



ZONTA CLUB BURDEKIN INC

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Area 5
Club No 1475
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Meeting Time

6pm for 6.30pm sharp

KALAMIA HOTEL

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

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GUEST SPEAKER

Mandy Oats

Diversional Therapy
Manager & Volunteer
Coordinator LBHA

Hi Ladies

It's amazing how quickly the year is going. The IWD Breakfast has been and gone. On that subject I would like to thank all the ladies who attended and those who made the breakfast a success. It was our biggest IWD Breakfast with 91 people attending. Well done ladies. A special thankyou must go to Lyndy for making Dr. Shannon Spriggs' visit a memorable one .

There are still 5 ladies who have not let me know there 1st and 2nd choices for the committees for the 2013-2014 Zonta year. Please let me know on Tuesday night or just send me an email. We have now only 1 position vacant to fill on the board a minute secretary, so ladies give it a thought.

Our next event coming up is our Area Workshop in Bowen, on the 20th - 21st April. At the meeting I will be handing out information & registration forms for the event. I encourage all of you to attend the weekend. Every Area Workshop I have experienced, I have thoroughly enjoyed myself, always making new Zonta friends, and learning so much, not only from the presentations but from other clubs. I always come back with fresh ideas for our club. It is great to catch up with the zontians I have met from past workshops. We have to make a presentation at the Workshop so please give it a thought what we as a club are going to do.

Thank you to Jo for making 16 drainage bags & also thank you to Karen for dropping them off at the hospital. The hospital was very grateful for them.

Our next meeting is on this Tuesday night. Ladies see if we can get our attendances up for the dinner meetings.

See you at the Kalamia Hotel on Tuesday night,
6pm for a 6 30pm start.

Keep Smiling

Raelene



ADVANCING THE STATUS OF WOMEN WORLDWIDE

ATTENDANCE OFFICER Nilda Piotto

**Email: lrpiotto@gmail.com or
TEXT on mobile phone 0427 834 354**

**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



Karen Clarke (Mar)
Debra Cochran (Apr)
(value \$10.00 - \$15.00)

BUDDY LIST

Lyndy Mc Cathie	Dianna Moschen
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Marg Culpan	Inez Larsen
Majella Meehan	Mary Lynch
Rosemary Menkens	Debra Cochran
Raelene Grantz	Seanne O'Shea
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Beth Hancock	Cathy Previtiera
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Nilda Piotto	Karen Clarke
Robyn Haller	Leanne Jamieson
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Beth Honeycombe	Ardella Alberts

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Club Chartered in January 2013
Zonta Club of Lueneburg Germany



Beth (Han)

What is Advocacy? The dictionary says this regarding Advocate/Advocacy
ADVOCATE: one who pleads for another; professional pleader; one who supports or speaks in favour of a policy
ADVOCACY: support, recommendation of policy etc

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CALENDAR 2012 - 2013

February 2012	4 th Service committee meeting 12 th Planning Night - District Governor Judith Andersen & Area 5 Director Hilary Grant are our guests 21 st LAA committee meeting	
March	4 th Service committee meeting 8 th IWD Breakfast – Dr Shannon Spriggs Guest Speaker 12 th monthly meeting – <i>Guest Speaker Mandy Oats Div Therapy LBHA</i>	
April	9 th monthly meeting – FEES due 20-12st Workshop Bowen 25 th Anzac Day – Book presented	
May	1 st is our 19 th Birthday 2 nd Breast Cancer DVD Presentation Night Neighbourhood Centre in conjunction with Shirley Gilmore's Breast Cancer Support group – <i>The Public will be invited to attend.</i> 14 th monthly meeting & AGM: Board inducted: Birthday Cake? 19 th Drainage bags	
June	2 nd Bush Poet's Breakfast 11 th monthly meeting/Changeover 23 rd Social outing to Jo's place at Alligator Creek	
July	9 th Monthly Meeting 20 th Tastes of the Burdekin "Curry in a Hurry"	
August	13 th Monthly meeting 18 th Birthing Kits	
September	10 th Monthly Meeting 21 st International Day of Peace 27 th – 29 th District Conference Noosa	
October	Home Hill High School Science Encouragement Award for Gr 10 girl student 8 th Monthly Meeting 15 th International Day for Rural Women 24 th UN Day – Dinner – Pot Night (confirm or Saturday night?)	
November	12 th Monthly Meeting International Birthday Townsville Metro Science Award – Home Hill High Speech Night - President 25 th Elimination of DV Against Women	
December	10 th Monthly Meeting/Universal Human Rights Day Christmas Party	
January 2014	Ameila Earhart Day	
February	11 th Monthly meeting/Planning Night	

*Have you logged on and registered on the International Website?
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Hartanna The Zonta Rose



The beauty of a single yellow rose has been a favourite Zonta symbol for nearly 20 years.

