



Change of Venue for June meeting

JUNE 2015

This month we are having our General Meeting at Lovely India in Airlie Main Street, upstairs, next to Paddy's Shenanigans. We will have the verandah to ourselves for the meeting but it may be cool so come rugged up. Each table will be given a selection of delicious curries to share - lamb, chicken, beef, vegetarian (beautiful for a winter's night) and, of course, rice plus a yummy dessert. Drinks will be available at the bar. Cost will be the same as usual and time will be still 6 for 6.30 start.

Carole will be sending out the usual reminder a few days ahead to get official numbers to give Lovely India so please give her apologies if you can't attend. For members with dietary requirements, please advise if you are unable to eat curries. Thanks heaps, Roz

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

What a busy month May has been!! We began with our area conference held in Mackay on the first weekend in May. Eight Whitsunday Zontians attended and we had a wonderful time, meeting like-minded lovely women, hearing inspirational speakers, learning heaps and absorbing lots of grand ideas. The Mackay club were perfect hosts and the conference was a marvellous success.

Our film night was held in Cath's beautiful, spacious home and the film "Wadjda", which shone a light onto the little known world of the Saudi woman, was enjoyed by all. Donations for the Nepal earthquake victims reached \$390.00 and food, soap and feminine hygiene products have been distributed by Sue Tuck and Himalayan Health and Hearing directly to the villagers affected by the earthquake. Well done everyone!! A big thank you to Cath for inviting her ABC contact, Sophie, and getting our evening written up on the ABC online website. Excellent coverage.

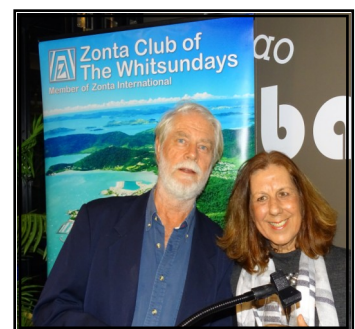
May was domestic and family violence awareness month. The initiative by WCCS to hold an information evening at Airlie Beach Hotel to teach local business people to create safe workplaces and to be able to recognize and address domestic violence issues with their staff, was very well attended and heralded as a huge success. A very big thank you to all those Zontians who attended and especially to Janet and PJ for initiating Zonta's involvement with this important event. Also, thanks to all those members who attended the May candlelight ceremony on Airlie Beach foreshore to remember victims of domestic violence.

We had our changeover ceremony at the end of May where yours truly became President. Barcelona came up trumps with delicious food and excellent service and the sun setting through the misty rain over the marina provided a magical backdrop for our event. A big thank you to our hardworking nominating committee - Kerry, Sandii and Wendy. A special thank you to Sandii for being our MC extraordinaire and to Kerry for her creative genius in providing the hit of the evening, "The Ballad of Wendy".

A very warm welcome to our newest members, Kim and Cathy. We know you are going to love being part of our wonderful club.

More exciting events coming up for the month of June - another film night at Cath's, a lovely new dinner venue for our June general meeting and another Trivia Night. Read all about it in this newsletter.

Roz Jennings, President





Guest Speaker for our June meeting

Three Brilliant Careers by Ross Davies

Chicago 1914 and 3 amazing Australian women (Miles Franklin of literary fame, Neil Malone and Kath Ussher, successful actress and artist) began a friendship that would endure through decades, in person and by correspondence, withstanding world wars and personal vicissitudes.

Their stories are retold in a book called Three Brilliant Careers. Written up in the Weekend Australian Review and receiving a very generous critique and great acclaim, Ross is coming to speak to our club for about 15 - 20 mins at the June meeting. His sister belongs to a Brisbane Zonta club and he strongly supports Zonta's charter.

He will have books for sale (absolutely no obligation to buy) which will sell for \$29.95 and which would make great Xmas presents. He is offering \$12.00 for each book sold to be donated back to our Whitsunday Zonta Club. Guess what my sister is getting for Xmas!!! At the April GM, the club members agreed to buy a book club set for our local library and the books in the set will be labelled with our Zonta logo

Ross is paying for all his travelling costs and accommodation costs as he is doing a regional tour. The three women were in Britain from early World War 1 and their volunteer service in hospitals in Macedonia and Greece is recounted in the book and so is very relevant during the 100 year Anzac celebrations. These are 3 women who were definitely ahead of their time and who paved the way for the modern Australian woman.

Roz Jennings, President

ADVOCACY



"Zonta says NO"

Domestic Violence continues to be in the news -- as it should be if we as a nation are to eradicate it. As Zontians we are very aware of violence against women around the world. Unfortunately, it is right under our noses. WCCS reports that they are having their busiest month ever. More than ever, local women and children are seeking emergency shelter. Possibly the plus in all of this is that women are seeking help-- they are speaking up.

Male behaviour-change programs report that men are often surprised to learn what DV actually means. They are surprised to learn that DV doesn't just mean physical violence---- that their demeaning, controlling words are DV as well. Interesting.

