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## Newsletter June 2014

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# President's Report

**Karen Shepherd**

Hi Ladies,

Another month has gone by, where does the time go.

May was a very busy month for us starting with the Birthing Kits. We had 50 plus helpers and assembled 1000 kits in one hour, a record for our Club.

The Change over Dinner was a great night and I hope that everyone enjoyed themselves. Our guest speaker, Debbie Anderson was a big success.

The Planning Day was very well attended, and a great deal of information was exchanged. You will find further information in the Newsletter.

Thank you to the members who have contributed to this newsletter and please remember that we need all members to think about sending an article, member profiles, what is happening in your family (thank you to June at the French Open, Jenny E and Graeme in China in this edition).

More next month!

Regards

Karen



## Current Campaigns

These are the campaigns our district and club are currently involved with:

### Make the Call

The *Make the Call* campaign encourages friends, family members, neighbours and colleagues of people experiencing abuse to call the DVConnect helpline for confidential advice on safety strategies and available support. Find out more information [here](#).

## Compilation of Birthing Kits: 17 May 2014

Sally advises that our boxes of 1000 birthing kits have been sent on to the Birthing Kit Foundation (Australia) ready for distribution. Here are some of our members packing assembled kits into the boxes; Jen-Rose Holmes, Jenny Loy, Louise Cox and Leanne Olsen. Members will be aware that The Birthing Kit Foundation (Australia) was born out of the Zonta Birthing Kit Project, which originated with Dr Joy O'Hazy a member of the Zonta Club of Adelaide Hills, and the inaugural assembly day held in 1999, resulted in 100 kits being sent to PNG. Over the next 5 years, the project grew slowly, but when AusAID funding was received and with support from the 114 Zonta Clubs in Australia, there was a dramatic increase. By 2006, the Birthing Kit Foundation (Australia) was created, maintaining close links with Zonta. The project has ongoing support from 3 Zonta Districts in Australia – D 23 ongoing since 2003; D 24 ongoing since 2005 and D 22 ongoing since 2009. Assembly days are an opportunity for prospective members to meet our Zonta organization with a hands on project that actually saves lives and suffering.

(Source: [Birthing Kit Foundation](#))



## Happenings on Facebook

Congratulations to the following Zonta clubs for reaching milestone anniversaries this month!

### Celebrating 50 Years:

- [Zonta Den Haag 1](#), District 29, Netherlands
- [Zonta Club Lausanne](#),

## Forthcoming Events

### Change Over Dinner (Lions Club of Warwick):

20 June - Karen Shepherd and Jenny Eldridge will attend this Dinner, representing Zonta Club of Warwick Inc

### Fellowship Activity:

District 30, Switzerland

#### **Celebrating 40 Years:**

- [Zonta Club of Brampton](#) - Caledon, District 04, Canada  
- Zonta Club of Tema, District 18, Ghana

#### **Celebrating 30 Years:**

- Zonta Club of Amherst Area, Canada, District 01, Canada  
- Zonta Club of Graz, District 14, Austria  
- Zonta Club of Lieksa, District 20, Finland  
- Zonta Club of Lohja, District 20, Finland  
- [Zonta Club of Miami Lakes](#), FL Area, District 11, USA  
- [Zonta Club of Noarlunga Southern Vales Area Inc](#), District 23, Australia

#### **Celebrating 25 Years:**

- Zonta Club of Noord Brabant, District 29, Netherlands

#### **Celebrating 10 Years:**

- [Zonta Club of Townsville Metro Inc](#), District 22, Australia

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[Zonta Club of Trenton/Mercer](#) are running a 3-month campaign to collect bras as part of the "Free the Girls" campaign to help girls who were once part of the sex trade industry in Mozambique. [Check out the CNN videos here](#) (3 parts).

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In May Zonta International posted a statement regarding the kidnapping of Nigerian schoolgirls. If you missed it [you can find it here](#).

### **'Get Dressed Not Stressed' – a women's wellness event**

Date: 20<sup>th</sup> July  
Time: 2.30pm – 5.30pm  
Presenter: Rita Noon, Image Consultant  
Venue: Warwick Town Hall  
Cost: \$25, includes afternoon tea

If you are interested in attending with fellow Zontians, contact Jenny Loy to book a ticket.

## **Past Events**

### **Planning Day: Sat 31 May 2014**

Much discussion! Agreement that a coordinator will be appointed for key events. This is the list so far:

- **Movie Night/s: Rhonda Bell**
- **Craft & Quilt Fair: Louise Cox**
- **Bursary/Young Woman in Public Affairs (YWPA): Jenny Eldridge**
- **Australia Day Breakfast: Mary Johnston, Valerie Rose**
- **International Women's Day Breakfast: Rosa Hardy**
- **Pamper Packs: Jen-Rose Holmes**

#### Notes:

- Please contact Rhonda if you are aware of suitable movies coming up in the next few months for the movie night/s.
- The Craft & Quilt Fair is a fellowship activity, with opportunity to invite women from our community, and therefore raise funds for a specific project. This craft fair is being held 8-12 October, at the Exhibition Centre in Brisbane (in past years we have attended on the final day).
- Pamper Packs: Members collect/donate toiletry items (soap, body wash, shampoo and conditioner, body lotion, toothpaste,

## Birthdays



### June:

7 - June Stewart

### July:

4 - Jen-Rose

Many happy returns!

toothbrush, tissues, comb etc). These items are assembled into emergency / pamper packs for women; for example, a) women in Safe Haven shelter who have left their homes with minimal possessions; b) previously provided to women stranded in Warwick due to floods / equine flu (2007); c) sent to women in areas affected by severe drought. Jen-Rose is currently taking inventory of the goods currently received, and will advise members of items required for the packs, and when the next assembly will take place.

