



ZONTA CLUB

Burdekin Inc

ABN 46 726 890 036

NOVEMBER 2012

**Happy Birthday
Zonta International**



Area 5
Club No 1475
CHARTERED 1.5.1994

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Margaret Culpan

LAA

Robyn Haller

SERVICE

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)

Postal Address

PO Box 2204

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64 countries

1203 clubs

30,000 members

GUEST SPEAKER

Vicki O'Brien

**Women's Centre on
CEDAW**

Hi Ladies

Yes ladies it is only 8 weeks to Christmas time. Have you started your Christmas Shopping yet?

Thank you to the ladies who attended the Birthing Kits on Sunday. We had plenty of ladies who came along and we also had Kate a teacher from BCHS and also Deanne & Chloe Lewty, Carmel & Daneille Cardillo and Maree from The Pantry Door. Also thank you to Karen Clarke who cut half the string so we could get started and also Jo for the plastic. It was a great morning, all finished including morning tea within 2 hours.

The Charity Bowls is over for another year thanks to the ladies who had the opportunity to bowl. I am not sure if we have improved on last years but we all had a good night and raised money for a much needed charity.

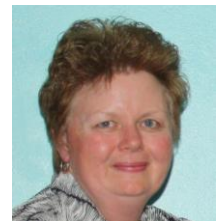
Next on the Zonta calendar for the year is our Birthday Celebrations which is on Tuesday 13th November. Yes we are still having a club meeting at 6 30pm, a very short meeting and then we will welcome every one for the Birthday Celebrations at 7 00pm. Robyn's committee has been hard at work putting this evening together, so I hope we have a good turn out.

Our Christmas Party is on Saturday 8th December and Robyn's committee is also putting this together, more details on this at the next meeting.

See you all at The Kalamia Hotel for the Birthday Celebrations on Tuesday 13th November, 6 00pm for a 6 30pm start.

Keep Smiling

Raelene



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

BUDDY LIST

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

Lyndy Mc Cathie	Dianna Moschen
Rita Cranitch	Debbie Watson
Marg Culpán	Inez Larsen
Majella Meehan	Mary Lynch
Judy Mitchell	Robyn Haller
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	Tanya Aitkenson
Beth Honeycombe	Ardella Alberts
Pierina Dalle Cort	Leith Kennedy
Peta Bird	

RAFFLE



Cath Previtara (Dec)
Isabel Stubbs (Feb)

(value \$10.00 - \$15.00)

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NEW ZONTA CLUBS

Chartered SEPTEMBER 2012

Zonta Club of Central Goldfields, Australia

Zonta Club of Greater Dhaka, Bangladesh

Zonta Club of Hamburg-Hafen, Germany



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

**Watch this space for Zonta Burdekin
Facebook Page**

Happy Birthday

Karen



Put your thinking caps on. How can we promote Zonta Burdekin and at the same time help needy women & children? Our planning meeting for 2013 is in February so lets have plenty of ideas by then.

Whitsunday and Bowen newsletters were a fountain of information. They are both active clubs which does not mean we are a lazy bunch but we could do more to promote ourselves.

- Advertise to collect pre loved books and/or other products for sending to say New Guinea. This could also be displayed at the Festivals
- Lyndy's suggestion to take her place once a month delivering Meals on Wheels – wear our shirts!
- Set up a Facebook page – watch this space as Diana and Seanne work towards this
- Make sure we have our Breast Cancer DVD showing at the Neighbourhood Centre and invite the public
- Put your hand up to go on the Bush Poet's Breakfast committee as this is great promotion & a good money maker
- Buy our own Marquee and allow it to be used by sporting clubs thereby promoting Zonta
- Hold joint events with say Rotary for major projects – eg housing for DV victims – Seanne/Deb?
- Talk to High School girls re Birthing Kits esp cost – Jan
- Just ideas but keep thinking.....

