



## DIARY DATES 2007

### DINNER MEETING

Thursday 18th JANUARY  
6.15pm for 6.30pm  
On the Jetty at Coral Seas

### UN BOARD MEETING

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> JANUARY  
4pm Capers

### BOARD MEETING

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> FEBRUARY

**INTERNATIONAL  
WOMEN'S DAY BRUNCH**  
11am Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> MARCH  
Nautilus Room at Coral Sea  
Resort

**MACKAY CONFERENCE  
LONG WEEK END**  
5-7<sup>th</sup> MAY

## WORLD NEWS

11 JANUARY  
**AMELIA EARHART DAY**

8 MARCH  
**INTERNATIONAL  
WOMEN'S DAY**

7 APRIL  
**UNITED NATIONS WORLD  
HEALTH DAY**

5 JUNE  
**UNITED NATIONS WORLD  
ENVIRONMENTAL DAY**

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**Advancing the Status of Women Worldwide**



## From the President's desk

### **Happy New Year to you all...**

I hope that 2007 will be a healthy and prosperous year for yourselves and The Zonta Club of The Whitsundays.

We have a couple of members who have had a bad start to the year, this being Kimberley who is recuperating from major back surgery, and Eunice who is still in hospital in Melbourne after undergoing major breast cancer surgery. We wish both members a speedy recovery and look forward to seeing them at our meetings as soon as possible. Eunice's case 'highlights' the project we are currently undertaking on advocacy for breast and other cancers in women.

Our Planning Session will be held at Kath's home at 2pm on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January and we would like as many members as possible to be there. Details on this will be forwarded shortly.

Our Binoculars are doing so well without any effort on our part, thanks to Robyn. This will be an ongoing fund raiser and we have rosters made up for the collection of money until the end of June, so far.

If we agree to the proposal for The Rotary Boat Show as presented by PJ in this Newsletter, we will have to do very little in the way of fund raising for the year. That means we can enjoy more social occasions such as progressive dinners, shows and other events that we all love. Let's make it a fun year this year as only we Zontians know how!

I look forward to seeing you all at our General Meeting on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January. Who knows, maybe we will get to meet Mathew McConachie or his body double that night at Coral Sea Resort. Wow.....

Love, Carole

## **A bit of Zonta Christmas Spirit!**



**PJ**, chair of our SOWS Committee, and ladies from the Whitsunday Women's Services delivered 'Pamper Paks' put together by the Whitsunday Zonta Club to women in need the week before Christmas.

The 'Pamper Paks' were filled with personal care items, beauty products and toiletries for ladies who are living in the region's women's refuges and care homes. They are designed to bring a little Christmas cheer to women who have often been forced to leave their homes with nothing.

The two major donors this year were Shapes by Tania (a fellow Zontian) and Airlie Beach News Agency and Bookstore.

**We** sincerely thank everyone who participated.



**Zontian PJ**, with Rhiannon Prescott and Diana Sayer from Whitsunday Women's Services. Pics Guus

## **A Warm Welcome to New Zonta Clubs**

**Ocala, Florida, USA**

**Accra Metropolitan, Ghana**

**Jeon-Nam, South Korea**

**Taichung II, Taiwan**

**Silicon Valley, California, USA**

**Thy, Denmark**

**Kandy, Sri Lanka**

**As at 1st August 2006, Zonta International has 1,238 clubs in 68 countries and geographic areas.**

## **NEWS FLASH!!!**

### **Binoculars for the WHITSUNDAYS**

"Take a closer look at the Whitsundays through the newly installed binoculars at Airlie Beach lagoon. They provide another experience for tourists allowing them to see water sport activities from the land ten times closer. They also provide another source of fundraising for the club, which goes back into the community," said Zontian Robyn Mitchell in the 'Whitsunday Times'.

The cost is \$2 for a minute and a half viewing time and the binoculars are located on the ocean side of the lagoon. Treasurer Connie reported that the Club collected a total of \$164 (\$82 profit) during two weeks in December.

**Fantastic Robyn – what a winner!**



**Robyn with plaque:**  
'All proceeds to the Zonta Club of the Whitsundays for services to the local community'



**Zontians PJ, Robyn, Joan, Connie and Carole with Steve from Toowoomba, owner of the binoculars**

## **Gossip Quiz!!**

**Which two Zonta members are living across the road from a film star ?**

**Which two members were among a group of ladies showing a film star and his body double how to do Aqua Aerobics on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January ?**

**Which film star bought Deli items at Coles on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> and said that he and his wife cook their own meals' ?**

**What member knows why the yellow plane was built near the VMR ?**

## Young Women Take the Lead

(Whitsunday Times, Local News, 4 January 2007)

“Young Whitsunday women are taking the lead in public affairs with help from the Zonta Club of the Whitsundays. Zonta is encouraging young women to take up careers in community work, understand what women around the world are fighting for, and to find ways for improvement.

