



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

JUNE 2014



New President Noelene being sworn in by Jan



The time has come the walrus said here it is, my first president's report for the newsletter.

We have had our first meeting of the new board for the year and it all augurs well with the mix of experience and new blood – I think we will have a great year ahead.

Our new directors, Kerrie, Maxine and Connie, have some good plans for the year and will be well organised to get you all involved.

In the first few days of our new year we have been asked to help a young girl looking to advance her education and a young mum-to-be needing help. These are both good requests for help in our own area and you can read more about them in the newsletter.

I mentioned at the Changeover the four "Cs". By becoming a member you have given a **Commitment** to promote the objects of Zonta – working together to advance the status of women worldwide through service and advocacy. There is a diversity of sub- committees you can choose to work with in the club.

Communication – let everyone know

what is happening in the club and in Zonta; be **Courteous** to each other and you will get **Co-operation**.

Our big news of course was getting the news that the District 22 Conference will be held here 9-11th October, 2015 at the Coral Sea Resort. A lot of work went into collating all the information for this event and the incoming District Governor Judith Trevan-Hawke will be visiting us in the next few months to explain just what the club has to do. You will naturally understand that "all leave is cancelled" for those months leading up to the event !! It will be a great experience and a good chance for those members who may not usually attend a conference –area, district or international- to see how Zonta works and also meet some amazing women.

Once again thanks to the outgoing board, congratulations to the new board and off we go.

Noelene



CHANGEOVER



**Angela
receives plant
for her new
garden**



**Vice president Pam
Graham**



**Pammie
received the
President
reward for her
exceptional job
organizing the
IWDB**

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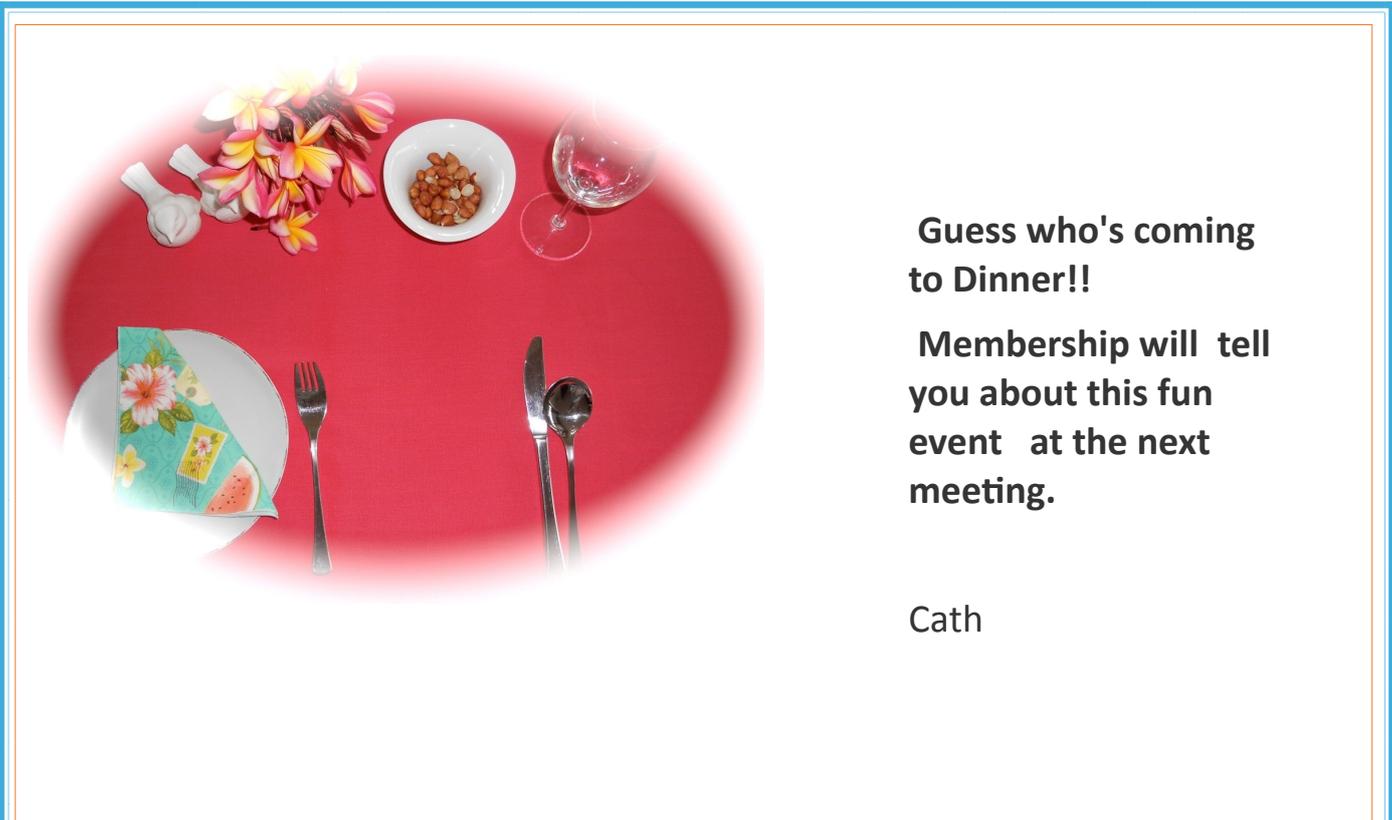
Previous Directors

Old and New



The travellers sent this photo to wish everyone a happy Change Over

Here we are at the turn around point of our Canal boat journey, cold but dry having a great time what an amazing thing to do



Guess who's coming to Dinner!!