CALENDAR 2011 - 2012

June	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 21 st 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 24 th 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 25 th International Day for Elimination of Violence against Women/White Ribbon Day
December	3 rd Service committee meeting 8 th Christmas Party Ayr Travellers' Inn Restaurant 1 st WHO World Aids Day (World Health Organisation) 10 th UN Human Rights Day 11 th monthly meeting Guest Speaker TBA
January 2013	11 th Amelia Earhart Remembrance Day
February	4 th Service committee meeting 12 th Planning Night - PIZZA NIGHT 21 st LAA committee meeting



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ZONTA INTERNATIONAL

93 YEARS OLD



The founding of *Zonta International* occupies a unique moment in women's history. Established in Buffalo, New York, USA in 1919, early members were among the first generation of college-educated women, the first generation of North American women to vote, and a part of the growing, though still comparatively small, legion of women entering the workforce.

Over the decades, *Zonta International* has grown into a worldwide service organization of executives in business and the professions working together to advance the status of women. There are more than 30,000 members in more than 1,200 clubs in 63 countries all over the world.

Inspiration and Founder

While working in a prominent role at the Buffalo Express at a time when women rarely held leadership positions, playwright and journalist **Marian de Forest** conceived the idea of an organization that would bring together women in executive positions. She envisioned a strong network that would help women reach their rightful places in the professions.

Zonta's first club was chartered in Buffalo, New York on November 8, 1919. Membership grew rapidly. By 1920, a confederation of nine Zonta clubs had formed with 600 members.

Helping Shape Women's Lives in the 20th and 21st Centuries

While Zonta shared a common vision with hundreds of women's clubs in the first part of the 20th century - encouraging women's teamwork, courage, risk-taking, and self-reliance - it also represented something of a departure.

Zonta's strict business and classification system required its members to be employed at least 50 percent of the time at an executive or decision-making level in a recognized business or profession. In addition, each club could have just one member per business classification, a requirement that ensured clubs would consist of "experts" in a broad range of fields. The founders foresaw the benefits of having clubs made up of architects, artists, educators, entrepreneurs, executives, doctors, government officials, lawyers, pilots, scientists and more. This diverse expertise meant clubs could offer their communities and the world optimum service, backed by a broad range of understanding and insight.

Early members were keenly aware of the challenges of carving a place for themselves in what was still a predominantly male domain. Many Zonta clubs actively pursued gender equity in employment opportunities.

During the **1930s**, **Zonta International** grew to 130 clubs in six countries spanning three continents and continued its push for gender equity in employment. After the United States passed the "Married Persons Law," which predominantly affected wives by prohibiting more than one family member from working for the government, Zonta adopted a resolution to demand repeal of the law; and, in 1944, delegates to the Zonta International Convention endorsed the elimination of gender discrimination in job opportunities and rates of pay. The organization also expressed support for women's reserves to the military service.

While Zonta's work to achieve gender equity in employment dates back many years, so do its efforts in other critical areas of women's lives. Education has been a focus since the adoption of the Vocational Education for Girls Project, Zonta's first US service program, in 1928. The project asked Zontians to provide information on their job descriptions, work conditions, compensation and training requirements for a centralized job bank available to high school libraries, universities and colleges.

In **1923**, Zonta supported relief efforts to care for 115,000 orphan children in Smyrna, Turkey, an event that marked the beginning of Zonta's dedication to helping women internationally. As technology made the world a smaller place and Zonta clubs sprang up around the globe, international service projects, initially dedicated to world peace and women's role in attaining it, increased. Action for World Peace expressed support for the fledgling United Nations (UN) and was adopted at the **1946** Convention.

The Amelia Earhart Fellowships Program, launched in **1938**, commemorates groundbreaking aviator and Zontian Amelia Earhart. Ellen Parks, then serving as Zonta International President, remembered, "At that time few women considered a career in aerospace engineering, yet not one voice of doubt was raised as to the success of such a scholarship." Ten years later, the Z Club Program was established to promote youth leadership and career mentorship. Today, these programs stand as Zonta's longest running programs, two of several dedicated to improving educational, leadership and youth development opportunities for women around the world.