Four Proserpine High students were finalists in the Young Women in Public Affairs (YWPA) competition, with Erin Cassells taking first place and receiving a \$200 prize for her winning essay as part of the Zonta International initiative.

Erin will speak at the International Women’s Day Brunch on 11<sup>th</sup> March, and also go into the district competition against young women from ACT, NSW and Queensland for the chance to win \$US1000.

Second place and \$100 prize money went to Kristie Gregory. The Runners up were Cassie Dobinson and Briana Buxton.”

### Congratulations ERN, KRISTIE, CASSIE and BRIANA

(Unfortunately Briana was absent due to a nasty virus)



YWPA Winner Erin Cassells, with President Carole and Program coordinator Wendy Downes



From left, finalists Cassie Dobinson, Erin Cassells and Kristie Gregory with President Carole  
Below, presentation at Capers, Airlie Beach



Ladies: No, this isn't about Captain Steve and me sailing off into the sunset... quite the opposite really.

A wonderful opportunity has been presented to us to make a great deal of money (we all like \$\$\$), with a great deal of work but over a short period. We tried to get this together for you last year, if it sounds familiar, but Rotary has become anxious for us to participate this year. What's the deal, you may ask?? Rotary has offered us the food and non alcoholic drink concession at their hugely successful annual Boat show.

By the time you get this Newsletter, you may have received by email all the details. If not, please check your emails – this may be the most important decision our club has made, concerning \$\$\$\$\$. We stand to make much more than we ever could with a hundred raffles. (Low estimate is \$5000, top \$8000.) With this, our recipe book sales and the binoculars... well, we'll be RICH! (For us.) What a pleasure it could be to work our little collective backsides off for a couple of days every year, then have enough \$\$\$ to do all the Advocacy and social activities we wish!

Sheryn Blundstone has been working with Rotary to put this together for us. Your Board has approved it and is rapt. As we run this club as a democracy, we will take a vote at the meeting on the 18th January. It's absolutely essential you attend to have your say and vote. We will need the commitment from all of us for this to succeed. Failure is not an option once we agree to take it on.

Please print out your emailed proposal, take time to read and digest it, then contact either Sheryl or me with questions and be prepared to commit to the hard slog (with our usual happy faces and wild ideas for fun) for a couple of days in June (9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>). Put up your hand to join the planning committee if you want a say in how things are run.

**Money, money, money means fun, fun, fun....**



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PJ

**ZONTA INTERNATIONAL BIENNIUM  
2006-08**

**OUR GOALS:**

**Service:** to provide mission-focused service combined with advocacy for effective outcomes.

**Advocacy:** to be advocates and opinion leaders on women's issues and to work with like-minded organisations to achieve the mission.

**Credibility, Identity and Visibility:**  
Improve credibility through evidence based reporting; increasing visibility and identity through brand management; marketing and PR; commemorate Zonta Rose Day/IWD 8<sup>th</sup> March.

**Membership:** Grow internationally by 1,000 members (net) through effective recruitment, retention and revitalisation and to enhance value for members through participation, education, networking and bottom-up initiatives.

**Financial:** Increase support for the Zonta International Foundation by increased personal and club contributions, planned gift giving and donor development.

**Governance:** Align and integrate strategies: develop performance-based culture: use information and technology for informed decision making: develop tools and resources to support strategy: build a pool of leaders through leadership development and education: continue process improvement through review of systems, structures, programs and policies.



**Eunice**

Your fellow Zontians send best wishes for a speedy recovery. Keep smiling and most of all, keep selling those cookbooks whilst in hospital.

You are an inspiration to us all!

**To our Birthday gals**

Carole 2nd January, Noelene 6th January,  
Kay 6th January - we hope you had a great day!

Marie 28th January – 'ava good one!

Leigh 6th February, Marlene 9th February,  
Anne 14th February - all best wishes for a fun birthday!



**Many happy returns**



Kimberley – we hope you're feeling heaps better and will soon be back in full swing!!!



**From the Editor**

**Happy New Year everyone ...**

**May all your troubles last as long as your New Year's resolutions!**

**Here's to 2007 – bring it on!!** and all the exciting options we have to consider, the first being at our next dinner meeting on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January. See you there.

Ciao, Luella ima00845@bigpond.net.au