Membership will tell you about this fun event at the next meeting.

Cath

Rotary Raffle this year raised \$900 – an excellent result and a very easy fundraiser. A cheque for this amount will be forwarded to us shortly and we hope that we have at least one winning ticket amongst those sold which could result in more \$\$\$ for the club. The date for raffle drawing will be announced soon.

Volunteers needed for community event

Opportunity for members to don Zonta shirts and (wo)man a drink station again this year for the Cruise Whitsundays Airlie Beach Running Festival. Registrations are pouring in and a record number is expected this year. Please keep Sunday 20th July free and offer your services to this event which is raising funds for Eco Barge Clean Seas – a project close to our heart. Contact Wendy for further details.

Cheers

Wendy



COLOURS OF MY LIFE

Bloom like flowers in my heart

AQUA

GENERAL MEETING JUNE 19

Building on the previous 'Members' Moments', individuals are invited to give a prepared 2-5 minute presentation to inform, enthuse or amuse. The Showcase section of our June meeting is available, and we would like to hear from as many of you as possible, as soon as possible, to fill this time. If the format proves popular, it can be repeated.

To focus your thoughts, the evening is to be themed with the colour AQUA or Turquoise, the favourite shade of our new president, Noelene.

The meaning of the colour turquoise is open communication and clarity of thought (that's Noelene!)

Presentations should therefore be composed around blue-green colours (*blue skies, green pastures, blue heeler, green & gold*) or derivatives of aqua (*age of Aquarius, aquaerobics, aquarium, or almost anything marine*) or turquoise (*Sagittarian birthstone*)

ALL MEMBERS

Please could you wear AQUA colours (there were some beautiful examples on show at Colonial Palms).

SPEAKERS (about one third of members needed this time)

Please contact Lesley at lesley.pratchett@hotmail.com to reserve your spot. Let me know the time you require and the title of your speech.

Lesley



Some of you who attended the Candlelight Ceremony will remember Keisha McEwan who spoke of her experiences.

PJ—who is on the board at WCCS- and Mandy—a counsellor at WCCS, suggested that perhaps Zonta could help Keisha with her studies. She is currently doing a Certificate IV in Community Services through Central Queensland TAFE Distance Education Mackay.

I was unable to attend the Candlelight Ceremony and asked to meet Keisha and found her to be a terrific young woman working hard to get where she wants in the future.

It was suggested we could perhaps give her help through the Education Bursary Scheme which is budgeted for each year but was not used last year. We also have our Application for Assistance scheme to help cases such as this.

In the meantime Keisha has been accepted into the 2014 Queensland Indigenous Youth Leadership Programme (one of forty 18-25 year olds accepted throughout Queensland).

SERVICE

SERVICE NOTESJUNE GENERAL MEETING

SEWING BEE TO MAKE BREAST CUSHIONS AND DRIP BAGS ON THURSDAY 26TH JUNE KERRIES HOUSE AT 10AM BRING OWN SEWING MACHINE, THREAD AND SCISSORS ETC. (125 Camm Rd, Mt Julian)

I KNOW THE IWDB IS NOT UNTIL NEXT YEAR, BUT IT WILL COME AROUND QUICKLY AND THIS EVENT NEEDS A LOT OF PREPARATION. ANY MEMBERS WISHING TO JOIN THE COMMITTEE FOR THIS EVENT PLEASE LET ME KNOW. I HAVE A FEW IDEAS FOR NEXT YEAR BUT I WOULD LIKE TO GET THIS COMMITTEE UP AND RUNING AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

ROTARY RAFFLE RAISED US \$900 THIS YEAR.. BIG THANKS TO WENDY FOR HER EFFORTS

TRIVIA NIGHTS RAISED \$1301 A FUN NIGHT WAS HAD BY ALL AND EVERYONE IS LOOKING FORWARD TO THE NEXT ONE.....THANKS DAWN, NOELENE, LAURA, AND JUDY

AQUA IS STILL GOING STRONG ITS GREAT THAT WE CAN SPEND A COUPLE OF HOURS AT LAURA'S LOVELY HOME, EXERCISE, HAVE A CUPPA AND RAISE SOME MONEY (\$1600 1/y)

TONIGHT WE ARE LOOKING AT A BURSARY PROPOSAL FOR KEISHA

WE HAVE NOT GIVEN A BURSARY FOR TWO YEARS I THINK SHE IS A VERY WORTHY APPLICANT I URGE ALL TO GIVE YOUR SUPPORT.

KERRIE ADAM



ENTERTAINMENT BOOK VOUCHERS

Our brand new 2014/2015 entertainment books have arrived and are ready for you to purchase. **The cost is \$60.00 of which \$12.00 goes to our club.** There is up to \$20000.00 worth of savings in vouchers in the book and I know the people who purchased them last year, got their money back in just a few evenings dining out. Vouchers are valid until June next year.