In **1956**, when Soviet troops marched into Hungary, **Zonta International** worked through the UN to provide food and shelter to Hungarian refugees. Since then, Zonta has frequently funded UN projects through the International Service Fund. Projects such as the Vocational and Teacher Training Center for Women in Ramallah, Jordan; Mobile Medical Units to serve mothers and children in rural Ghana; the Young Mothers Hostel Project in Uruguay; and the Revolving Loan Fund for Village Women in the Delta and Upper Egypt have improved thousands of women's lives.

One of the first service organizations to understand women's unique role in achieving world peace, Zonta International continues to promote justice and universal respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms.

Zonta Clubs still select, fund and participate in community projects fundamental to promoting women's economic self-sufficiency, political equality, access to education and health care and the elimination of violence against women.

Each year, Zontians dedicate thousands of volunteer hours and millions of dollars to affecting these changes, while the Zonta International programs funded by the Zonta International Foundation impact these issues on a global level.

Zonta International Headquarters

In 1928, Zonta International moved its Headquarters to Chicago. In 1986, the Zonta International Convention body voted to purchase the building located at 557 West Randolph Street in Chicago. The building was purchased by the Zonta International Foundation, was completely renovated, and then dedicated on 12 October 1987. Due to the generosity of Zontians from around the world, the mortgage was discharged in 1996. In 2009, Zonta International moved its Headquarters to Oak Brook, IL, a Western suburb of Chicago.

PROFILE

Debbie Watson



I am a local of the Burdekin area and the elder daughter of Stan and Nell Roebuck with one sister, Bereniece Kugatoff. After completing school at St Colman's and Home Hill State High, I commenced employment with the then Commonwealth Employment Service. This position offered the chance to work in administration with a range of responsibilities within the role and most importantly, contact with the public. I have been fortunate to have employment over the years where these elements have been involved. I currently work at St Francis School as a secretary and have held this position for 11 years.

My husband, Mitch and I have been married for 33 years and have 3 children Luke, Jaimie and Mark, and one delightful granddaughter, Maya. We have been involved in businesses in the sugar industry and retail butcher shops, currently owning Watson's Butchery.

I have also endeavoured to keep abreast with changes in the workplace and have recently completed study receiving a diploma. The study initially related to business administration and extended into procedures of accountancy.

On the relaxation side I play netball and we follow the local rugby union competition as both boys have played and Mark is still playing. When we can we try to get to the creek for the weekend as we have a hut at the Elliott and as well we have always enjoyed camping but this has now evolved into caravan trips.

I look forward to being part of Zonta and hope to contribute in some small way to its objectives.



Debbie Watson being inducted by Past Area Director Janice Micola. Debbie is now on the Service Committee

Drainage bags



Our delightful October guest speaker Vivi (Yunwei Sun) with Karen Clarke who gave the vote of thanks.



My grandson and I took Lyndy's drainage bags to the TGH Oncology Department where nurse Claire Smith gratefully accepted them. She thought they were just beautiful and was so touched.

Whilst the average number of women that present to them each week with breast cancer is 4 to 5, some 3 weeks ago they had 27. She was even shocked herself at that number.

The TGH and the Mater work closely together and meet once a week and they will be sharing these bags. I asked Claire about breast care cushions and she showed me 2 big, waist high bags of breast care cushions from the Charters Towers club which they bring down from time to time. They have another lady in Mackay who makes turbans and scarves for the ladies. Claire was so humbled by all the help they are given.

Birthing Kits

Once again zontians and friends came together for our yearly assembly of Birthing Kits destined for overseas underprivileged women. How those women cope is a frightening thought but hopefully these kits, such a simple thing, will at least give them and their baby a fighting chance with a clean start to the baby's birth.

Thanks to Giovanna's family who cut up the plastic squares for us each year it saves us hours of work and makes organisation of the assembly line so much easier. Thanks Jo.



Above Right: Kate Moss, Mary, Isabel, Raelene, Joan and Nilda trying to be the best table.

Right: Daniella Cardillo, Margaret, Judy, Debbie and Carmel Cardillo were the slowest but the neatest!

