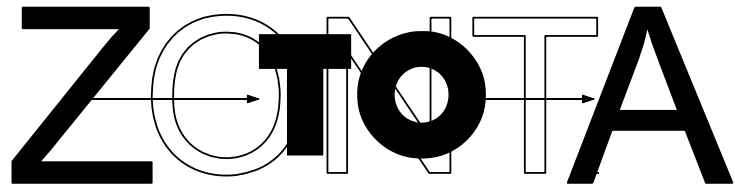




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Newsletter of the Zonta Club of the Riverland Inc:
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Meeting: 1st Tuesday of each month, Berri Resort Hotel, 6:15 pm for 6:30 pm unless otherwise advised

Current Meeting: Tuesday, 7th September
Berri Hotel 6.15 for 6.30pm.
Information, Publicity and Membership Dinner
Objects/Thanks: Lorraine Charity
Raffle: Ros Cmrlec

Next Meeting: 5th October 2010
Bella Lavender Estate, Dalziel Road Winkie
6.15 for 6.30pm
International Night
Guest Speaker: Jodie Knoop
Objects/Thanks: Marg Staker
Raffle: Sarah Crisp

President's Report Margaret Colby

Hello fellow Zontians

What a prestigious event the Riverland Women in Business Awards Dinner turned out to be with about 180 people in attendance with each of the ten hardworking, and dedicated business women who were the finalists receiving well deserved acknowledgement. Congratulations to all the winners and runners up in each of the three categories of the awards and especially to Ruth Firstbrook of Loxton the 2010 RWIB Business Women of the Year.



Marg Colby with winner Ruth Firstbrook, Iris Furtado and Julie Ahrens

Congratulations to the three Zontians who took major responsibility for organising and managing

all the many challenging aspects of this event. Robyn Cain, Sarah Crisp and Jenni Trewren – we salute you, you were outstanding and we are very proud of your efforts.



Sarah Crisp, Jenni Trewren, Robyn Cain with Lyn Johnson

Please accept our appreciation for the positive way in which the event was run and the professional way Zonta International was portrayed throughout the evening in so many ways. Many members of the Club supported and assisted with this event especially those of you who attended the dinner

Sharyn Schlein and Ellie Johnson demonstrated their outstanding communication and marketing skills managing to raise over \$500 from the raffle. Well Done!

This event could not occur without the generosity of our many sponsors. Can you please take the time to note who these sponsors were and where possible support their businesses?

THROUGH SOME EXCELLENT NETWORKING I BELIEVE WE NOW ALREADY HAVE A SPONSOR FOR THE 2112 EVENT!!! So the challenge for another RWIB event has been put before us.

Other August events

On Sunday August 1st Lorraine Charity our representative with the RRHS Volunteer group and a number of Club helpers provided and served Afternoon Tea at the Riverland Regional Health Service's Community Open Day and celebration of 50 years of the Hospital on its

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current site in Berri. Zonta funds should be boosted by \$200 from this effort.

I was pleased to welcome you all to my home in Berri for the August 3rd Supper Meeting. Thanks to all the Board members and others who contributed to the supper. The Birthing Kit Foundation DVD was certainly interesting and should motivate us to support that District 23 Project in this Zonta year.

It was also good to finalise our funding decisions for the School and YWPA awards.

Three members remembered to bring used clothing and goods for the Salvos – but that is OK because you will all have another opportunity at the October meeting!!

On August 30th I am pleased that seven members with one partner took the opportunity to attend the Combined Service Clubs' Dinner at the Berri Resort Hotel. Ray Najar of the Murray Darling Basin Association was most interesting, sharing insights into factors that affect our lifeblood here in the Riverland – the River Murray and its tributaries. I was pleased to be able to share with the other Service Clubs highlights of our Zonta activities and to publicise how hard our dedicated members work to meet Zonta objectives.

September Activities

The OMC Committee have invited guests for the September meeting - we are unsure of numbers at the point of writing this report, but hope to have at least five women join us to find out more about our Club. I also think the October meeting will be a good time to invite women who could be interested in joining Zonta. Please make a special effort to make our guests welcome.

I am pleased to report that Kay Sando of Renmark has been accepted for membership to our Club and will be inducted at our next meeting. We extend a very warm welcome to Kay. Congratulations, to Sharyn who introduced Kay to the Zonta Club of the Riverland. It will be lovely to have another member from that end of the Riverland.

