



## DIARY DATES

**AGM MEETING**  
Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> MAY  
Coral Sea Resort Jetty  
6.15 for 6.30pm start

## CHANGE OVER DINNER

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> JUNE  
Coral Sea Resort  
Nautilus Room

**BOARD MEETING**  
6pm Thursday 7th JUNE

**ROTARY BOAT SHOW**  
**ZONTA FOOD COURT**  
9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> JUNE  
Abel Pt Marina

**DISTRICT 24 CONFERENCE**  
**TWIN TOWNS RESORT**  
**TWEED HEADS NSW**  
7<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER

**59<sup>th</sup> ZONTA INTERNATIONAL**  
**CONVENTION IN ROTTERDAM**  
28 June – 3 July 2008

## WORLD NEWS

**Domestic and Family**  
**VIOLENCE PREVENTION**  
Month 1st – 31st May

**World**  
**TELECOMMUNICATIONS Day**  
17<sup>th</sup> May

**Week of Solidarity, Fighting**  
**for Freedom, Independence**  
**and Human Rights – 25<sup>th</sup> May**

**World ENVIRONMENT Day**  
5<sup>th</sup> June

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## From the President's desk

**Hello Girls,**

Well, another Zonta year is coming to a close. Next Meeting, the 17<sup>th</sup> May, is our AGM where we say goodbye to the old Board and welcome the new Board. We have had some successful and great Board meetings having a meal and chit chat in the first hour and getting down to business after that. This also completes my first year as President and I feel a lot more confident going into the next year (should I be elected that is).

**We will have our Change Over Dinner at Coral Sea Resort in the Nautilus Room on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June.** The theme will be Black & White and I'll be looking for a couple of members to help me with this. We have a lot of members who are going to be away unfortunately but we hope that you and your partners and friends will make an effort to attend. Although Change Over is a formal evening it is always fun. You will be kept up to date with the arrangements for this. Start looking for your black and white glad rags now.

This last month some of our members took part in the Relay for Life and with the theme of Hollywood our team all became "Wonder Woman". Joining together with the Whitsunday Women's Service our team did us proud carrying our baton and managing to walk all afternoon and night with no sleep at all. Annie had some fantastic t-shirts printed and I'm sure we will find a use for these again. The lighting of the candles was extremely emotional and it was actually an honour to take part and help with fund raising for this well deserved appeal.

This last weekend 10 members travelled to Mackay for the Area Workshop hosted by the Mackay Club and chaired by our very own Pam Graham as Area 7 Director. A lot was learnt, new friends made and old friends caught up with. It is beneficial for members to go to these workshops as it helps members of our own club bond as well as increasing our knowledge of Zonta as a whole. There may even be a couple of unofficial meeting photos around too.

**We** have also attended the TAFE food handling course in preparation for our big entry into the food industry at The Rotary Boat Show in June. I don't think anyone passed the blue light test, did they? It was great to see so many high school students and staff of Whitsunday Women's Service there getting ready to help us on this function.

I look forward to seeing you all on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May at the AGM.  
Love Carole

## Domestic and Family Violence Prevention month 1<sup>st</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> May

seeks to provide members of Queensland communities with an increased awareness of the social and personal impacts of domestic and family violence. In 2007, the main focus of the month is to encourage people who use abuse and/or violence to take responsibility for their abusive behaviour and seek support to change.

The 2007 Theme **“Domestic and Family Violence: See the signs. Be the solution”** aims to encourage men to see the warning signs of domestic and family violence, such as controlling what their partner wears, who she sees, where she goes, how much she spends – and seek advice.

Everyone is encouraged to get involved in events throughout Queensland. Remembrance Day candle lighting ceremonies in South Brisbane, Cairns, Toowoomba and Gympie, a free family fun day in Mackay, music festival in Hervey Bay, and Peaceful Walks and Tree Planting in Brisbane.

