



ZONTA CLUB

BURDEKIN INC

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DECEMBER 2012



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Club No 1475
CHARTERED 15 1994

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Mary Lynch

Meeting Time
6pm for 6.30pm
sharp

KALAMIA HOTEL

Party Time

7.00PM

The Club meets on the second
Tuesday of each month
(except January)

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64 countries
1203 clubs
30,000 members

Hi Ladies

As I write this report we are only 21 days to Christmas.

Thanks very much to Robyn and her committee for the wonderful Zonta Birthday party at the Kalamia Hotel.

We have only 2 more Zonta nights/events for the year.

Firstly, we start the night off at Karen's place for drinks and nibbles and then onto the Ayr Travellers Motel for Dinner. Joan Heatley will be joining us and bringing along her famous Plum Pudding. It costs only \$2 per guess to cuddle the "pud" and try to imagine the weight. If the past is any indication the variation in weight guesses will be hilarious. The lucky winner will be taking it home.

Our last dinner meeting will be on Tuesday 11th December back at the Kalamia Hotel. **Don't forget your Christmas outfit.** Just a reminder instead of exchanging secret santa gifts we each usually put some money/donation in an envelope and place in on the tree. We will be donating this money to the Chaplaincy Group.

Mary will be sending around a roster for the Driver Reviver station which we usually look after on Australia Day each year.

I hope everyone has an enjoyable Christmas & safe New Year.

Keep Smiling

Raelene (aka Mint Spice)



ADVANCING THE STATUS OF WOMEN WORLDWIDE

International Website: www.zonta.org District Website: <http://zontadistrict22.org> Club Website: <http://burdekin.zontadistrict22.org>

ATTENDANCE OFFICER Nilda Piotto

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Please advise Nilda by 10.00am on FRIDAY if you cannot attend the meeting or will not be staying for the meal.

Fees: Meeting & dinner \$25
Meeting only \$5
Fee if apology received \$5
Fee if no apology made \$25

RAFFLE



Cath Previtara (Dec)
Isabel Stubbs (Feb)

(value \$10.00 - \$15.00)

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Zonta International is now on
FACEBOOK, TWITTER, YOUTUBE, LINKEDIN, &
FLICKR

Facebook Zonta Burdekin



As in previous years please bring along
an envelope with a money donation
to go on our Christmas Tree for the
Burdekin Chaplaincy.

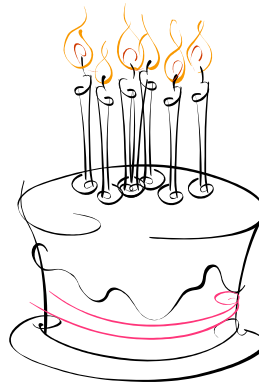


A reminder for our
newer members. We do
not meet in January.
February meeting date is
12th when we will have
as our special guest our
District Governor
Judith Andersen OAM.

BUDDY LIST

There are a couple of changes so please check this out.

Lyndy Mc Cathie	Dianna Moschen
Rita Cranitch	Debbie Watson
Marg Culpan	Inez Larsen
Majella Meehan	Mary Lynch
Rosemary Menkens	Debra Cochran
Raelene Grantz	Seanne O'Shea
Jan Hollingsworth	Mary Anne Fraser
Beth Hancock	Cathy Previtara
Isabel Stubbs	Giovanna Gabiola
Nilda Piotto	Karen Clarke
Robyn Haller	Leanne Jamieson
Janice Micola	Judy Mitchell
Beth Honeycombe	Ardella Alberts
Pierina Dalle Cort	Peta Bird
Leith Kennedy	



Happy
Birthday
Isabel

NEW ZONTA CLUBS Chartered OCTOBER 2012

Zonta Club of Fraenkisches Seenland Germany

CLUBS in FORMATION 28

- 8 USA
- 6 Phillipines
- 3 Germany
- 2 Uruguay
- 1 Canada
- 1 Croatia
- 1 Lebanon
- 1 Argentina
- 1 Sri Lanka
- 1 Nepal
- 1 Spain
- 1 Switzerland
- 1 Australia (Mount Barker South Australia)