If you have more orders for lamingtons please have the number to hand at the Sept Meeting. - Ros our Fundraising Director has ordered enough Sponge slabs, chocolate icing mixture and coconut for 200 dozen, based on current orders – but we can extend the amount we order if there are more lamington orders from members at the Sept 7th meeting.

We could probably manage at least another 50 dozen so please make a special effort as this is a straight forward fundraiser to support our many projects.

On Sept 9th I expect to attend the Area 2 Presidents' meeting in Adelaide

Looking forward to seeing you all at the Berri Resort Hotel on Sept 7th.

With Best Regards to Everyone.
Marg Colby

Service and Awards *Dianna Schulz*

The Riverland Women in Business Awards Night was an extremely successful evening. Ruth Firstbrook was announced as Riverland Business Woman of the Year. Tanya Christiansen received the Young Achiever Award while Daljit Sanghera was named winner of the Business Owner of the Year Award. Awards were also presented to the runner ups in each category – Kerry Woolston, Janet Grosse and Ellen Proud.

Congratulations to Sarah, Robyn and Jenni for all their hard work behind the scenes. My thanks to those who were able to assist in setting up and clearing up



Well done, Sarah and Robyn!!

I met with Marg Colby in the past month and have familiarised myself with the awards for girls in Years 11 and 12 in the four Riverland High Schools. The process for these awards will begin in September.

A Letter from Ruth Firstbrook

Thank you so much for the invitation to your meeting on September 7th, unfortunately I have a combined Riverland health board meeting on that night so will be unable to attend. I would however be very interested in future events.

May I take this opportunity to extend to Zonta members my sincere and humble appreciation of the Riverland Women in Business Awards, I am genuinely still overwhelmed by the recognition and the generosity of our community in extending their appreciation through telephone calls, email and in person. The whole journey has been an experience I will never forget, and hope that I will be a credit to Zonta in the coming years. Thank you, and I look forward to meeting you again.

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Donation from Ruth Firstbrook

A donation on behalf of Riverland Zonta has been made by Ruth Firstbrook to Fair Trade Fashions, Women's Literacy Classes and Women's Refuges in developing countries.

Legislative Awareness & Advocacy

The LAA Committee last met on Wednesday 25 August 2010 at the Berri Golf Club. Thank you to all those members who attended the meeting.

We were also joined by Ed Thomas as a representative of the Riverland Domestic Violence Action Group [RDVAG] in order to plan the upcoming community event for White Ribbon Day, on 25 November 2010.

All preparations are currently in place for White Ribbon Day and the promotion of the event will be actively launched in October 2010!!

We will definitely appreciate the support of all Zontians in promoting the event in October and November. We will be putting up posters, selling white ribbons and speaking at the meetings of other service clubs and local schools, to make it a great day!!!

If anyone has a gift voucher or goodies they wish to donate as prizes for the biggest shouters please contact Iris.

In my absence, please direct all enquiries regarding LAA to Rosalie Richards or Jenny Boyd. Next meeting of the LAA Committee will be held at the Berri Golf Club on Wednesday 13th October at 6.15pm. I hope to see all the LAA girls there!!!

Iris Furtado – Chairperson LAA Committee

Fundraising **Ros Cmrlec**

Lamington Make

Our next fundraiser will be a Lamington Make at Glossop High School on 19th September.

As Marg has mentioned in her report, further orders may be placed at the September meeting. We have around 180 dozen ordered at the moment – it would be good to have a few more to make the day really worthwhile.

Thanks to those of you who have offered to help on the day. If you know of someone else who might like to help, please bring them along too.

Remember that you will need to organise for someone to collect your lamington orders from Glossop High School on Sunday, 19th September if you are unable to be there yourself.

Donations to the Salvos

Spring is here – time to clean out your cupboards and boost Zonta funds!

Please bring bags of good second-hand items to our October meeting at Bella Lavender. Marg will have bags available at the September meeting. Last year we raised almost \$200 through the bags, so please try to help again this year.

Area 2 Status of Women Meeting

The meeting will be held this Saturday, 4th September at 1.30pm at the Clayton Church.

Guest Speaker will be Valerie Browning - the woman who trains women and distributes kits to the Afar people in Ethiopia. Valerie was on the Birthing Kit Foundation DVD.

This will be a great opportunity to hear first-hand about the lives of nomadic women and how Valerie educates and raises awareness among them. Admission will be \$15 and this money will be donated to Valerie for more kits.

Birthdays

Nita Thom 21st September

Welcome back from your travels Nita. We hope you enjoy your special day.



Just a Thought

Whether you succeed or fail is not as important as whether you do your best.

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