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President's Pen



As it gets closer to changeover and the end of my first year as president (boy how times flies when you are having fun), it has been a good time for me to reflect on all the wonderful things that have happened so far. There is always so much that it is difficult for me to capture it in such a short space in the newsletter.

However, I thought I would firstly focus on the board as I am not sure if every member realises the considerable work, and yes fun, we have on the board.

The board decided early this year that we would dedicate our April meeting to be an extended dinner meeting where we would focus on some strategic planning. We were very mindful that we got some great feedback from our

members at the November 2014 club meeting from surveys and discussions and that we needed to set aside time to really review your feedback and present back to our members what would be our key focuses going into the future.

We intend to present a draft of our two year plan at the June meeting. At this meeting there will be an opportunity for all club members to provide further feedback. I think we have some great ideas incorporated into the plan. I believe these ideas are really going to provide us some strong direction and are going to make our club even more visible and vibrant.

I am sure you will all agree what a fabulous area workshop we had at the end of March. Again a special thanks to the coordinating committee but also thank you to each and everyone of you who made this day so worthwhile and one of the many highlights to what has already been an amazing year.



I am sure you will concur that each of the guest speakers was of a very high calibre and the workshop activities were such fun. We look forward to sharing with you all the feedback from this outstanding event.

The District 23 conference in Adelaide is just around the corner - 16-18 October at the Grand Chancellor Hotel, Adelaide. Organisers have been able to secure Dr Marilyn Waring as one of the speakers for this event. Dr Waring has spent most of her life as a feminist activist,

and is a member of the New Zealand Parliament, a lecturer and consultant on women's issues. She is an honorary Member of Zonta International.

A strong contingent from the Bunbury club will be attending the Adelaide conference and I encourage any member who hasn't contemplated going



Area 3 Presidents at the Area Workshop L-R: Linley Scott - Dunsborough, Stephanie Steensma - Perth NS (Acting Pres.), Sue Kerr - Bunbury, Faith O'Brien - Swan Hills, Tricia Summerfield - Perth. (Jenny Crake from Peel was unable to attend.)

along having a discussion with members who have been to previous conferences and they will tell you what a fabulous, compelling event these conferences are. This is a must for everyone's calendar.

We can be proud to have accomplished so much this year: the wonderful Music in the Park, the fabulous International Women's Day breakfast, our new Zonta merchandise, the scarfs, the many service project activities and the continued work and dedication of the Membership and PR committees. All of the activities have been extraordinary so let's try and keep the momentum going. A lot more is planned ahead so I trust by now you have all added the important future dates from our planner onto your calendars, diaries, iPads, phones or whatever!

I thank all of you for your continued support and commitment to the Zonta mission. I especially look forward to working with the new board members and committee chairs over the next year.

Susan Kerr, President



Membership & Program Committee

Jill Lynn - Chairman

March Meeting

I think members would agree that it was a privilege and a pleasure to have our Young Women in Public Affairs finalists as guest speakers at our March meeting. See the following page for more about these young ladies.

Membership Milestone



Congratulations to Tyril Houghton on her 25th anniversary of Zonta membership.

Tyril was inducted by Charter President Pauline Vukelic on the 10th April, 1990 at Louisa's Restaurant.

During her time in Zonta, she has held many club positions, including Club President from 1997-1999.

The advocacy side of Zonta has long been dear to Tyril's heart, so it is fitting that she is serving on the District Advocacy Committee this biennium.

Tyril has been an active member of our club and we thank her for her passion and service to Zonta over the past 25 years. Much appreciated Tyril!

April Guest Speaker



Susan Unwin thanks Graham.

With a little bit of wangling and the fact that it was close to the ANZAC Centenary, the Membership Committee was able to entice Tyril's husband Graham to our April meeting as guest speaker.

Graham has been involved in World War 1 research and is planning to publish a book on the topic, and we thank him for his presentation. We were pleased he was able to be there to celebrate Tyril's special milestone.

Fellowship in March

Many thanks to the Membership Committee for organising the fellowship outing to meet for dinner then take in the show, "Beggars sing the Seekers". Those who were able to make it, thoroughly enjoyed the performance and were particularly

impressed with the musicianship of the group, who played "real" instruments without any electronic or other backing. They were marvellous!

Increase in Dinner cost

We have been expecting an increase in the cost of our Zonta dinner meeting meal and Carol Downe, our hotel liaison person, has been negotiating with the Highway Hotel this week about this. There is still some fine tuning

happening, but we are pleased to say that the hotel seems to be looking after us and the increase will not be exorbitant. Many thanks to Carol for the time and effort she has spent on this matter on our behalf.

