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# Zonta Club of Mount Isa Member of Zonta International

Advancing the Status of Women Worldwide

President: Michelle Savoye

Vice President: Leonie Moore



## **President's Report**

Bonjour Zontians,

# SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- 1 Make sure you volunteer when Linda asks you to work at the Rodeo.
- 2 Next Meeting Wednesday 19/07/06 at the Terrence Gardens.
- 3. Please bring to the meeting any shampoo or conditioner bottles (the little ones taken from motels) for our care packs. We will be doing them at this meeting.

Don't forget the Health Forum coming up soon. See Sharon Todd, Leonie Moore or Kerri O'Connor if you are interested in helping organise this informative important event.

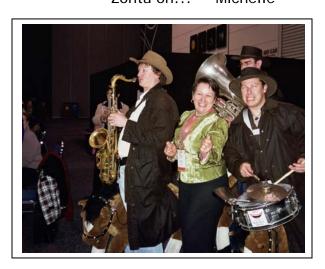
Swath - Dii, Dzen Dobry, Bueno Dias that was the spirit of the convention. 1598 members attended with 280 guest and 650 first timers. Europe 450 Zontians, 410 North Americans, Asia 121 and only 155 from Australia (something must be done!) We have had amazing weather somehow I wished that would rain one day just to open our umbrellas all in pink (what a view). Business sessions were quite smooth and thanks to electronic voting it was very correct and instant results. The whole convention was conducted very professionally with the quest speakers at the end it was like cream on the top of the cake.

I have to say that maybe one speaker at the end of the day would give more impact, so much we had to remember. New Zealand was the stars of the week with the opening by Dame Silvia Cartwright, the 18<sup>th</sup> Governor-General and Zonta International Honory Member. YWPA Kim Boyce-Cambell and WBS Rochell German. The Amelia Earthart fellowship was presented by Dr Susan Mary Anderson (Australia). What a brain!!!

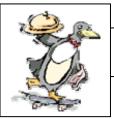
Fun we had with fellowship, friendship, food and ceremonies, views of Acutum, leaves along the river Yarra that we experienced every day. The health workshops were an eye opening! Just think of the difficulties, 250 000 died in the Tsunami that was horrific but how about 250 000 people die every two weeks of aids?

Zonta magazine you will be introduced to our new International President Oliva Ferry it was very good reading we will also talk about our trip and experiences of our next meetings.

Zonta on!!! Michelle







# JUST FOR A LAUGH

Subject: A little light hearted humour for the ladies

#### IF MY BODY WERE A CAR

If my body were a car, this is the time I would be thinking about; trading it in for a newer model.

I've got bumps and dents and scratches in my finish and my paint job is getting a little dull, but that's not the worst of it.

My headlights are out of focus and it's especially hard to see things up close.

My traction is not as graceful as it once was.

I slip and slide and skid and bump into things even in the best of weather.

My whitewalls are stained with varicose veins.

It takes me hours to reach my maximum speed.

My fuel rate burns inefficiently.

But here's the worst of it --

Almost every time I sneeze, cough or sputter... ..either my radiator leaks or my exhaust backfires!



### RODEO WEEKEND

Rodeo weekend is coming up soon and it is a great time for fellowship, a lot of good fun and laughs and most importantly promoting Zonta to the world. By working at the sponsors tent not only are we doing a service for the community but we get to wear our shirts and let the world know what great people we are and what it means to be a Zontian! There are different shifts (approx. 4 hours) day or night on Saturday or Sunday.

SO PLEASE PUT YOU HAND UP AND VOLUNTEER





#### **APOLOGIES**

If members are not able to attend a dinner meeting they must notify Margot. If Margot is not notified the member will be charged the cost price of the meal which is \$22.50. This is because the Club has to advise the caterer of numbers on Monday night which the Club is then charged for. The club is therefore losing money when members do not turn up.





# Our July Birthday ladies are:

12th Jessica Chad 14th Karen Thompson 18th Rhonda Pengo 30th Michelle Savoye 31st Sue wicks

"Every exit is an entry somewhere"

Tom Stoppard

### **Next Meeting**

Wednesday 19th
July
7 for 7.30pm
At Terrence
Gardens

If you can't attend, please apologise before Monday to Margot Dunstan PH: 4743 5718

### Melbourne Convention by Leonie Moore

My convention experience did not get off to a good start. What had seemed like a great idea 12 months ago was now a serious inconvenience. Work was extremely busy and unstable, dogs had to be babysat, gardens needed watering in the time I was away. I didn't pack properly and was running late for the plane. Sharon took me to the airport and eventually lost patience and told me to 'stop whingeing' and get on with it. I had a 4 hour wait in Brisbane and arrived in Melbourne at 11pm and waited forever for the luggage that seemed to be lost and then to a maybe bus to the city. Not happy Jan.

However while waiting for the bus I got talking to the woman beside me and – guess what? – she was a Zontian from Germany who had just completed a 28hr journey but was really excited to be here. That got my perspective back and was the start to an amazing and inspirational week that was the Convention.

