spectacular Flag Parade. The United States flag was the first of 67 flags representing the countries of Zonta which were brought to the stage. At this Convention, a member of the youngest club in each country was invited to carry the flag and so it was that Jane Twisty of the newly formed Sandgate Club in Queensland carried the Australian flag (to represent D23 and D24). What a stir she caused when she appeared in a Drizabone coat and an Akubra hat waving the Aussie Flag. A proud moment for Aussies.

A new Zonta rose was presented – the Zonta Plus Rose – and Olivia Ferry said that she hoped that 'these roses will flourish in the minds and hearts of Zontians throughout the world'. The display of the Zonta Plus Roses around the Convention halls was spectacular – all being donated.

The Convention went on to present interesting Business Sessions (with long debate on some issues), major speakers, a Civic Reception, workshop sessions, a choice of 11 different excursions to the premises of the Corporate world, a Memorial Service, a Picnic in the Park, a Lustful Lunch and finally a Gala Concert followed by an unforgettable Farwell Party. Elections were held for Board positions both for the coming biennium and the 2009-2011 biennium. International Projects were endorsed for the next Biennium and following the elections, the International Board for the next biennium was presented. All meant for a very busy schedule.

Rockhampton Club featured in the PowerPoint Presentation which was on the 'big screen' prior to each session. It was very interesting to see the projects which had been entered from clubs around the world. Over 1000 entries were received from Zonta Clubs.

There was the usual Market Place with a variety of articles for sale. Governors donated prizes for a raffle (a three strand Bangladeshi pink pearl necklace, a set of milky white South-Sea pearls, a necklace of 20 natural Turkish stone beads in a 10 carat gold chain, a jade pendant – to name just a few), and proceeds from ticket sales went partly to ZIF and partly to the club drawn from all the clubs which submitted photos for the PowerPoint Presentation.

Zonta Past International Presidents and Governors attended a reunion Dinner. Each District had a formal meeting and District 22 had the first meeting as a new District. Zontians could be seen dining along the streets near De Doelen enjoying the local food on offer. Zontians were dazzled by the colour and elegance of fellow Zontians as a display of ethnic fashion was all around them. The African women have their special headdresses and dresses covered with Zonta Logos, the Asian women in their shimmering silk and the European, US and Australian women with a diverse variety of styles.

Zontians did take over the city of Rotterdam for one week (although the bikes nearly did us over!!!) but really, it was a gathering of women who want to make a better world for all. *Quote: Volunteers do not necessarily have the time, they just have the heart.*

We were all invited to come to San Antonio in 2010 for the 60th Annual Zonta International Convention. The 10 gallon hat was in evidence and as Texans are known for doing things in a big way, the Convention scheduled for June 24th to 30th in 2010 will be no exception.



A sample of the entertainment at the Lusty Lunch



Jan (President) Berenice (District secretary) Norma (Parliamentarian) Ros (past District Govenor) and Elisabeth (past Secretary)

> Happy Reading Teresa Moore (Editor)