Left: Lyndy and Beth just about to get into it!



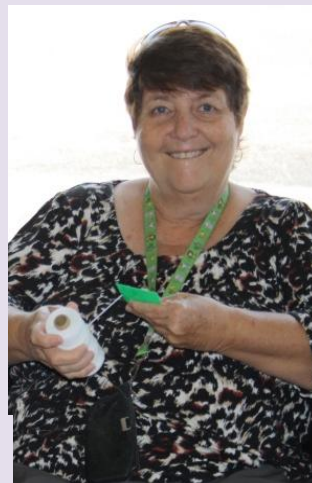
All in all with the 22 of us it was an enjoyable morning given the deafening laughter coming from each table from time to time and of course we all enjoyed the morning tea. Many thanks to those ladies who brought along those yummy goodies. *Another morning well spent ladies!*

Right: Mary and Rita having an in depth conversation over a nice slice.

Below: Jan doing the important work of cutting up the string, my partner in crime for the morning.



Below: Maree, Deanne Lewty, Mary Anne and Chloe Lewty were very organised.



This year along with 14 Zontians, one of those a newly inducted Zontian, a soon to be inducted Zontian, a past Zontian and 6 friends of Zontians we set about and had the whole process wrapped up in 2 hours. They are all packed in cardboard boxes now which are much easier to handle than those large striped plastic bags we had to use in the past and much lighter to lift.



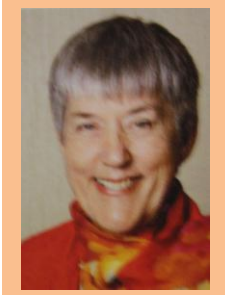
Left: Margaret, Joan and Beth enjoying good conversation during the important morning tea.

Right: Proof - 1000 birthing kits heading overseas.



Know your District Governor

JUDITH ANDERSON OAM



Following a career which included secondary teaching, health education, journalism, human resource management, and the international marketing of education, Judith spent 13 years as General Manager of Queensland Ballet, the State's professional ballet company, before retiring in late 2010. Since retirement, she has worked as a part-time Senior Advisor to the Governor of Queensland, the personal representative of Queen Elizabeth 11 in the State. This position is constantly stimulating and interesting as it involves preparing background briefings for events which the Governor attends or hosts and updates on the large number of organizations of which is is the Patron, as well as drafting speeches and special correspondence, writing reports on high level meetings, and conducting historical research and preparing material for public displays and publications about Queensland's heritage-listed Government House.

Judith was invited to join Zonta as a charter member of the Zonta Club of Rockhampton in 1982. She accepted the invitation for the opportunity to work with like-minded women to improve the status of women worldwide. Thirty years later, she is still a member because there is still so much work to do, and Zonta offers a way for her voice to be part of the international chorus to improve women's lives. Judith served as district secretary, area director and chairman of her district's PR committee prior to being elected governor.

District 22 will increase public recognition of Zonta as a credible and trustworthy 'brand' by improving member and public understanding of Zonta's unique mission and record of achievement in service and advocacy.

United Nations and Zonta International

The United Nations was formed in 1946. From the very beginning, Zonta International has had observers at the UN sessions and has actively promoted UN principles and activities.

Zonta has its own UN Committee under Mary Ann Tarantula's chairmanship and we have 11 appointed representatives in 4 cities - 2 in New York, 3 in Paris, 2 in Geneva and 4 in Vienna. It is their responsibility to report back to the International Board and to advise membership as to where our Advocacy efforts should be directed.

Zonta now has Consultative Status on 6 UN entities which is very significant - UN Women, UNESCO, UNICEF, ILO, ESOSOC and the Council of Europe.

In 1981 the United Nations General Assembly adopted the first International Treaty to address the fundamental rights of women in Politics, Health Care, Education, Economics, Employment, Law, Property and Marriage and Family Relations.

The CONVENTION ON THE ELIMINATION OF ALL FORMS OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN or **CEDAW** is commonly referred to as "The International Bill of Rights for Women".

At that time 64 states signed the convention and as of June 2010, 186 states are party to the Convention including Australia.

