

# Zontact

## President's Pen



March is the month that autumn arrives - may it really be true. Keep thinking sunshine and warm thoughts. I don't know about you but I love Autumn: the warm air; the beautiful colourful leaves on the trees. Before you know it winter will

be on us - the cold days and nights, and yes, hopefully some rain.

March is also the month to celebrate International Women's Day and Zonta Rose Day, two very significant dates on our calendar. IWD celebrates women's achievements throughout history and helps highlight women in their struggle for equality. On the same day, Zonta Rose Day, Zontians are encouraged to publicly give out yellow roses and information that relates to improving the lives of women.

On these special occasions we can reflect on the amazing work that Zontians do, both internationally and locally. Our international programs like the Safe Cities for Women in the Honduras, Elimination of Mother to Child Transmission of HIV in Rwanda and the Liberia Fistula program, just to name a few, all make us proud, as our involvement is about improving the lives of women.

Locally we have been involved in projects like our protective behaviours and self defence workshops, making and distributing many breast cushions, assembling birthing kits, and supporting education and scholarship programs for women.



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CLUB OF  
BUNBURY INC  
MEMBER OF ZONTA INTERNATIONAL  
EMPOWERING WOMEN  
THROUGH SERVICE & ADVOCACY

Leading up to March, a lot has been happening in preparation for some major club events. The Finance and Fundraising Committee has been extremely busy coordinating two major fundraising events:

'Music in the Park' at Myalup Vines in January, a highly successful event, and the International Women's Day breakfast at the Lord Forrest Hotel on March 8.

The guest speaker at the breakfast is Michelle Cowan, the first accredited female AFL coach. It will be another amazing event with 300 tickets sold .

Well done also to the PR and Communications Committee as they have been working over the last months changing the letterheads, bookmarks and other documentation using the new Zonta logo. The committee has also designed a new club brochure with the new branding which will be distributed at our International Women's Day breakfast.

On the next page, read more about these wonderful Zontians, pictured here. Congratulations to all four on reaching these significant membership milestones.

Finally, a very special thank you to the Area Workshop Steering Committee for putting together a program to be proud of.

**Susan Kerr, President**



*Jill Lynn - 10 years, Sue Piacentini - 5 Years & Joy Frisina - 10 years, celebrate membership milestones in December.*



*Fi Brockman congratulates Kimberley Robbins on her 5 year milestone in Feb.*



# Membership & Program Committee

Jill Lynn - Chairman



Members and partners enjoying the Amelia Earhart Cocktail Party at Fi & Ted Brockman's Home in January.

## December Meeting

Partners joined us for our Christmas meeting and we enjoyed a delicious 3-course meal. Thanks to the Membership Committee for going the extra mile to make our meeting especially 'Christmassy'.

## Guest Speaker

Constable Jake Carruthers with police dog Geoffrey (pictured above with Kimberley) was a welcome change from our usual guest speaker and from the number of questions asked, there was a lot of interest in the role police dogs play in our community.



## Josephine's Gifts

Thanks to **Josephine Spaul** (pictured left) who spoils us all again with her Christmas gifts of cherries and chocolates - she does this every year and brings them all the way from Bridgetown!



## Refuge Gifts

This Christmas we provided knickers and t-shirts etc that the Refuge said they needed. Many thanks to members for their personal monetary donations and a very big thank you to **Di Tate** who bought all the items needed and delivered them.



## January Fellowship

Members who could make it gathered at the home of Fi and Ted Brockman in January, to enjoy a cocktail party to honour the achievements of former Zontian and aviatrix Amelia Earhart. Members who could source 'flying gear' did so and from all accounts, it was a great night. Our appreciation to Fi and Ted for hosting this event.

## February Meeting

Betty McCleary (pictured right), our 2014 Woman of Achievement, had us 'rocking and rolling' at our February meeting as she demonstrated how important it was for our health to 'keep moving'!



Members enjoy a session of 'Zumba' with Betty at the February meeting.

## Membership Milestones

Congratulations and "Thank you" to:

- **Jill Lynn and Joy Frisina** - 10 years of Zonta membership in December
- **Sue Piacentini** - 5 years in December
- **Kimberley Robbins** - 5 years in February

All four have been active members of our club, with Jill, Joy and Kimberley serving on the Board and as Committee Chairmen and Sue undertaking important roles on the Finance & Fundraising Committee. Great service that is much appreciated!



## Service, Advocacy & United Nations Committee

*Kimberley Robbins, Chairman*

### Breast Cushion Project

*Coordinated by Kimberley Robbins*



From July to December 2014, our club has distributed 65 breast cushions. 62 have been distributed through the Comprehensive Cancer Centre at the South West Health Campus and three have been privately given.

Thank you to Kimberley for her ongoing breast cushion coordination. Over the past months, she has been ably assisted by Jan Harwood who has helped Kimberley to keep up with the demand. Thanks Jan!