I would encourage anyone to go to Convention. To be part of around 1700 professional women from 58 counties was awesome. I was so happy to be part of this international 'family' and was very aware of the feeling of the power of combined effort and cooperation. Everyone was friendly and so willing to talk about their clubs and what they were doing. It gave me a whole new slant on what women can do when they set their minds to it.

The Convention generally was well planned and professional. There were over 600 'first timers' like me and we were all made to feel really welcome so I didn't feel alone, especially as Michele was mainly with the other delegates.

The pin swapping routine of the first day took me by surprise, but I realised later that this is a very good way of getting to meet people and finding out about them and their clubs.

The opening ceremony was quite moving as well as colourful and interesting. The 58 country flags were impressive and many of the women were in national dress. We took lots of photos. The Australian Youth Choir was a treat as well and the didgeridoo display impressed the visitors.

The various speakers outlined what Zonta projects had achieved and this was inspirational. It is truly amazing what changes Zonta has been able to make to some women's lives. Even the business sessions and voting on the rules I found interesting as it made me realise how important these rules actually are. I am now committed to going through the manual to get a better understanding of these.

It was not all work and listening. The entertainment was a lot of fun. I particularly enjoyed the Tramcar Restaurant where we ate on a tram travelling around the city. The Gala Dinner was an impressive event as well with first class entertainers.

On our off time Michele and I explored Melbourne. It is a beautiful, vibrant and modern city with a wonderful mix of old world buildings and modern architecture and art works spread around the city.

We stumbled across a great little authentic French restaurant with delicious food, French speaking waiters and relaxing ambience – dim lights, soft music.

We visited the Art Gallery, Botanic gardens, Federation Square (on soccer night when we were playing Italy – amazing), Central Station shopping centre with a wicked chocolate shop with coffee and everything chocolate in the way of snacks. We saw the Casino and the weekend riverside markets and a highlight was seeing the Archibald portrait collection. And of course the shopping ....

We walked everywhere – using the calories ingested at the wonderful variety of international cuisines available. Michele in true French fashion treated Stop/Walk signs with a sniff of distain as a suggestion only, or an optional extra. We skipped blithely across busy traffic lanes to my constant cry of 'What about the Green Man' I came to realise how conservative and unadventurous I have become. Living dangerously on city streets has its own sort of exhilaration.

All in all I had a wonderful time and have come back with renewed enthusiasm. My main gain from the Convention has been a much better understanding of what Zonta is about worldwide and the power of collective action. I was very proud to be part of an organization doing so much and with connections to international organizations like the United Nations.

It made me realize that Zonta is so much more than club politics and our local events and efforts. These are important, but equally so are the international goals and projects. This is where the recognition and credibility at high level is achieved.

There is also a need to increase membership of quality members and partnerships with others, and working with other Zonta clubs to bring about change for the benefit of women.

I would recommend International Convention as a really worthwhile experience and a chance for personal growth. I hope I can get to Rotterdam in 2008 and that our club can be again represented at this event.

## Dinner Club General Business Please remember these date.

#### **Board Committee:**

President: Michelle Savoye
Vice Present: Leonie Moore
Recording Sec: Carmen Wood
Correspond Sec: Cherry Brosnan
Treasurer: Maria Johnstone
2 Vice: Shannon Ward

Attendance: Margot Dunstan

Archives:

Chair of Each Group: S & SOW: Leonie Moore MFO & E: Linda Harrison

PR & C: Liz Ryan FF & P: Shannon Ward Meets:

1st Wednesday in the month at the Potters Club. 6pm till 7pm

### Status of Women and Service

Leonie Moore - Chair Chris Gillic Frederique Glasco Marilyn Jacob Kristen Musgrove Kerri O'Connor Pamela Pather Alice Santos Ralphine Sauer Maureen Sweeney

Meets: 1st Monday in the month at the Buffs Club. 5.30pm till 6.30pm Finance, Fundraising and Program
Shannon Ward - Chair
Margot Dunstan
Vera Grimaldi
Sheree Harris
Maria Johnstone
Margaret Medley
Donna Mitchell
Dawn Muir
Rhonda Pengo
Nellie Scarsi
Sue Wicks
Dee Wilburn - Vice
Carmen Wood

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Sue Carson
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Anne Cunningham
Tess Fong
Lori Harrison
Carolyn Hay
Sam Kingsley - Vice

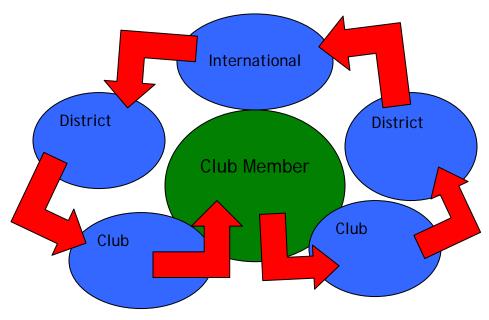
Sharon Todd

PR & C and FF & P have a combined meeting at the Buffs Club the 1st Monday of the month at 5.30pm till 6.30pm

Meets at Linda's house.

Membership and Fellowship Linda Harrison - Chair Cherry Brosnan - Vice Sarah Fraser Karen Thompson Sonia Wessels Newsletter Title Page 5

These are the channels of communication in Zonta



Communication Flow Chart (from ZI)

**Internet Sites** 

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