



**NEWSLETTER OF THE ZONTA CLUB OF BUNDABERG INC.  
QUEENSLAND - AUSTRALIA**

*“Advancing the Status of Women Worldwide”*

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**APRIL DINNER MEETING**

Tuesday, 3 April, at East Bundaberg Sports Club (formerly Natives Club), 21 Eastgate Street, East Bundaberg at 6.30pm for 7.00pm. \$20.00. No apology by 10.00am on the day of the meeting - you will receive an invoice for the cost of the dinner.

**APOLOGIES** to Judy Bedford, phone 4152 4783 or email [judy.bedford@bigpond.com](mailto:judy.bedford@bigpond.com)

**Rosters:** Door: Lyn Murray & Anne Nelson; Blessing: Kirsty Broun

**Area 4 Meeting – Hervey Bay – 28/29 April**      **Register now!**

What an interesting program for the Area meeting on 28/29 April! Do take advantage of the proximity of this Area Meeting and register soon for a great weekend learning about Zonta's bigger picture, sharing ideas, meeting new friends and having fun! New members and those who have not been to an Area Meeting before, we would particularly welcome you. Register ASAP. We can organize shared travel and accommodation at April 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

**Happy Birthday** in April to: 4<sup>th</sup> Denise Powell, 19<sup>th</sup> Kaye Hazel, 20<sup>th</sup> Michelle Brown.

**Dates to remember:**

21/22 April 2007 – Cancer Fund Relay for Life.

28/29 April 2007 – Area 4 Meeting at Hervey Bay.

8/9 September 2007 – District 24 Conference, Twin Towers, Tweed Heads.

28 June-3 July 2008 – 59<sup>th</sup> Zonta International Convention in Rotterdam.

**DIARY NOTE - ROSTERS FOR APRIL & MAY**

**(Please arrange a replacement if you cannot attend)**

**April** – Door: Alex Grove & Jean Pershouse; Blessing: Carol Christensen

**May** – Door: Lyn Murray & Robyn Rehbein; Blessing: Helen Cook

**Still Missing!** Who has the Club Camera?

**Profile Form for Website** Please complete form (attached) and return to Dianne L.

## **Message from President Judy**

Dear Members,

*March is all but over and I hope you are all ready to welcome the Easter Bunny.*

*At our March Dinner meeting we welcomed and inducted Shirley Leacy to the Club. Our Membership Committee Members have been very busy introducing new members to our club.*

*Thank you to Debbie Leis for conducting the Survey and we look forward to hearing the outcome.*

*Our International Women's Day Breakfast was very successful with two young and very inspiring Guest Speakers, Alyce Johnson and Erin Munn. Congratulations to the United Nations Committee Members for organizing a very enjoyable morning. Thank you to Robyn Rehbein for doing the flowers for the tables. Media coverage was very extensive. Thank you to the Public Relations Committee Members and to Lesley Evans for the coverage in the Bugle. Finance and Fundraising Committee Members organized very successful major and continuous raffles. Thank you to Robyn Kirby, Alex Grove and Lee Fleming for assisting with the major raffle prizes and to all members for contributing to the continuous raffle prizes. The morning would not have been such a success without the support and participation from all members. To each member I must say a BIG THANK YOU.*

*Our "Crafty Ladies" met again on Tuesday 20 March at Dianne Leggo's home. Thank you to Carol Christensen, Lyn Murray and Dianne Leggo.*

*To Anne Whalley and Joan Hawe who have been unwell, I hope you are now well on the road to recovery. To Wilma Berry (NSW, Vic), Ann Robinson (Thailand), Anne Nelson (Norfolk) and Jean Pershouse (Gold Coast), enjoy your holidays and have a safe journey.*

*The Area 4 Meeting in Hervey Bay on the 28 and 29 April looks very inviting.*

*The April Dinner Meeting will include the election of the Board Members for 2007-2008. I am looking forward to seeing you all at the Meeting.*

Judy

## **Cancer Fund Relay for Life**

21/22 April. We now have 26 walkers in two teams, 15 Zontians and 11 others walking under the Zonta banner, thanks to Kirsty's recruiting skills! We'd love to have you visit us at the Bundaberg Showgrounds.

