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BUMPER ISSUE COVERING INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY



What an incredible month March has been—the busiest I can remember, but with some great highlights.

Firstly, the luncheon in Sydney where *Her Excellency Ms Quentin Bryce AC, our Governor-General, was presented with Honorary Membership of Zonta*



International. This wonderful event, held at the Queen's Club, was a delight to share with Zontians from all over the country. I so enjoyed meeting two *Past International Presidents (PIPs), Leneen Forde AC and Val Sarah AM and Dr Julie Monis-Ivett (ZC of Adelaide Hills), one of our Birthing Kit founders.* Also, the outstanding hospitality shown to me by Marie Dayton, District 24 Area 1 Director, who kindly put me up at McMahon Point. To my delight and surprise there was a direct view across the harbour to the bridge and opera house! Wow! She even took me on a day trip to the Blue Mountains.



Talking of fellowship, *Angela Ahgow from the ZC of Linz, joined us at our last meeting and very kindly*

presented us with a book about Linz from her club President, together with some delicious chocolates which we will open on our 30th Birthday in June. Our speaker at this meeting was Dr Erica Smyth, a most dynamic women with experience in so many fields and on several Boards—what an outstanding example to us all.

Secondly I enjoyed the *IWD Hall of Fame ceremony* celebrating the 100 women inducted into WA's Women's Hall of Fame, "*The Power of 100*". This included many women we knew, as Alison had successfully nominated *Wilma Dunne OAM* (Area 3 Woman of Achievement Awardee 1997). Some of the others, to name a few, were *Bishop Kay Goldsworthy, Dr Penny Flett* (ZC of Perth), *Patricia Giles, Kedy Kristof, Paddi Creevey* (ZC Peel), *Josephine Spaul* (ZC Bunbury), *Kath Mazzella* (Area 3 Woman of Achievement Awardee 1995), *Giz Watson MLC* and *Dr Margaret Smith*. You could actually feel the power in the room. It was an emotional evening listening to Western Australia's 100 years of history.

The IWD Breakfast was another enjoyable event shared with over 900 women, and a few men. The speeches were inspirational, particularly *Manal Omar, a middle east peacemaker and Director of Iraq Programs for the US Institute of Peace* and author of '*Barefoot in Baghdad*'.

Zonta takes an active part in organising this event and we have *Carole Theobald from the Perth Club* to thank for that. In fact, I cannot recommend highly enough a read of their March newsletter 'Inzer' at

www.zontaperth.org.au

where Carole has given a full report.

March 12 saw our much talked about *Birthing Kit assembly day* eventuate to celebrate *100 years of International*

Women's Day by saving 100 lives. No less than 103 volunteers from all walks of life, ages, cultures—even some young men and about 3 babies (2 on their mum's backs)—came along! The



soaps had previously been cut by the Club Board and the string by a TAFE 'New Opportunities for Women' class. *So it was a huge community effort producing 2010 kits in 3 hours for the Medical Society in Papua New Guinea.* Many of the guests learnt about the event from a community newspaper article and some from the ABC radio interview I had with Babs McHugh, which was also posted on their IWD webpage. It was great to also see some follow-up coverage in the 'Eastern Reporter' and 'Stirling Times'. Via promotions at this event, we already have guests booked for our next dinner meeting.....



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Advancing the Status of Women Worldwide

DINNER MEETING

6 APRIL 2011

VISITORS WELCOME

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by
FRIDAY
1 APRIL 2011

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Jackie Pedley, Lecturer at West Coast Institute of Training, will speak about her 6-month trip to Cambodia at our next Dinner Meeting.

Jackie volunteered her long service and accrued leave, through Australian Business Volunteers. Her time was spent in Phnom Penh where she used her computing skills to assist a non-government organisation develop its on-line presence and education tools. She was able to instruct lecturers how to create course outlines and use on-line tools to teach their students.

"As well as helping to teach international students, it was also a cultural learning experience for me."

DATE: Wednesday 6 April
TIME: 6.30 for 7.00 pm
PLACE: The Lake Karrinyup Country Club
COST: \$40 for dinner plus drinks
RSVP: By Friday, 1 April

Zonta International is a global organization of executives and professionals working together to advance the status of women worldwide through service and advocacy.

Wyder Vision, cont'd



If that wasn't enough, we also squeezed in another highly successful sausage sizzle thanks to Bronwyn and her



Committee and to all the volunteers, including the partners

(Brian Ide shown right) and other family members who helped set up. And, who could resist that smile and hat worn by our spruiker! The snaggers were so good one fellow came back three times and a Bunning's employee said ...*"This is the best organised sizzle I've ever seen."* Well, what would you expect from such a great team?

