



## DIARY DATES

**DINNER MEETING**  
Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> MARCH  
On the Jetty at Coral Seas  
6.15 for 6.30pm start

**PROGRESSIVE DINNER**  
NARA AVENUE  
Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> APRIL

**UN MEETING**  
Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> APRIL  
4pm Capers

**BOARD MEETING**  
Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> APRIL  
6pm at Sandii's home

**EASTER HOLIDAYS**  
6<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> APRIL

**FOOD HANDLER'S COURSE**  
26<sup>th</sup> APRIL Evening  
BARRIER REEF TAFE

**RELAY FOR LIFE**  
April 28-29 OVAL  
Cannonvale Primary School

**AREA WORKSHOP**  
MACKAY 5-6 MAY

**ROTARY BOAT SHOW**  
9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> JUNE

**WORLD NEWS**  
8<sup>th</sup> MARCH  
ZONTA ROSE DAY  
& INTERNATIONAL  
WOMEN'S DAY

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**Advancing the Status of Women Worldwide**



## From the President's desk

Hello Girls,

Well, it's already March and Zonta Whitsunday celebrated its eighth International Women's Day event today. The committee has worked extremely hard and it was a tremendous success yet again. After all Joan and the team's efforts, it just had to be a success. Our speakers were fantastic and all local. Accolades go to Annie who did a wonderful job as MC and made everything run so smoothly. It looks as though we have made a good profit this year as we had 150 guests with a number of ladies on stand by.

Speaking to guests afterwards was extremely rewarding hearing their positive remarks and to hear that so many not only enjoyed the lunch but were inspired by the speakers and camaraderie of all attending. The room looked classy to say the least with Helen and Melody's kind donation of the table decorations. It was a great day and many said that it was the best yet... I'm sure our roving photographer Guus has caught the mood of the day. Congratulations must go to the entire International Women's Day committee.

Hopefully we are nearly through the wet season and ready to start selling the cook books at the markets again. I'm just back from hot, muggy and very dry Melbourne and it was a sight for sore eyes to see our beautiful Whitsunday area so lush and green.

We are all looking forward to the tantalizing tastes at the Nara Ave Indian style progressive dinner on the 1<sup>st</sup> April and will probably have more time for this type of socializing after boosting the coffers with the profits from The International Women's Day Brunch and The Rotary Boat Show which is following.

Our next general meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> March will be a new member's information evening along with a talk from Eunice on her experience with breast cancer. I look forward to seeing you all at that meeting.

Love Carole

## Membership

We are going to hold a new members information evening at the **March 15th meeting**. It will run along the same lines as the one we held 18 months ago with power point presentation updated accordingly. The decision to run the information night in March is to capitalise on interest generated at the Brunch. We already have approximately 10 prospective new members on our list who will really benefit from the pp presentation. So if you would like to invite a potential new member along to the March meeting, it will be the perfect opportunity to introduce them to what Zonta is all about. Don't forget to let our Joanie know re dinner guests by Wednesday 14th.

Roz, Membership Chair

# International Women's Day Brunch



MC Annie – Come ROAR with ME!!

## What a fantastic day!

A full house, free champagne on arrival, a beautifully decorated room, three very interesting and stimulating speakers, an amazing auction, lots of singing and great entertainment ... altogether an action packed day!

Many guests said how much they enjoyed the event and the way 150 women bonded so readily. Some of these guests will be coming to our Dinner meeting next Thursday to see how Zontians work AND play! Others said they can't wait for the 2008 celebration and thought this one was the best yet!

**CONGRATULATIONS** to the IWD committee – you pulled off the big one! Not only was it a huge success socially but also financially, and has truly placed Zonta out there as a leading charitable organisation in our community.

**A**cknowledgements to Zontians not mentioned at the Brunch *MC Annie...* You did a magnificent job making everything run so delightfully and smoothly. Thanks also for your donation of special t-shirts. They were a real winner!

*Guus...* great work taking all those pics and then telling guests they can have them for free. I also want to acknowledge that 96% of the pics for the power point presentation came from you. *Sharon* for the elegant programs and sponsors list. *Leigh* for producing the tickets. *Joan* for her ticket organizing skills and sheer persistence in pushing things along. *Luella* and *Annie* for their editorials and pics to The Times and Guardian and setting the Agenda.

*Robyn* negotiating a very generous sponsorship with Coral Sea Resort, also the free champagne. *Wendy* liaising with 4MKFM, also sourcing many of the Auction sponsors.

*Kimberley* updating the powerpoint presentation and also assisting in obtaining our first IWD Qld Government Grant.

**To** all those Zontians who supported and helped in some way on the day, a huge thankyou. WHAT A TEAM.

*Daystar Rob & Ailsa*, such talent. *Auctioneer Rob*, what a star act!! Rob ever so skilfully extracted \$1,600 from you - and also managed to loose half a kilo whilst doing it.

Our major Sponsors Coral Sea Resort, Qld Government Office of Women and 4MKFM – thankyou for your generosity. Thanks Courtney from The Whitsunday Times for giving us so much exposure.

