

ZONTA CLUB

Burdekin Inc

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Zonta helps women internationally

 **Zonta International**
District 22

Advancing the Status of Women Worldwide

Area 5
Club No 1475
CHARTERED 1.5.1994

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Raelene Grantz

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Robyn Haller

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Mary Lynch

Meeting Time
6pm for 6.30pm start
KALAMIA HOTEL

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

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PO Box 2204
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64 countries
1203 clubs
30,000 members

GUEST SPEAKER
YUNWEI SUN
(Vivi)
On her life in China

Hi Ladies

While I'm typing this report one of my staff members has just reminded me it is only 81 days to Christmas, oh my goodness. Yes the 1st batch of my plum puddings are done and now onto the soaking the mixed fruit for the rum balls. Any volunteers to roll them would be great. What a crazy time of year.

Let me take this opportunity to thank the 3 other bowlers that I bowled with at the Charity Bowls night on Friday 21st September. We were the "Spice Girls". Lyndy (Chilli Spice), Deane Lewty (Garlic Spice), Lyn Collins (Ginger Spice) and myself (Mint Spice). I asked one of my staff to help me with my fancy dress for the night and look what I turned out like. We had a great time. We even made the front page of the newspaper, and was awarded best dressed team for the night. I don't think my son would be very impressed with my bowling on the night. So ladies don't forget if you have put your name down for the 3 remaining Friday nights to bowl, it is a great night socially and it is a good cause as well.

This Tuesday night's Dinner meeting we will be celebrating United Nations Day. Our guest speaker is Vivi Yunwei Sun who will be sharing her international experience with us. Also we will be inducting Debbie Watson into the Zonta club.

Don't forget to put into your diary's, Sunday 21st, October where we will be doing the Birthing Kits at The Pantry Door.

Robyn's committee has been very busy in organizing the Zonta Birthday Party on Tuesday 13th, November. All they are asking of us is to bring along a Deli item for the raffle on the night. If we could all bring it to this Tuesday night's meeting so the committee has time to put it all together. And they are also busy getting the Christmas Party organized. More on that at the dinner meeting.

See you all on Tuesday night at The Kalamia Hotel,
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

RAFFLE



Nilda Piotto (Oct)
Cath Previtiera (Nov)
Isabel Stubbs (Dec)
(value \$10.00 - \$15.00)

Friendship Officer:
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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, and FLICKR

Happy Birthday
Inez & Pierina

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER THIS MONTH

UNITED NATIONS DAY:

24th October but being celebrated this year at our meeting 9th October

BOWLS:

6.00pm Ayr Bowls Club – bowling coaching; cost \$10.00 includes burger & nibbles; Play commences 7.00pm In Support of Burdekin Mental Health Foundation

21st September: Zonta Celebrity Team: **The Spice Girls** - Raelene, Lyndy, Deanne, Lyn

5th October Service Team: **Raelene's Rabbits** - Raelene, Karen, Denis, Lachlan

12th October Advocacy Team: **Robyn's Rabble** - Robyn, Nilda, Jan, Mary Anne

19th October Membership Team: **Marg's Marauders** - Marg, Janice, Rita, Diana

BIRTHING KITS:

21st October 9.00am Pantry Door. Please bring along a small plate for morning tea.



NOVEMBER ZI BIRTHDAY RAFFLE

Every member is to bring along a deli item to the **October** meeting to make up a basket of goodies as a raffle for the Birthday Meeting in November. If you forget to bring it please drop it in to Deb at BCA as soon possible.

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 Women's Centre</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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Leith Kennedy

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Majella Meehan

Inez Larsen

Rita Cranitch

Janice Micola

INTERNATIONAL ADVOCACY



Zonta International has engaged in advocacy at the international level through its [international service projects](#) and its [awards programs](#) which promote the status of women.

Zonta's International [Legislative Awareness and Advocacy](#) and [United Nations](#) Committees, in particular, engage in advocacy action at the international level and alert members to opportunities for advocacy at the district and club levels.

