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President's Pen



Welcome to the start of Autumn. I am always invigorated as the short cold days of winter fade into the longer and warmer days of autumn. It is hard to believe that we are near the last quarter of the year. Time has gone by so quickly but it has been time well spent. Our Zonta Club of Bunbury has accomplished so much in terms of service to other women; some far way in other continents, and others in our own community.

We have been involved in some serious Zonta committee work. Projects that we have focused on most recently are the making of breast cushions - to date we have made and distributed 150 breast cushions to local hospitals this year.

We will be conducting the self defence workshops for women next week and we have selected our Young Women in Public Affairs winner. We have started the implementation of the 'Walk in My Shoes' display and stories, a project that was initiated and shared by the Zonta Club of Adelaide. We have made some recent donations to an overseas Zonta club and as well have forwarded one third of funds we have raised to the Zonta International Foundation for our international projects. All this important work has been made possible because of your hard work and the commitment of all our club members to our club goals.

As you know, as your President one of my passions has been to share "you tube" stories with you. They are mostly about our involvement in international projects. However, there are other useful sources that I encourage you to view regularly - the Zonta International Website and the Zontian magazine.



Both provide lots of useful information about projects that Zontians are involved in around the world. What I enjoy most is that through these sources you can see the faces and read the stories of women whose lives have been improved through our work.

As we move closer to 2016 remember we that we don't go alone, but united with 30,000 other strong and

committed Zontians from 12,000 clubs, in 67 countries from around the world. Our role is to share the messages of Zonta with others and invite them to join us.

Please make every effort to spread the good work of Zonta within your professional and personal circles. I

believe strong membership and recruitment is the responsibility of all of us.

Susan Kerr, President



Members display the 'Zonta Says No' vests at the August meeting - see p.4



President Sue and President Elect Kimberley enjoying a great day out at the Zonta Club of Perth's recent 'Spring Luncheon & Fashion Show'.



Membership & Program Committee

Jill Lynn - Chairman

July Guest Speakers



Alisa Green (left), our 2015 Non-Traditional Trade Award winner was guest speaker at the May Meeting. Alisa revealed that it was her first attempt at public speaking and that she was nervous. However, she went on to give us a great insight into how

she came to take up her trade - heavy duty mechanic - and if she was nervous, it didn't show!

Leonie Davey was formally welcomed to the club and presented with her club badge in July. As mentioned in the last newsletter, Leonie had been a member of the Zonta Club of Charters Towers since 2006, but is now living in Collie and she has transferred to our club. She gave a brief overview of her life which made us realise that we have gained an experienced and valuable member.



President Sue Kerr welcomes Leonie to the Zonta Club of Bunbury

August Guest Speakers



President Sue with YWPA finalists.

YWPA finalists, Eliza Lyon, Kirsten Roberts and Chloe Thomson spoke with conviction and aplomb in August. Members continue to be amazed at the calibre of young women in our local area. Read more about these wonderful young women in the Service Committee report.

Mentoring Plan

One of the actions from our 2014 club survey was to introduce a formal club mentoring process which we hope will assist new members to assimilate more easily into the club.

Rather than re-invent the wheel, the Membership Committee has adopted the District Mentoring Statement and made it specific to our club. The draft plan has gone to the Board and will soon be distributed to members for comment. Please let us know what you think.

The most important points to be remembered about mentoring are that:

- Mentors are not counsellors
- It is a voluntary arrangement for both parties
- The focus is on the needs of the person receiving the mentoring.

International Night - October

The Membership Committee has been busy forward planning some interesting activities for our International Night at Newton Moore SHS in October. We hope that this will be an exciting club meeting with a difference.

To add to the night, please remember:

- A photo (with you in it) taken while overseas to be sent to Kerry Kerr at fyfekerr@bigpond.net.au
- or can be given to Kerry at this month's meeting.
- "Good Evening" to be said in a language other than English.
- Piece of Kitsch
- Bring along your gold coins
- Don't forget to record your dish of choice—the sheet will sent around again at the September meeting.

We are planning to invite past members to join us so please make them welcome.



