



MAY 2015



AS PART OF THE REBRANDING by Zonta International, we have a new Mission, Vision and Theme:

Mission: Zonta International is a leading global organization of professionals empowering women worldwide through service and advocacy.

Vision: Zonta International envisions a world in which women's rights are recognized as human rights and every woman is able to achieve her full potential. In such a world, women have access to all resources and are represented in decision making positions on an equal basis with men. In such a world, no woman lives in fear of violence.

Theme: Empowering Women Through Service and Advocacy

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

My last report to you all – a bit sad—but I have enjoyed my year and have had some good feedback from members. The committees have all had a successful year with more plans for the future featuring some new initiatives – so fasten your seatbelts and enjoy the ride !

The nominating committee have been working hard organising our changeover to be held on May 24th at Barcelona and I am sure we will have a great night by the water at the marina.

Eight of us attended the Area meeting in Mackay on 2-3rd May – four of which were “newbies” . I am sure they all learnt a lot and enjoyed the fellowship with members from the other eight clubs in our area and got some good ideas for fund-raising. I think Ann spoke to everyone there! 😊 There is a report on the meeting elsewhere in this newsletter, so please read it and be inspired to attend one of these in the future.

Plans for the District Conference in October are progressing well and elsewhere in this newsletter you will see some of the jobs we have to do, so please think about where you can help and let me know. During the next few months we will have a better idea of what exactly is needed and I am hoping for a good response from you all. Thanks in advance.

I want to wish incoming President Roz all the best for a good year ahead. I know she has some ideas for the club and with a good board behind her, it will be another successful one.

Finally to you the members – the backbone of the club. There is so much that goes on in the club with no fuss – it just happens. This is due to some wonderful ladies who often unasked know what to do and do it. Each of you in your own way help to have a very successful club. Thank you all. Noelene Helman, President



CHANGEOVER

Instead of our usual meeting, we will meet under the stars at Barcelona Tapas Bar on Sunday May 24th. We are looking forward to a beautiful evening of celebration, for this is when we reflect on all our good work over the past year and thank our out-going Board members for their commitment to making it all happen, as well as welcoming and thanking our on-going and new Board members.



Here's what you can look forward to:

Arrive at 5p.m. Enjoy a champagne or wine with a selection of bread tapas, while watching the sun set over the marina to the accompaniment of beautiful guitar music.

Enjoy the Changeover festivities then the fabulous Spanish inspired main course and dessert, wine and music, and perhaps the odd surprise!

The cost will be approximately \$53 per head (depending on numbers). We hope you and your partners can all come and make it a fabulous night celebrating what it is to be a Zontian.

Kerry Kenyon, Nominating Committee

DISTRICT CONFERENCE UPDATE

We have our to do list and after a get-together with DG Judith and District Treasurer Elaine at the Area meeting. It now feels as though it is coming together.

Information on the conference will be distributed to all clubs in the district later this month.

Quite a few delegates at the area meeting in Mackay indicated they had already booked their accommodation and we are hearing how some are intending to either come early and/or stay later which is what we hoped would happen so we can showcase our wonderful area.

The suggested programme is:

- Friday Night – Civic Welcome at Coral Sea Resort lawn area
- Saturday – Business sessions
- Saturday Night – Dinner in Clipper Restaurant, Coral Sea Resort
- Sunday morning – business session, workshops.
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I would like you all to think how you can help and following are some suggestions:

- * Packing of Conference bags for delegates (we are hoping for 150 attendees)
- * Ushers for conference sessions – directing delegates to various locations
- * Pages - deliver messages, forms for signing and runs errands during business sessions
- * Greeters/drivers at airport and train station to pick up delegates and deliver to hotels
- * Greeters at Coral Sea Resort to help delegates – check ins, hotel information
- * Helpers on registration desks (TBA if required).

If any member would like to offer a billet for delegates – can you please let me know as soon as possible?

Already a few members have offered and I thank them very much. I would like to be able to circulate it with the information going out to all clubs later in May. Thank you. Noelene





MEMBERSHIP

This is a beginning of a New Year for Membership with lots of changes for you. I am leaving the Directorship of Membership and moving on to President Elect. Sandii Hanson is leaving the Chair of Membership to be the New Director and Sue Hanson is coming on board to be our New Membership Chair. I am sure you will all agree that these changes will make for a great team and I for one am looking forward to all the happenings that will occur from of our Membership Committee this coming year.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

We are looking forward to inducting a new Member at our May Change over. I am sure all of you will give a great big welcome to Cathy Knezevic. That will bring our membership to a total of 36. Another possible induction is in the pipeline and if we can complete our new member processes in time we will be welcoming a second new member at Changeover.