Team members are hoping members will make their 2007 Cancer Fund donations to our two teams. Bring extra cash or your cheque book to the meeting – donations over \$2 are tax deductible. Ask family, friends & colleagues for a donation or their spare change.

Do you know a cancer survivor? Invite them to join in the Survivors' Walk. Contact Dianne.

## **Challenge for Cancer Entrant**

Trish Eussen is a 2007 entrant and will be raising funds from March to September. Good luck Trish! Ask if you need some help!

## **Membership Committee**



Welcome Shirley Leacy We hope you enjoy your membership in our club.

### **Mentors – Have you contacted your new member this month?**

Kirsty Broun – Robyn Ballantyne;  
Kerry Grove – Shirley Kidd  
Lyn Murray – Jan Lohse  
Gaye Zimmerman – Jean Gahan  
Shirley Leacy – Membership Committee.

## **Website – Profile form**

Only 4 members out of 40 have completed the profile forms (see attached). Please don't forget to do this in the near future so that we can make a start on entering them on the Club Website. Email it back to [dleggo@buzzbb.net](mailto:dleggo@buzzbb.net) or bring to next meeting.

## **Condolences**

Our thoughts and sincere condolences are with Past Member Margaret Williamson and her husband Hans Van Hennekeler whose younger son, Dirk, passed away this week. Margaret was a Charter Member and Past President of our Club and an Area 4 Director.

## Profile – Dianne Leggo

I was born in Bendigo, Victoria (don't hold that against me), and lived there for my first 20 years. Married Len, then a High School teacher, so that we could have plenty of holidays!

We found that flying to Canada cost the same as a holiday in New Zealand, so as you did in the 60's, we went to live in Canada for two years. Len built yachts, sold cars and installed kitchen cupboards in high rise apartments. I worked briefly for lawyers and then got my best ever job, Secretary to the Vice President of Canadian Pacific Airlines (the travel benefits were amazing). We then camped through Europe for a year in a Volks Kombi. Any marriage that survives that, will last forever (so my husband said).

We returned to Australia, where after 8 years of marriage, we found the last page of the book, and had our first son. (So we told my mother anyway.)

We opened a mixed hardware store in a warehouse which grew into a successful ceramic tile importing, wholesaling and retailing business in Bendigo. Len had the fun (?) part of travelling and buying from Italy, Spain and Japan. I looked after the money - amazing considering I failed book-keeping at school! We finally saw the light and sold up after 20 years to come to Queensland to live.

Somewhere in there, Len had cancer at 37 but beat it, we had another son, I returned to the second love of my life, music, and gained my A.Mus.A in piano.

After 5 years retirement, we opened Prema Realty and operated that for five years. Sadly, Len died of cancer in 1998. I sold Prema, retired to Bargara and the freedom of Village life. One son lives in Adelaide (one darling grandson) and the other in Brisbane (one Border Collie, married to the gorgeous Jenny, also now a Zontian).

I was a charter member of the Zonta Club of Bendigo 26 years ago and served as Chairman, Director, Treasurer and President. I reluctantly and nervously formed the Bundaberg Zonta Club in 1990. No-one would come up from Brisbane to do it and I had Zonta withdrawals. I then got Zonta fever and went on to start 17 clubs in Queensland & NSW.

That somehow led to many leadership positions in Zonta the most recent being 4 years as International Co-Chairman of

Organization, Membership & Classification for the 30 Zonta districts in 68 countries of the world. I travelled extensively training organizers of new clubs at workshops and seminars and forming new clubs in California, Texas, Canada and Ireland.

Zonta has given me confidence, many new skills, the warm feeling of making a difference in women's lives, wonderful friendships all over the world and a reason to go on living.

My current passions apart from Zonta (yes, I do have other interests) are my family, classical music, reading and travel. Oh, yes, and I jumped out of an aeroplane onto the beach at Caloundra for my 60<sup>th</sup> birthday. How can I top that for my 70<sup>th</sup>?

## IWD 2007 Photos

Carol Christensen, Jan Lohse, Jane Truscott



Erin Munn, Judy B, Alyce Johnson, Robyn B.



Happy Guests.