Service & UN Committee

Linda Brown, Chairman

Young Women in Public Affairs Award

The Service Committee made the decision to reschedule the YWPA Award selection process to a time when prospective applicants had more time and were not busy with exams, Country Week and other important school events, so our 2016 applications were advertised earlier and closed at the end of July. and it proved a worthwhile move.

Our appreciation and thanks to club members Lee Mead (Coordinator) and selection panellists Leonie Davey, Helen Hemsley, Di Tate for their service to our club on the YWPA sub-committee.



YWPA
Winner
Chloe
Thomson
from Bunbury
Senior High
School.

After much hard work and deliberation by the YWPA Committee, the August 18 Dinner Meeting was focused on the Young Women in Public Affairs Award. Three young women finalists spoke with confidence and passion on their chosen topic to an audience of proud parents, friends and Zonta members.

Zonta member, Di Tate, introduced Eliza Lyon who spoke on issues particularly important to refugee women. Leonie Davey presented Chloe Thomson who chose to speak on the topic of gender equity and finally Helen Hemsley introduced Kirsten Roberts whose subject was aptly named 'To Be a Woman'.

YWPA sub-committee member, Lee Mead, in summing up, noted what worthy and inspiring finalists the three speakers had been and announced **Chloe Thomson** from Bunbury Senior High School as the winner. Chloe received a financial prize and all three girls were presented with a book appropriately titled 'Inspirational Australian Women'.

Jane M Klausman Women in Business Scholarship

Members may recall that our club, along with the five other clubs in Area 3 (WA), contributes funds for an Area 3 Jane M Klausman Scholarship. This award is coordinated by Dr Donella Caspersz, who works at the University of WA's Business School and is a member of the Zonta Club of Perth. We thank Donella for her time and effort given on behalf of Area 3.

The Jane M Klausman Women in Business Scholarships are awarded to women undertaking business studies who have demonstrated outstanding potential in the field. Zonta International offers scholarships of US\$1,000 each at the District level and 12 international scholarships in the amount of US\$7,000 each.

Any woman undertaking a business and/or business-related program at an accredited university/college/institute, in at least the second year of an undergraduate program through to the final year of a Master's program at the time the application is submitted, is eligible to apply.

Gabrielle Walker is our 2015 recipient of the Zonta International District 23, **Area 3** Jane M Klausman Women in Business Scholarship and she received her award at the Zonta Club of Perth's September club meeting. The great news is that it has just been announced that Gabrielle has also won the **District 23** JMK award and will now proceed to International level.

Gabrielle is completing her Masters by Research in Commerce at Murdoch University and has excelled at her studies, winning two Murdoch University Vice Chancellor's awards for academic excellence, as well as a prize from the School of Social Sciences and Humanities at Murdoch University.

She has a distinguished career of community service with women, and is involved in the Perth Giving Circle, the Kulbaradi Aboriginal Centre at Murdoch, and the US based *Red my Lips* which is dedicated to creating conversations around rape and victim blaming. (Information on Gabrielle from the ZC of Perth)

Self Defence Workshops

Registrations for the workshops next Saturday, 19th September, are going well but there are still places available if you or any of your family or friends are keen to learn some basic strategies to protect yourself. Register online at www.zontabunbury.org - go to "Events & Flyers".





Advocacy Committee

Tyril Houghton, Chairman

Brain Damaged Victims of Domestic Violence

Currently two women per week are victims of homicide from an intimate spouse, partner or ex-partner. What is less known is the shocking statistic that three women per week are so badly beaten about the head resulting in severe brain damage.

Highlighted in a recent ABC program, victims and their families are calling for action. Hence Zonta is emphasising the need for action to improve the situation of Domestic Violence within society.

Walk In My Shoes Project

In 2012, the Zonta Club of Adelaide initiated a display to raise awareness of the impact of Domestic Violence on victims and survivors. Through creative writing workshops and requests for women to tell their stories, a graphic display of pairs of shoes with stories attached to them was developed.

The ZC of Adelaide has shared this project with other clubs in our district and the display will soon be exhibited in various venues in the Bunbury region, including banks and other premises with through traffic.

A special banner and posters reinforcing the 'ZONTA Says NO' message have been purchased to increase the visual impact and present the Area 3 connection to the need to reduce and preferably eliminate Domestic Violence.