Club shirts and rebranded badges are in the process and well underway. More information will be reported at the June Meeting. In the meantime if you have any questions about the Club Shirts, contact Sue Hansen on 4946 4090, or 0415 311 199.

KNOCK KNOCK MYSTERY DINNER

Look Out – the next Knock Knock is underway. A “Fourth of July Party” – what a great theme. Pencil the date in your calendar and listen for further Details at the June General Meeting.

Want to hostess a “Knock Knock” Mystery Dinner? Contact zontaclub7@hotmail.com for details.

THUMBS UP

A new recipient of the “Thumbs Up” has been chosen and membership are currently in the process of awarding her certificate as soon as the procedures are completed. Watch this space – an announcement will be made soon.



Z-CLUBS

Z-Clubs will be under the direction of Sandii Hanson as Membership Director.

Anyone interested in being on the Z-Club committee that hasn't already put their hand up please contact Sandii on 4948 0726 or 0429 480 726.

BOOK CLUB & AQUA AEROBICS

Book Club and Aqua are ongoing events, - anyone interested contact Connie Riley 4946 4090, 0412 292 030 for more information.

INFORMATION MEETING

The September Information Meeting planning is underway. Another great Info Night will be held in lieu of the September General Meeting. We will keep you posted.

WHATS HAPPENING IN NOVEMBER

Your Membership Committee have a treat in store for you – Watch this space

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Dawn Green has put her hand up to Chair our Christmas Party. Lots of ideas have been put forth already. Watch out for more detail in the near future.

Connie Riley, Director



ADVOCACY

May is Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

34 women have died this year in Australia as a result of domestic violence. Domestic Violence is the leading cause of preventable death and injury in women under 45.

"Domestic and family violence is a violation of human rights and there is no excuse for not acting to eliminate it." Dame Quentin Bryce speaking after she had handed her "Not now, Not ever" report to the Qld Premier, Annastacia Palaszczuk. She was astounded by the stories told to her by survivors of Domestic Violence. Stories of brutality, rape, of being beaten, controlled and isolated. The report makes 140 recommendations. Among them are recommendations for the setting up of a specialist domestic and family violence court with specialist magistrates and for harsher penalties for perpetrators of Domestic Violence. Premier Palaszczuk said that her Government would consider all of the recommendations. Hopefully, Dame Bryce's efforts will not be in vain.

On the evening of May 6th people across Australia held candle light vigils to remember those women and children who have died as a result of Domestic Violence. A small group of our members attended such a vigil held in Airlie Beach. It was organised by WCCS.

In Melbourne's Federation Square, Australian of the Year and Domestic Violence survivor, Rosie Batty addressed a crowd of several hundred people. She said that she was there because she is "one of those names". There because her son's father killed him as a final act of control and power over her. She said that when she first began speaking on the issue, one woman a week was dying as a result of Domestic Violence. Now it is two. "We should be outraged by these statistics," she said. "We should be furious. For God's sake--- it's time we got together and said enough is enough."

It is time for men to urge other men to realise that women and those they love are not possessions. It is time for men to 'own the issue".

Thursday, May 14th, the WCCS is organising an evening: "Modern Issues Affecting Modern Business". Our Zonta Whitsundays club, headed by Janet and PJ, will be involved with this in a supporting role. The aim of the evening is to bring to the attention of business people the rise in depression, drug and alcohol abuse and domestic violence and its possible impact on modern business and how it can be addressed. Janet and PJ have put a lot of effort into this evening and everyone is hoping for an enlightening and fruitful outcome.

Maxine Thiele, Director





REPORT FROM AN 'MANY' TIMER: (5 or 6 I think)

Fast Facts:

UN Funding for women: 3 biggest donators, Avon, Johnson & Johnson, Zonta
New Mission Statement

Zonta in 64 nations, 30,000 members

Explained that: 100% of money raised for Foundation goes to Zonta projects/ Admin comes from dues

Our District came 4th in the world in Fundraising out of 32.

P.R. workshop:

Social media – use graphic to peak interest

Facebook: Should be public, not private.