**To** all the Auction sponsors, many thanks and especially Zontians Adele, Sheryn, PJ and Annie. Special thanks go to Lola Mudie from Proserpine Hospital who kindly donated the Nutrimerics oils and lotions as a Lucky Door Prize.

Last but not least, thank you *Helen and Melody*, "Of Course We Can Functions" for creating such fantastic table settings and decorating the room so beautifully. I think you'll agree, they set the mood for a wonderful day!



Keynote Speaker Dr Kimberley McClean



Guest speaker YWPA winner Erin Cassells



Guest Speaker Diva from Downtown Lyn Gregson

All together now "I am Woman, I am Woman"



Helen & Melody "Of Course We Can Functions"





## Nara Ave Progressive Dinner

**Sunday April 1<sup>st</sup>**

We have the menu planned (delicious even for those wary of spicy food), we have the seating organized, we have the cutlery booked... now we need final numbers.

Reserve your spot if you want to share our fun and feast. Cath is taking bookings now, we have approximately 15 more places left.

## Director's Report: United Nations

After a fantastic International Women's Day Brunch, and with Lucy Fraser due to leave for Peru in two weeks, there are still lots more exciting events being planned by the very active UN Committee.

Dr. Joanne to be Caper's **Breakfast Speaker** at a date to be announced following her return from overseas ...

A visiting breakfast speaker for **World Health Day** in May (hopefully Dr. Jane O'Brien specialist breast surgeon from Melbourne - MY breast surgeon, by the way ☺) ... but if that doesn't happen, someone else equally eminent and inspiring ... celebration of **International Literacy Day** in September ... and ongoing progress in the **twinning project** with the Zonta Club of Pitsanalok, Thailand.

Keep posted for updates via Robyn and the UN Committee.  
Eunice

## Zonta Area Workshop in Mackay Grow Zonta

**Venue: Whitsunday Reef Resort**  
**11.00-11.30start - Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> May**  
**Concludes 1.00pm - Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> May**

Remember our Area Workshop "Grow Zonta" 5/6 May in Mackay. These workshops are a great opportunity to network with Zontians from other areas, as well as being great fun.

**Note:** At our February Dinner Meeting six Zontians put their hands up to attend so President Carole has booked two rooms at the Reef Resort, 4 ladies per room – going to be cosy gals! Where will those little snorers go, not to mention the sleepwalkers!! Have fun, only wish I could join you!  
Editor Lue

## District 24 Conference

**When: Friday 7<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> September**

**Where: Twin Towns Resort, Tweed Heads NSW**

Sydney Zontians Friday 7<sup>th</sup> have been gazetted a public holiday due to the APEC (World leaders meeting) being held in Sydney. Airlines, airport authorities and government departments have advised that domestic flights will not be affected.

So fellow Zontians, start planning for a trip to Tweed Heads! If you look in District 24 Governor Patricia Lawson's recent newsletter there are two pics of the Twin Towns Resort. It looks quite luxurious.

## Birthday babes

**Cath 13<sup>th</sup> March Robyn 4<sup>th</sup> April**



*Wishing you both a day to remember!*

## HOLLYWOOD comes to town!

This years **Relay For Life** is taking on the glitz and glamour theme. It's an annual overnight event which is passionately supported by the fun loving Whitsunday community each year. The event raises money for the Queensland Cancer Fund, shortly to be renamed Cancer Council Queensland.

Zontian **Wendy Downes** is the Whitsunday organizer and is busy rounding up teams for the 18 hour walking relay to be held at the Cannonvale Primary school oval on **Saturday, April 28-29.**

**SO** to the 'happy to dress up anytime' Zonta gals of the Whitsundays, get that team together and happy walkin' and talkin'. Can't wait to see what famous identities materialise, can you !!  
Editor

## UNICEF

Having successfully immunized 838,200 women with the Tetanus Toxoid (TT) vaccine in Kabul province in the 2002-2004 Biennium, UNICEF conducted a TT supplemental immunization campaign in the 2004-2006 Biennium. A total of 50,195 women of child-bearing age received first, second or third doses of TT.

In total, 94 percent of women living in the areas targeted by the campaign received one or more TT doses, but most importantly, the campaign was able to reach 60% of the childbearing age women with at least two doses of the TT vaccine.

**The Zontian January 2007**

# Status of Women Service Committee

## Rotary Boat Show, 9th & 10th June:

By now you have all received extensive reading material about what has been accomplished in preparation for the Boat Show thus far. I hope you've read it so you are fully informed.



"Don't want no dummies" amongst us...

If we haven't heard from you, we must assume your assigned duties are OK with you and that you don't have any questions.

**The Boat Show Committee will meet** at 5.30pm on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March at PJ's house... 12 Nara Ave, Airlie Beach. Please feel free to attend and help out. We definitely enjoy our work – delegating the jobs and brainstorming!

On either Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> or Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> April we will hold our **TAFE Food Handlers Course** at Palmers, on the TAFE Campus. This is yet to be confirmed but I thought a Thursday evening would be best. It will last 2 hours and we will need 30-35 of us. (Friends/partners/students, you can recommend allowed as well).