The "Zonta Rose" was introduced at the 1984 Sydney Convention, thanks to the dedication and support of District 16 Zontians. In 1983, then Lieutenant Governor of District 16 (New Zealand), Valerie Webster, proposed that a breed of roses be developed as a living symbol of Zonta International. The renowned England-based nursery Harkness Roses worked to cultivate the flower, while Zontian Maureen Ross of Ro Roses in Adelaide, Australia enabled it to be introduced at the convention.

Today, the lovely yellow bloom can be seen in members' gardens, memorial plantings, schools, hospitals, homes for the elderly, and in the forecourt of Australia's National Parliament in Canberra.

In 2002, a Zonta Rose Bed was inaugurated at Baltesspannarparken in Gothenburg, Sweden, as part of the Zonta International Convention festivities.

But the Zonta Rose is much more than a lovely flower. Since 1999, it has served as the symbol of Zonta Rose Day, which falls on 8 March and coincides with IWD. On this special day, Zontians worldwide are encouraged to publicly distribute yellow roses or items bearing the image of yellow roses, accompanied by information about ZI and issues relating to improving the lives of women.

The Zonta Rose itself has bright yellow blooms, produced in large sprays, is registered internationally under the name Hartanna but also goes by the name "Princess Alice" in Canada and the UK, and "Bright Lites" in the USA.

Note: Yellow roses are particularly hard to grow in the tropics.

AREA 5 DISTRICT WORKSHOP BOWEN 20 – 21 APRIL

Are you coming?

Each and every member of our club is encouraged to attend.

It is a time to recharge your ZONTA batteries, learn what other clubs have been doing, make new friends and meet up with old friends.

You will be a convert once you attend as it is such a learning curve for all things Zontian.



Watch with interest India's response to the violent rape and subsequent death of medical student 'Amanat'. Women around the world need to keep up the pressure for action rather than rhetoric.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY GUEST SPEAKER

Dr Shannon Spriggs Ph.D.

Violence Research & Prevention Program Griffith University



Lyndy McCathie, Guest Speaker Dr Shannon Spriggs and President Raelene Grantz.



Our partners in bringing Dr Spriggs to the Burdekin were the joint Rotary Clubs of Home Hill and Ayr: Above: John Woods President of Home Hill Rotary Club, Shannon, Lyndy and Narelle Hibberd President Ayr Rotary Club.

Ladies and gentlemen were privy to a powerful message presented at the IWD breakfast by Dr Shannon Spriggs on violence and the handling of it. Her address was thought provoking. Do we intervene when we are concerned? How do we intervene? What will the ramifications be when we seek to intervene? Are we neglecting our duty to family or friend if we do nothing? Do we say it is none of our business? If we do give support are we prepared for the consequences of our action? Can we live with the in action when we know in our own heart something is wrong? It was a heavy subject because it was violence she was talking about, but Shannon had a wonderful way of getting her message across without boring you with statistics and indeed laced it with humour. It was quite simply a riveting address

and thoroughly appreciated by all in the room. The raffles of beautiful rose gold earrings donated by Josie Di Bartolo and stunning yellow roses donated by LB Newspapers were drawn and received by the lucky winners. We were privileged to have in attendance our local member for Burdekin and Zontian Rosemary Menkens and our mayor Bill Lewis. With 92 ladies and men in attendance, we enjoyed the breakfast, the company and have booked ourselves in for 8 March 2014. Many thanks to Lyndy and Raelene and others who did a tremendous job putting it all together.

Whilst in the north Dr Spriggs met with Chaplains and High School Girls and Boys from the Home Hill & Ayr State High Schools and BCH Ayr.



Above Left: Joan Heatley, Jan Hollingsworth, Rosemary Menkens MP, Jan Cannavan, Margaret Vass and Lex Davies.



Above Right: Judy Mitchell, Mickey McKellar, Inez Larsen, Shirley Gilmore and President Raelene Grantz.



