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Ahoy me hearties - boat show numbers down but morale up!



The annual Oceanic Boat & Leisure Show took place on Saturday June 6 and Sunday June 7 and what a mighty effort the Zontians - and their men - put in.

A new system of working saw busy bees chopping and frying under the expert tutelage of chef Glen and while crowds were not exactly knocking down the walls, the customers - and money - flowed in during the course of the weekend.

There were plenty of willing helpers - including husbands, daughters and other friends and family who were roped in - and things jogged along well.

Following is a 'thank you' to everyone, from the boat show steering committee of PJ, Suzie, Carole and Wendy.

Ladies & Horizontians, your Boat Show committee wishes to give you all big smiles and hugs and huge thanks for a job well done.

The work load was MUCH lighter under the system in place this year and Rotary seems to be VERY pleased with the results.

We think the entire gate was down quite a bit but our Food Court did well.

Official results are certainly not in yet and I'm sure we will be informed in a timely fashion.

Special thanks to our tireless and exceptional men....Rob Kenyon (the tempura king!), Warren Spicer (master of the fryers), Steve Halter (barbecue 'boss'), Neil Hansen, Lester Riley, John Downes & Cliff Hansen for set-up, pack up and cooking assistance when and where needed. Your support means a great deal to ALL of us. Thank you and thank you again to everyone who helped out.

Loads more Boat Show pics pages 5 and 6.

PJ, Suzie, Carole & Wendy

Early Bird discount for conference

Just a reminder that Early Bird registration for the Area Conference in Townsville on 25th - 27th September is available until 30th June. After that Date, registration will increase from \$265 to \$295. Jan McKinnon has the registration forms and will forward these for all our members attending, along with fees. Please let Jan know if you are going and arrange to pay the fees to her. Jan has also pre-booked accommodation and this will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Don't forget the Club will reimburse \$150 to each member attending, as this is viewed as such an important experience.

Luscious lunch for Whitsunday workers

Last month, local member for Whitsunday Jan Jarratt held a lunch at Palmers Restaurant, TAFE, for about 80 people.

The event was held to recognise the work of volunteers in our community.

As Jan said, without volunteers we would not be able to support our emergency services, sporting events, aged and disability services, hospital and school workers and provide many other community services.



Jan, Noelene and Robyn with member for Whitsunday Jan Jarratt (second from right) at the volunteers' lunch at Palmer's Restaurant in May.

Jan, Noelene and Robyn went along as Zonta board members to represent the Club.

"We became affectionately known as the 'three tarts' based on our dessert order. Well, that's our story," said Robyn.

"Seriously though, it's events like this that make you realise how many volunteer services exist in our community and how many people contribute their time and effort for the benefit of all."

President's Report

Food, fun and fundraising - what a fantastic effort this month! The Boat Show catering was so well organised, such a team effort, and so successful in meeting all expectations, that everyone is to be congratulated. A special 'Thank You' however must go to PJ for all her hard work; negotiating our final contract, organising our teams and always being there. This is much appreciated.

And this month is also one of hellos and goodbyes. We warmly welcomed back Guus into our Club after her reluctant absence and she

was in the swing of things within hours. At the same time, we are saying goodbye, for a while, to Deb who has done such a wonderful job with our Newsletter. Your effervescence and willing help will be really missed.

And now we look forward to our Changeover Dinner and the chance to dress up and have more fun. Thanks to Carole for taking charge of the ticket sales, and to the team of Marlene, Cath and Wendy for their work too.

The serious side of this is that we are saying 'goodbye' to four hardworking members of our Board, Kay, Jan, Linda, and Suzie, and

welcoming our new members, Jill, Catherine, Angela and Noelene. My personal thanks are extended to all the Board members for their work and support over the last year.

With more fundraising in sight, a new Committee of Sue, Connie and Roz are planning a very exciting new venture, a Healthy Lifestyles Expo. This will be held in late August and is a first for Airlie Beach. Stay tuned for more details as the Committee rolls out plans for our Club. As my father often used to say, 'Wouldn't be dead for quids'.

Robyn Mitchell

Healthy dinner to raise funds

A proposal for a Healthy Lifestyles Expo has been put forward to the board and has been approved.

The concept was designed to utilise Cyndi O'Meara, who is the author of 'Changing Habits Changing Lives'.

Cyndi will be the speaker at Stage II of the Library Project Launch, which is health oriented.

The Expo is two fold.

1) A "Healthy Lifestyles" dinner function - Friday 28th August 2009 at Coral Sea Resort. Tickets are \$45 per person for a two-course dinner and Cyndi is the keynote speaker

2) A "Healthy Lifestyles" Expo, which will be held in Coral Sea's Nautilus Room. The target is to have about 30 stall holders on various health and lifestyle subjects. There will be activities, demonstrations, raffles and show bags - basically the works! Coral Sea Resort has requested the naming rights for this event, for which they are providing \$2,000 worth of radio advertising along with various discounts relating to accommodating the speaker and provision of the room and equipment.