And there is more! **The Area Workshop** was the grand finale to this busy and exciting month! What a beautiful



welcoming setting at the Mallard Duck in the Swan Valley out on the deck overlooking the lake underneath shady trees with alpacas in view. Area Director, Leanne Sultan and her capable team from the Swan Club, anticipated we all needed to relax, enjoy each other's company with good food and wine and even laughter via comedienne, Yvonne Mettam. Our Inspiration came from young MLC, the Hon Alyssa Hayden.



LtoR—Susan Taylor, D23 Governor Jane Smith, prospective member Fran Cramphorn and Merilyn Ide

"A great day to mix with other Zontians. I went to the workshop with the intention of learning more about Zonta. I found the afternoon session was most informative as well as entertaining. I came away from the workshop feeling more enlightened. Zonta has so much to offer and so many friendly women prepared to give", said new member Susan Taylor.

And from prospective Zontian Fran—*"I thoroughly enjoyed myself as guest of the 2011 Area 3 Workshop. I had the opportunity to meet interesting, strong minded women and gain greater insight into Zonta International's core values and ongoing projects in Rwanda, Liberia, Guatamala City and Sans Salvadore as well as in Cambodia, Nepal, Uganda and Haiti."*

At a local level it was inspiring to hear of young women encouraged to pursue academic and career excellence through fellowship and scholarship funds and awards.

I was welcomed very warmly into the workshop and enjoyed talking with members, soaking up the peaceful atmosphere of our lovely Swan Valley region whilst enjoying the delicious food at the 'Mallard Duck' with wonderful entertainment from Yvonne Mettam."

It was very pleasing to see so many of our club members and one prospective member there. All in all around 50 people attended with all clubs in our Area represented. It was therefore nice to meet and talk with new members during the course of the day and to share some delicious eats and a drink before we all departed.



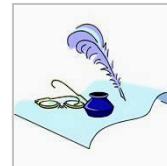
Leanne and our Swan Hills' hosts are to be congratulated for providing such a worthwhile and informative day.

On a final note this month, our club was nominated for the **2011 Western Australian Multicultural Community Service Award for our outstanding work in advancing multicultural inclusiveness and participation for our Migrant Seminars** that Margaret Field has established successfully. Margaret, Lynn Koehler and I enjoyed the evening at the University Club and spoke to John Castrilli, Minister for Local Government; Heritage; Citizenship & Multicultural Interests. Although we didn't win our category, the very large,

Chung Wah Association (established for 100 years) did. It was an honour to be a finalist and our nomination helped to promote Zonta in the wider community.

I'm looking forward to seeing you all at the April meeting where we will be hearing from a work colleague of mine, Jackie Pedley, about her Australian Business Volunteer work in Cambodia, so don't forget to invite some guests you think will be interested.

Jean Wyder, President



**IWD—
some thoughts ...**

"I do not think that we as Zontians can stake a claim on 'The Day' as such—however, we can, and do, take the opportunity to recognise other women's achievements."

There are five Australian women who are well known to us for what they have done in their various fields, and Zonta International has bestowed upon them an 'Honorary Membership' which, dare I say it, we everyday Zontians can also appreciate, and bask in the reflected glory of! For that is something we are all very good at—sharing reflected glory in each other's achievements, which in the greater scheme of things may be trivial, but which to us individually, or as a group, are important.

On the personal level, when a member becomes a first-time grandparent, an older child graduates, a fellow member has a job promotion, or receives a prestigious award (and think here of our own dear late Kay Poustie and her OAM), how we called her 'our First Lady'—much to her embarrassment—it was our shared joy. How many Area Directors and District Governors have also come from our ranks. We take much pride and pleasure at belonging to 'their club', don't we? And, let's not forget our floor members who dislike public speaking but must stand and give a committee report. We acknowledge their effort and give them encouragement, possibly happy that it is them and not us having to make that presentation.

We come from all walks of life—some still work, others are retired, but retired doesn't mean we are asleep at the wheel! Having time to work as a volunteer means we can still use our learnt skills, make decisions and conduct meetings.

Continued over ...

For isn't that what Zonta is all about—welcoming business and professional women into our membership? Into our clubs? Referring to those five special women—perhaps 'bestowed' wasn't the right word—'invited' may be more appropriate, for surely these women were asked / invited to carry the honorary Zontian title.

So who are these five women—what have they done to deserve our accolade?