[www.communities.qld.gov.au/violenceprevention](http://www.communities.qld.gov.au/violenceprevention)

## President Olivia Ferry – Zontian April 2007

“Zontians are amazing! Around the world we are engaged in amazing things that generate amazing results. The scale and scope of Zonta’s service activities around the world are now reported quarterly by Zonta clubs in terms of the type of service provided, the number of hours spent and the amount of money raised. During just the first quarter of the biennium, based on a fraction of the clubs around the world reporting, Zontians donated 61,500 local service hours equating to 1.92 hours of service per Zontian, and raised US\$473,991 for local service equating to US\$14.79 per Zontian.

Please be sure to check the ZI Web site and report your club activities to your District Governor. Reporting not just your service activities but also your advocacy actions and membership information will help Zonta International profile the organization’s activities and track progress towards the achievement of our biennial goals. This biennium we want to listen to our members more. It is part of our bottom-up strategy to guide the future direction of the organization.”

## Modern Day Slavery

Mark Copland Media Release – Friday 23 March 2007

### **Social Justice Commission Recognises 200 Years Since Abolition of Trans Atlantic Slave Trade**

“The 25th March is a historic day that all people of good will can acknowledge and celebrate,” stated Executive Officer for the Social Justice Commission, Dr Mark Copland. “Whenever people struggle to uphold human rights and the dignity of the human person it is worth celebrating. On March 25th, 1807, King George III gave his royal assent to the Act which abolished the slave trade. This great moment in history owes much to people of faith and good will refusing to believe that human beings should ever be debased in such a way.”

“Today our world is faced with another form of slavery – that of human trafficking. It is estimated that between 700000 and two million persons are trafficked globally each year. Of these approximately 80% are women and girls and up to 50% are minors. This trade in human beings earns up to \$A18 billion worldwide every year.”

In the same way that the community organised to bring about the abolition of the trans Atlantic slave trade 200 years ago – community groups and faith based organisations need to stand against this modern form of slavery today.

“It is wonderful that the Zonta Club of Toowoomba is publicly honouring Freedom Day and encouraging all of us to do more to prevent the international crime that is human trafficking. I am proud to stand with Zonta on this special day and on this most important issue.”

“Two hundred years ago William Wilberforce, the great abolitionist campaigner saw many years of hard work bring about the end to slavery. Today we all need to be a champion like Wilberforce and work to bring about an end to human trafficking.”

For more information on trafficking in Australia go to [www.antislavery.org.au](http://www.antislavery.org.au)

Contact: Dr Mark Copland – 0428130895

## Zontians in the News

### **Zonta International Honorary Member selected as Judge in Cambodian War Crimes Tribunal**

**Dame Silvia Cartwright**, a Zonta International Honorary member since 2001 and Keynote Speaker at the Zonta International Convention in Melbourne in 2006, is serving as one of only two international judges in the Trial Chamber of the Tribunal for former members of the Khmer Rouge regime in Cambodia.

The three-year tribunal is set to start in mid-2007. This tribunal is very important for the Cambodian people who suffered so much during the Khmer Rouge period. They want to see a fair and transparent tribunal. Dame Silvia, whose term as Governor-General of New Zealand ended in August 2006, was not ready for retirement. She chose instead to return to her profession as a lawyer and judge when she applied for the Cambodia War Crimes Tribunal position after the United Nations call for interest from judges. The Tribunal will be drawing on the experience of other war crimes tribunals, but will be guided by Cambodian law, she said. This would take Dame Silvia out of her comfort zone. “It’s going to be quite a challenging experience,” she said. “Here in New Zealand it’s challenging enough to work under law that I know well.”

**Monika Auweter-Kurtz** was named the President of the University of Hamburg, Germany in November 2006. She is the first female president of one of Germany’s largest universities. Currently a member of the Zonta Club of Stuttgart, Ms Auweter-Kurtz was an Amelia Earhart Fellow from 1979-80 and 1980-81. She has served on the International Amelia Earhart Subcommittee since 1990.

