



FEBRUARY 2012

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hello everyone

The Board is hoping that everyone will come along to our Planning Day being held at Sue Hansen's on Sunday 19th February, at 2pm. Both Sandii & Angela invite you all to come along so we can schedule out the year ahead, review projects that are already up and running and looking at some exciting new directions for the Club.

At the Board meeting we also reviewed our Project Proposals processes and Club Calendar, which you will have received the calendar with the Agenda and minutes this month. We are going to keep the calendar up to date and that way we will be able to easily see our schedule for the upcoming months.

International Women's Day is coming up and again it is looking like a marvellous event, we have many commitments for our charity auction which include: Sirene pearl donation; 3 nights accommodation on Hamilton Island with Island transfers for 2 adults; 2 nights accommodation at Coral Sea resort; collation of a webpage; and many more. It has been fantastic to once again get so much support from our community.

What we now need is support from you our members with a donation of a \$10-\$15 gift for the rolling raffles, this alone last year raised around \$800; even if you are not attending it is an expectation that you will still donate a gift it really enhances a wonderful morning of entertainment. And we need you to see all of your friends, neighbours and colleagues to sell as many tickets as you can, and finally come along and enjoy a sensational day!

Cheers

Sandii, President.

Zonta Club of the Whitsundays

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday 14 April Area 5 Workshop see attached flyer

Zonta Planning Day
Sunday 19th February, 2012
2pm at Sue Hansen's
16 Wills Court Cannonvale
Bring along a plate or bottle of wine and plenty of ideas
RSVP Sandli: famhans2@bigpond.net.au

Information evening? Library Project
New idea!!
Progressive Dinner? Garden
YWPA Relay for Life Film evenings Business Luncheons Healthy Lifestyle Expo? Breakfast meetings
Education Bursary New idea!! JMK New idea!! Books from Birth

11th March International Women's Day Brunch see attached flyer

DATE CLAIMERS Please put these dates on your calendar

19th February Planning Day 2pm at Sue Hansen's

29th February Last Wednesday book club at Joan's 5pm details will be emailed

11th March International Women's Day Brunch at Coral Sea commencing at 9.30

13th March: Breakfast meeting Capers 7 for 7.30 Speaker Pam Tindall. Water Wells in Cambodia.

10th April: Breakfast meeting Capers 7 for 7.30 Speaker Robyn Mitchell. A Woman's Perspective on Ethiopia

8th May: Breakfast meeting Capers 7 for 7.30 Speaker Pam Harrison An update on her work in Zimbabwe



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SERVICE:

Service Report, February 2012

We're off and running! January-February has seen four of our great Service programmes off to a flying start for the year!

Congratulations to Janet and her helpers for getting her initiative, **The Business Luncheons** up and running with the first held at Coral Sea Resort on 27th of January. Although only a few Zontians were able to attend there was a good turn up of business people and from all reports this was a successful morning with good food, excellent speakers and a chance to network. I know that members who were unable to attend are planning to be at the next luncheon and numbers should grow as the word spreads.

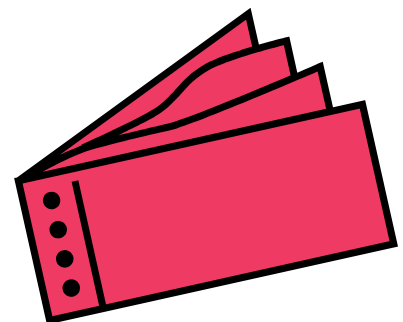
The International Women's Day Brunch Committee has also had a very busy month with preparations for the event on March 11th well under way. Sponsors, auction items and prizes are being organised, gorgeous posters, ads and programmes have been designed, music and food arranged. The two speakers promise to be very interesting and hopefully will be a great draw card. The main job now is to **sell tickets**, so please, please get behind the event and do what you can to spread the word and raise interest. For more information on this and the Business Luncheons, see Janet's report.

The Education Bursary committee has also been busy with the first stages of this extremely worthwhile project designed to assist one or two female students who are experiencing financial hardship to complete their studies. Since we are concerned with raising the status of women at Zonta I see this project as an extremely worthwhile one as education is the pathway to a successful career and financial independence. Noelene has organised a great ad and article for the papers, so if you missed them turn to page 12 of The Times and have a look, they're excellent! Information will also go to schools and TAFE with applications due on 13th March. Please spread the word.

The Garden Committee have also made a start on their final project by meeting with Chris Lane at Proserpine High School. Garden beds and signs have been ordered and are on the way.

Books from Birth. Judy Brett spoke to a few community workers in Arnhem Land who were ecstatic, as two boxes of books had arrived. They reported being offered things like this before but said that nothing had ever come to fruition. There are ten workers at a place called Nhulunbuy who work around the communities. One has offered to make sure that the communities or "homelands" receive the books they need. Many of these have small schools and are desperate for books. The contact: Julie promised to take photos to send to us. She was very touched when Judy told her of the children from Hamilton Island carrying the books down to the boat. Judy has just had an email to tell us that all the books (17 boxes) have now arrived safely at Nhulunbuy to much excitement. How rewarding and what wonderful work Judy has done driving this project!

Submitted by Kerry Kenyon, Director, Service.





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SERVICE: (cont'd)

Business lunch

Our Inaugural Business Luncheon kicked off on Friday 27th January

We had two most entertaining Speakers, combined with great food making a most enjoyable afternoon.

Firstly Libby Edge filled us in on the details of her new not for profit organisation Eco Barge Clean Seas and her continuing good work with the removal of marine debris as well as the following on of marine sea life rescue, mostly from the effects of plastic bags.