This year there is a new innovation. We have our very own online Zonta Club purchase site so if you or your friends or family want to buy online, just log onto www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/2718j45, purchase and pay online. The committee will deliver/ post the book to you straightaway. This way, you can even get friends and family who live elsewhere to purchase the book and our Zonta Club will still get the commission. Please give this web address to all your friends.

The books will also be available at the breakfast session in June and at our general meeting.

This is a wonderful, stress free way of raising money. **We sell 100 books and we make \$1200.00.** Every club member should try and sell a couple to friends and neighbours. I still need some members to help me with a small committee. We need to distribute posters to caravan parks to capture the grey nomad market and at other places in town. Please ring Roz if you feel you could help with this wonderful fundraising idea. ROZ



What a fabulous film night we had at Laura's beautiful home in May. The films about the women of Nepal were both educational and moving and Sue Tuck's Q and A session very interesting. Sue was thrilled that she raised over \$300.00 at her Nepalese market stall and \$244.40 from the personal donation box – all funds raised are going to Indira Ranamagar, the remarkable Nepalese woman who featured in the films and is doing such amazing work with the prisoners and women of Nepal. Sue and also Indira have written to Zonta members to thank us for our wonderful generosity. Both letters will be read out at the June general meeting. Thanks to all who brought along such scrumptious food and beautiful wine and once again a huge thank you to Laura who lent us her home for the evening.

Another film night is scheduled for July 8th. We will be showing a feature film about Amelia Earhart, one of our most famous Zontians. We are also planning an interesting "foodie" experience for that night.

ROZ





Date Claimers

- 3 June: Board Meeting – 5.30 – Noelene’s
10 June: Breakfast Talk – Coffee Club – 7.00 AM - Speaker: Pammie Harrison
19 June: General Meeting 6.15 PM – Reef Gateway
25 June: Book Club – contact Kerry K. 4946 1460 for time/place
26th June—Sewing Bee on at Kerrie Adams
30 June: AFADU Carole 4946 6538 for time/place
2 July: Board Meeting – 5.30 –
8 July: Film Evening – Laura’s - 6 for 6.30 – “AMELIA” to celebrate Amelia Earhart Day
17 July: General Meeting 6.15 PM – Reef Gateway
28 July: AFADU Carole 4946 6538 for time/place
30 July: Book Club – contact Kerry K. 4946 1460 for time/place

Birthdays June

27th - Sue Hansen

30th – Catherine Moscato



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The Zonta Birthing Kit Project is now 14 years old. It has grown from strength to strength. Our greatest achievement in this biennium must be the milestone with the making of our 1 millionth kit. Brisbane Breakfast and Brisbane South clubs made kit number 5945 the actual 1,000,000th out of the 10,000 kits being made that day. Their next assembly day saw 12,000 kits made. 1 Million Kit Celebratory functions were held in Adelaide, Canberra and Sydney – which was quite an achievement with so many of our Zonta organisers away at the Turin Convention at the time. Dr Luc Mulimbalimba Masururu our partner in DR Congo stole the shows as our keynote speaker.

In 2012 – 13 Zonta clubs nationally held 54 assembly days making 64,400 kits, of which D 22 held 20 with 29,000 kits made. 2013 –14 saw 79 Zonta clubs make 80,600 kits, of which 27 clubs were from D 22 and made 32,800 kits. This gives a 75% participation rate with our District project. In reality it is closer to 90% participation with many more assembly days and kits made by Zonta clubs through schools and universities, but not recorded under the Zonta club name. My club is not recorded as holding any assembly days and we held 3 with schools.

For clubs to maintain this level of enthusiasm is remarkable. It is also a testimony to our commitment as women to help other women from developing countries where the birthing mother may be a child of 14 or be birthing alone in an inaccessible commune on the side of a mountain. In country kit production saw 30,000 kits made in Ethiopia funded by a \$75,000 AusAID grant while the BKFA funded 6000 kits made in Vietnam, 4000 in DR Congo and another 20,000 in Ethiopia.

We trained 200 Pigmies Traditional Birth Attendants (TBA) in DR Congo, 350 rural TBAs and 350 husbands in India, are now training 10 Health Extension Workers and 40 TBAs in Afar Ethiopia, and have awareness training programs in India where 250 TBAs, 250 husbands and 250 adolescent girls will be educated.

Our greatest change will be in our approach to our training programs. We will soon fund our first Train the Trainer program in DR Congo. The Health workers when trained become Midwifery Seminar Teachers and will organise their own TBA training programs in the local region. With 18 initial participants from 3 provinces we hope that within one year 600 - 1000 TBAs will have been trained. To measure the impact of the program surveys will be completed before and after all training.

As we all contribute to the making of kits, to the training programs and in-country kit production programs, none of this could be accomplished without your continued support.

Kindest regards

Julie Monis-Ivett

Zonta Club Adelaide Hills Inc

Zonta D 22, 23 and 24 Zonta Birthing Kit Project Co-ordinator