Right: Mary Lynch, Debbie Watson, Mary Anne Fraser and Tarja Martin.

Left: Once again Judy Mitchell did an excellent job of MC and kept the proceedings flowing. Thanks Judy.



Can you believe this?

Every Dollar Counts! *(January 2013 e-newsletter)*

At convention in Torino, the clubs of the world voted to support the proposed International Service and ZISVAW projects for this biennium.

Delegates of our clubs also approved the biennial goals which included an increase in the percentage of clubs donating to the Zonta International Foundation each year, and an additional 10% of members making an individual donation by the end of April 2014.

The November edition of our e-newsletter reminded us of the importance of supporting the Foundation as individual members. Let us consider with some examples what this could mean for each Zontian and each club.

There are many members who make individual donations. Some are able to donate significant amounts, some give a small amount on a regular basis, others may donate in honor or in memory of a member, friend or relative. For example, a donation to ZIF in honor of a member achieving a membership milestone or for a birthday is a thoughtful gesture which will be appreciated. This could be done by an individual or a club. Individual members may think they are not in a position to make an appropriate donation to ZIF.

However, if every member of Zonta International gave just US \$12, that would provide the funds to totally pay Zonta's commitment for two of our ZISVAW programs, Safe Cities for Women in Honduras and Empowering Women in Rural Samoa to Combat Violence.

Could every member of Zonta Burdekin donate US \$12.00? (approx A11.72)



ZONTA INTERNATIONAL - STRATEGIES TO END VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN PROGRAM (ZISVAW)

- **Mass Communication with a Purpose: Global Partnership on Edutainment for Social Change Funding:** US \$802,124 to the UN Trust Fund, administered by UN Women
- **Safe Cities for Women in Honduras Funding:** US \$250,000 to UN Women (The United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women)
- **Empowering Women in Rural Samoa to Combat Violence Funding:** US \$109,876 to the UN Trust Fund, administered by UN Women

Malala Yousafzai Nobel Peace Prize nominee

The 15-year-old Pakistani girl has refused to give up her campaign for girls' education even after being shot in the head by the Taliban.



Malala above aged 13 in 2010, takes part in a UNICEF -supported child assembly.



In hospital



Leaving hospital

Malala Yousafzai at just 15 has become the youngest nominee in Nobel Peace Prize history.

Malala is competing with world leaders but is considered a favourite for the award, media reported March 5. She is still recovering in England from injuries sustained during the Taliban's failed attempt to assassinate her in Mingora for promoting girls' education.

"Malala's nomination is a great day for all Pakistanis," Pakistani Information Minister Qamar Zaman Kaira told Central Asia Online. "It is highly encouraging for all the women around the globe who are determined to seek and promote education," he said. "Malala has become an ideology not only in Pakistan but all over the world for women's right of education." Kaira said Malala's nomination would strengthen all forces that want to empower women in developing countries, noting that UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon proclaimed November 10 as Malala Day. "It also symbolises the importance to and acknowledgment by the international community of the great sacrifice made by Malala," he said.

The Norwegian Nobel Committee, which announces the Peace Prize winner October 12, will wade through a record-setting 259 nominations. "She is a candidate who embodies several causes: the rights of girls and women, education, youth, and the fight against extremism," said prize observer Kristian Berg Harpviken, the head of the Peace Research Institute of Oslo, AFP reported March 4.

Awards and honours pile up

Moved by Malala's sacrifice and courage, the world community has showered her with honours for years. Since she first became famous in 2009 after blogging under a pseudonym about the Taliban's reign of terror in the Swat Valley, she has accumulated a series of accolades.

- She was a runner-up for the 2011 International Children's Peace Prize, one of five nominees and the first Pakistani girl ever nominated for the award.
- Then-Prime Minister Yousuf Raza Gilani December 19, 2011 awarded Malala Pakistan's first National Youth Peace Prize – later renamed the National Malala Peace Prize.
- The Government Girls Secondary School on Mission Road, Karachi, was renamed in her honour January 3, 2012.
- The Express Tribune daily named her to its list of 2011 "Game Changers" in January 2012.

After she was shot, the honours only continued to pile up. Last year, Foreign Policy magazine put her on its list of top global thinkers. At the end of 2012, Time magazine named her one of four runners-up for its 2012 Person of the Year award. She also won the Mother Teresa Memorial Award for Social Justice, along with Afghan women's rights activist Sima Samar last November. Rome Mayor Gianni Alemanno awarded her the 2012 Rome Prize for Peace and Humanitarian Action last December. On January 1, she won the 2012 Tipperary International Peace Award for her courage and determination in supporting equal access to education for all.

