



## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

**APRIL 2014**

Our club has experienced a very busy and successful month.

I know that there will be reports further along in this newsletter, about our International Women's Day and 15<sup>th</sup> Birthday Anniversary.... But I couldn't resist mentioning a few things!

Two major events, many hours of work by the members, well done to everyone.

The Highlights for the International Women's Day was the Silent Auction, our two guests, Donna Bright and Lyn Brett and once again our Annie who brought everything together like a well tuned orchestra. I know Pammie you and your committee tirelessly worked to make sure our day was a big success.... and of course orange was worn by everyone to identify our "Zonta says No" Campaign.

Our 15<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party celebration on March 20<sup>th</sup> was just that!.... a great party, just amazing for the charter members to enjoy all the past presidents, office bearers and members, the powerpoint presentations were outstanding, thanks go to Connie, Sandii and PJ. What about our presenters Pam, Joan and Noelene who took everyone down memory lane!....



Mae, and her girls performing a skit, everyone looked so great in their coloured wigs!!

Sandii our MC, has hidden talents we haven't seen before!!! All our chartered members worked very hard to ensure the night would be a success!

Also it was an opportunity for all our present members to see the depth of our Zonta club... and the fun that was had through the years.

We had such a wonderful turn out for both events, which makes it all the more satisfying.... great for our archives!

Lesley our minute secretary showed a previous Australian Story (ABC Program) at our Breakfast meeting on Tuesday 11 March, concerning "Bravehearts" a child protection group, highlighting the child abuse in our community.

This group was formed by Hetty Johnson. Lesley who is a committee member of Whitsunday Crisis & Counselling Service, led the discussion after the viewing. A very disturbing subject, but necessary to air.

**Angela Spicer President**



Zonta presents Jan Clifford with roses in recognition of her work in the community



Angela presents Sue Manthey from Whitsunday Crisis & Counselling Service with \$1000



## ADVOCACY



International Women's Day is celebrated in many countries around the world. It is a day when women are recognized for their achievements without regard to divisions, whether national, ethnic, linguistic, cultural, economic or political. It is an occasion for looking back on past struggles and accomplishments, and for looking ahead to the untapped potential and opportunities that await future generations of women.

In 1909 the first National Woman's Day was observed in the United States. The Socialist Party of America designated this day in honour of a garment workers' strike in New York, where women protested against working conditions. In 1911 IWD was marked for the first time in Austria, Denmark, Germany and Switzerland where more than one million women and men attended rallies. In addition to the right to vote and to hold public office, they demanded women's rights to work, to vocational training and to an end to discrimination on the job. In 1913 and 1914 it became a mechanism for protesting World War I and on 8 March, as part of the peace movement, women held rallies either to protest the war or to express solidarity with other activists.

In 1917 against the backdrop of the war, women in Russia again chose to protest and strike for 'Bread and Peace' on the last Sunday in February (which fell on 8 March on the Gregorian calendar). Four days later, the Czar of Russia abdicated and the provisional Government granted women the right to vote.

Since those early years, International Women's Day has assumed a new dimension for women in developed and developing countries alike. The growing international women's movement, which has been strengthened by four global United Nations women's conferences, has helped make the commemoration a rallying point to build support for women's rights, participation in the political and economic arenas, equality and awareness. Increasingly, International Women's Day is a time to reflect on our progress made, to call for change and to celebrate acts of courage and determination by ordinary women who have played an extraordinary role in the history of their countries and communities.

This year the Zonta Club of the Whitsunday's proudly hosted International Women's Day for the twelfth time and women from Proserpine, Airlie Beach, Cannonvale and our Whitsunday Island communities were encouraged to attend. Sadly, the cyclonic weather conditions hampered our efforts and the 11 ladies booked to come from Hamilton Island could not attend, however, we ended up with 113 guests who all made the effort to dress in "something orange", the colour which personifies U N awareness campaign to stamp out violence against women and girls.

The room was beautifully set with crisp, white tablecloths, orange napkins and fabulous flower arrangements on each table that also matched the theme. The guest speakers both spoke passionately about human trafficking of girls and women and it was especially great to hear that the students who attended with their teachers from St. Catherine's College were awakened to the issues and were going to research more and pass on the information to other students.