October 24th is United Nations DAY

CHAIR REPORTS

MEMBERSHIP Chair Margaret Culpan

We have now inducted Debbie Watson welcome to the Club... and a new Buddy list will appear in the Newsletter for the next 6 months. At the next meeting in November we are inducting Leanne Jamieson to the club..... another welcome !.....

Tanya Aitkinson will also be transferring to our club from the Mt Isa Dinner Club..... Welcome..... The subcommittee for the Bush Poet's is still open to new volunteers and at present consists of myself Raelene and Jan. The date for the Bush Poet's is the first weekend in June [1st and 2nd]. I plan another information night in early 2013 so please think and nominate . I have nomination forms so please let me know if you wish to have a copy.

ADVOCACY Chair Robyn Haller

We met last Saturday to finalise the Birthday Celebrations. Beth Honeycombe will be MC and all other issues are in hand. Deb Cochran will stand in as chair while I am away. Thanks Deb. Thanks also to all the ladies for taking on various tasks and sharing the load important for a smooth function. Karen has offered her home for pre drinks and nibbles for Christmas and we will finalise Christmas dinner details at the next meeting. Hoping to get a press release out on birthing kits.



a little light relief

Mary Anne: I attended the annual International Infectious Diseases Symposium in Bangkok ,Thailand in June. Certainly it was the largest conference I have attended. It built on my recent Masters studies. Bangkok was fun and easy to get around in as many of you know. Then I had 8 days free travel, just took the train to Chiang Mai (1 day there) then bus to Chiang Rai where I did a 'locals' market tour, cooking lesson and history with a lovely lady. I had a yearning to see the Mekong so another bus (getting more rustic) to Chiang Saen. Wow, just loved the mighty Mekong and sat soaking it up in every light from 5.30am to 8pm and of course the obligatory photo at the Golden Triangle. The little commuter vehicles and buses were pulled up often and we were all questioned as to our activity which is a little disconcerting but no trouble. Then another bus to Mai Sae where my little hut looked a few yards over a river to Burma, where I could watch the families going about their business. I actually popped into Burma for a few hours as a real tourist thing to do as goods are a lot cheaper there. I was pleased to get my passport back I must say. There is a huge drop in the living standards of the Burmese and different behaviour, for example children setup to beg and people hassle you which never happened in Thailand. I ate in all the street stalls with the locals which was fun and I was never unwell. Had a foot massage which left me with deep bruising and pain for days so that I could hardly walk! So beware the Thai massage! If anyone is going make sure you go to Queen Surkits Museum at the entrance to the Royal Palace - entrance fee included in Palace ticket but you could easily miss it so seek it out - nice gifts and wonderful respite from the heat! The array of tropical fruit is fabulous - delicious mangoes (different variety to here) and mangosteen divine. I thought the Floating Markets were a terrible waste of time and just a ripoff as everything was very overpriced. I don't know about this bargaining I was told to do, they all just said to me 'fixed price' and turned away?!! Loved the experience of solo travel - felt very brave!! The only anxious times were with Tuk Tuk drivers so do beware of their activities and DO NOT trust Tourist Police, they are the ones that set you up! Oh yes they are a very polite race so lots of hands together and bow :) feels nice doesn't it? sets a nice tone. Mongolia next :)



Lunch on the first day



Mekong River

Left: Having a Passionfruit Martini on the 55th floor of the Grand Centra in the Red Sky Bar Bangkok



Judy: On the 13th October, our eldest son, Chris, married his fiancée Kady Brandon. The ceremony was held here in Ayr at the Catholic Church followed by a reception at Populin's Hall. It was a perfect day in all and was great to have family and friends to celebrate this exciting time. The newly-weds went to Hamilton Island for their honeymoon and are now at Magnetic Island for a few days before they head back to work next week. Chris and Kady will continue to live in Townsville as they both work there. Kady is an Optometrist at Stacey and Stacey in Stockland and Chris is a Pharmacist at the Townsville General Hospital. They made a very handsome couple – even if I do say so myself.