Nick is a 30 yr old from Melbourne who has been accused and convicted of DV against his wife of several years. She had endured many years of psychological abuse but when he lost control and threw her out of bed in front of their children, she rang police. As he was put into the police vehicle he yelled, "What are you doing? I'm not a criminal!" Nick now knows that his controlling nature and his act of physical violence did make him a criminal. In his own words, "It's a long way back from here". But it these men who have learnt the e'er of their ways who may just be what is needed to get the message across.

We have just seen the end of "Domestic Violence Awareness Month". Our club has been involved by having members support WCCS "Candle light Ceremony", being involved with "Modern Issues Affecting Modern Business" and by having our Zonta says "No" sign on Shingley Hill.

"Modern Issues Affecting Modern Business" was an initiative of WCCS and supported by community members including Zonta Whitsundays. The aim was to make business people aware of the affects that DV may have on their staff and ultimately on their business. Our members, Janet and PJ were very instrumental in this being the success that it was. Congratulations to you both. On the night, Janet kept proceedings moving with great aplomb. She was supported by several Zonta members who acted as "hostesses" on the night. Thanks to all involved.

Maxine Thiele, Advocacy Director.



FILM NIGHT

WHEN: Tuesday 9TH JUNE 2015 6 - 6.30 FOR A 7PM FILM START

WHERE: CATH'S HOUSE DOWNSTAIRS. 24 HAYMANVIEWS ESTATE CANNONVALE

WHAT TO BRING: Finger food or wine. Roz will send out reminder and list closer to the time.

INDIA, A DANGEROUS PLACE TO BE A WOMAN. (LANGUAGE ENGLISH): When we think of India what do we think of? Colourful silk saris, Bollywood, delicious curries, a rich culture. But being a girl can be tough. There's a common mindset in India that a girl is a burden. In a deep rooted culture, sons are raised superior to daughters. In December 2012, a young medical student was brutally gang raped on board a bus in Delhi. Horrified by the attack, 28 year old British Asian, Radha Bidi, travels to India to uncover the reality of life for young women there. Whilst filming the documentary, Radha met many young brave girls and women willing to share their personal experiences of harassment and violence. But things are changing. The fathers and brothers and husbands are saying enough is enough!!

LENGTH: 50 MINS

INDIA'S DAUGHTERS (language english) : It was a documentary two years in the making that told the story of the rape and murder of Jyoti Singh Pandey, in Delhi. Now it's been banned from broadcast in India by the national Government.

The question is why? The answer becomes clear from the statistics. In India, it's estimated that on average a woman is raped every twenty minutes. Many of these crimes go unreported. If they are reported, there is a good chance the woman herself will be blamed.

Two years ago, though, the rape and murder of one young woman, 23-year-old medical student Jyoti Singh, created headlines and sent thousands of women and men onto the streets of the country's major cities. Initially it seemed they were reacting to the nature of the brutal crime committed against Jyoti. But it quickly became clear that the protests were about far more than cruelty and the issue of police security for women in public places.

Protesters believed this crime symbolised the worst elements of a society that treated women as second class citizens. A society where infanticide, rape, violence and prejudice against women was built into its social fabric.

In the wake of the inquiry, the Government seemed eager to begin the process of genuinely protecting women and openly discussing the issue of female inequality. What happened next was a shock. The film was set to be broadcast around the world on International Women's Day in March, including in India. Suddenly, the Indian Government banned the documentary being played anywhere in the country, claiming that it was an affront to women. The broadcast ban created yet another furore.

For those desperate to see a change in Indian society that will protect and promote the rights of women, this film is essential viewing and the next step in the process of self examination that India requires as it becomes a major world power.

LENGTH 45 MINS

See you at Cath's on the 9th. Bring your tissues, Roz





MEMBERSHIP

Hello everyone:

I would like to firstly congratulate and thank Connie as our retiring membership director for the wonderful work she did over the past 12 months. She was amazing and we wish her all the very best in her new role as President Elect. We know she will do a sensational job there as well.

The membership committee have met and are preparing for another exciting year ahead with Sue Hansen as Chair. So look out for membership moments; birthday cakes; 10 year anniversaries; random badge draws; Thumbs up Awards presentations; that little bit of fun we bring to meetings.....

Dress Shirt and Logos: An email will be sent out (you may have even received it by now) regarding the time frames for our new look dress shirts, with Zonta logo as well as availability of shirts in our local area ie Rockmans, Target, Big W, Embroidery & Stiches and with estimated costings. Of course, you are welcome to research and purchase your own shirt elsewhere. Our only requirement is collar and button front. To enable us all to have the embroidery put on our shirts in time for the District conference, the Membership Committee has put in the following time frames that must be adhered to:

Members to have purchased and be prepared to hand in their shirts (named) to the membership committee on Thursday 17th July at the General Meeting.

Committee will then take the shirts to Embroidery & Stiches for the embroidery of the logo and this cost of this will be covered by the Zonta Club. You will be advised of pick up details.