The Domestic Violence Assist cards, sponsored by ZONTA for Whitsunday Crisis and Counselling were presented along with a cheque for \$1000 and as it was ZONTA Yellow Rose Day, Councillor, Jan Clifford was rewarded for her exceptional community efforts to support women in need and was presented with a beautiful bunch of Yellow Roses. Having the Silent auction as well as the raffles worked well and guests relaxed between festivities and presentations.

Despite complaints about the amount of food served by Reef Gateway, which undoubtedly will be addressed by next year's committee, the day was an outstanding success financially and raised close to \$4000 which well covered our annual commitment to WCCS and the purchase of the baby bath for the Proserpine Hospital, midwifery department.

As with all our ZONTA functions and despite the serious note of topics presented it WAS a day of celebration that adhered to the goals of International Women's Day.

**Pammie Harrison—Advocacy Director**



## SERVICE

International Women's Day Breakfast for 2014 has come and gone and thank you to everyone for making the day such a success and a special thank you to Pammie Harrison.



Laura Morrison's idea to have Zontians at her home for Aqua-aerobics has certainly been brilliant with a further \$200 being given to Catherine to aid the clubs funds. Not only do our members get together Tuesdays and Fridays to get that much needed exercise but it is such an enjoyable way to raise funds for Zonta.

The Trivia night will be held at the Bowling Club on Saturday, 3rd May, 2014 so start getting a group together and book a table.

**Dawn Green, Service Director**

### ROTARY CLUB OF AIRLIE BEACH INC



The Rotary Community Raffle is on once again and we have 200 tickets at \$5 each, with the usual great prizes:

- 1st - NEW CAR - Holden Barina worth \$17700!
  - 2nd - \$10000 cash - who can't use THAT?
  - 3rd - \$5000 Harvey Norman voucher - is a big screen TV in YOUR future?
- Plus heaps of local trips and accommodations.

This is simply the easiest FUNDRAISER we do each year. 100% of the monies from tickets we sell come back to our club. Each book of tickets is 5 at \$5 each. If each of our members sells just one book = \$25x36 members= \$900 without lifting a finger!! With 4 members selling an extra 5 tickets each, we make \$1000 – even better!

Rotary returns every single dollar back to community groups who sell these tickets so let's get behind this *easy peasy* fundraiser & make a goal of raising the \$1000. Closing date is 22 May. Yes, everyone in town may be selling these tickets so REACH OUT of town and sell your book of five! See **Wendy** for YOUR tickets.

## DV MONTH IN MAY



**DV Month in May:** All of us are encouraged to attend the 7<sup>th</sup> of May Candle Lighting ceremony with Wine & Cheese following at the Sailing Club (downstairs area). We are co-sponsoring this event with Whitsunday Crisis and Counselling Service. As always, we want to show solidarity and support for the causes. The Program will be:

- 5-5.30 near the rotunda where the markets are on Sat.: sausage sizzle for families (mainly children)
- 5.30-6.15 Candlelight Ceremony - Jan Clifford, main speaker – Also Simon Walter, Local DV Police & local Court Magistrate. There will be music and 'lighting' of the candles.
- 6.15 invited guests are asked to go to Sailing Club Venue for Wine & Cheese - finished by 7.30. Invited Business owners, us & WCCS staff. Topic: Workplace Response to Domestic Violence (supporting your staff). Speakers will be DV Solicitor from Mackay & Sue Mathney.

The 'Blow the Whistle' initiative will be also launched...whistles on lanyards are to be placed at sporting events, pubs, businesses etc. Victims of violence are being urged to 'blow the whistle' on offenders.

Please put this on your calendars. More information will follow. The Sailing Club has generously donated the space for which they usually charge \$350 and will get the wine for us wholesale. Cole's will be donating the cheese platters.

**P.J., Chair**





# MEMBERSHIP

Plenty has been happening over the last month to keep committee members busy. Since PJ resigned from the committee late last year to devote her time to the newsletter, contact list and website, Maxine was approached to join and has accepted. We all welcome her to the committee and I am sure she will provide some fresh ideas.

Jesse Brett has designed and produced some attractive stickers of the Zonta logo to be used as a promotional tool when required. Thanks very much Jesse, they look great!

It has been decided to hold "mentoring moments" at General meetings. Late last year Connie and Sandii helped familiarise us with the District website and at the April General meeting the topic will be how to move a motion at a meeting.

