

Zonta Club Burdekin



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Area 5
Club No 1475
CHARTERED
1.5.1994

FEBRUARY 2014

Dear Ladies

Firstly welcome back everyone for the New Year of Zonta.

I hope the last 2 months has been enjoyable but no doubt still hectic.

Our first meeting for the year will be completing the plan for 2014. So if there are any ideas you have on reflection on last year please feel free to put forward in the discussion on Tuesday night.

On a sad note is the recent death of Desley Murray on 9-2-2014 and the funeral is at All Saints 10 am Wednesday. I will be going for Zonta but other members are welcome also as representation from the club.

Further to that was the sad loss of Norm Perry, a very diligent community worker and a gentleman and friend to all. Rotary will greatly miss him.

Within the next month we have the IWD Breakfast on a Saturday this time so please consider buying your tickets at the dinner meeting and invite others. The Woman of Achievement is this year so please bring to the dinner meeting any nominations for the judging panel.

Bush poets is the 1-6-2014 and this year we are sponsoring a section in the Eisteddfod and would encourage you all if you have any connections with competitors and schools to enter these sections and then we would invite them to perform at the breakfast as well.

We have most of the known goods and chattels of Zonta at McCathies now but we will need a day to stocktake and organize.

Don't forget the Zonta information night as we have need of some new members as it is with regret that Cath Previtera has resigned and we have Seanne on Maternity leave. Leith has also resigned at the end of last year.

Our 20th Birthday is this year officially on 1-5-2014 and we need to plan for this and will be a subject for discussion at the Dinner meeting. See you all on Tuesday !

Regards

Marg



ADVANCING THE STATUS OF WOMEN WORLDWIDE

ATTENDANCE OFFICER Leanne Jamieson

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Please advise Leanne by 10.00am on FRIDAY if you cannot attend the meeting or will not be staying for the meal. We remind ladies that there is no permanent apology.

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

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Meeting Time & Place: 6.00 pm for 6.30pm
Kalamia Hotel Ayr. Club meets second Tuesday of each month except January.

BUDDY LIST



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



Marg, Raelene, Robyn, Diana & Cath

It is our birthday on May 1st. We are 20 years old and from 22 Charter Members there are 8 Charter Members still in the Club - Peta, Rita, Mary Anne, Giovanna, Robyn, Beth, Mary and Majella. Over those years we have enjoyed many rewarding moments, serious moments and fun filled moments but above all lasting friendship.



RAFFLE

Beth Hancock (Feb)
Jan Hollingsworth (Mar)
(value \$10.00 - \$15.00)

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- Isabel Stubbs
- Mary Lynch
- Giovanna Gabiola
- Judy Mitchell
- Lyndy McCathie
- Pierina Dalle Cort

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- Robyn Haller
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- Rita Cranitch
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- Janice Micola
- Raelene Grantz
- Diana Moschen
- Inez Larsen
- Karen Clarke

CALENDAR 2013 - 2014

January 2014	Amelia Earhart Day	
February	11 th Monthly meeting/Planning Night	
March	8 th International Womens Day/Burdekin Woman of Achievement 11 th Monthly meeting	
April	8 th Monthly meeting Fees due	
May	1 st CHARTERED 20 YEARS 13 th Monthly meeting and AGM	
June	1 st Poets' Breakfast 10 th Monthly Meeting	

Ladies at the DECEMBER MEETING



Take 3. Getting to this final stage was only half the fun. We had to be organised by someone.

Thankyou Janice for some good fun and a nicely laid out photo.

Back row: Robyn, Inez, Isabel, Seanne, Leanne, Lyndy, Raelene, Giovanna, Janice & Marg. Front Row: Karen, Judy, Debbie, Jan & Nilda. Absent: Peta, Deb, Rita, Pierina, Mary Anne, Beth, Mary, Majella, Diana, Rosemary, & Cath.



Take 1. She is not happy



Take 2. Still not happy

Who was Amelia Earhart?

Amelia Mary Earhart (1897 – 1937) was born in Kansas USA. She set many records, wrote best-selling books about her flying experiences and was instrumental in the formation of The Ninety-Nines, an organization for female pilots. Earhart joined the faculty of the Purdue University aviation department in 1935 as a visiting faculty member to counsel women on careers and help inspire others with her love for aviation. She was also a member of the National Woman's Party, and an early supporter of the Equal Rights Amendment.

