



JANUARY 2016

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Firstly, I hope everyone had a beautiful Christmas and that you all have a wonderful 2016. Our club kicked off the festive season with an absolutely fabulous Christmas party held at Laura's on the 5th December. We dressed up, we ate glorious food, drank heaps, danced and sang to the brilliant music of Wits End, gave and received presents, swam and thoroughly enjoyed each other's company. A joyful end to a most successful Zonta year. As always, a huge thank you to Laura who yet again offered us her magnificent home, pool, garden and view for the occasion.

We were able to spread our good will and generosity throughout our community as well for Christmas. Heaps and heaps of Books from Birth were sent off early in December to indigenous communities arriving just in time for Christmas and were received with much excitement and appreciation. The pamper packs for the women's refuge were joyfully received just before Christmas and the spectacular adopt a family hampers brightened Christmas for two local families. I am sure Miranda, our education bursary recipient, thoroughly enjoyed her brand new lap top over the Christmas break and is now ready to start the new school year. Thanks to all of those committees for making a difference to the lives of those women and girls who received our gifts.

When we talk to family, friends and prospective members about what we do in Zonta, it is easy to think of successful club projects - birthing kits, books from birth, pamper packs, knitted blankets, special assistance awards and bursaries, our thumbs up awards etc. More abstract is the contribution our club makes to Zonta International when every year we donate 1/3 of our nett fundraising to help fund Zonta International projects. We, as a club, decide to which international program we would like our club contribution to be allocated. For the last few years we have selected ZISVAW as our preferred recipient. For the next couple of meetings, we are going to be learning about ZISVAW and the ZI service projects so that we know and understand exactly where and how our money is being spent.

For example, do you know that ZISVAW means Zonta International Strategies to End Violence against Women? Do you know that there are two projects being supported by ZISVAW? One is to respect the rights and respond to the needs of adolescent girls by delaying early marriage in Niger. The other is Voices against Violence: Non Formal Education Curriculum for the World Association of Girl Guides and / Girl Scouts on ending violence against women in 12 countries.

Do you know that there are three international service projects?

One is to eliminate obstetric fistula and reduction of Maternal and newborn Mortality and Morbidity in Liberia. The second is working towards an HIV free generation and effective response to gender based violence in Rwanda. The third is a gender responsive school pilot model in Vietnam.

Do you know that all our international projects are partnered with a UN agency? Do you know what the initials UNFPA, UNICEF stand for?

Relax. Don't rush to Google just yet. At the January general meeting all will be revealed.

We have five of our members busily researching and they are going to be telling us all about our five international programs. Really looking forward to an interesting and informative meeting. Roz Jennings, President



## SERVICE REPORT

**Welcome back and I hope everyone had a relaxing holiday. Now back to business:**

A very big thanks to all of you who donated to the Pamper Packs and Adopt a Family. We had wonderful responses from our families and the Crisis and Counselling Centre.

As a result of our fashion night held at Airllywood, we were able to donate to the Proserpine Nursing Home a cheque for \$119 which will go towards purchasing a set of scales. We also gave the nursing home four knitted blankets which they said would be put to good use.

March will be here very quickly and we all know what happens in March, International Women's Day! Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March is the day and 10am is the time and Reef Gateway is the venue. Can we all start bringing in donations for the rotating raffle? Judy Brown will be collecting those and anyone who has contacts who can donate to the auction, please let me know at the next meeting. Our wonderful speaker, Debra Howe, is confirmed and already thinking of her speech. Your IWD committee will now be concentrating all their efforts on this event to ensure it is the best one yet.

See you all at the next meeting, Kerrie Adam, Director





We at the foundation take great pride in letting all of our groups that participate in the assembly of birthing kits annually are fielded reports on the final destinations of their individual kits and the difference they make in the areas of need. Presently we distribute over 150,000 birthing kits annually, and are continually expanding as there are substantial requirements in assisting with a safe, sterile birthing site, along with an increase of awareness, and changes of practices taught to many traditional birth attendants.

The 800 kits that yourself, students and fellow volunteers assembled in October have been sent to Kinshasa in the Democratic Republic of Congo. We have established a fantastic relationship with World Vision, both in Australia and internationally and through their expansive network have been able to arrange transportation to even more remote areas that we have previously been unable to service. With the training programs scheduled for these areas also in the future, distribution will follow, and even more people will be assisted by the kind generosity of people in Australia.

In the near future there will be many varied reports in media sources detailing our relationship with World Vision and you can feel proud that your efforts can be outlined in the ensuing stories, and you and your fellow volunteers hold a significant part in enabling this to occur.

We are humbled in that there are still people in society whom will put the welfare of others before themselves, and are so thankful that without people like you our valuable work would not be possible.

Please pass on our thanks and appreciation to all that are and were involved and we look forward to working again with you in the future.


Kind Regards *Adrian Harris*

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 Our Work

## MEMBERSHIP

### Welcome back everyone:

Happy New Year everyone and I hope you have had a sensational Festive Season break and you are looking forward to another exciting year ahead with the Zonta Club of the Whitsundays.

We certainly had a fabulous finale with our Rock & Roll Christmas party! We would like to thank Laura & Ron for opening up their home again as it is such a perfect venue; the committee for putting together the “best ever” Christmas Party (every year this happens I might add, and have no doubt, that will continue); membership committee presenting “Zonta Dames” (written by Pammie Harrison); the band was sensational you will all agree and finally to all of you for bringing along a “plate of food” which always turns into a magnificent fine dining experience!!!

Membership Committee: Sue and her committee; Lauren, Maxine, Ann, Pammie & Mae will be meeting again soon and will be busily planning to meet the aim of the Membership Committee which is:

- \* to develop a plan for retaining current members: which includes birthday cakes; various skits and the fun activities; Thumbs Up Award nominations; Knock Knock who is there? Dinner parties; members 10 year anniversaries; and, with the help of Lesley, presenting our “Persuasive talks” on our International Service Projects next meeting to raise everyone’s awareness on Zonta International and what they do!

