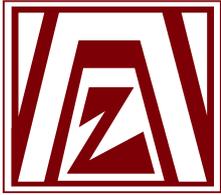


ZONTA CLUB



Pine Rivers

ZONTA CLUB OF PINE RIVERS INC Newsletter JULY '10

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Dinner Meeting:

Contact **Grace Cochrane** for all dinner arrangements no later than the Monday prior to our dinner meeting. Advise her of any apologies if you are unable to attend or to let her know of extra dinner guests that you have invited.

COST (Includes dinner)
Members/Guests \$20.00

Special Dietary Requirements:

If anyone has any special dietary requirements will they please inform Grace so that she can inform the club. The club is very happy to cater to individual needs.

Grace Cochrane

Home: 3325 1896

Mobile: 0411 783 020

gamp@iinet.net.au

As it is assumed you will be attending all meetings of the club unless an apology is received, any member from whom an apology is not received in time will still be invoiced for the meal ordered for her.



Wednesday 14th July - 6.30pm
Dinner meeting
Arana Leagues Club

Saturday 31st July – 6.30pm
CHRISTMAS in JULY
Wantima Country Club

Sunday 22nd August (new date)
Birthing Kits Assembly

Bingo Report

This last week was a great week for Bingo. The numbers were up and we had a good morning which makes it definitely worthwhile. I hope the new players keep coming.

Anthea has advised me when she can help, so there are a couple of changes to the roster in September.

July

1st Carole
8th Ros
15th Jan
22nd Kay
29th Bettina

August

5th Karen
12th Carole
19th Ros
26th Jan

September

2nd Anthea
9th Bettina, Anthea
16th Kay
23rd Carole
30th Ros

October

7th Anthea
14th Jan
21st Kay
28th Bettina

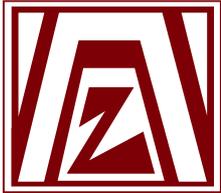
Happy Birthday
to...

Gabi Simon
17th July

Have a great day ☺

Thanks,

Vicki Williams
Bingo Convener



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President's Message

Dear members,

The **June meeting** was a happy start to the year thanks to your positive support of Suzanne's proposed revisions to the donations/service budget and to our friendly and interesting speaker from the Pine Rivers Neighbourhood Centre.

The Neighbourhood Centre's Sonja refreshed our interest in supporting the work that she and her colleagues are doing to help women and girls in our local community and I am hopeful that she will attend our next meeting and become a Zontian.

I am grateful to new member **Gabi** for taking on the **Public Relation & Communications Committee position** and to **Vicki Williams** for taking on the **Membership and Classification Committee**.

Don't forget to download the **Service budget** prepared by **Suzanne** (and forwarded to you by Dot with the June minutes) so that you have a reminder of where our service funds are being spent this year.

Still thinking about Service projects, the day after our dinner meeting I rang **Tracy** to thank her for storing, packing (with Karen's help), and delivering the boxes of clothes

and books for **Kowanyama** to NQX, the transport company that had agreed to deliver the goods free of charge thanks to the approaches made by **Lorraine** and **Dot**.

Tracy told me that the books **Karen's daughters' school community** had donated were in excellent condition and very suitable for the children in Kowanyama. She also said that she had watched NQX load the 32 boxes on to a pallet and cover them all with plastic ready for the pallet's

journey north, so I think we can be assured that Kowanyama will receive the boxes in good condition and be thrilled with their contents.

I know that the June meeting was a long one which I hadn't anticipated when Councillor Battersby asked if he could drop in for a few minutes, and I thank you for your patience, but Councillor Battersby's refresher on the Community Grants Scheme may well result in our being able to help another group gain a grant even if we do not apply for one for ourselves.

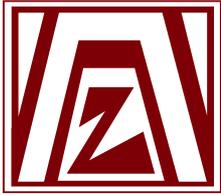
**Christmas
in July**

Saturday 31st July
Wantima Country Club
530 South Pine Road,
Brendale

6.30pm - 11.30pm
\$65 per person

Pay by Tues 27th July
Call or email Karen:
0416 199 670

**brizentertainmentgroup.
iinet.net**



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Turning to the July meeting please remember to bring something "Christmasy" for the **Christmas in July hamper** if you haven't already done so and please continue to invite people to our Christmas in July event.

The agenda for the July meeting has not been set yet but it is the **Club's "16th birthday"** so with our buffet dinner option continuing please look forward to a good meal and an enjoyable evening.

Regards,
Rosalind Pestell

Service Report

Jebb House...The air-conditioner to the children's play room & the 5 refrigerators have been delivered & installed at Jebb House. The staff & residents are thrilled and have sent a lovely thank-you card, which will be passed around at our dinner meeting.

Kowanyama...Kowanyama's fete is only a few days away...commencing on the 9th July and we trust it will be a huge success. Once the dust has settled we will follow-up with Lara to see what their future needs are.

Pine Rivers Neighbourhood Centre...Sonja from the Pine

Rivers Neighbourhood Centre was so happy to learn that we wish to support the 2 projects she presented at our last dinner meeting and is busy organising flyers with our Zonta logo.

Advocacy...We've instructed Arana Leagues Club that we wish to proceed with the fence panel signage: "Say NO to domestic violence" and we are awaiting the artwork, which hopefully will be ready to present at the dinner meeting.

CEO Challenge...We are following up further with Wendy Reid on (if we donated \$2,000) how specifically it would be used to educate more people in the workplace to recognise and respond to signs of violence and abuse at work and at home.

Secondary School Bursaries...