Goodbye to Members



It is with great sadness that we say goodbye to Clare Freeman, who is not well and feels she is unable to contribute to our club as fully as she would like to.



Erica Silk has also advised that because of other commitments, she will not be renewing her Zonta membership for the coming year. We will be sorry to lose her, too.

Our best wishes go to both departing members. We aim to keep in touch with them and send them flyers to our events in the hope that they will join us when they are able to.



Service, Advocacy & United Nations Committee

Kimberley Robbins, Chairman

2015 Young Women in Public Affairs Award

The YWPA finalists who addressed us at our March meeting were inspirational, to say the least, and it was hard to believe that they were only 17 or 18 years old.

Our appreciation and thanks to Lorelle Klumpp, Helen Hemsley and Donna Stewart, who had the unenviable task of selecting a winner. What a hard job it must have been.

Finalists were:

- Corinne Brislin from Australind Senior High School
- Samantha Goerling, now studying at the University of WA, but formerly a student of Bunbury Cathedral Grammar School
- Sneha Mishra from Bunbury Senior High School, who was announced as the winner of our 2015 YWPA Award.

Thanks to Linda Brown for the overall coordination of this award.



YWPA Finalists: Sneha Mishra (award winner), Corrine Brislin and Samantha Goerling at our March dinner.

Women's Non-Traditional Trade Award



Service Committee Member Lee Mead said it was a pleasure to attend the South West Institute of Technology's 2015 Awards Ceremony in March to see Elisa Green (pictured left) receive our club's Women's Non-Traditional Trade Award, including a perpetual trophy.

Our award usually goes to a student completing an apprenticeship with excellence, but as there were no suitable candidates this year, our award went to a pre-apprentice instead, and a good one at that.

Elisa completed an automotive pre-apprenticeship in heavy vehicle servicing and she also won another award in this area.

She presently works as an apprentice heavy duty diesel mechanic at B and J Catalano's in Brunswick. We will invite Elisa to a future meeting so we can all meet her and learn more about her aspirations in this non-traditional trade area.

Thank you to Lee for representing our club at the Awards Night.



Finance & Fundraising Committee

Sue Footner & Lesley Morgan, Joint Chairmen

Raised \$7,973.73

2015 International Women's Day Breakfast



Guest speaker Michelle Cowan with President Sue Kerr.

Our International Women's Day Breakfast at The Lord Forrest Hotel on the 8th March attracted 300 guests, and although it was quite a squeeze to fit everyone in, it was a great day of celebration and a very successful fundraising event for our club.

Guest speaker Michelle Cowan gave everyone plenty to think about. She was quite an inspiration to the young women who attended and we received a great deal of positive feedback not only from the young ones themselves, but also from their mums.

Many thanks to our Finance and Fundraising Committee members for the time and effort they put in to make this event a success.

Thanks also to all members for selling tickets and getting tables filled. This event is the one that showcases our club and attracts new members so it is important that we all give it the support that we do.

Thank you to our IWDB Sponsors & Supporters!

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| Lord Forrest Hotel | High Aspirations |
| Harvey Norman | The Passionate Providore |
| AMD | Scentsy—Tanya Brian |
| Small Business Centre - BW | Eloise Fashions |

IWD Sundowner - 7th March

Hosted by Irene Bell @ Nan & Charlie Martella's Home



Many thanks
Irene, Nan
and Charlie!

A great way to meet
our guest speaker
before the breakfast.



2015 Area Workshop – 28th March



Sue Kerr with Cath Sutherland



Alison Comparti JP & Nan Martella



Donna Stewart & Sue Kerr say 'thank you' to Governor Erica Majba.



"Best Zumba dancer" Josephine Spaul with Betty McCleary



The Zumba session before lunch!



Our newest member, Karen Mazzella, with Sherrel O'Neil, past president of Peel.



Area Director Jane Moulden & Sue Kerr



Jan Harwood, Bunbury's scarf creator with Peel Zontian, Di Marsh.

Zonta Club of Bunbury members were enthusiastic hosts of the 2015 Area Workshop, with 25 of our members going along to enjoy the workshop program.

With the ZI President's biennium theme of 'Conviction, Commitment and Courage' guest speakers focused on this theme and used their expertise and experience to make it relevant to Zonta.

Former Bunbury Senior High School Head Girl, Cath Sutherland, was the first speaker and she spoke about 'Conviction'. Cath showed us how to create 'brand energy', the unique competitive advantage that attracts people to connect with us [or our club] and stay connected. Those present will definitely go to their next 'party' with a different purpose!

