



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

OCTOBER 2012



This time next week we will be heavily involved in our spectacular fundraising event, "A NIGHT IN AFRICA". At times it has been a 'wee bit tense', but congratulations has to go to our intrepid committee members, Cath, Janet, Roz, Dawn, PJ, and Wendy with Pammie Harrison holding the 'tiller', guiding and never wavering from her forward vision of producing this unforgettable event. All members are encouraged to be at the ready to assist in any way possible!

A couple of days ago we received great news from Judith Anderson, our District Governor of Zonta International District 22, advising all Presidents that our new District 22 Website is "live". We have just received our login information. Ros Kinder and Trish Collins have been working solidly on this website with NTech Media, and we will be proud of their efforts.

All our members are reminded to keep up to date on our Zonta International Website....Our International President, Lynn McKenzie, has

some very informative articles giving you a snapshot of Zonta's work at home and overseas. In 2019, Zonta celebrates its first century and she mentions that we should strive to be more visible and relevant and keep focused within our charter.

Preparations are underway for these centennial celebrations and Zontians are requested to gather their history and treasures. Our club has started to make inroads into collating our archive material, (all our documents, memorabilia, and photos etc). Connie agreed a couple of months ago to research the internet for suitable software programs that would assist us "in a user friendly way". To date she has found some interesting programs, but watch this space! We all know Connie will not leave a stone unturned and if there is information available she will find it!

Two weeks ago we received a notice from Michelle Bourke who has requested a leave of absence. She has recently commenced university studies for her 'Bachelor in Early Childhood Education', and is finding it hard to juggle the needs of her young family and still manage the responsibilities associated with running a busy childcare centre.

We completely understand why Michelle is leaving, but we will miss her "sunny" outlook on life, we enjoyed the fun she brought into the club as she organized membership activities. We will look forward to 2013, when she becomes more settled and adjusted to her studies. **A**ngela Spicer, President



SERVICE



We are holding a Pink Ribbon Day Stall at the local markets at Airlie Beach on SATURDAY 20TH OCT. TIME – setting up from 6.30-7am. Finishing 12.30-1pm

We plan to showcase our breast cushions, turbans/hats, and drip bottle bags – all of which are available to women with breast cancer. We will also have stock of the DVD “Side by Side” which is being found to be of tremendous help to those women diagnosed with breast cancer and their families and friends.

Some members of the club got together recently and cut out patterns of cushions and bags so the next thing will be a “stuffing day” when the cushions can be stuffed and finished off. This is being planned for the week commencing 8th October – venue to be confirmed.

To, hopefully, get more people to the stall, we intend to sell some goodies – Strawberries and cream was the first idea so hopefully strawberries will still be in stock. These could either be sold in a small cone or plastic dish with spoon. Other ideas were strawberry sorbet and pink patty cakes. If you have any ideas please let me know and we will get organised.

We are using the club pagoda as our stall so will need help from husbands available to help with the set up or take down. This is an important event, showing our work to the community, can you please contact me by return advising the best time and we can set up a roster. Noelene, Chair

BOOKS FROM BIRTH

At our September meeting we were able to assemble four boxes of books and six boxes of books were sent to communities. Some beautiful books from the local community have been left in our basket at the library. Vinnies is doing a wonderful job of saving books for us. Several phone calls from the general public meant more books....we still need more of these, so spread the word.

A new contact was made with involvement in communities between the Whitsundays and Townsville so our postage will be cheaper to these communities:

2 boxes were sent to Ayr, 2 boxes to Ingham and 2 to Kowanyama

Some comments received:

“Thrilled with the books - shared between the Child Care Program and the Women’s Shelter. Mothers are keen to take a book home to read with their children, most have brought them back and borrowed another one. Very few

families would have books in their houses.”

“A family of five came in with mum, (looking for housing) as I opened our box. They were so excited when I told them they were welcome to choose a few books to take home with them. Mum was very grateful and wanted to know where the books had come from. She asked me to pass on to you her gratitude and the children said “thank you”.

Thank you for giving us the pleasure of passing these wonderful books on to the needy members of our community.

Consider this: Would our club members be interested in donating new books to be wrapped and sent for Christmas to a community so each child could have a book to call their own? Let me know your thoughts at or before our next Zonta meeting.