A club breast cushion working bee may be organised in the near future, if demand overtakes supply. Very sad to realise that this project will always be needed.

### Young Women in Public Affairs

The YWPA Committee has been working hard over the past weeks to select our 2015 finalists and award

winner. We appreciate this effort on our club's behalf and members are looking forward to hearing the finalists at our March club meeting. Thanks Linda, Helen, Donna and Lorelle!

### Bali Scholarship



Kimberley & her daughter Kate with Putri in 2014.

'Strong Angel' Susanne Hunter has informed us that Putri, our Bali scholarship recipient, will graduate from her tertiary studies sometime in September.

Putri hadn't finished high school when we first started supporting her and here she is now, getting very excited about what her future holds and of course having her own income! (Remember your first pay?)



## Finance & Fundraising Committee

*Sue Footner & Lesley Morgan, Joint Chairmen*

'Sunday in the Park' at Myalup Vines on the 11th January was again a great success, resulting in a profit of \$4,250 for our Zonta projects.



We are really fortunate to have the support of winery owners, Carmel and Trevor Hutchison (pictured left), and we thank them very much for their generosity in allowing us to hold

our event at their winery again - how many years is it now?

Many thanks to members for sourcing raffle items and our appreciation to the members of the Finance and Fundraising Committee who organise this important fundraiser as a team. Well done - a fantastic effort!

We acknowledge our entertainers, sponsors and supporters, who come forward every year with generous donations of time, place and goods:

- **Myalup Vines Winery:** Carmel & Trevor Hutchison

- **Entertainment:** SW Wind & Jazz Orchestra, Penelope Martella and Guy and a Girl
- **Donations:** Brunswick Bakery, Buckingham Meats, Bunbury Farmers' Market, Harvey Fresh, Harvey Supa IGA, RSM Bird Cameron, Rusticana, The Passionate Providore.



Club members enjoying Myalup.

**Schedule of Events**

- **Sat 7 Mar:** Sundowner at Nan's to meet IWDB guest speaker 6.30 - 8.00 pm
- **Sun. 8 Mar:** IWD Breakfast - Lord Forrest Hotel 8.30 for 9.00 am start
- **Tues. 17 Mar:** Club meeting 6.30 for 7.00 pm at Highway Hotel. YWPA Award Finalists
- **Sat 21 Mar:** Fellowship Outing - 'The Beggars Sing the Seekers' Optional Dinner @ China City - 6.00 pm; Show @ BREC - 7.30pm
- **Thurs 26 Mar:** Rally 4 Respect - 4.00 pm
- **Sat. 28 Mar: 10.00 am** Area Workshop - Bunbury Senior High School
- **16-18 Oct 2015:** 13th Biennial District 23 Conference, Grand Chancellor Hotel, Hindley St, Adelaide.

**Remember when.....**

**Bunbury Zonta's Pamper Day 1997**



Barb Prentice, Tyril Houghton and Annette Whitelaw practise on Nan Martella.

When you constantly care for others you rarely have time to pamper yourself. Carers received a special treat when in 1997, Bunbury Zonta club members provided massages, facials, manicures, a fashion parade and a special luncheon for those who usually never get to enjoy being the centre of attention or spoil themselves.

Pictured are members of the club practising doing a facial on member Nan Martella. Feedback from participants was that it was a wonderful day and so nice to have someone care for them. This valuable Service project was rated a huge success with feedback from participants stating that, 'It was a wonderful day and so nice to have someone care for me'.

*Tyril Houghton, PR&C Committee*

**Zonta International Project**

**Liberia Fistula Project resumes full operations**

Following a significant reduction in the incidence of Ebola in Liberia, the Liberia Fistula Project, a partnership between UNFPA and Zonta International, resumed full scale operations in December and has already carried out the following activities:

A revolving fund loan scheme, a pilot project in Owensgrove District, has greatly increased health facility delivery from 5% of the clinic's area population to 25% despite the Ebola epidemic. Nineteen (19) pregnant women benefited with 18 of the beneficiaries delivering safely in the health facility and now doing well in their various communities. Because of this initiative, it is recommend that this initiative be rolled out in other districts to strengthen maternal and newborn health.

Procured and distributed essential drugs and medical supplies for maternal health services for use in two facilities

in Owensgrove District, Grand Bassa County.

Trained 20 fistula survivors in advocacy, communication and counselling skills to serve as advocates for fistula prevention sensitization and identification of new cases during and after the Ebola epidemic. These advocates reach out to their communities to help prevent fistula, thereby saving other women and girls from suffering the same fate.



A community outreach and sensitization campaign reached more than 10,000 community members in Grand Bassa, Margibi and Montserrado Counties via advocacy meetings with community leaders, volunteers, video club owners, etc. and sensitization for fistula prevention and identification of new cases.

Two fistula patients were recruited, screened and surgically managed at the Ganta Outreach in Nimba County. The two patients were completely dry after surgery.