Meeting with John Castrilli MLA

Aiming to determine the process required to formulate a submission to the WA Parliament on the issues related to Domestic Violence, Tyril Houghton, Lee Mead and Di Tate met with John Castrilli. He suggested that a submission be presented to the WA Attorney General, outlining our key concerns.

The focus will be on requesting that data on perpetrators of Domestic Violence, which is currently only available on a State by State basis be linked nationally to track perpetrators as they move interstate. Rosie Batty, Australian of the Year, highlighted this as one method of providing more information on perpetrators as well as preventing victims having to keep repeating the identification process each time they try to escape violence by moving interstate.

For more information on National initiatives, here is a

link to the COAG paper on national changes to address Domestic Violence agreed at the meeting held 23 July 2015.

<http://www.dpmc.gov.au/taskforces/reducing-violence-women>



White Ribbon Day Meeting

Lorelle Klumpp, Donna Stewart and Tyril Houghton attended a WRD planning meeting to

see how Zonta could partner with others to raise awareness of Domestic Violence. A white cross will represent each woman and child who has been killed in 2015 by an intimate partner or parent.

On 25th November, please feel free to join in the march to demonstrate our support for the men taking the oath to say NO to Domestic Violence. More details later.

Zonta Says No Vests

Our sincere thanks to Adam and Julie Watson of 'Total Uniforms', Geraldton for the donation of high visibility vests and Bunbury City Councillor Michelle Steck for providing funds for the signage on the vests, which will be used to support our "Zonta Says No to Violence Against Women" campaign. We appreciate this generous support.

Thanks also to club member Amanda Whittle (pictured below) who was responsible for securing these donations.





Finance & Fundraising Committee

Sue Footner & Lesley Morgan, Joint Chairmen

Annual Quiz Morning

Thursday 17th September 2015

Bunbury Bowling Club

9.30am to 12noon

Morning Tea provided/spot prizes

\$15.00 a head - Tables of 8

**Tickets available from La Femme, at the
Wollaston Shopping Centre**

**Contact Dale - 97 918651 or
Lesley Morgan - 0438 931 432**

Quiz Reminder

Ticket sales to date are slow, and we need your help to get this out there, to get as many people to attend as possible. Tickets can be purchased from Dale at her shop, La Femme, at the Wollaston Shopping Centre.

This is one of our major fundraisers, without which we would not have the funds to finance all our Zonta projects.

Also a reminder, that if you are donating food, please drop this off at the Bowling Club from 8:15am onwards.

If you have anything to donate to the pamper hamper, please ensure it is dropped off to Lesley at the Bank of Queensland, or bring on the night of the September Dinner Meeting.

If you prefer to donate money in lieu, please bring this to the September dinner meeting. Thank you if you've already actioned some or all of the above.

Women in the Economy the focus at APEC

As part of the annual Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Women in the Economy Forum to be held in the Philippines 16-18 September 2015, 21 participating countries were asked to nominate women leaders to participate in a photographic exhibition of women leaders called ICONOGRAPH: An Exhibition of Women Icons of APEC.

ICONOGRAPH gives recognition to the commitment, vision, and leadership of the 21 APEC economies' extraordinary women from micro, small, and medium enterprises (SMEs and MEs) who became 'prime movers' in their respective field and their societies.

The exciting news is that WA's **Carol Hanlon**, Founding Manager and Business Facilitator of the Belmont Business Enterprise Centre Inc. established 1994 (Belmont BEC) and Founder, Manager & Mentor of Textile, Clothing, Footwear Resource Centre of WA Inc. established 1998 (including TCF Australia / TCF Global) was selected as the Australian to be honoured in the ICONOGRAPH exhibition.

Even more exciting news is that club member Ellen's sister **Dame Wendy Pye**, a former Bunbury

SHS student, has been selected to represent New Zealand! Wendy has received many accolades as a literacy educator and as publisher of Sunshine Books she has brought literacy to all parts of the world.

Wendy has kindly given permission for her ICONOGRAPH to be shown here.

Information from Wendy informs us that ICONOGRAPH is a curated, rather than merely designed, exhibition.

ICONOGRAPH is focused on communicating the message: **APEC is a community of nations in which women have emerged compellingly as economic leaders with a distinct commitment to grassroots contexts.** (Thanks to Ellen for sharing this story.)