A core committee has been formed to handle the bulk of the details. Some members will be called on to help us out by utilising their expertise in certain areas.

This event, if successful, can become an annual event and give us the potential for another large fundraiser within the club.

Already, discussions

have taken place as to how we can expand and grow the event for next year.

The Judging is Over

The club's interview with the judges for the Healthy Queensland State Awards is now over and we await the regional results.

The club's entry was judged in the Community Award category along with five other applicants, from the Whitsunday, Mackay and Isaac regional areas.

"The feedback we received was very positive but, as we know, there will be both financial and political considerations in awarding the final prizes," said president Robyn Mitchell.

"A big 'thank you' to our team of Connie, Kerry, Angela and Noelene for fantastic presentations and to the committee members who supported them in all the work. I feel we have all gained hugely from the projects undertaken, regardless of winning."



Phew! Thank goodness that's over! L-R: Robyn, Angela, Noelene and Kerry



The judges putting the Zontians through their paces, from left: Angela, Noelene, Robyn (at front), judges John Pickup and Margaret Lane from Keep Australia Beautiful and Connie

COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD

Date Claimers

Changeover dinner 19/6/09
(deadline for booking tickets TBA by Carole)

There will be no general meeting in June

Menopause - the Musical 8/8/09

District 22 Conference . 25/9/09 to 27/9/09
(in Townsville and Jan will be taking names)

Goodbye and good luck to Deb

Our wonderful Editor Deb has been very successful in her new business Write Away Whitsundays. So much so, that it is taking all her time and she has reluctantly decided to resign from Zonta (for the time being). So we very sadly say goodbye to Deb who has done such a marvellous job on our newsletter, along with the help of graphic designer, Vikki. We will miss you heaps, and of course expect to keep in touch.

However, we do have the good fortune of having PJ, our computer savvy wonder woman, who is prepared to step into the breach. A big thank you to PJ. But as you all know, PJ intends to spend more time sailing with the Captain, Steve, and won't always be within internet range. So she is happy to train up anyone interested in learning about this job to fill in when she is away.

This is a great way to learn more skills - so please get in touch with PJ if you are interested.

Robyn

JMK AWARD

Applications for the JMK Award close on Tuesday 19 June.

“This has been mentioned before but the deadlines for receipt of entries are drawing near and you may know of someone that you think may qualify for entry to this award who intends to enter,” said Pam Graham.

The student (female) should be currently enrolled in an undergraduate business degree course and must demonstrate outstanding potential in the field of business.

She must be eligible to enter the third or fourth year of an undergraduate degree program at an accredited university/college/institute at the time funds are received from Zonta International, in November.

She must have achieved an outstanding academic record during the first two to three years of academic study and demonstrate intent to complete a program in business and show outstanding achievement in business-related subjects, as recorded on the official university/college/institute transcript.

If you know of someone who intends to enter please call Pam Graham on 0418 542 317 or contact Sharon Rudinski or Kerry Kenyon.

Happy Birthday to...

Sue Hansen June 27
Catherine Moscato June 30

Teddies bring joy to children

The AFADU blanket group has recently branched out and is now supplying the Whitsunday Crisis and Counselling Service with handmade teddy bears.

The Bears will be passed out to children and to some of the women upon entering the accommodation. “They are a gift from Zonta and are theirs to keep,” said Zontian Connie Riley.

“We hope that this gift will give them

at least a little comfort and pleasure.” AFADU group member (and potential Zonta member) Joan Ricardo has been very active in supplying the bulk of the bears. Other members of the group have also made contributions.

If you know of someone who would like to contribute bears, knit squares or join the blanket sewing group, please contact Connie on 4946 4090.



The initial delivery of teddies with more to come as the service requires them. Pictured are Jill Harland, Zonta member and Whitsunday Crisis and Counselling Service employee, and Zontian Connie Riley.

PHOTO GALLERY

Snippets from the food preppies (Friday night)

"I can't talk and count to seven at the same time." - Kay on trying to remember how many prawns she had packed into each container.

"That's my weekly groceries you have just put into the Cool Room." - Annie, to Robyn, on finding her shopping packed away with other food at the Boat Show.

"We have filled more than 60 containers with prawns and have some left over." - Noelene to the chef, Glen.

"Yes I can see that. You still have a piece on your top lip." - Glen to Noelene.

"I've learned not to pour out beetroot juice while wearing white slacks." - Robyn after draining a large tin of beetroot.



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