CALENDAR 2012 - 2013

June 2012	3 rd Bush Poet's Breakfast Theatre forecourt 12 th monthly meeting - <i>Guest Speaker Ashley Kelley on DV support</i> 21 st LAA Committee Meeting
July	2 nd Service committee meeting 10 th monthly meeting – <i>Guest Speakers Sally O'Brien & Sue Collier Life Skills Program</i> 19 th LAA Committee Meeting - Information Evening Neighbourhood Centre 21 st Tastes of Burdekin International Conference Torino
August	6 th Service committee meeting 14 th monthly meeting POT NIGHT M. Culpans <i>Guest Speaker Karen Clarke Japanese Zonta Clubs</i> 23 rd LAA Committee Meeting
September	3 rd Service committee meeting 11 th monthly meeting 20 th Advocacy Committee Meeting 21st UN International Day of Peace
October	1 st Service committee meeting 9 th monthly meeting – UN Day celebration <i>Guest Speaker Vi Vi Yunwei Sun</i> 18 th Advocacy Committee Meeting 21 st Breast Care Cushions/Drainage Bags/Care Packs/Comfort Packs 24th United Nations Day
November	5 th Service committee meeting 13 th monthly meeting - ZI Birthday <i>Guest Speaker Vicki O'Brien CEDAW</i> 22 nd Advocacy Committee Meeting 25th International Day for Elimination of Violence against Women/White Ribbon Day
December	1st WHO World Aids Day (World Health Organisation) 3 rd Service committee meeting 8 th Christmas Party Ayr Travellers' Inn Restaurant 10th UN Human Rights Day 11 th monthly meeting Guest Speaker TBA
January 2013	11th Amelia Earhart Remembrance Day
February	4th Service committee meeting 12th Planning Night - District Governor Judith Andersen our guest 21st LAA committee meeting



ZONTA BURDEKIN JUNIOR GIRLS SCIENCE ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD



Above: Second from right our Award Recipient Kimberley Bourke.



Above: President Raelene Grantz presented Awards to high school achievers.

A crowd of almost 400 parents, families, staff, students and invited guests gathered for the 49th Home Hill High School Annual Presentation of Awards ceremony held recently at the Memorial Hall Home Hill on Tuesday October 30th. This is the Inaugural Science Award presented by our club and consisted of cash of \$150.00 and a Perpetual Trophy. President Raelene was pleased to present the Award to Kimberley Bourke and to present other Awards on the night. It has been a long time coming but it is quite thrilling that this award has finally come to fruition. (Apologies for poor photos.)

BIRTHING KIT FOUNDER

A great story



Julie Monis-Ivett Zonta Club of Adelaide Hills District 23 - Australia

When and why did you join Zonta?

I am a charter member of the Adelaide Hills club which is celebrating its 25th birthday this October. I joined Zonta in 1987 when expecting my third daughter and she was 2 weeks old at our first meeting. At the time I was very busy, and as much as I love being a dentist and a mum, I joined Zonta for me. I wanted to meet new, interesting and diverse women and at the same time help others.

Why are you still a member?

I am still a member as I love the diversity of careers and personalities in our club, yet, we are like minded in our common goal. I enjoy meetings. Some of the members are the loveliest women I know. Some are my best friends. The glue that binds our members is our excellent projects that impact on the lives of the women they target.

Birthing Kits- why did you become involved - what have been the highlights, what does the future look like?

The birthing kit project is the one stand out project that our club initiated and encouraged to grow. At the time, in 1999, when the idea was presented to our service committee, I was chair. I was in the right place at the right time. Joy O'Hazy and I were so excited when the first 100 kits were made for Papua New Guinea, each holding a sheet of plastic, soap, gloves, string, gauze and scalpel blade, and the feedback was "the women wanted more" because lives were saved. The concept of a small birthing kit that could be held in the palm of your hand yet its impact on the women on whom it was used was so great; that it could save the life of the mother and baby was dramatic. The club was so supportive with expanding the project that we took it to our District Conference in 2003 and it was voted as a District Project. From there it grew to a National project with AusAID funding, then a Foundation was formed and we have now reached the amazing milestone of making 1 million kits and 9000 birth attendants have been trained in Vietnam, Ethiopia, India, Kenya and DR Congo. Tens of thousands of women and babies are estimated to be alive because of this simple kit

The highlights

That first District vote to support the program, getting the AusAID grant, hiring our project administrator to take over my job in 2007 – Yeeee!!!!