- \* the recruitment of new members: There is a lot of behind the scenes work continually being done with our potential members. If we do have a guest, we always welcome and get their details and then remain in contact by sending out our newsletter and emails letting them know what we are doing. We have found this gives everyone a complete overview of the club of what we are all about and I am happy to report that we are in contact with 9 wonderful ladies at this point in time!

Z Clubs ~ Blue Cards: All three secondary schools have now been approached and are considering their options as to whether or not to form Z Clubs. We have had a positive response from the principals, teachers and students we have been in contact with. To have involvement at all, we must have a blue card which can be signed off by the executive of our club. If you want to be involved, please download and complete:  
<https://www.bluecard.qld.gov.au/applications/applications>

Final Thumbs Up Award recipient for 2015 ~ Suzi Janicki: The generosity and support from locals and the community given freely to Suzi after a family tragedy left Suzi humbled and feeling blessed and determined that whenever possible, she would give back to others in need in her community.

With over 200 students (both adults and children), she finds herself in a unique position to be able to nurture a love of art, build confidence and provide an interesting meeting place for locals. This year she assisted the local RSL to run an Art Exhibition devoted solely to the remembrance of our Anzacs. Following its success, Suzi decided to showcase our local talent as well as inviting works from outside the district and the Inaugural Whitsundays Art Exhibition was launched. This was a resounding success and will hopefully give local artists exposure of their works for many years to come.

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You will all agree another worthy recipient of the Zonta Clubs “Thumbs Up Award” just letting Suzi know “we like what she does”! Cheers, Sandii Hansen, Director



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# Happiest of Christmases! *Swinging 60's*

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## Thumbs Up: Suzi Janicki



Suzi Janicki always loved art. Colour, line, perspective; taking a blank paper and producing something amazing always brought her joy and satisfaction. In her 30's she spent time in Thailand and was inspired to test her abilities in portraiture, using charcoal.

Back home in Australia, Suzi spent endless hours producing life-like charcoal portraits. Nine years ago, Suzi moved to the Whitsundays with her family and began entering her unique pieces in local art shows with much success. After many requests to share her skills, Suzi decided to open a gallery and teach. A family tragedy almost prevented this dream from happening but to her credit and with the help of friends and family, Suzi opened her business, Smart Arts, in 2012.

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We, the Zonta Club of the Whitsundays, salute you, Suzi Janicki and would like to present you with a small token in recognition of what you have done, and continue to do in our community.

You are our Thumbs Up awardee for November. Thank you, Suzi.





### Part 3—Last of women who ‘became’ men to get ahead

#### **Rena Kanokogi, born Rena Glickman**

Rena 'Rusty' Kanokogi, who died in 2009, was a pioneering judo expert from New York. In 1959, Kanokogi (then Glickman) entered the YMCA championships in Utica as a man. Women were not explicitly barred from the competition but she nonetheless cut off her hair and taped down her chest ahead of the championships. She won her bout but upon collecting her medal was asked if she was a woman. She confessed and was stripped of it. In an interview with the New York Times the year she died, she said: "Had I said no, I don't think women's judo would have been in the Olympics. It instilled a feeling in me that no woman should have to go through this again." Judo became an Olympic sport for men in 1964. Kanokogi threatened the International Olympic Committee with legal action and the event was eventually introduced for women at the 1988 Olympic Games in Seoul - with Kanokogi as US team coach.

#### **Murray Hall, born Mary Anderson**

Murray Hall, born in Scotland around 1840, was a New York City politician, known for his slight appearance and for helping win votes for Tammany Hall, the political organisation that played a big role in New York politics between the 18th and 20th centuries. His birth name was Mary Anderson - it is believed he arrived in America wearing his dead brother's clothing after fleeing Govan. His secret stuck until after his death in 1901, meaning he would have been able to vote at a time women were unable. In the days after his death, the New York Times ran an article saying: "In a limited circle, she even had a reputation as a 'man about town', a bon vivant, and all-around 'good fellow.'"

#### **George Eliot, born Mary Ann Evans**

Middlemarch author George Eliot was perhaps one of the first writers to use a male pen name in an effort to have her books taken seriously. Born Mary Ann Evans in 1819, she lived during a time at which women authors were published, but usually in the genre of romance. She was encouraged to write by the philosopher George Lewes, with whom she had a rather scandalous relationship (Lewes was married when they met), and her nom de plume was an homage to him.

#### **The Bronte sisters**

Much like George Eliot, the Bronte sisters passed themselves off as men by name only. In the early years of their career, Charlotte, Emily and Anne went by the names of Currer, Ellis and Acton Bell. Their first work under these names, simply entitled Poems, was published in 1846. The following year, Charlotte had Jane Eyre published under the name Currer Bell, while Emily continued as Ellis Bell for the publication of Wuthering Heights.

*The Telegraph*



## **Date Claimers**

### **JANUARY**

**1st: General Meeting—Reef Gateway - 6.15 for 6.30 start**

**27th: Last Wednesday Book Club—5pm—Contact Kerry Kenyon**

### **FEBRUARY**

**2nd: Board Meeting**

**18th—Reef Gateway - 6.15 for 6.30 start**

**24th: Last Wednesday Book Club—5pm—Contact Kerry Kenyon**

### **MARCH**

**International Women's Day— 13<sup>th</sup> March- 10am- Reef Gateway**



### **January**

**4th—Carole Brauner**

**6th—Noelene Helman**

**10th—Shirley Wodson**

**13th—Lynette Corne**

**18th—Judy Brett**

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