Advocacy, either directly or through our Service and Award Programs, takes account of:

- **Zonta's Objects** of 'improving the legal, political, economic, educational, health and professional status of women' (ZI Object (a)) and 'to promote justice and universal respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms' (ZI Object (c));

These aims align with the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) Articles 1-16. Zonta International is currently the only women's international non-governmental organization (NGO) which focuses solely on Articles 1-16;

- **The Beijing Platform for Action (BPFA)** (Latest update) - especially the 12 Critical Areas of Concern;
- **The Millennium Development Goals (MDGs)** (latest update) - especially MDG 3 and MDG 5.
- **Relevant international instruments** to which Zonta International refers to undertake advocacy at the global level are:
 - Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, CEDAW (1979) and Optional Protocol to the Convention (1999)
 - Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime (2003)
 - Convention on Consent to Marriage, Minimum Age for Marriage and Registration of Marriages (1962)
 - Convention against Discrimination in Education (1960)
 - Discrimination (Employment and Occupation) Convention (1958)
 - Convention on the Nationality of Married Women (1957)
 - Convention on the Political Rights of Women (1952)
 - Equal Remuneration Convention (1951)
 - Convention for the Suppression of the Traffic in Persons and of the Exploitation of the Prostitution of Others (1949)
- **Associated Declarations and Resolutions** by the General Assembly Economic and Social Council and the Security Council which relate to women and the girl child, and especially their protection in emergencies and armed conflict, also inform Zonta's advocacy.
- The **International Bill of Human Rights and Core International Human Rights Instruments** (only as they apply to women and girls) are also relevant to Zonta's advocacy at the international level.



UNITED NATIONS COMMITTEE

Mary Ann Tarantula, CHAIRMAN Zonta Club of Northern Valley, USA
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Committee Responsibilities

- Receives and disseminates pertinent information from the United Nations to the Zonta International Board and the membership at large.
- Suggests international advocacy initiatives to advance the status of women.
- Promotes relations between the United Nations, its agencies and Zonta International.

New York

Patricia Latona

Susan Westerberg

Paris

Janine N'Diaye, *Vice-Chairman*

Monique Vernet

Jacqueline Besnard

Vienna

Eva-Maria Kodek-Werba *Vice-Chairman*

Ingeborg Geyer

Eveline Hejlek

Monika Klenovec

Geneva

Simone Ovar-Bruno, *Vice-Chairman*

Regula Dannecker

RELATIONSHIP WITH THE UNITED NATIONS

Since the formation of the United Nations in 1946, (now in its 67th year) Zonta has sent observers to UN sessions and actively promoted UN principles and activities.

Today, appointed representatives in New York, Paris, Geneva and Vienna (above) keep members informed of UN activities and actions.

- 1963** Zonta International was granted Consultative Status with the Economic and Social Council (ESOSOC) of the United Nations.
- 1969** Zonta was upgraded to Category 11 Consultative Status with ESOSOC
- 1985** Zonta was upgraded to Category 1 Status with ESOSOC – the highest recognition for United Nations-related activity.
- 1998** A change in United Nations classifications gave Zonta International “General Consultative Status” with ESOSOC.
- 1971** Zonta was granted Consultative Status with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)
- 1972** Zonta was granted Consultative Status with the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF), the United National Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM), and the International Labor Organization (ILO).
- 1983** Zonta International was granted Consultative Status with the Council of Europe.
- 2004** A Council of Europe Resolution changed Zonta International’s status with the Council from “Consultative Status” to “Participatory Status”.
- 2010** Zonta International has Consultative Status with UN Women. *On July 2, 2010, the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM) became part of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women).*

Consultative Status

UN Women

UNICEF

ILO

UNESCO

General Consultative Status

ESOSOC

Participatory Status

Council of Europe

THURSDAY 11TH OCTOBER IS THE INAUGURAL INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE GIRL CHILD



This Day is an opportunity to celebrate the power and potential of girls, while highlighting the challenges girls around the world still face as a result of discrimination, poverty and violence. While girls and boys have the same entitlements to human rights, they face different challenges in accessing them - globally girls are less likely to complete school, have less opportunity for meaningful work, are more likely to be living with HIV and AIDS, and more likely to experience rape or other forms of sexual violence than boys.

Through education, girls can be forces for change in their communities and in the world but one of the most pressing challenges facing girls across the world is access to quality education - there are 75 million girls out of school globally and nearly 1 in every 5 girls who enrolls in primary school in developing countries does not complete a primary education.