Personal highlight

Probably two moments which will be with me forever will be waking up in Logyia, Ethiopia, to the gentle nudging of the pet impala in the compound of our agent Valerie Browning on a magnificent morning. It was surreal. Next is later that day, standing under a tree with the local community in Dagaba, Afar, while a traditional birth attendant is telling us how after our training she stopped the female circumcision she had carried out for 40 years. I looked around at the girls and thought "if we achieved nothing else these girls have some chance of growing up as normal women".

Foundation highlight

When our agent in Afghanistan reported on the use of 2350 kits, where statistically between 44 and 118 women would die and 300-400 babies, only one woman and no babies had died. This organisation had good statistics with a home visiting program following up after a month.

The future

of the Birthing Kit Foundation and Birthing Kit Project is very sound, with support from many Zonta clubs, high schools, and medical and midwifery schools in funding and holding assembly days. They each pay \$3 per kit to pay for the supplies, transport overseas and some funds go towards training programs and future in country kit production.

If we asked you your elevator speech- what is Zonta and why would I join- what would you say- the elevator speech needs to be completed in sufficient time to go up 10 floors.

Zonta is an international service organisation of career, business and professional women. If you would like to meet a diverse group of interesting women, join Zonta. We are wonderful women bound together by great projects that improve women's lives. Along the way you would have so much fun.

Post Script: Janice Micola, Beth Hancock Judy Lashmar and Robyn Haller met this lady at the District Conference on the Gold Coast years ago. She was with Joy o'Hazy and at that stage Zonta had not adopted it. She was so enthusiastic she was unstoppable. She said her husband used to get sick of her "going on" about Birthing Kits to anyone who would listen but look how many children and women she has saved.

PROFILE LEANNE JAMIESON



Above: Leanne being introduced by OMC Chair Marg Culpan

I was born in Home Hill and went to school at St Colman's, BCH and Home Hill High School. I am married to Andrew and we have three adult daughters. Two are married and living in Brisbane and the third is living in Cairns. I have one very cute grandson, who lives in Brisbane.

When I was first married we lived in Mackay where the first 2 girls were born, then moved to Brisbane where the third daughter was born. Since then we have lived in Hervey Bay, Cairns, Ingham and Bowen before returning to Home Hill about 14 years ago.

I have worked for the Department of Human Services (previously known as Centrelink) for about 13 years and have been a manager of various things for about 8 years. I have managed the Ayr Service Centre, then Ayr, Ingham and Charters Towers, then Ayr, Charters Towers, Bowen, Whitsunday, Emerald, Longreach Centrelink offices plus Ayr and Bowen Medicare offices Centrelink offices plus Ayr and Bowen Medicare offices. I am now what is called a Programme Manager and have this year been managing the introduction of three new pieces of work across our Zone which stretches from the Torres Straight to Gladstone and west to Mt Isa.

I enjoy cooking and sewing in my spare time. Now with our children, Andrew and I have started some travelling – 2 trips to New Zealand and one to Victoria, and are looking forward to doing much more travelling. Last year we went snow skiing for the first time, and we liked it so much we went back for more this year.

Zonta International Birthday Party



Representatives from all local clubs: Barbara Coleman Townsville Metro, Christine Bailey Townsville, Raelene Grantz Burdekin, Jenny Black Charters Towers, and Von Hickmott Bowen



It was lovely to see representatives from the 4 local clubs join Burdekin in November to celebrate Zonta International's birthday. In spite of the unprecedented number of our regular attendees who were unable to be there on the night it was really enjoyed by all, even if nerves at numbers early in the week were rattled. Personally I would like to thank Nilda, Mary Anne, Jan and Raelene for the lovely table arrangements. The whole setup looked wonderful. Thanks Deb for putting together the quiz which I was to do and ran out of time to compile. You probably learnt something about Zonta along the way! It is always a learning curve in Zonta. Beth I hear you did a splendid job at comparing which is only what I would have expected and to those who donated items thankyou one and all. It seems we had enough for 2 raffles so well done ladies. Given I was one of the ones unable to attend I did feel some guilt but should not have been concerned with leaving my team in charge. I am sorry I missed out on that cake however. Not only does it look wonderful it apparently was to die for. Thanks Beth for donating that and Rosemary also for the wine and chocolates. I do hope you all took on board what our guest speaker Vicki O'Brien was alluding to. CEDAW is what ZI is based on. The night was made all the more special with the induction of Leanne Jamieson. Welcome to Zonta Leanne. Again thanks girls I am proud of you.