Malala says she has been given a second life and wants to become a doctor.

District Governor Judith Andersen & Area Director Hilary Grant



Judith Andersen OAM, Hilary Grant and Raelene Grantz

Last month it was our pleasure to host our District Governor Judith Andersen OAM and Area 5 Director Hilary Grant. Both addressed the meeting and it would be nigh on impossible not to have their enthusiasm for Zonta rub off on our members. In that sense it was a wonderful opportunity for our newer members to listen first hand to them. We appreciated the chance to interact with these Zontians and ask questions that are not normally easy to ask over the internet. To have people in authority visit and give us the tick of approval is satisfying as well. Both Judith and Hilary stayed overnight with Janice and enjoyed breakfast at the Pantry Door the next morning. We do hope they return again in the future to keep us abreast of things and advise also on how we can do even better.

Berry Zonta Club Initiative

In November 2011 the members of the Zonta Club of Berry were chastising themselves for not doing something positive in their area for the White Ribbon day on November 25th. As such in March 2012 their Chair of 'Status of Women', Fay Lewis went in search of how their Club could advocate against Domestic Violence in their community. Fay joined the local 'Domestic Violence Committee' and later recruited fellow member Megan Cleary to join her. This committee comprised representatives of the local support agencies including the Police and a very strong Court Support & Advocacy program run by the YWCA. They receive a small grant of \$1,000 from the State Government to run awareness raising activities, but collectively came up with the idea of Cinema Ads to try to reach the general public. A cinema director was found who responded to a tender and the committee commenced fundraising to cover the costs. A huge voluntary effort came from the Police department and several agencies (including the Zonta Club of Berry) to project manage the programme. The committee reached their \$18,000 budget and were able to link the launch of the Ad campaign with the White Ribbon week

activities to maximise publicity in November 2012. The ad campaign will be shown for the first six months of 2013 for free in cinemas from Wollongong to the border and from Bega to Goulburn and the Highlands. The Zonta Club of Berry was recognised as adding their support (actions & dollars) with other partner agencies in producing the Cinema Advertising Campaign launched at the Roxy theatre in Nowra on November 25th 2012 (White Ribbon day).

Sally Sara AM

I had the pleasure of attending the Soroptomist and Zonta UN Women IWD breakfast at Jupiters on 7th March with my daughter. They have been jointly holding it I believe for 20 years and there were around 400 mostly women and men in attendance. What I did notice were the huge numbers of high school girls and boys. The Pimlico girl school captain gave an address and she was impressive. There were many speakers but the Guest Speaker was famed ABC award winning journalist and foreign correspondent Sally Sara AM who has reported from more than 30 countries including Iraq, Lebanon and Sierra Leone. She has spent the past year covering the news from the frontline of the war in Afghanistan. During her career she has broken the glass ceiling, as the first female correspondent appointed to the ABC's Africa, South Asia and Kabul bureaus. She has written for the New York Times and the Boston Globe and is the author of the best selling biography 'Gogo Mama' about grandmothers (gogos) raising their HIV grand children in Africa. Sally has been named South Australian Young Journalist of the Year and Queensland Journalist of the Year. She has won the United Nations Media Peace Awards and medals at the New York Festival Radio and Television Awards. She has been a finalist in the Walkley Awards for Journalism, six times.

Sally grew up in the small town of Port Broughton in South Australia. She received a Bachelor of Arts in Communication from the University of South Australia and said she had always wanted to be a journalist. In 2011 Sally was appointed as a Member of the Order of Australia for service to journalism and the community. Her stories of the abuse of women she has observed were horrific *but* there are now Afghani women police officers. She said they were very quiet when men were around but once they were gone they were just normal women laughing and joking. Sally told of the trouble she had fitting back into our society when she returned from Afghanistan and said it was something a lot of journalists covering these tough situations often encountered as do soldiers. A funny moment she spoke of was when she was speaking to her Mum from Afghanistan and told her that she had interviewed one warlord so often that he now knew her by name. Her poor Mum was so mortified by that piece of news she demanded "NO MORE INTERVIEWING WARLORDS". As Sally quipped, "Once a Mum always a Mum".

Robyn Haller