1990—Kay Cottee

First woman to complete a solo, non-stop, and unassisted circumnavigation of the globe by sea.



1992—Gaby Kennard

Successfully retraced and completed Amelia Earhart's flight by circumnavigating the world, flying solo in a single-engine aircraft.



1993—Professor Fiona Stanley

Specialist in children's health, particularly focusing on the aboriginal people of Australia.



1995—Helen Caldicott FRACP

Humanitarian leader in medical and nuclear education and public advocate for nuclear disarmament and peace.



1996—Dr Catherine Hamlin

Gynaecologist and co-founder of a hospital in Ethiopia which treats outcast women suffering complications from fistula and obstructed childbirth.



Come next Monday, yet another Australian woman will be recognised by Zonta International. The Governor-General of Australia—Quentin Bryce—will also become an Honorary Zontian. That is another feather in our cap and one we shall collectively enjoy, for we will certainly claim her as 'One of Us' for her professionalism and yes, quite possibly, also for her ability in public speaking!"

As written and spoken by Vice-President, Letitia Depiazzi at our meeting on 2 March.



Wilma Dunne OAM with WA Governor, His Excellency Dr Ken Michael AC, at the Women's Hall of Fame Event

Wilma said of her induction—

"Dear Alison.

It was a great night so many wonderful women in our state. The whole night was so exciting and the time went so quickly. I met a lot of women that I have not seen for years at the party. Met Pam Cassellas there, she came to the Philippines with me years ago she would like to come back on another mission. I will have to follow it up. Thanks for the photo.

Thank you for the effort that you made for me I really do appreciate it. Seems to me that Zonta is on the move again. Have to get some young blood involved, harder said than done. The days move so fast I will be in the Philippines before I know it. I just hope that I have everything that I need. My love and thanks to the club and God bless all your efforts. Wilma x"

KITS GO GLOBAL



Our 'Quality Control Team' in action

We have received word that the 1000 kits assembled last August arrived safely at Dr Catherine Hamlin's Fistula Hospital in Ethiopia with many thanks to all of us and our volunteers from the Foundation, various support groups and end users.

Our 2000 kits to save 100 lives in celebration of 100 years of IWD, have been freighted to Papua New Guinea. It's amazing how such a small kit, costing around \$2.50 to make and transport, can save lives.

More information can be found on the Foundation's website—

www.birthingkitfoundation.org.au



PARLIAMENT VISIT



Legislative Assembly Chamber (photo provided by the Parliament of Western Australia)

Part of our role as Zontians is to advocate on behalf of women and to be aware of the legislative processes affecting women at international level, eg UN Women and at various levels of our government. This visit to our State Parliament has been kindly arranged through the Hon. Liz Behjat MLC.

- When:** Wednesday, 13 April
- Program:**
- 12.50 pm Meet at main entrance of Parliament House
 - 1.00-2.00 pm Tour of Parliament House
 - 2.00-2.45 pm Question time Legislative Assembly
 - 2.45-3.00 pm Afternoon tea in Liberal Party Room

RSVP: By 6 April to Linda Tinning
Email: ltinning@bigpond.com
Tel: 9448 7166 (H)

Partners and Friends Welcome!

This tour will give us an understanding of how laws are made and an opportunity to ask questions on parliamentary processes.

Are we feminists?

As a member of Zonta, an organisation working to advance the status of women world-wide, you may have been asked this question.

Do you immediately respond "No!", remembering the militant, bra-burning, anti-male "women's libbers" of the '60s and '70s?

Macquarie Dictionary defines feminism as "advocacy of equal rights and opportunities for women, especially of their activities in social and political life". Sounds very like the objectives of Zonta!

So, are we feminists? I certainly hope so (and that goes for the blokes in our lives too)!!

(article contributed by Marion Brown—thanks Marion - that's cleared that up!)

About the WA Women's Hall of Fame

The WA Women's Hall of Fame was conceived as a mechanism for the recognition of extraordinary WA women. As a consequence, issues for women across the State will be placed under the spotlight.

The inductees were quite deliberately chosen from both prominent and not so well known women, all with much in common. Their stories will be told over a wide audience and over time provide inspiration to our leaders of tomorrow.

Come April, the IWD website will be transformed into a virtual Hall of Fame where inductees' stories will feature. There will be opportunities to announce new inductees on IWD each year.

Jasmyn Mumme, Chairperson of the Hall of Fame Steering Committee, had this to say—

".....it was great to receive so many nominations from men in our community for women they admire. The selection process was exhaustive and the committee assessed each nomination at least twice. The criteria for selection was:

1. Excellence in her chosen field of endeavour.
2. Contribution to the WA and Australian community and economy.
3. An inspirational role for young women.
4. Degree of difficulty of the achievement and related sacrifices made.
5. Future goals and likely impact.
6. Voluntary work beyond paid employment.