Top Left: Beth Snewin T and Beth Honeycombe Bu

Above Left: Joan Stoneman, Vicki Schumacher T, Mary Anne Fraser Bu, Jenny Black CT, Cath Previtera Bu, Barb Coleman TM



Top: Jan Hollingsworth Bu, Vicki Hopkins T, Brenda Fruitier CT, Christine Bailey T, Cheryl Vennard Bo, Diana Moschen Bu.



Above: Von Hickmott Bo, Isabel Stubbs Bu, Rhonda Pitt CT, Deb Cochran Bu, Inez Larsen Bu, Sue Farmer CT, Giovanna Gabiola Bu

Right: Burdekin President Raelene Grantz and guest speaker Vicki O'Brien

Below: The delicious italian cake not only looked fabulous but was according to all who devoured it.



Below: Table setting was well laid out and looked wonderful.



Photographs
courtesy of my
delegated
photographer
Nilda Piotto.
Thankyou!



Christmas Fun

Karen and Nev Eathorne's home was the meeting point for drinks and nibbles prior to setting out to the Restaurant for our annual Christmas dinner. Whilst most stayed indoors many of us ventured into the garden where we enjoyed the candles, cool breeze and delightful setting. It was a lovely start to the evening. The nibbles were really delicious and we all relaxed and enjoyed many a good laugh.



Mary Anne, Raelene, Jan and Janice enjoying that joke.

After an hour we all headed off to the restaurant where Deb and Robyn took around Joan's plum pudding for the great annual competition "Guess the Weight". This year it ranged from .670 gms to 2.3kgs! Joan had noted the weight and put it safely in her purse but that was at home. Consequently when we arrived at the restaurant we had the kitchen staff weigh it for us. The actual weight was 1.4 kgs (purse weight 1.398 kg) and winner with closest to the correct weight was Beth Hancock with 1.357 kgs. However this was not without controversy. Beth did not have change at the time of making her guess and was duly handed the plum pud without having paid! Howls of protest ensued but when the cash was hurriedly handed over it abated – *if slowly*. Our meals arrived at the table and over the course of a couple of hours or more we enjoyed it and good conversation not to mention a few more good laughs naturally. All in all it was a very pleasant evening for our annual Christmas dinner. 😊

Joan [pudding maker extraordinaire] and Beth catching



And the winner is...



Second time winner Beth with her prize plum pudding which will be going to Cairns with her for the family to enjoy.



Diana, Peta, Deb and Mine Host Karen



Giovanna, Lisa and Beth interrupted their story.



Marg and Chris enjoying nibbles & a good drop.

a little light relief



Lyndy: McCathie
Grandchildren making the 2012 plum pudding. This has become a tradition for the past 9 years, the grandkids, now 5 of them make the plum pudding, coins and all. They have a ball and do everything themselves. Bryce is almost 16 so now he is the chef.



