



# NEWS

Zonta Club of Caboolture Inc  
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District 22 ... Area 1  
Club Number 1428

## JANUARY 2013

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### FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

I hope you have all had a great break and are ready to start 2013 with fresh ideas. With resignations of Deb, Lee and Cathy, Lorraine on Leave for a few months and Shirley in NT our numbers are now 19. With Lorraine and Shirley unable to attend meetings we have 17 and if members are unable to attend for a variety of reasons we could be down to ie 14 and this means we have to pay for 6 meals that we aren't consuming.

The board is currently looking at other venues to hold our monthly dinner meetings with limited options.

Remember the planning day meeting is on Sunday 3 February at the Cooke residence at Wamuran. Please bring a plate of food to share for lunch.

President Patricia

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR THE TREASURER!!!

Treasurer's report should have been received by now.

The cost per member for our dinner meetings is \$30. The club charges us \$25 per meal with the other \$5.00 being for club expenses ie guest speakers dinner, guest speakers gift, stamps etc

**If you miss a meeting** regardless of apology, you need to pay \$5.00 at the next meeting you attend.

If you are **unable to attend a meeting** please give **Patricia** a telephone call on 5498 6066 or 0410 617 825. If she **doesn't hear from you**

**by midday Monday PRIOR** to the meeting she will presume that you are attending. If you then unable to attend after this time **you will be liable for the cost of the meal - \$30.00.**

We are charged for 20 meals regardless of how many attend our dinner meetings

Treasurer, Pam B



### January Birthdays:

Pam Berkett - 1 January  
Carole Tomvale - 26 January  
Shirley Crane - 31 January

### February Birthdays:

Glenda Moor - 14 February  
Cecil Nielson - 23 February

### THE BOARD BLOG

Lynne Kafoa a PACT Board Member and a Child Witness Support Volunteer will be our guest speaker at the February Meeting.

Search is on for a venue for our dinner meetings. Venues being looked at are Shaun's Tavern (only available Thursday nights), Trader Dukes, Café de Cruz, Morayfield Tavern. Caboolture area is very limited in where we can hold our meetings.

With the resignation of Cathy Dwyer and Anne Teale, Annette Lovering and Chris Ellis have agreed to join Lorraine Samaraweera on the Nomination Committee.

The fundraising committee has been very busy organizing our International Women's Day luncheon for Friday 8 March at North Leagues and Services Club Kallangur.

Thanks to Sue Droughton we have secured Carla (ex Lifeline Counsellor) and now known as Lozang Tsultrim a Buddhist Nun from the Chenrizig Institute at Eudlo.

Can you please see if you can secure donations for our raffle for International Women's Day. Glenda will send out a flyer shortly.

### Advocacy Report

No Report - Membership Committee



**SERVICE**

Cathy reported that she has been in touch with the hospitals and they are OK for Breast Cushions at the moment.

The L-Dex machine is still in the 'negotiation' stage at this time (according to Jurina)

Jayne Coe is doing 'ok' .... She is having treatment but is going on a holiday so will postpone the treatment while this happens.



**MEMBERSHIP**

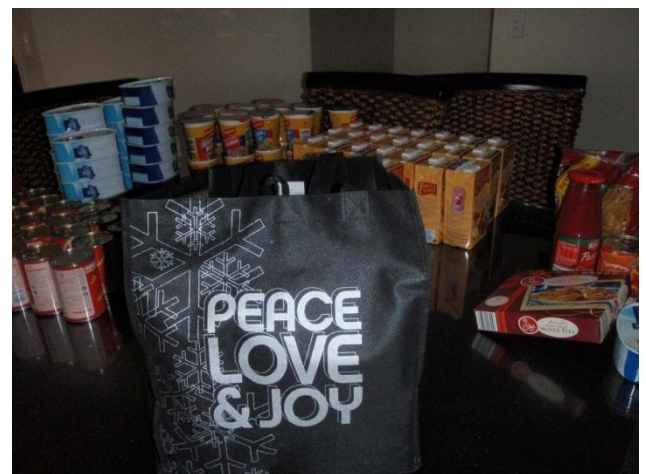
No report

Chris Ellis  
Chairman



*Zonta Club of Caboolture donated \$1100 for food hampers at Christmas*

**Sue Droughton and Chis Ellis with Gail from Family Haven.**



Food to be packed and donated to Phil at Friends of the Street by Glenda and Patricia and Glenda's Lions Exchange Student.

Glenda Moor  
Chairman



## FINANCE AND FUND RAISING

No Report

Sara Allard  
Chairman

## CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS REPORT

No report.

Sandra Cooke  
Chairman

## UNITED NATIONS REPORT

### Trafficking of Women - Consequences

A twenty three year old Sri Lankan woman was this week beheaded in public after being found guilty of murdering her employer's four month old baby just two weeks after she arrived in the country aged seventeen. Her family's desperate poverty had them allow an unscrupulous labour agent to falsify her birth certificate so that she could go abroad to support them. I have personal knowledge of several young women in Sri Lanka who have been recruited like this.

Zonta International has campaigned against the trafficking of women. This event clearly shows the plight that thousands of such women are still experiencing. It has been reported by Amnesty International and the United Nations that there are at least forty five, but probably even a hundred [authorities will not release exact information] female domestic workers who have received the death sentence in Saudi Arabia for crimes such as murdering their male employer who has raped them or their female employer after prolonged abuse such as burning,

cutting and even driving nails into one woman's body.