## Committee Notes/Jottings

**April Raffle:** won by Mary Goyne, who will donate the prize for the June dinner meeting.

**Change Over Dinner Raffle:** won by Rhonda Betts (congratulations!)

### History of Zonta Club of Warwick Inc

Many thanks to Mary Goyne for writing the article that appeared in the May newsletter – members have provided lots of positive feedback about this article!

Again, thanks to Mary for providing me with early newsletters from the Archives, so that I can collate more articles on the history of our local club. Chris Fairbairn was the first newsletter editor, and in each edition for first year (1997 – 1998) this verse was printed – thought it was worth reflection:

“The basis of membership is classification  
 The joy of membership is fellowship  
 The obligation of membership is service  
 The life of membership is attendance  
 The privilege of membership is YOURS”

## Member News

June has forwarded this photo taken at Roland Garros on 31<sup>st</sup> May; she is pictured with her granddaughter Arabella.



### News from Jenny Eldridge:

*We had a wonderful time in China but thought I should let you all know that Graeme got married again over there.*



*While on a walk to a gorge village on the Yangtse River, Graeme was married to a beautiful young girl in a village ceremony. He was sitting innocently waiting for what we thought was a dancing show to start, when the announcer threw a flower down in front of him then led him off into an upper room. He was dressed up and led back and married to the lovely girl in front of a crowd of about 300 people, mostly Chinese, laughing away. At the end he was led off again and then a silhouette appeared in the upper window with a couple kissing – he still won't tell me if that actually happened!!! Lots of the young Chinese men in the audience came up to high five him later and the ladies nearby started to commiserate with me but as I said to them: "I am still number one wife."*



Here's Jenny and Graeme, reunited, to climb to the top of the Great Wall!

## Calendar of Events

### JUNE

- 3 Board Meeting
- 9 Queen's Birthday Holiday



- 17 Dinner Meeting
- 27 Applications close for Bursary

**JULY**

- 1 Board Meeting
- 15 Dinner Meeting
- 20 Fellowship Activity: Get Dressed Not Stressed (event during Jumpers & Jazz)

**AUGUST**

- 5 Board Meeting
- 19 New Member's Dinner Meeting

**SEPTEMBER**

- 2 Board Meeting
- 16 Dinner Meeting
- 21 International Day of Peace

**OCTOBER**

- 6 Labour Day
- 7 Board Meeting
- 12 Craft and Quilt Fair
- 21 Dinner Meeting
- 24 United Nations Day

**NOVEMBER**

- 4 Board Meeting
- 8 Zonta International Day
- 18 Dinner Meeting
- 25 International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women
- 25 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence begins

**DECEMBER**

- 2 Board Meeting
- 10 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence ends
- 16 Christmas Dinner Meeting
- 25 Christmas Day
- 26 Boxing Day

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## Next Dinner Meeting:

(3rd Tuesday of each month)

**17<sup>th</sup> June 2014, at Café Jacqui's, Cnr Albion and Victoria Streets Warwick, 6.00 for 6.30pm start.**

Please contact Sally on [daveandsallycarr@hotmail.com](mailto:daveandsallycarr@hotmail.com) or text message to 0421 782 962 by **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> June**, to advise if you are bringing guests (so correct number of meals can be ordered) OR if you **cannot attend**.

*It is assumed that all members are attending Dinner Meetings, unless you have requested a leave of absence for a specified period. Therefore if you are unable to attend a Dinner Meeting, you need to notify Sally by Sunday preceding meeting. Members who do not advise inability to attend, will have a meal ordered for them and will need to cover this cost.*

## Next Board Meeting

(1st Tuesday of each month)

**1<sup>st</sup> July, at 5.00 pm (approx 5.00-6.30pm). Board Meetings are to be held at Betta Bilt Showroom (next door to Daily News in Albion Street).**

All members are welcome to attend Board meetings.

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## Board 2014/2015

**President:** Karen Shepherd  
**Vice President:** Jenny Eldridge  
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**Minutes Secretary:** Leanne Olsen  
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**Archivist:** Mary Goyne  
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**Service:**  
 Rosa Hardy (Chair), Jenny Loy, Faye Marley, Karen Shepherd, June Stewart, Jacinta Fromm.

**Membership:**  
 Jen-Rose Holmes (Chair), Nola Roach, Mary Goyne, Louise Cox, Dee Mayo, Lois James.

**Advocacy:**  
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 Jacinta Fromm, Louise Cox

**District 22 Governor: Judith Anderson**

**Area 4 Director: Kath Everett**

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