Please let us know if you have a problem with either of those dates. As we all agreed to take on this BIG project, your attendance will be expected. We can't afford to get shut down in the midst of the Boat Show by the Council Inspector because of doing some little thing wrong!! Yikes!! Perish the thought!! It really is imperative you be there or let myself or Sheryn know why not... sending a sub is acceptable, if this sub will also work for you in June... hee hee!

Any questions, problems or what-if's, please feel free to call, write or email me (4946 43630) or Sheryn (4948 2288).

## Advocacy Projects

**Women's Health Advocacy Project** - has drafted a letter to Mr Kerry McGovern, District Manager of Mackay Health Services regarding the lack of support for women with breast cancer in our community and requesting funding for a Breast Care Nurse, at least part time. This will most likely be the first of many letters up the chain of command.

**Violence Against Women Project** – is still trying to gather data about funding for a Rock and Water Trainer and when the next training would be available.

**Education and Training Project** – is gathering data from our membership and ladies and girls in our area to see what we may offer each other, as well as the community. They are also considering the Jane M Klausman – Women in Business Stewardship Award for TAFE young women in business.

PJ, Chair SOW

## Part II – Planning Session Activities Zonta will undertake to achieve it's goals in 2007

### Advocacy

#### Advocacy Projects

- Breast cancer
- Violence against women
- Education and training opportunities
- Drug and alcohol abuse
- IWD Breakfast
- Youth Projects
- WYI
- YWPA
- \* Women's Services – pamper packs
- \* Blankets
- \* Twinning
- \* UN Speakers Breakfasts

### Membership

- \* Invite new members to fundraising/social functions to get to know people
- \* Give new members a role in the Club from the start – possibly shadowing a member
- \* Improve the mentoring process and develop guidelines to assist in this
- \* Develop an understudy role for all official positions within the Club so that short term vacancies are filled
- \* Have a Member's Card for all members with a photo and contact details for distribution to new and potential members
- \* Conduct exit interviews with all members leaving the Club to get information on issues
- \* Put notices in the community news section of the local papers notifying of Zonta meetings and giving contact details
- \* Develop information on the various committees and publish this in the newsletter or in a handout for new members
- \* Hold more frequent information sessions on Zonta for new members at a time convenient to them

### Growing Zonta

Encourage all members to attend the Area Workshop in Mackay in May. Carole to notify membership and book accommodation – Wendy and Pam to assist. October District Conference – Pam to advise membership and promote attendance.

### Finance - Target \$10,000.00

Cookbooks	\$4,500.00
Binoculars	\$1,500.00
Rotary Boat Show	\$4,000.00
Other, for specific projects	surplus
Sponsorship for specific purposes	

### Administration

Define reporting structure  
 Develop activities calendar and dates for leave etc  
 Clarify role of Communication and media committee  
 Establish budget

### Social / Fun

Change-over dinner	June
Reef Festival and social event	November
Creative Arts festival	November
Progressive dinner	end of March
July – Country Rd	
Conjoint BBQ with Lions	April
Relay for Life team	end of April
Film evening and fashion parade	Annie's TBA
Christmas Party	December

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## Some interesting Websites

Have a look at the **Events Calendar** -

[www.women.qld.au/iwd](http://www.women.qld.au/iwd) Zonta Whitsundays Brunch  
"WE ARE WOMEN: HEAR US ROAR".

The 2007 IWD Grant recipients are also posted, a total of 34 which includes 4 Zonta Clubs.

**Women at Work** – a pictorial journey – very interesting reading.

[www.zontaorg/iwd](http://www.zontaorg/iwd)

[www.un.org/womenwatch/asp/user/list.asp?](http://www.un.org/womenwatch/asp/user/list.asp?)

[www.un.org/events/unday/](http://www.un.org/events/unday/)

[www.projectrespect.org.au](http://www.projectrespect.org.au)



## **Important Dates to Remember**

**Indian Progressive Dinner 1<sup>st</sup> April**

**Selling Cookbooks at Markets - Dates TBC**

**EASTER HOLIDAYS 6 – 9<sup>th</sup> April**

**TAFE Food Handler's Course 26<sup>th</sup> April**

**Relay for Life 28 - 29th April**

**Area Workshop Mackay 5 – 6<sup>th</sup> May**

**Rotary Boat Show 9 – 10<sup>th</sup> June**

**District 24 Conference Tweed Heads**

**7 – 9<sup>th</sup> September**



## **From the Editor**

Looking forward to seeing you all on Thursday. Total profits from our IWDB will be revealed at the meeting.

To those Zontians who won bids in the FUN Auction, could you please see Connie re payment and collection of your voucher.

Please don't forget your \$150 Membership Fee is also due and Connie will very happily collect that from you also.

Regards, Luella [ima00845@bigpond.net.au](mailto:ima00845@bigpond.net.au)

***"When you do common things in life in an uncommon way, you command the attention of the world"***

## February Dinner Guests

Taken by Guus 'On the Jetty' at Coral Sea Resort

Melody Cross



We loved having you join us – please come again!