A number of nominations for the next recipient of the Thumbs Up to You Award have been received and committee members are researching each one. The next recipient will be announced soon.

The Last Wednesday Book Club continues to hold dinner meetings on the last Wednesday of each month with lively discussion of the book we have read during the month. It is amazing how different people's viewpoints can be! The next book club meeting will be on Wednesday March 26th at Joan's, Warrain St Shutehaven. **Kerry Kenyon Membership Director**

## Date Claimers

- 2 April: Board meeting
- 8 April: Breakfast Meeting/Talk – 7 AM – Coffee Club – *Women's Health* – Rowena Kissum
- 17 April: Annual General Meeting 6.15 PM – Reef Gateway
- 26-28 April: Area Conference: Mt Isa
- 28 April: AFADU Carole 4946 6538 for time/place
- 30 April: Last Wednesday Book Club is on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup>, 5p.m. at Joan's: 13 Warrain Street, Shutehaven

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- 3 May: Trivia Night – Bowls Club
- 6 May: Board Meeting
- 7 May: Candlelight Ceremony – 5.30 PM – Airlie Beach rotunda
- 18 May: Changeover
- 20 May: FILM EVENING Members Only (note this is the 3rd Tues of May) - Venue: Laura's house Chesapeake 6 for 6.30 pm start
- 26 May: AFADU Carole 4946 6538 for time/place
- 28 May: Book Club – contact Kerry K. 4946 1460 for time/place

# BIRTHDAYS



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21st April - Lesley Pratchett

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## ZONTA

Club of the Whitsundays Inc.

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April: BREAKFAST SESSION**

**VENUE: COFFEE CLUB 7 for 7.30 am start**

**WOMENS HEALTH: SPEAKER ROWENA KISSUM WHITSUNDAY HEALTH CLINIC.**



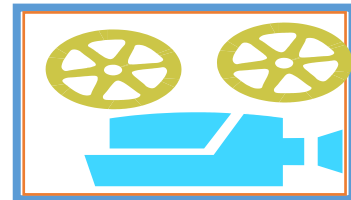
Rowena spoke to us last April and she was absolutely fantastic. I am thrilled that she has agreed to address us again this year. Rowena would like to speak about “Malnutrition with Affluence” – How do we lack vitamins and minerals with the affluence and excess in our country and access to healthy foods? She will compare the health concerns of Australia versus India where she had experience with malnutrition in the Mumbai Andheri Slums. The purpose of the talk is to get people thinking about what is most important in regards to our diet. She will discuss weight management, detox and stress management within the talk with real life stories from around the globe and her personal experiences.

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May: FILM EVENING (note this is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues of May)**

**Venue: Laura’s house Chesapeake 6 for 6.30 pm start**

**FILM: TEARS OF RAIN: The status of women in Nepal**

We will begin with a short 15 mins film on prisoners of Nepal showcasing the work of an amazing local woman, Indira, followed by a 45 min documentary film, “Tears of Rain”, about the women of Nepal. We would like you all to bring along a small plate of finger food to share preferably Indian/Nepalese and your favourite drink. Also, if you wish to have a small fluffy toy personally delivered to the disabled children’s home in Nepal, please bring one along for the HNP Inc “fluffy” distribution. There will also be a small market stall featuring Nepali products for you to purchase if you so wish. Sue Tuck from the Hearing Nepal Project will also be attending to answer any questions. A big thanks to Laura who is lending us her “cinema” for the evening.



These breakfast speaker sessions and film evenings are very inspirational and informative. For more information or to let her know you are coming email or contact Roz [peteandroz@bigpond.com](mailto:peteandroz@bigpond.com) or 49467370 / 0402056518



Profiles:

## Marlene Reiffel



I was born in Melbourne where I lived for the first 20 years of my life. Growing up in the suburbs with lots of freedom, creek and paddocks out the back and the local swimming pool down the end of the street, where I spent all my summer holidays, until 9.00pm when the pool closed. A wonderful, unrestricted upbringing.

I joined the public service when I left school and worked in Melbourne, in Personnel, until I had the opportunity to be promoted to Canberra in the heady days of full employment and jobs for the asking. Off I went, with lots of other young people from all over Australia. Staying in hostels (what fun), parties, pubs, clubs, and we still had time clocks! I had a good career progression through a variety of Government Departments, always in Personnel, turning later in Human Resource Management (HRM) during which I married and had children. I then wanted to be a stay at home mother and have a job, so we plunged into dairy farming in Victoria. It was at first successful and then disastrous due to flood, drought and everything else you can think of.