Our next working bee is on Wed., 17th October. Judy Brett, Chair



BIRTHING KITS

Saving the lives of mothers and babies

The date for our Birthing Kit Assembly day is Thursday 18th October at Proserpine High School. This annual contribution to saving the lives of mothers and babies in developing countries is always popular with Zonta members and high school students, who participate as part of their curriculum, which includes the subject of mothers and babies.

With the increase in the cost of each birthing kit to \$3 (from \$2), we are this year remaining with our budgeted \$1200 to put together 400 kits, instead of our usual 600.

Thanks to all who have volunteered,
Wendy Downes, Chair

African Film Night Fundraiser

By the time you receive this, it is likely we will be sold out!

However, even if you are not going to be there on the night **YOU CAN BUY RAFFLE** (6 for \$20). The list of items to be auctioned and raffled has been emailed to you and is still growing.

Please contact Pammie or PJ for raffle tickets and/or get a proxy to bid for you at the auction. The list is long and wonderful!

When: 13 October—6.00 PM

Where: Palmers Restaurant, TAFE College Cannonvale

Why: *Get ready to party and raise funds for our Zonta charities and AFADU*

Cost: \$30 per person

THIS IS OUR MAJOR FUNDRAISING FOR THE YEAR—
IT'S SUCCESS IS VITAL TO OUR CLUB'S PROJECTS

ADVOCACY

UNITED NATIONS COMMITTEE

ZONTA AROUND THE WORLD

Did you know that a new Zonta Club was formed in Bangladesh in September this year? It is called the Zonta Club of Greater Dhaka, (Bangladesh)

It is one of 3 newly formed clubs, the other 2 being:
the Zonta Club of Central Goldfields, Australia
the Zonta Club of Hamburg – Hafen, Germany



Another successful breakfast session was held in September with Karen Douglas, all the way from Israel. What a confident, compassionate and inspirational young woman she is! She confronted us with the cold hard facts of women refugees in Israel. Mainly from the Bedouin tribes and seeking asylum in Israel, they face unspeakable trials on their journey often suffering gender violence and sexual assault. There is not too much optimism for the future either but Karen has made her home in Jerusalem (with her husband who is training to be a doctor) and is determined to make a difference to these women's lives.

BREAKFAST SESSIONS

Sue Manthey from WCCS will be our speaker in October (9th) and as October is sexual violence month, she will be concentrating on this subject. She will also be speaking about the 16 days of activism in November and the significance of White Ribbon Day on 25th November. She will be a wonderful speaker and hope you can all make it to Capers on that morning.

This will be our last speaker session for 2012 but we will continue these again in the new year with many more amazing speakers lined up.

Roz Jennings, Vice-President



MEMBERSHIP



CHRISTMAS PARTY

25th November for a long lazy Sunday lunch

12 midday until around sixish

No charge: members provide food and drink.

12 noon until 1.30 pm: Catherine's house Mandalay Road for nibbles and appetizers

2 pm - 3.30 pm: Sit down Christmas lunch at Roz's house, 232 Mandalay Road

4 pm - 6 pm: dessert and cocktails around the pool at Laura's house, 188 Mandalay Road
(Robyn will be away until the day before so we are not using her house but she is part of our planning committee)

BYO wine glass and cocktail glass (plastic preferably) and eskies

BYO wine and beer (we have a special cocktail bartender at Laura's)

BYO hat, sunscreen, swimmers and towel for our afternoon swim

CAR POOL WHERE POSSIBLE WITH A DESIGNATED DRIVER

DRESSY CHRISTMAS

We will be wanting an idea of numbers at October general meeting. Menu plan to be given out soon after for members to indicate what they would like to bring (either nibble, main or dessert). Final arrangements at November meeting. Roz Jennings

Date Claimers

13 October: African Film Night—6 pm—Palmer's Restaurant TAFE Cannonvale
17 October: Books from Birth—3 pm—Judy Brett's
18 October: Birthing Kit Assembly Day—Proserpine High School
18 October: General meeting, Reef Gateway 6.15 pm for 6.30pm start
20th October: Pink Ribbon Day stall at Markets—6.30 am—1.00 pm
31 October: The Zonta Last Wednesday Book Club - 5 pm - Angela's, 44 Rainforest Close, Sugarloaf
10 November: Clothes Swap—Kerry Kenyon's
25 November: Christmas Progressive Dinner—Midday—Mandalay Road residences



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HAPPY BIRTHDAYS:

6th—Joan Watson
12th—Sharon Rudinski
17th—Judy Brown

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The Membership Committee will continue to add a bit of fun to our monthly meetings by surprising you with an activity to get you learning more about each other through “Member Moments”. It might be a game to get you talking, a “snapshot” of something that’s happened to one of you during the month, or a birthday celebration. If you have anything you would like to share, please get in touch with Kerry either before or at the meeting.