Robyn: Incredible India! That is the slogan they use and it is true for all the right and wrong reasons; the colours, the smells, the poverty, the filth, the cows, the people, the cars, the tuk tuks, the bikes, the motor cycles and on and on. It is truly exotic and nowhere will you see such diversity of just about everything. The religions are so numerous but the majority are Hindus. But there are Sikhs, Buddhists, Christians, Muslims, Jews and probably more. They have 67 public/religious holidays each year but then there are local holidays as well. It is a nightmare for business and business owners. And then they have thousands of gods. They have so many they even laugh about it themselves but the main ones are Sheba and Ganesh. First off we went to Darjeeling which was wonderful. They say they have 25 days out of 365 that are good weather and we were blessed with 3 of them. The Himalayas were in their glory. To boot the hotel we stayed in used to be owned by the British and there were reminders of that era everywhere. The ride on their old steam train was such fun and runs 1 metre past houses and cars alike! Then we went to Varanasi which is the holiest city in India for the Hindus and Buddhists. But let me tell you it is also the filthiest. OMG! We went to the river and enjoyed? that experience. Saw them burning a body from afar. The pelvic area in women and the ribs in men is the part that is left and that gets thrown into the river along with the ashes. We saw them bathing in the river of course because that is such a sacred ritual for them. We saw them cleaning their teeth on the side of the river. We saw the cows, goats and dogs eating the marigolds because they are everywhere. We saw the loads of timber used for the burning, carbon tax? We saw a body being taken to the river for burning duly wrapped in red and gold and tied to the top of a Toyota (Darren said it was in good hands). Then we walked through the old part of the city. In amongst all the chaos and filth there is this shop selling magnificent saris. It is such a mind blowing place but that was enough for us. We went back to the hotel and checked out the next morning. Next stop was Khajuraho which is a Unesco listed site. There are 22 temples saved and the place was so neat and tidy I could not believe I was in India. The buildings have an erotica theme and let me tell you we had some laughs with our young guide Raj. He said have you ever seen an elephant laugh? Off we went to this part of the building where they were doing all sorts of physical hijinks and the elephant has a big grin on his face. But this place was well worth the visit. In Delhi we went to the Bahai faith Lotus temple which they all describe as the Indian Opera House. It was quite spectacular. Of course this was the Diwali festival time which is the most important family time in india and we spent it with our friends there. The businesses are done up with lights from 3rd floor to the ground which looked pretty amazing. This flower display was in our hotel and they do them everywhere. Very pretty. The fireworks go off for 3 days and with a rooftop view of the city it was quite something. Of course we went to the sikh temple with them all and lit candles outside. Then we went home and had dinner. Our friend had made up a little barbeque so he could cook some chicken on it just for us and it was delicious. They wanted to put spices and some yoghurt on it but we said no. It was so nice to have some plain food! They even bought some red wine and white wine for us even though they do not drink but they joined us in a tippie. It was a special night. As usual we could not wait to leave India but somehow you forget about the strain and stress of it all and get the urge to return. BUT NOT YET.



From Inez: Pat and I travelled to Canada and the States for almost four weeks from mid September. We flew from Townsville via Auckland, to Vancouver. We spent five days in Vancouver, visiting the Butchart Gardens on Victoria Island, took a day trip



Figure 1 Vancouver City from Stanley Park



Figure 2 Maid of the Mist, Niagara Falls



Figure 3 Grand Canyon



Figure 5 Hoover Dam

to Whistler, and Stanley Park. From Vancouver we caught the Rocky Mountaineer train to Calgary. The scenery during the two day train trip was magnificent. We were fortunate to sight some wildlife i.e. a black bear, elks, otter, reindeer, and ospreys. From Calgary we hired a car and drove to Lake Louise which is truly the most beautiful setting with the mountains, a glacier and the lake. It was a glorious day so there was much activity with hikers, mountain bike riders, a number of weddings, kayaking, and numerous tourists. From Calgary we flew to Toronto and visited the Canadian side of the Niagara Falls. Boarded the Maid of the Mist boat which takes passengers very close to the base of the Falls where you are able to hear the roar of the water and have some appreciation of the volume of water that is actually going over the falls. We travelled by train from Toronto to Quebec City. Quebec City is a very historical city where Old Quebec is within fortified walls erected during the battles between the English and the French. Most of the residents are bilingual where French is the first language.

We flew from Quebec City to NYC. What a city!! We visited the normal tourist spots the Empire State Building, Wall Street, Statute of Liberty, Brooklyn Bridge, 9/11 Memorial, Central Park, China Town to name a few. There were so many different shows on Broadway that it was a difficult to decide which show to go to. We saw Evita, narrated by Ricky Martin. Excellent production! The people of NYC were surprisingly helpful and at no time did we feel unsafe. The weather was not so kind to us but we did not let it stop our sightseeing. From NYC we flew to Las Vegas and took a day trip to the South Rim of the Grand Canyon. The Grand Canyon is awesome covering such a huge area with different rock formations and colours. From Las Vegas we also took a trip to the Hoover Dam which Pat found very interesting. He went down into the base of the dam. After three days in Las Vegas, we caught a bus to Los Angeles, did a day trip of Hollywood and Santa Monica before flying back to Townsville via Auckland and Brisbane.



Figure 6 Butchart Gardens, BC



Figure 5 9/11 Memorial, NYC

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