The following is from two news reports. If you'd like the whole report please let me know.

Lorraine

UN Special Rapporteurs on summary executions, torture and migrants have expressed outrage at the beheading of a Sri Lankan domestic worker in Saudi Arabia.

Rizana Nafeek was charged with murder of a baby in her care in 2005 when she was reportedly 17 years old. According to the accused, the baby choked while being fed.

Ms. Nafeek was executed on 9th January 2013 despite repeated calls by the international community, expressing concern at her age, the fairness of the trial, and the intended form of execution, which are in violation of international treaties to which Saudi Arabia is a State party.

"International law, accepted as binding by Saudi Arabia, is clear that it is unlawful to execute someone who was under 18 years old when they allegedly committed a crime," said the Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions, Christof Heyns. "Moreover, beheading is a particularly cruel form of execution."

"It appears that Ms. Nafeek did not have adequate access to lawyers and competent interpreters during her interrogation or trial," noted François Crépeau, the Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants. "Given the large number of women migrant domestic workers in Saudi Arabia it is of paramount importance that transparent laws are put in place to ensure

that all procedural rights and guarantees are afforded to all persons in Saudi Arabia, no matter their migration status or nationality."

The Special Rapporteur on torture, Juan Méndez, noted that during the appeal of the case before the High Court in Riyadh, the defence submitted that Ms. Nafeek was beaten and made to sign a confession under duress. "Her execution is clearly contrary to the Convention on the Rights of the Child and the Convention against Torture," he underscored.

The Special Rapporteurs on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions sent two urgent appeals to the Government on the case on 28th June 2007 and 1st November 2010.

The Sri Lankan President Mahinda Rajapaksa sent an appeal to King Abdullah on 6th January 2013, requesting a stay of the execution until a settlement could be reached between the baby's family and a Saudi reconciliation committee. Appeals were also repeatedly made by the parents of Ms. Nafeek to King Abdullah to pardon her.

A little more background information:  
[source quoted at the end]

On Wednesday, the Saudi Arabian government beheaded Rizana Nafeek, a Sri Lankan woman who had worked as a maid in the kingdom, holding her responsible for the death of the four-month-old baby of her employer.

Nafeek—the daughter of an impoverished wood-cutter from a village in Trincomalee, in northern Sri Lanka—was a seventeen-year-old in the second week of her job as a maid in the Saudi town of Dawadmi when the child died in her care on May 22, 2005. She said that she had been bottle-feeding

him when he choked. Her employer, Naif Al-Otaibi, [accused her of strangling the child](#) after an argument with his wife and took her to a local police station, where she was arrested.

Nafeek was tried in the Dawadmi High Court without legal representation. The main evidence against Nafeek was a "confession" she had signed in the police station. On June 16, 2007, the Dawadmi High Court sentenced her to death. After the news of her conviction spread, Fernando Basil, a Sri Lankan expatriate who runs the Hong Kong-based human-rights group Asian Human Rights Commission, hired a Saudi lawyer named Kateb Al Shammari and appealed Nafeek's conviction.

To lift up her family from desperate poverty, Nafeek had dropped out of high school in Mutter village near Trincomalee in Sri Lanka and moved to Saudi Arabia to work as a maid. Men from domestic-worker recruiting agencies based in the Sri Lankan capital, Colombo, tour the countryside selling Saudi and Gulf dreams of prosperity to impoverished families. It is a process that is replicated in India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, and the Philippines, among other places. Nafeek's family was convinced, but they faced a technical problem: she was a minor, seventeen years old, born on February 4, 1988. For a fee, the agent made her passport with a falsified date of birth, which listed her as a twenty three year old, born on February 2, 1982. And with that Nafeek became one of the twenty-five million migrant domestic workers in the Middle East, mostly from Asia and Africa.

Although their remittances lift their societies from stark poverty, a foreign maid steps into a world of abuse, overwork, and suspicion. Migrant workers enter Saudi Arabia and most other oil-rich Middle

Eastern countries through a system known as *kafala*, or sponsorship. *Kafala* has happier roots; it is the Bedouin tradition of granting a stranger temporary refuge and feeding him as long as he wishes. In the modern Arab world, *kafala* has become an oppressive, non-transferable visa regime, which ensures that a foreign worker can only work for the *kafeel*, the employer who sponsored his/her visa. On a worker's arrival, the *kafeel* generally confiscates his

or her passport, and the worker is left with little protection.

Read more:

<http://www.newyorker.com/online/blogs/newsdesk/2013/01/a-maids-execution-in-saudi-arabia.html#ixzz2HwoIOyXM>

Lorraine Samaraweera  
Coordinator

### Hostess List Zonta for 2012- 2013

If you aren't coming to the meeting can you please telephone the next person on the list and ask if they could be the hostess.

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| January 2013 | Pam Termont-Schenk | July      |                 |
| February     | Carole Tomavld     | August    |                 |
| March        | Sara Allard        | September |                 |
| April        | Sandra Cooke       | October   |                 |
| May          | Coffee and Cake    | November  |                 |
| June         | Joanne Bakker      | December  | NO MEETING HELD |
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