In ensuring the list of inductees is representative of our diverse state, consideration was also given to age, ethnicity, field of endeavour and remote, regional and city locations.

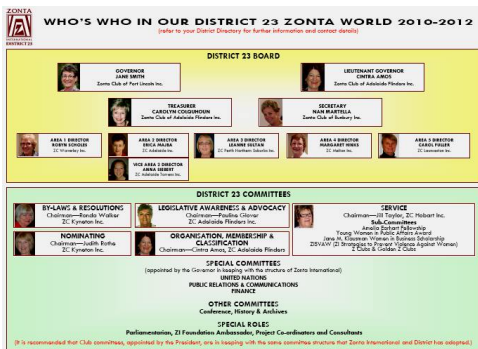
As Chairperson of the WA Women's Hall of Fame selection committee, it was fantastic to be a part of history."

"A woman is the full circle. Within her is the power to create, nurture and transform."
Diane Mariechild—Author

The above text was extracted from the 2011 International Women's Day WA WOMEN'S HALL OF FAME Event Program.

WORKSHOP WRAP-UP

It is always a bonus to have your District Governor attend an event and we were very pleased that Jane Smith was able to be with us last Saturday. Not only does it give participants an opportunity to meet and talk with the Governor on a one-to-one basis, but you learn more about the structure of Zonta. To assist with this, Jane has produced a new chart—copies of which will be distributed to clubs.



espouse the virtues of stepping up for Zonta by nominating for office. With a number of role models in the room, her message was to go and talk to some of them. In Sal's opinion, one could only grow and be rewarded by stepping up for Zonta! ("I can vouch for that!" Ed.)

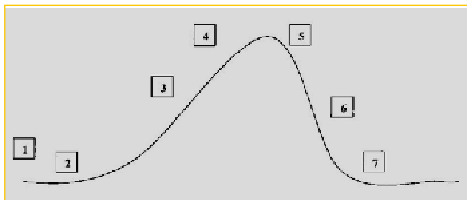
Always of interest are our global projects and programs. ZI Foundation Ambassador, Alison Martin, brought us up-to-date with these. She urged clubs and individuals to continue donating so that we could reach our 2010-2012 Biennial Budget of \$US3,758,000. If you wish to make a personal donation just go to the ZI website where you will find this button. Keep in mind too that the cross-rates are excellent at present.



It was an excellent day and a steal at \$40 inclusive of delicious scones and pastries for morning tea and a scrummy silver service hot lunch plus extras later on! Missed out? Never mind, make sure you come next year.

* Roberts Management Concepts Pty Ltd

Membership was on Area 3 Director Leanne Sultan's mind when focussing on the all important health of clubs. One slide of her PowerPoint 'Fellowship to Membership' showed a 'Life Cycle Curve' * that could be applied to clubs. We were asked "how healthy is your club?" This was confronting for



some of us but being realistic, it was clear to see where we might sit and what 'medication' we needed to make our club healthy again. From the stages listed, where do you think PNS sit?

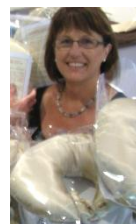
1. People get together because they have a common need.
2. The club undergoes slow growth.
3. The club begins to demonstrate real life.
4. After a rapid period of growth, the club tends to enter into a golden mean or plateau.
5. The tendency is to become comfortable.
6. The decline becomes even more intense.
7. The club is increasingly occupied with its own internal life.

A lot of food for thought there!

Member of the District Nominating Committee, Sally Gordon from the ZC of Adelaide Torrens, also joined us to

CUSHION DAYS are here again!

Laurel Coyle has set the wheels in motion again for some sewing days at her home in Cottesloe—



- 2 pm Saturday 21 May
- 2 pm Wednesday 13 July
- 2 pm Saturday 17 September

Why not make a note NOW and give Laurel a call on 0402 241 232 if you can lend a hand.

DIARY REMINDERS

- 31 Mar** Annual Reports due
- 6 April** Dinner Meeting—RSVP to June Fowler by 1 April (refer flyer p.1)
- 13 April** Visit to Parliament House—RSVP to Linda Tinning (refer p.3)
- 4 May** Dinner Meeting inc. AGM
- 1 June** Dinner Meeting & 30th Birthday



You could try passing this lady, but you certainly wouldn't want to blow your horn!

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