Letters to the five State Secondary Schools in Pine Rivers will be sent this week, offering our Encouragement Award for Community Spirit to a Grade 11 female student. Hopefully we will have a great response.

Birthing Kit day is set for 22nd August... this is always a fun day...and many hands make light work.. so please come & support this wonderful service.



Drainage Bags...RBWH contacted Vicki requesting more breast cushions & drainage bags. Vicki whipped up 5 drainage bags out of some old sheeting she had and delivered them to the hospital. Thank you Vicki.

Regards,
Suzanne Strahan

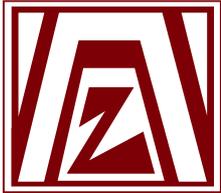
Organisation, Membership & Classification Committee

It is now a new Zonta year and my term as Area Director is over. It has been most interesting and I have learnt a lot from the other clubs and realized what a wonderful busy and interesting group of members that we have in our club.

Know Your Board...

Members of Zonta come from many backgrounds of experience and I thought that it might be interesting for members to know a little of their board members.

President Ros used to be the head librarian for the Pine shire and is very adept at organizing and running meetings. Ros has been in Zonta 23 years and knows the ways of Zonta very well.



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Vice President Suzanne runs her own business as a finance broker and has been in Zonta 5 years.

Secretary Dot is owner of a wholesale aquarium fish business with over 60 employees so naturally would also be very adept at meetings. Dot has been a member for 3 years.

Treasurer Karen has been in Zonta for 3 years but being Kay's daughter has been involved a lot longer. Karen has her own entertainment business. I have known Karen since she was 3.

Director Kay has been in Zonta for 10 years and I think that it is the first time that we have had mother and daughter on the board at the same time. Kay runs her husband's building business.

Director Grace our new member of 4 months being an executive officer of the Qld Assn of State School Principals is, I am sure, very used to meetings.

As you can see all very interesting people.

MEMBER PROFILE

Marina Duson

This month our member profile is of Marina. I think that I have known Marina for 10 years and was so thrilled when she accepted my invitation to join our club. Marina has provided a very short succinct précis of her very interesting life. Marina is normally dressed in purple,

so you will know her easily at club meetings. Marina is chair of the nominating committee so will always be on the lookout for prospective board members.

Being membership chair is new for me. That is what makes being in Zonta interesting as it not only helps other people improve their status but also helps our own members learn new skills.

Regards,

Vicki Williams (*Chair*)

United Nations Report

At the Commission on the Status of Women, **United Nations Deputy Secretary-General Asha-Rose Migiros** noted that many countries have achieved gains in various areas, including education and the development of national laws, policy and programmes, thanks in no small part to the efforts of women's groups and networks around the world.

In addition, she also noted that **women still outnumber men among the world's poorest people**, and that two-thirds of illiterate adults are women – a statistic that has not changed in 20 years.

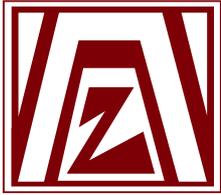
"We have also seen limited progress on reproductive health. Maternal mortality remains unacceptably high. Almost all these deaths could be prevented.... So, while we have seen advances in the past 15 years, we have not seen enough....We need to move from commitment to action."



Press Release 2nd July 2010:

The UN General Assembly are moving to bring together four distinct parts of the United Nations system devoted to women's issues into one composite entity – "**UN Women**" - expected to be operational by January 2011.

The women's movement of the UN had suffered at times from inadequate funding as well as fragmentation, owing to the lack of a single driver on women's issues. The decision to unite these areas had taken more than four years to negotiate, and had been unanimously agreed at an informal meeting of the



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General Assembly on 30 June.

The new body was designed to be stronger than the sum of its four parts –

- UNIFEM
- The Division for the Advancement of Women
- The International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (INSTRAW) and
- The Office of the Special Adviser on Gender Issues & Advancement of Women.

Member States are hopeful that the appointment of a “visionary and active head” and a new executive board would add to the strength of “UN Women” attracting greater funds once formally announced. Many States had been frustrated at the lack of funding for UNIFEM, which had constrained its response to the many requests for its assistance.

It will be interesting to follow the outcome of this amalgamation and any repercussions for UNIFEM and its associated women’s organisations such as Zonta.

Regards,

United Nations Committee

MEMBER PROFILE

Marina Duson



I grew up in The Netherlands in the Hague.

And I lived with my parents and my two brothers.

My biggest move to date was when we all moved to Australia in 1966 when I was five and we lived in Adelaide.

People, pets and possessions dearest to me now are my husband Garry and my newly renovated house!

My profession is: Registered Nurse.

My current occupation is: Team Leader, Blue Care Community Services. I visit people in their homes to assess their needs and provided information on the services available which will help them to maintain a level of independence in their own homes.

My other interests, skills & indulgences include assisting Garry in his business as a Mobile Massage Therapist.

Home renovations, yoga and belly dancing.

I also want to tell you that I travelled Europe for about five years in the 1980s on a working holiday before returning to Australia and I have been in Queensland since 1993.

I joined Zonta in October 2003.

I joined Zonta because I wanted to be involved with a Service Club and was invited to join by Vicki who used to be my massage therapist.

I remain in Zonta because I realise I am only a drop in the ocean but Zonta International and the Club achieve so many good outcomes.

Positions held in Zonta: Past Director and currently Nominating Committee Chair.

Positions I'd be willing to try: I prefer to participate in the service projects.



Extra Diary Dates

International Convention 2010

San Antonio, USA

International convention 2012 Italy