In Australia, girls still face gender discrimination and violence; one in seven girls and young women aged 12 to 20 have experienced rape or sexual assault; forced sterilization of girls with a disability is still practiced and legal; and despite on average performing better at school girls still earn less when they reach the workforce as young women.

Empowering girls and ensuring they are able to realize their rights is one of the best investments we can make for reducing poverty and improving the well-being of all. The Australia Government is already a leader internationally in promoting girls rights and empowerment, and through the Australian Aid program is working with girls, communities and governments to improve the situation for girls in the poorest and most vulnerable situations.

ADVOCACY COMMITTEE Chair Robyn Haller

Present: Nilda Piotto Jan Hollingsworth Mary Anne Fraser and myself

Whilst 5 of the committee were unable to attend we had a very productive meeting.

Wednesday 24th October is UN Day. As you may recall we had a meeting night/UN Day celebration last year at the Pantry Door where I was not in attendance but by all accounts was well received. We decided that with Bowls and Birthing Kits in October this year it would put undue pressure on the ladies to attend another function so decided to go with celebrating it this coming Tuesday. The Kalamia will provide an international meal and we have a recent arrival in Ayr as our guest speaker.

Birthday celebration for 13th November. A brochure has been made up and included with a letter of invitation sent off to Presidents from the local 5 clubs. Kalamia have been contacted to supply nibbles & a buffet. We will have a complimentary champagne or OJ on arrival, a delicious Italian birthday cake has been organised, guest speaker booked, and generally speaking it is under control.

Zonta Burdekin biros - Ordered and should be here in 2 weeks.

Christmas Party – Venue has been booked Ayr Travellers Restaurant for Saturday 8th December as we thought to have it local this year. We will have drinks and nibbles at someone's home (any volunteers?) prior to the evening function. Menu was approved by board prior to booking.

SERVICE COMMITTEE Chair Mary Lynch did not meet due to school holidays clashes

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE Chair Margaret Culpan

In brief, we held our meeting on 6-10-2012 and plan to have Debbie Watson's induction this Tuesday. Planning date for Poet's Breakfast will be in early June and we recommend that we set up a special committee for its management.

BOWLS IN SUPPORT OF BURDEKIN MENTAL HEALTH FOUNDATION



Celebrity Bowls Night – Friday 21st September. We had a great night starring as the “Spice Girls”. Best Dressed for the evening was Lyndy (Chillie Spice), Deanne Lewty (Garlic Spice), Lyn Collins (Ginger Spice) and myself (Mint Spice). Thanks for a fun night ladies.

Bowls night Friday 5th October. Bowling on this night was Karen, myself, Dennis (Isabel’s husband) and Lachlan. Thanks Lachlan for filling in for us as Isabel had a sore back. Raelene’s Rabbits as Dennis called us had a fun night. If you want to bowl well, just ask Karen how to do it after she has had a glass of wine!

Beth: After 47 years in the same house and a lifetime in the Burdekin, John and I are moving to Townsville. Our house goes on the market today and it will be farewell to Burdekin Zonta by the end of the year.

The mighty Cucumber 1-3 of 12



*Cucumbers contain most of the vitamins you need every day. Just one Cucumber contains Vitamin B1, Vitamin B2, Vitamin B3, Vitamin B5, Vitamin B6, Folic Acid, Vitamin C, Calcium, Iron, Magnesium, Phosphorus, Potassium and Zinc.

*Tired of your bathroom mirror fogging up after a shower? Try rubbing a cucumber slice along the mirror. It will eliminate the fog and provide a soothing, spa-like fragrance.

* Are grubs and slugs ruining your planting beds? Place a few slices in a small pie tin and your garden will be free of pests all season long. The chemicals in the cucumber react with the aluminium to give off a scent undetectable to humans but drive garden pests crazy and make them flee the area.



Raelene: On a family matter, Chris, Lachlan and I spent 3 days in Townsville last weekend. Lachlan was playing Lawn Bowls in the North Queensland Junior Championships. Chris and I were so proud of him because he has only been playing Lawn Bowls for 2 years and he was playing the best juniors in North Queensland. He had a great weekend, coming 2nd in the pairs and 1st in the Triples. Now he goes to the Junior State Championships at Bribie Island at Easter Time next year. We will be away for 9 days.

(Editor: Where is the photo Mum?)