**Dr Claire Tomlin**, an aviation engineer and Amelia Earhart fellow from 1996-7 and 1997-8 has been awarded the prestigious MacArthur Fellowship – more commonly known as the “Genius Award.” This award is an unrestricted grant intended to allow recipients to pursue their own intellectual and professional inclinations, and is awarded based on a candidate’s “exceptional creativity, promise for important future advances based on a track record of significant accomplishments and potential for the fellowship to facilitate subsequent creative work.”

(Extract from April 2007 Zontian)

# Status of Women Service

## ROTARY BOAT SHOW, FOOD HANDLERS

**COURSE:** It was such a terrific turn out that you all deserve a big hug! We had a total of 25 Zontians, 3 spouses, 3 friends, 4 from the Whitsunday Women's Services and 8 Proserpine students = 43. With the majority of these, plus a few others who couldn't make the class, we'll have enough to schedule one shift each for the BIG weekend, for the most part! 9 and 10<sup>th</sup> June is the date, of course. All is on track, with Sheryn sourcing the best deals possible from all the local vendors... if you hear some of them squeaking it's because she's tweaked them a little!!

Sheryn has been working tirelessly to have us totally organised. I don't believe her estimation of 'only a few hours' one bit!! There will be a full report and temporary roster assignments at our meeting. Please make every effort to be there. A few more things are needed: a cash register or 2, cash tins, a Webber kettle or hooded BBQ, large baskets for fruit, presentation baskets, Hessian bags, cake stands, urns for hot water, stainless steel bowls and someone with a tow ball that can go to Mackay on Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup>. I have located a trailer that we may borrow. We need someone to prepare and provide a log book of temperature control to be kept on the weekend. In addition, if you could get a restaurant to donate serviettes (1000), supply paper towels or bin liners it would be a big financial help. We also need a blackboard or white board of large size and someone with good handwriting to post the menu and prices. Please give Sheryn a call (49482288) if you can help with any of these.

The dress code for the weekend will be your Zonta shirt, of course, with white or very light pants and white closed toe shoes (runners OK). The club will be providing bright yellow headbands and aprons.



## RELAY FOR LIFE:

Not only did we raise that profile of Zonta to new heights, dressed as the Wonder Women we are, we had heaps of fun and raised good money for Cancer Research. Our team consisted of 11 Zontians (9 who walked), 6 ladies associated with the Women's Services and 4 mates of mine. We walked, we talked, we laughed and we danced around the track. Seven of us stayed up all night (including the event organiser Wendy of course). Tired and sore after the 18 hours, we had enjoyed every hour and spent time planning for next year. Wendy dressed to the theme in her short shorts and Annie saved the day by having some fabulous t-shirts made at the last minute, as only she could. We looked good and felt good about our efforts to raise \$2,553 for the Queensland Cancer Fund.

The event was the absolute BEST community event ever – young, old and all the in-betweens socialising and participating together put a permanent smile on our faces. The money raised far exceeded the goal of \$35,000, coming closer to \$45,000 and maybe more by the time it is all in! Thanks all for your time, money and generosity.



GO Wonder Women !!



As this will be my last newsletter as Status of Women Service chair, I would like to take this opportunity to immensely thank you all for a fulfilling 3 years. Sometimes it was hard work, sometimes too quiet (not enough projects going) but always FUN to meet, eat and work with you.

The best way to get the most out of Zonta and to assist women all over the world is to get involved, really involved, with our VERY active club.



It's been a pleasure, PJ

## Area 7 Workshop in Mackay



Whitsunday Wonder Woman President Carole



Whitsunday delegates Robyn, Kay, Sue, Carole, Connie and Linda with Area 7 Director Pam Graham (middle). PJ, Annie and Eunice also attended making Whitsundays club the largest contingent, also the loudest!