Profile Picture – logo and can switch to photo

Make albums of events

Copy & paste from International site our purpose

Put links to International & District – there is heaps there to copy & past to our site

Get people to 'like' and to 'share'

Create Events tab

Others can submit and it will go to administrator to OK

Club Reports:

Mackay: Zonta Says No dinner/fundraiser/men waiters/local football team/temp. tattoo's with Zonta

Says no/open to public/chance to take it public

Bowen: Produced book of history of club/got grant from Council

Burdekin: UN Peace Day – Plaque & Tree/Z Club has 53 girls/Somalian speaker at IWDB

Cairns: Bought new vehicle for Meals on Wheels

Art Gallery for IWD meal & raffles for public

White Ribbon Day – 66 pairs of shoes lined up to represent number of women killed in Cairns due to D.V.

Fashion Parade & Sweets at Races

Charter Towers: Well Woman's Workshop due to terrible drought & financial state of town

Free, invited women in business, talked about coping mechanisms/supper/network/care package

Mt. Isa: "Put Your Dress Out". Wedding gowns on show in honour of murder of Stephanie Scott

34 killed in Mt. Isa due to D.V. so 34 wedding gowns on display at Domestic Violence Breakfast

51 Members – Big DV billboard on highway

Townsville: High Tea & IWDB – 400 people attend

Encouragement Award of \$100 for girls selected by teachers every year

Donate underwear to Mental Health Unit

Townsville Metro: Refurbished parents retreat of Ronald McDonald house

\$20,000 refurbished Woman's Shelter

Time poor club so have breakfast meetings – before work – increased from 16 members to 24

P.J. Halter



Trying to make a 'Z' after a few wines!

Plenty of time for fun after a hard days work!



Wendy's Big Day Out



To receive this amazing honour of an Order of Australia has been both exciting and humbling, especially as I was one of only about 100 awarded in Queensland. The citation used was “Services to the community of the Whitsundays and to recreational running” which included a whole lot more than running, although running had been in my life the longest. The award was also for services to Zonta, Triathlon and Cancer Council Qld over the past 16 years. When one does what one loves doing, nothing is expected in return so the honour that has been bestowed upon me is an incredible experience. I know my parents would have been beaming down on me when I received the award at Government House.

The Government House investiture by Governor Paul de Jersey was very formal and a wee bit scary, as well as emotional. I will never forget it and also the magnificent House and gardens.

The following day we attended a luncheon organised by the Order of Australia Association – 300 attendees, past recipients and 34 of the new recipients, where we were again congratulated and welcomed. I will be joining the association and work with other members in Mackay to recognise more people for their work and contribution to Australian communities. Wendy Downes

We are all so very, very proud of you Wendy.



ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS ARE HERE!

Enjoy discounts at our local Airlie Beach Restaurants!



For only \$60, EntertainmentTM Memberships are packed with hundreds of up to 50% off and 2-for-1 offers for the best local restaurants, cafés, attractions, hotel accommodation, travel, and much more!

Available as a traditional EntertainmentTM Book -or- Digital Membership on your smartphone, your Membership gives you over \$20,000 worth of valuable offers valid through to 1 June 2016!

Every book we sell earns us \$12.00 for the betterment of women in the local community.

To place your order control & click the link below and order online or Contact Connie Riley at the 0412292030 or zontaclub7@hotmail.com

Only one dinner out for two pays for the cost of this book. There may be only a few restaurants in Airlie (most are in Townsville) but coupons for Video Ezy (2 for 1), Discount Chemist, and many, many others save heaps of money over the year.





Date Claimers

9 -11 October 2015: We host the District Conference – all of us will need to be in attendance so mark your calendars! This is an honour that seldom comes our way.

MAY:

- 2-3: Area meeting in Mackay
- 5th : Board meeting
- 12th: Film Evening—**RESCHEDULED TO CATH'S**—6pm
- 24th: Changeover – 5pm—Barcelona Tapas Bar, Abell Point Marina
- 25th: - Knitting Group—10am—Contact Carole Brauner
- 27th : Last Wednesday Book Club – 5pm—Contact Kerry Kenyon—Host: P.J.

JUNE:

- 2nd: Board meeting
- 9th: Film Evening—2 Documentaries—6pm
- 18th: General Meeting—Reef Gateway—6.15 for 6.30 start
- 24th: Last Wednesday Book Club – 5pm—Contact Kerry Kenyon



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(Copy & paste the line to your browser)
<https://www.facebook.com/WhitsundayZonta>

We now have a 'Facebook Team' to keep us up to date and more relevant. Your input is not only requested but most welcome.

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