Jo Wittorff from Bunbury followed Cath's presentation with a session on Zonta's recent rebranding and what it means at club level. Zonta says a brand is a 'promise', something we intend to do, and the updated Zonta theme - *empowering women through service*

and advocacy - certainly spells out the important work of Zonta International.

Cath led a workshop after the morning tea break and members were able to work in groups to tease out some of the ideas she presented.

Alison Comparti JP, Bunbury's 2015 Citizen of the year, spoke about 'commitment' and Zontians were astounded to learn just how many organisations she has made a commitment to during her life. Alison described how she went about getting others to commit to her organisations, firstly by 'sowing the seeds', then revisiting to secure the commitment!

Alison facilitated the following the session, 'out of the box', which led experienced Zontians to link up with new Zontians to discuss questions about Zonta that came 'out of the boxes'.

Betty McCleary, Bunbury's 2014 Woman of Achievement had everyone up and moving in a lively Zumba session before lunch.

Governor Erica Majba's session after lunch was on 'courage' and she reminded us of the times when Zontians, needed courage. She went on to explore the reasons why members did not volunteer to become Zonta leaders and how we as Zontians could help.

Area Director Jane Moulden gave an update on district matters to wind up an enjoyable day.

Scarf Project Launched

Bunbury club took the opportunity to launch its new Zonta scarf project at the workshop and we thank club member Jan Harwood for burning the candle at both ends to produce several scarves in time for the workshop.

Schedule of Events

- **Tues. 5 May: 5.30 pm**
Changeover Board Meeting
@ Mojo's
- **Tues. 19 May: 6.30 for 7.00 pm**
Changeover Club Meeting - Highway Hotel.
- **16-18 Oct 2015:** 13th Biennial District 23 Conference, Grand Chancellor Hotel, Hindley St, Adelaide.

Remember when.....

ZONTA CLUB OF BUNBURY AREA CELEBRATES 10 YEARS



Presidents: Pauline Vukelic (Charter President:1988-90), Libby Pardoe (1992-93), Viv Howson (1990-91), Ellen Cox (1995-97) & Tyril Houghton (1997-99)

Always looking for a novel way to raise funds and serve the community, a 'Palliative Care Charity Dinner' showcased Zonta service at the 10th Anniversary Dinner held at the Lord Forrest Hotel on 19th September, 1998.

This was the first time that such a large event involving the wider community was organised with the specific aim to raise Zonta's profile and as much money as possible to help fund a 'Waterchair' for the palliative care wing of the new co-located Bunbury Regional and St John of God Hospitals. CEO of St John's, Noel Carlin, received the cheque presented by Dot Rooke and Marilyn Foale.

Tracie Cross, Paralympic swimming medallist and national record holder was guest speaker. She enlightened the guests as to how, despite being blind, she knew when to turn due to a tap on the head with a stick that included a bell!

A total of \$10,000 was raised during 1998, a remarkable achievement for the club and testament to the hard work of the Finance and Fundraising Committee and the Board. Since then, Bunbury has continued to raise much needed funds to provide service to our community, our District and Zonta International projects.

Tyril Houghton, PR&C Committee



5 THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

- 1 The Zonta International Foundation has raised almost US\$31 million since 1994.
- 2 More than 2 million women's lives have been impacted through Zonta projects in 57 countries in cooperation with UN agencies and other NGOs.
- 3 US\$10 million has been invested in women's education through 1,438 Amelia Earhart Fellowships, 357 Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarships and 721 Young Women in Public Affairs Awards.
- 4 More than 66,500 donations have been made to the Foundation since 1994.
- 5 The 2014-2016 Biennium Fundraising Goal is US\$5.3 million to fund the Zonta International service and educational programs.



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Women's Empowerment Principles

What are they?

- Women's Empowerment Principles (WEPs) is a joint initiative of UN Women and the UN Global Compact
- Launched on International Women's Day 2010 following a year-long international, multi-stakeholder consultation process
- Elaborates the gender dimension of good corporate citizenship, the UN Global Compact, and business' role in sustainable development
- Provide a roadmap for business on how to empower women in the workplace, marketplace and community
- Help companies mainstream gender equality throughout business operations and other areas of corporate sustainability

The Seven Principles in Brief

1. **Establish high-level corporate leadership for gender equality.**
2. **Treat all women and men fairly at work – respect and support human rights and nondiscrimination.**
3. **Ensure the health, safety and well-being of all women and men workers.**
4. **Promote education, training and professional development for women.**
5. **Implement enterprise development, supply chain and marketing practices that empower women.**
6. **Promote equality through community initiatives and advocacy.**
7. **Measure and publicly report on progress to achieve gender equality.**