Last Thursday, 27th of September, we participated in the Whitsunday Shopping Centre Showcase. Our exhibit looked great with colourful AFADU rugs, breast cancer cushions head scarves and CD, birthing kit and Books from Birth information and a display of photographs. However, only one person really stopped to look and discuss our activities! We decided that not enough promotion had been done by the shopping centre so that people were not aware that this was a showcase of organisations in the community and thought we were trying to sell them something so stayed away! Given that the display took quite some time and effort for so little response it was decided not to continue on the Friday. Unless things change with the organisation and promotion we will probably not participate next year but it was worth a try to

promote Zonta and my thanks go to Noelene, Roz, Robyn, Connie and Pammie for their help.

As announced at the September meeting our club now has a Face Book page so we are really keeping up with the times! PJ was talking to Meredith Maloney from Aimer Accessories at Port of Airlie and she very generously offered to set up the Face Book page for us. We now have logos and most of the newsletter on it which is great free publicity. Let’s hope it catches the eye of some younger members of the community! Our thanks go to Meredith who was a guest at our meeting last Thursday.

I am organising a Clothes, Accessories and Book Swap to be held on Saturday 10th November. While you are Spring-cleaning your cupboards, please put aside any pre-loved items in good condition for sale. The proceeds will go towards our Christmas Hampers and Pamper Packs. If anyone has a spare hour or so on Friday 9th and would like to help set-up please let me know; your help will be greatly appreciated.

Finally, Roz, Catherine and Laura have been busy organising our Christmas party for the end of November. Plans are well under way- see Roz’s article for details.

Kerry, Membership Director

Your Outrigger Team, the Zonta Zorro's, did us proud....winning the Best Community Service Team....and had WAY too much fun!

Thanks to all who participated—rowers and child minders. P.J. Halter, Chair

Ron Morrison
Wendy Downes
Adrienne Pelt
Shirley Wodson
Suzette Pelt
Lesley Prachett





PROFILE: Sue Hansen



Where do I start? 66 years is a long story so I will keep it short.

I was born in Nottingham U.K. Third child. My brother four years older and sister eight years. The war got in the way. Met my first husband in Jersey in the Channel Islands and we set out on an adventure to Australia in 1971. Flew to Singapore, then by boat to Perth, travelled by bus to Sydney where I spent the next 26 years. Went back to the U.K. after the first two years with a surprise package of twin boys just for a visit. We had already decided that we didn't want to go back permanently.

My daughter was born two years later and then my marriage ended up on the rocks but I decided to stay in Australia and did it on my own for many years before meeting Cliff, who has been my partner now for 30+ years.

I got back into the workforce with a girlfriend doing party planning and made to measure clothes. We used to make everything ourselves and also model them. We had lots of fun in those years. Barb and I decided to go in opposite directions; she went down the south coast and we headed north to Airlie beach 16 years ago.

We started off working in relief resort management, then went to the markets, doing artwork on kids T/Shirts and making girls dresses (I couldn't get away from the sewing machine). I became an Enjo consultant soon after coming here, spreading the word for cleaning without chemicals. Then five years ago I was introduced to the amazing Thermomix and decided I would like to help people find a healthier way to eat. I am still on this amazing journey, teaching others how to start their own Thermomix businesses and loving it.

Cliff and I, with the help of my work, have had some great trips overseas, have built two homes here and made lots of wonderful friends. I have been a Zonta member for over 10 years and been a part of many great activities. I, hopefully, helped to make a difference and shared the company of some wonderful women. Life is good!

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ZI Birthday Party

You are invited

To help the Burdekin Club celebrate
the birthday of ZONTA

INTERNATIONAL

WHEN: Tuesday 13th November
WHERE: Kalamia Hotel Ayr
TIME: 7.00pm drinks nibblies & catch ups
7.30pm main meal
COST: \$30.00
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LUCKY DOOR ITALIAN BIRTHDAY CAKE MYSTERY PRIZE
RAFFLE ZONTA COMPETITION (start studying!)
QUEST SPEAKER and more....