Her final flight



✂ The planned flight route.



Earhart and Fred Noonan the navigator departed Miami on June 1 1937 and after numerous stops across the continents, arrived at Lae New Guinea, on June 29, 1937. At this stage about 35,000 km of the journey had been completed. The remaining 11,000 km would be over the Pacific. On July 2, 1937, midnight GMT, Earhart and Noonan took off from Lae in the heavily loaded Electra. Their intended destination was Howland Island, a flat sliver of land 4,113 km away. Their last known position report was near the Nukumanu Islands, about 1,300 km into the flight. At 7:42 am on July 2, Earhart radioed "We must be on you, but cannot see you—but gas is running low. Her last communique was at 8.43 am. Despite an unprecedented search by the United States Navy and Coast Guard no physical evidence of Earhart, Noonan or the Electra 10E was ever found.

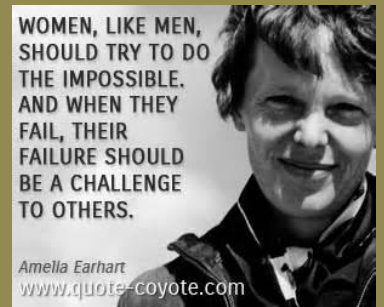
First Woman to Fly the Atlantic



At the age of 34, on the morning of May 20, 1932, Earhart set off from Harbour Grace, Newfoundland. She intended to fly to Paris in her single engine Lockheed Vega 5B to emulate Charles Lindbergh's solo flight. Her technical advisor for the flight was famed Norwegian American aviator Bernt Balchen who helped prepare her aircraft. He also played the role of "decoy" for the press as he was ostensibly preparing Earhart's Vega for his own Arctic flight. After a flight lasting 14 hours, 56 minutes during which she contended with strong northerly winds, icy conditions and mechanical problems, Earhart landed in a pasture at Culmore, north of Derry, Northern Ireland. The landing was witnessed and when a farm hand asked, "Have you flown far?" Earhart replied, "From America." The site now is the home of a small museum, the *Amelia Earhart Centre*.

As the first woman to fly solo nonstop across the Atlantic, Earhart received the Distinguished Flying Cross from Congress, the Cross of Knight of the Legion of Honor from the French Government and the Gold Medal of the National Geographic Society from President Herbert Hoover.

As her fame grew, she developed friendships with many people in high offices, most notably Eleanor Roosevelt, the First Lady from 1933 to 1945. Roosevelt shared many of Earhart's interests and passions, especially women's causes. After flying with Earhart, Roosevelt obtained a student permit but did not pursue her plans to learn to fly. The two friends communicated frequently throughout their lives. Another famous flyer, Jacqueline Cochran, considered Earhart's greatest rival by both media and the public, also became a confidante and friend during this period.



2013 AMELIA EARHART FELLOWS

MAIKE BRIGITTE NEULAND

o Citizenship: Germany

o Proposed Program: Space Research and Planetary Sciences at the University of Bern

Ms. Neuland's research is directed toward designing, building and testing an instrument to determine very accurate and complete chemical and isotopic compositions of surfaces of other bodies in the solar system. This instrument, called a laser-ablation mass spectrometer (LMS), would be flown on future space missions. The LMS can measure the composition in grain-size resolution and the detection of the complete mass spectrum is possible with high sensitivity. As part of a lander, the LMS would measure chemical and mineralogical compositions and help to determine the history and origin of these bodies. Plans for such missions are underway. Her studies are essential

to the success of the characterization of the surface materials. She has designed hardware and data analysis software and tested the instrument on meteorite samples. She will soon test it on lunar materials and possibly analyze samples from the Genesis mission. Ms. Neuland enjoys dancing and hiking. She plays the piano and spends time painting and drawing.



STEPHANIE JANE MITCHELL

o Citizenship: New Zealand

o Proposed Program: Aerospace Engineering at California Institute of Technology

Ms. Mitchell is studying the process involved when a projectile is impacted on materials of particular configuration and properties. The impact of projectiles and the resulting damage is of particular importance to aerospace applications where sensitive and expensive equipment and spacecraft are involved. Her research involves the modeling of materials using analytical and computational techniques. She will investigate the damage caused by micrometeorite strike by building a model for the impact of a projectile on the shielding material. She will conduct simulations for different impact velocities and material properties to understand the processes involved. Her

results will aid in determining the best configuration for the design of spacecraft shielding and a better understanding of the material configuration for the protection against impact. Ms. Mitchell has her private pilot's licence. She is a mentor for the Women's Mentoring Program. She enjoys scuba diving, hiking and playing tennis.