## Birthday babes

Guus 16<sup>th</sup> May      Sheryn 23<sup>rd</sup> May  
Luella & Ailsa 15<sup>th</sup> June      Sue 27<sup>th</sup> June



## Director's Report: PR/ Communications and UN

This past month has been a month for two fantastic week end events under the PR/Communications umbrella.

The first of these was the Relay for Life, held at the Cannonvale State School from Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> April until Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> April. As 'wonder women', which indeed we are, we participated to raise money for the Queensland Cancer Fund. There were 22 people on our team, a mixture of Zontians, Women's Services members and friends. About \$2,500 was raised by our team. It was heaps of fun and for such a good cause it was worth every minute.

Secondly came the Area 7 workshop, held at the Reef Resort Motel in Mackay, hosted by the Mackay Zonta Club and presided over by our very own, our Area 7 Director, Pam Graham. Attended by 9 of our members, it was an excellent opportunity to not only hear stimulating speakers from District 24 "heavies" but to meet, network and bond with members of all the other Area 7 clubs. A very memorable weekend. Eunice Shearer

## Membership

In April, we inducted 3 new members - Janine Bennier, Angela Spicer and Julie Boss, and in May we plan to induct two new members - Suzie Beirne and Melody Cross. These five new members are all successful Whitsunday business and career women who I know will contribute an enormous amount to the success of our club and will bring our membership numbers up to a vibrant 34. We look forward to reading their profiles soon.

We regretfully accepted the resignations of Tiina, Eunice and Ailsa over the last month.

**Tiina** is feeling strapped for time and wants a break from Zonta. Having been an inaugural member of the club and an impressive MC and organizer of many of our IWD Breakfasts, she will be greatly missed.

**Eunice** is moving her life to Mackay and hopefully will be joining a Mackay Zonta Club. As a current director of our club, Eunice has been a tireless worker especially with her contribution to our very successful cookbooks. We wish her all the very best.

**Ailsa** and Rob will be doing a lot of overseas travelling with DayStar. As we know, the talented and much loved Daystar has performed for most of our Zonta functions and Rob has always been so obliging in helping out with auctions etc. No doubt we will catch up with Ailsa when they are back in town, and we wish them every success with their overseas gigs.

Roz, Membership Chair

**NOTE:** Roz has put together a roster for members to sell cookbooks at the markets over the coming months. The system is, if a member cannot attend they must arrange for their own replacement. Just a couple of hours of your time on a Saturday morning will start the ball rolling and see money once again tinkling into the coffers.

# Members Snippets



Zontian Ailsa & Rob in Bora Bora – wish we were there!!



Our Eunice ready for Survivor's Walk



Zontian Marlene (right) representing CPQ Real Estate in Relay for Life

Local Peruvian band with pan pipes welcoming Lucy Fraser on her arrival at Cusco ...



Lucy's first project was at the orphanage, hospital and rehab for disabled kids of all ages at Tika Tika, a small village just out of Cusco.

## District 24 Conference

### Come to Tweed Heads in September!

**9<sup>th</sup> District Biennial Conference at the Twin Towns Resort, Tweed Heads from Friday 7<sup>th</sup> September to Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2007**

#### Program Highlights:

Friday 7 September: District Board meeting with District Liaison Bonny Schumacher from Newport Club, California USA, the first timers session, a light supper followed by the Opening Ceremony.

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup>: Zonta Club shops, Business Sessions and Guest Speakers.

Saturday night: District 24 Conference Dinner with entertainment and speaker.

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup>: Business Sessions and Guest Speakers



Partners are welcome.  
Book your flights early and enjoy a long weekend on the Gold Coast!

## From the Editor

*To all those mums and grandmums out there, here's wishing you a very special and loving Mother's Day on the 12<sup>th</sup>.*

Don't forget to mark Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June in your diary for our Black & White Change Over Dinner in the Nautilus Room.

### Thought for the Month

*"Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless." Mother Teresa*

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