So back into the public service. I then saw a fabulous job in Kakadu National Park, as executive officer in a Research Institute. We all packed up and went north where we stayed for five years, loving every minute of it. It was time to bring the children back for college and back in the Royal Australian Mint Canberra, where I had another great job for more than five years. With children grown up and me single again, I took a redundancy and worked in hospitality around Alice Springs and Kings Canyon before taking a permanent job as senior HRM in Qld Health for Cape York, based in Weipa. Another five years spent in a good job, exploring the entire Cape and getting to know the local communities. Fishing in the sea and rivers is as easy as dropping in the line; a magnificent lifestyle. In Weipa, one of my daughters and her partner came and set up a business and I was fortunate to have two grandchildren born in this remote part of Australia.

It was time to move again and this time to Airlie Beach. My love of Airlie began in the early 70's when I was a housemaid on Daydream Island for several months, as part of a working holiday. What an experience; my job was to check that all the guests had left and no one was 'dead' in bed, as only 'old' people could afford to travel! I then had to go in the luau floor show in a grass skirt, bikini top and wig of long black hair as a Polynesian. Guests had seafood baskets of fish, chips and fish fingers. On Fridays, you had to hide in case the boss walked around and gave everyone he saw the sack, just because he felt like it. What an experience! Since then I had been back regularly over the years with the kids (usually on our way South) and always stayed for a while. I bought several properties during these visits.

While still in Weipa, I received an offer to come and work for CPQ as a real estate agent, and was encouraged to do my full real estate licence. As a result, I moved to Airlie in early 2005 and had four very exciting years of real estate before the GFC, which took the fun out of everything. I did not officially retire but have been travelling constantly over the past four years and will continue to do so for at least the next two years.

Airlie has become my permanent home and I currently have a '20' year project to convert some cabins into a house and two acres to learn to garden on. My son and his wife and one of my daughters with three children now live in Airlie and my other daughter, with one child, is in the Navy and currently posted to Canberra. I am very fortunate.

I was aware of Zonta from my time in Canberra and from my involvement in equal opportunity projects as Human Resource Manager. I was delighted to find that Zonta had a chapter in Airlie Beach and was pleased to be made so welcome when I inquired about membership here. I have been on several committees but because of constant travelling have not been able to contribute for the past few years. When I settle, I will look forward to more involvement.



**DISTRICT GOVERNOR-ELECT – JUDITH TREVAN-HAWKE** In her career of more than 40 years as an Occupational Therapist, Judith has been both a practitioner and an educator, working first at Oxford University and later to Associate Professor and Head of School level at The University of Queensland and James Cook University. She maintains a strong and active connection with the profession, but also finds time for gardening, quilting, the arts, travel – and her three adult step-children and five grand-children. As an educator and health professional, Judith was first drawn to Zonta's international projects when she joined the Brisbane club in 1993, and this attraction continued when she joined the Wynnum Redland club. Judith served as Area 3 Director for the 2010-2012 biennium and as both Lieutenant Governor and District Membership chairman for 2012-2014.





## **PAST MEMBER NEWS:**

Many of you will remember lovely Julie Boss:

A big hello to all the Zontians! I'm sure you are still working hard and doing wonderful work. You may have heard my news previously: last April 16th my beautiful little boy Hudson came into the world. What an amazing experience the last year has been, full of happiness, terror, exhaustion, laughter, surprise, delight, frustration... but most of all joy. So much going on, the days turn slowly but my little man growing and changing so fast. He is now 11 months old, walking, and climbs up on the sofa to the top (scary!). We visit my family in Adelaide when we can, and would love one day to take him to Jersey & his fathers' family. Tony adores his little son, and is busy juggling parenthood and study in graphic design. Kindest regards, and best wishes to all in the club for a healthy, happy and productive year.

Julie Boss



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**Zonta Club of the Whitsundays 15th Birthday**



**Anne Cleghorn & prospective member Lynette Corne with a guest at Zonta's 15th Birthday party**



**Annie Lloyd-Lewis with staff and students from St Catherine High School**





**Judy our raffle queen**



**Sue Manthey with members of the Whitsunday Crisis & Counselling Service staff**