Her legacy lives on.

FELLOWSHIP DESCRIPTION

Established in 1938, the Amelia Earhart Fellowship is awarded annually to women pursuing Ph.D./doctoral degrees in aerospace-related sciences or aerospace-related engineering. The Fellowship of US\$10,000, awarded to 35 Fellows around the globe each year, may be used at any university or college offering accredited post-graduate courses and degrees in these fields. Since the program's inception, Zonta has awarded 1,403 Amelia Earhart Fellowships, totaling US\$8.3 million, to women from 68 countries.



Birthing Kit Assembly

The Birthing Kit Assembly Day finally arrived. We arrived at the hall ready to set up. I brought along two of my three children, Nathan and Rebecca to lend a hand. Everyone who volunteered on the day seemed to enjoy themselves and the race was on to see who could finish their kits first! The ladies all brought something delicious for morning tea and after a short break we were back into the swing of things. It wasn't long before the kits were all finished and packed into the boxes. It was a great morning and a big thank you to all who attended and put the birthing kits together. After much discussion on the way home about the birthing kits, my son and daughter now have a greater appreciation for the modern conveniences that are available to them in their own country. Cath Previtiera

Many thanks to our 2013 co ordinators Cath Previtiera and Debbie Watson. 😊



Left: President Marg Culpan and Zontians , Beth Hancock, Jan Hollingsworth & Inez Larsen.



Many hands make light work and we thank friends of Zonta along with Zontians Pierina Dalle Cort and Raelene Grantz.



Cath's children Nathan and Rebecca really bogged in and helped out Mum and the Zonta club packaging this year's birthing kits. We hope you enjoyed yourselves. Thanks guys.

Normally we pack 1000 kits but due to their cost we only packed 600 kits this year. I am sure most of us were disappointed at having to make that choice but February is our very important planning meeting and is the perfect time to make decisions like this.

Right: Beth Hancock, Jan Hollingsworth and Inez Larsen (hidden), Debbie Watson co-ordinator, Marg Culpan and Rebecca Previtiera .



MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT LYNN MCKENZIE

Message from Zonta International on 24/1/2014 Gang Rape Ordered by Village Leader in India – Zonta Says NO

Dear Zontians,

As you may have heard, a 20-year-old woman is currently being treated in a West Bengal, India hospital for injuries resulting from an alleged gang rape.

While violent crimes have been in the spotlight in India since the fatal December 2012 gang rape and beating of a young woman riding a bus, this recent crime was not simply a random act of violence. This victim was attacked on orders of the head of her village – a punishment for having a five-year romantic relationship with a man from another tribe. When the man visited the woman's village to propose marriage, the couple was captured, tied to a tree and ordered to pay a fine. When the woman's family could not afford the fine, the village leader ordered that she be enjoyed by the community.

As we take some time to keep this young woman, who is now in stable condition, in our thoughts, let this horrific crime be a reminder of why we must continue to say NO to violence against women. Our Zonta Says NO campaign mobilised more than 60 percent of our clubs to stand up and say NO to violence against women. It is more important than ever that we raise our voices for those who are silenced. We must also not lose sight of the progress that is being made. Anti-rape laws have been tightened and society is discussing cases of violence against Indian women. In connection with this crime, 13 suspects – including the village leader – have been arrested and we hope they will be prosecuted under the full extent of the law.

We also know that violence against women is everywhere and not restricted to a particular country or community- it's in our backyard. Check out [Zonta's website](#) to see, hear and read the preventive initiatives (ZISVAW) to stop violence against women Zonta is funding through UN Women and the UN Trust Fund in Samoa, Nigeria, Honduras, Bangladesh and 10 other countries in

Asia, the Middle East and Africa.

I hope you will join me in keeping this young woman in your thoughts as you persist in stopping these crimes and ending violence against women.

Lynn McKenzie



Zonta International President

MEMBERSHIP TASK FORCE CHAIRPERSON Denise Quarles 21 January 2014 |

Given the ever changing global trends, organizations like Zonta must constantly evolve so they continue to be relevant. At Zonta, this is an essential part of preparing for the future. We do great work and our services are in demand, although we need to be more visible in our communities and globally. By being more visible and credible we will attract and retain membership and secure donations to our Foundation.