Scott Waters, Whitsunday Coast Airport Development Manager spoke of the new airport improvements as well as a little information on the forthcoming development planned for the natural resources in this area

Tim from Capers provided a delectable selection of antipasto platters followed by a choice of seafood or warm chicken salad.

Sue Blaney, from Airlie Adventure Park, won the Capers restaurant voucher

All who attended had a most enjoyable day and we are hoping to finalise details for the next one at the end of March. I am hoping our next speakers will focus on some of the extra difficulties faced by women in the workforce.

Submitted by Janet Keppke



Zonta International
Advancing the Status of Women Worldwide

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ORGANISATION, MEMBERSHIP & CLASSIFICATION:

I know very few of us, me included, use social media or are keen to do so. However, at our District Conference much emphasis was placed on it and the younger members attested to using it constantly. Perhaps, we could start getting used to the idea by visiting a few of the sites mentioned below. You don't have to join to have a look around, except for [LinkedIn](#). Just sign in to www.zonta.org and go to Social Media heading. Click on the links. I found it VERY interesting how many clubs worldwide have postings, including heaps of photos on Flickr and videos on YouTube. It's quite fun to see. Prospective members and friends interested in Zonta's efforts to transform women's lives through service and advocacy may also join the conversation on any of Zonta's social media pages which are open to the public.

Facebook



Stay informed about Zonta's current advocacy initiatives, share your club or district's success stories, learn more about Zonta's international service and educational award programs, and join discussions about issues affecting women around the globe.

LinkedIn



Take this opportunity to connect with Zonta's 30,000-member strong network of professionals and executives. Benefit from the shared knowledge and experience of Zonta's diverse and growing membership.

YouTube



Zonta International has launched an official channel on YouTube where members and individuals interested in Zonta's service and advocacy efforts, can access videos about Zonta's international service projects. Stay tuned for videos from Zonta International President Dianne Curtis and more!

Twitter



Get the latest Zonta news and information as it's happening. Watch for special tweets from International President Dianne Curtis as she travels throughout the Zonta world in 2011.

Flickr



Enjoy photos from Zonta events and projects around the world. Or, upload your own Zonta photos to share with the Zonta community. Please note that by adding your photo to the group pool, you consent to its use by Zonta International.

P.J. Halter, OMC Director

“Regardless of what may be the hot social media property of any particular month or year, social networking has become a core part of our daily lives.” **Amy Kean**



INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

Our International Women's Day Brunch Sunday 11th March is almost here and it is shaping up to be a corker!

Our speakers this year are Sirena Drummond who some of you will remember from previous years when she has been the wonderful benefactor donating one of her pearls for our prizes.

This year we will get to hear how this all came about from starting her own pearl farm right through to a retail shop in Proserpine.....and what an interesting story

Our next guest has a somewhat different story to tell and we will hear how she experienced her early life in the Indigenous Community and right up to today where she is the founder and manager of the Regional Indigenous Employment Program in Bowen. Her story should help to give us more insight and understanding of the Current community discussion on the rights and position of our indigenous peoples.

We have some fantastic Auction prizes in several holiday accommodation packages : ferry transfers as well as three nights accommodation on Hamilton Island, courtesy of PJ Halter two nights accommodation at Coral Sea Zest Design has kindly donated a web site a couple of "booze buckets" Kerry and Rob Kenyon have once again donated picture framing, Carol Brauner's much sought after dog trim and many, many more.

We are still getting together our rolling raffles and if anyone has something that they would like to donate these raffles make our cause quite a lot of money so we would appreciate you bringing the prizes along to the next meeting and advising the committee, myself, Carol or Christina Della Valle so that we can put our raffles in place.

Please gather your friends together and come along to have a great fun day.

Janet Keppke

International Women's Day



Women in Action
Zonta International
Women's Day Brunch

Venue: Nautilus Room
Coral Sea Resort

Date: Sunday 00 March 2012

Time: 9am for 9:30 start

Tickets: \$38 with complimentary
bubbles on arrival

Speakers: xxx

Charity Auction, door prizes and raffle

Ticket Vendors:
CPQ Real Estate
400 Shute Harbour Road
Proserpine Hair Shoppe
Shop 2 Deicke Arcade Proserpine

Mocha's Boutique
Shop 126, Centro Cannonvale
Community Solutions Inc.
Whitsunday Shopping Centre

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What is Zonta? want to know more?



A club project - Provision of Dragon Boat helping Breast Cancer Survivors

Zonta International service – immunization of mothers against maternal neo natal tetanus



A District Endorsed Project - Assembling Birthing Kits for distribution to developing countries (under an AusAid grant).



Clubs raise vital funding for crisis care for women and families



Strawberries & Cream - a major fundraiser for the Cairns Club



Zontians of the ZC of Noosa working diligently to produce Breast Cushions and Drainage Bags for women undergoing surgery - a district endorsed service project



Whitsunday Club Zontians fundraising for their local service initiatives



International Service supporting education & health for the women of Afghanistan



Caboolture Zontians providing equipment for our hospitals

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www.zontadistrict22.org



Zonta International District 22

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District 22 Area 5 Club 1089

The Zonta Club For Townsville

Invites you to the
Area 5 Workshop

“Exploring our Zeco System - the Zonta Ecosystem”.

Commencing Saturday 14th April at 11.00 am
until Sunday 15th April at 12.30 pm

To be held at the Queensland Country Woman Association (QCWA)
corner of Denham and Walker Street, City Townsville 4810

A great week-end is guaranteed, with information shared by our District 22 Board and others. Have a fun time catching up with old friends and making new ones.

Come and join us. We look forward to offering you the hospitality of our club discovering the "Real Diversity, Real Experiences" that the city of Townsville has to offer.



The CBD from [Museum of Tropical Queensland](#) with [Castle Hill](#) in the background.

Registration information to follow soon