Knock Knock Who is there? Our next "Knock Knock Mystery Dinner" will be held on 4th July Party for 14 guests at a cost of \$15.00 each. We are currently looking for hostesses for some more dinner parties. Remember, your theme is up to you and the number of invited guests and costing is all up to you so don't hesitate to let us know!

Z Clubs: Belinda Hasson from the Mackay Club will be coming along to a General Meeting to talk about Z Clubs in the Mackay area so have your questions at the ready. Our approach will be made to all three secondary schools in our area through the Principal of the School. We will hand deliver a letter of introduction about Z Clubs as well as promoting what we do as a Zonta Club in the Whitsundays. At this point in time, we will offer to come back to the school if the Principal of the school decides that they would like to look into this further, as our role is that of liaison support with the schools. If you are interested in being part of the Z Clubs initiative please let Lesley know.

Information Evening Date Claimer Thursday 17th September, 2015: The membership committee are currently getting the format and venue organised for this event one that we enjoy immensely so put the date claimer in your diaries now!

Christmas Party: Yes, Christmas Party! Dawn Green has offered to be chairperson to this committee and good fun and fellowship is on the radar for December – watch this space!

Director of membership missing in action: Well folks, Neil and I are heading off around Australia for a couple of months so it is bon voyage for a while. In the meantime keep on doing what you do so well - being part of our great Zonta Club of the Whitsundays!

Cheers Sandii Hansen, Membership Director





The Ballad of Wendy

How can we tell a story of our Wendy?
How to catch a greyhound, pin it down?
How can we sing the praises of our Wendy?
A pocket maxi, a whirlwind about town!

Many a time she's out there helping others
Many a cause she wants to understand
But will she ever slow down?
Not our Wendy Downes
She'll never stop while someone needs a hand
Oh, how can we tell the story of our Wendy?
She's such a whirlwind about town

She'll out-pester every pest
To raise money for what's best
She'll get John and all the Zontians on her side.

Whether running to fight Cancer
Helping women to find answers
She's dynamic, she is tireless..
She's our pride!
She's our pride!

At helping others she is tops
With Birthing Kits and Pamper Packs
and Young Women in Public Affairs.

The list goes on and on
(Thank Heaven for her John)
She's dynamic
She's exhausting!

She's O-A-M!!
OAM!

How can we sing the praises of our Wendy?
She's such a whirlwind...about town!
About town!

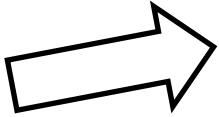


Chanteurs in picture preparing for presentation of "Ballad of Wendy". This was a delightful and

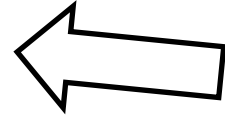
THANKS FROM WENDY: For me, last night was the icing on the cake – the total OAM experience has been overwhelming and I had no idea that everyone was so proud of me. It is a humbling experience and certainly not one that anyone would ever expect to happen in their lifetime.....so much better while still alive and not in the grave! All I can keep saying is WOW WOW WOW !!



SERVICE



TRIVIA NIGHT



Hi to all members, especially new members.

Well, you have all asked for it, another Trivia Night, Saturday 20th June at 6.30 for 7pm is the time and date and Airlie Beach Bowling Club is the venue.

The Trivia Committee, Dawn, Noelene, Judy and me are working on the raffle prizes, some tricky questions and what nibbles to serve. For those of you who have been to one of these nights before and for those coming along for the first time the night is full of fun and games and you might even learn a thing or two.

We have decided on a home grown, home made, home cooked theme for our raffles so we are calling on members for items like, pickles, jam, chutney, biscuits and any other goodies you think would go into a country hamper. We hope to have enough of these items to make up several hampers.

Tickets are \$15 per head with a maximum of eight per table and tickets are available from Rockmans, Dawn, Noelene and me so get your tables organized now. The usual tea, coffee and cake, supplied by members, will be served at the end of the night.

So hit the books, bone up on all things trivial and I hope to see you all on the 20th.

Kerrie Adam, Service Director

3rd annual AIRLIE BEACH RUNNING FESTIVAL IS ON 18th and 19th July.

Last year our club entered a team in the 5km business team challenge and, from the photo enjoyed it immensely. It would be great to have Zonta represented in this event again. Note you do NOT have to run – last year's team all walked together. This year's team numbers are already more than last year, as are the individual entries so we are looking at a much bigger event. This year there is a 2km Kids event on the Saturday which is shaping up to be a big success. If you don't want to pound the pavement in the 5km, but still want to "be in it" then we really need volunteers as they are what makes the event happen on the day. We all know how much experience Whitsunday Zontians have had with Triathlon and Running events over the years, especially on water stations, so please wave the flag for Zonta and enjoy the atmosphere on either 18th or 19th July.

Contact Wendy on 0418 768 493 or info@whitsundayrunningclub.com.au.





We're out & about town, supporting the community, enjoying great food and each others company!



Lunch at TAFE



Great Morning Tea at Men's Shed



Film Evening



Domestic Violence Business Information Night

AND, OF COURSE, CHANGEOVER!!!



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