As you may know, like most service organizations, our membership has been declining for several years. In 1994 there were 36,241 Zontians and at the 2013 fiscal year end, we had 30,183. This represents a 17% decline in membership. While we continue to recruit members, more Zontians leave us than join each year. Most of those persons leaving Zonta do so after being a member for only two years. We must stop this decline so more women and girls can benefit from our support.

Additionally, we have an aging membership with most members between the ages of 46-65 and a very small number between 20-35 years of age. I invite you to read the report, view the recorded presentation and visit LinkedIn to share your ideas.

CLUBS IN FORMATION

USA	5
MACAU	1
PHILLIPINES	3
ARGENTINA	1
URUGUAY	1
FINLAND	1
AUSTRALIA	2 (Mount Barker + Hunter Newcastle)
GERMANY	2
BELGIUM	1
SPAIN	1
ITALY	1
ROMANIA	1
ISRAEL	1

VALE Desley Murray Past Member

Desley's funeral will be held at 10.00am Wednesday 12th February

All Saints Church Ayr



MEMBERSHIP Jan Hollingsworth Chair

Our committee has not had an opportunity to hold a meeting as yet in 2014 but all members will be contacted to confirm details for the membership information night which is to be held on Thursday night 27th February, 2014. The information night is to be held at the Burdekin Neighbourhood Centre commencing at 7.00pm for members and 7.30pm for guests. All members are encouraged to see me at Tuesday's dinner meeting to confirm the guest list and any other inclusions to the invites.

Thankfully, the new constitution was forwarded to the Office of Fair Trading in the middle of December, unfortunately, to date we have not received any word either way on its adoption or otherwise by the Office of Fair Trading.

The Friends of Zonta e-mail group has been compiled and a letter will be presented to the February meeting with the current list for approval by the Zonta Club of Burdekin members.

Now that the constitution has been completed, our Membership group will concentrate on its main aim of keeping the club rejuvenated by focusing on introducing new members. To this end I have followed up on Margaret's idea of a Meet and Greet night for new professionals in the area in conjunction with Ayr Rotary. Due to unfortunate circumstances I have thought it would be advisable to postpone my follow up conversation with Rotary President Bevan List until a later date.

Looking forward to coming months with a firm belief that we have a great group of members who will ensure that our membership stays strong and we will be able to fill the big shoes left by our members who have left our district this year.



ADVOCACY Debra Cochran Chair

- Brochures – getting artwork and then going with cheapest quote
- Metal Signs – seeking permission from the Lions Club to put up a sign on the Driver Reviver building and at the Home Hill Lions Park
- DV Prevention – looking at having a lunch for club members who could bring a friend in Nov
- DV Research Paper – contacting Dr Spriggs
- Health Info Session – contacting the Health Foundation – looking at Aug

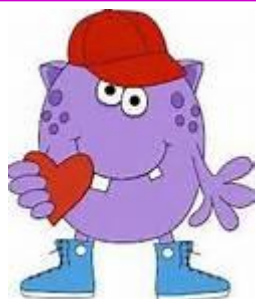


SERVICE Beth Hancock Chair

Our first fundraiser for this year is the International Woman's Day breakfast, held at Clove. Tickets are \$35 and will be at our meeting for sale. Hopefully you will be able to come and bring along a friend or two.

Calendar Girls is on at the theatre on Sunday night 16th March. This is also going to be a fundraiser for our club. All we have to do is hand out some posters and get a group together and enjoy a night out.

I hope everyone has started thinking of someone to nominate for our Woman of Achievement award. Everyone should have the form so hopefully we may receive some nominations at our meeting.



**DON'T FORGET TO
PUT YOUR
THINKING CAP ON**

**AS IT IS OUR PLANNING MEETING
THIS TUESDAY NIGHT**

a little light relief

Seanne: I've got a little news – I am booked in to have my bub via C-Section on Tuesday 18th Feb and I am taking 12 months off Zonta on Maternity Leave. *We wish you all the best.*



Robyn: A friend of ours in Delhi sent me this birthday greeting. "Age is like wine. It gets better with time & coincidentally It gets better with wine!" Apart from being true I thought this was pretty funny as he is a Sikh and is not supposed to drink. How would he know? Hmm