

Zonta Club Burdekin



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Area 5
Club No 1475
CHARTERED 1.5.1994

OCTOBER 2013

Dear Zontians

Having attended the District Conference, I feel I have had an injection of energy and interest in Zonta. The 5 of us who attended hope to diffuse that energy to the rest of the club members over the next few months.

Firstly, this is the last month for the Community Raffle, so I really must have the last books of tickets in before the last weekend in October so I can lodge them with Rotary. Lost tickets and unsold ones need to be noted or returned, as well, according to Art Union Rule.

The International Dinner on 26th October is at my home and do invite any international guests that you wish to join us for this evening on the patio.

The Townsville club are hosting November's Zonta Birthday Dinner. This is usually an enjoyable night of comraderie with our other area clubs. I will take my car so there are 4 seats for others and I hope other members may elect to drive also. The comraderie of the Mackey, Bowen, Whitsunday, Townsville and Mount Isa clubs at the conference helped each of us settle into the conference

agenda and business with a sense of welcome and comfort that is always important to each of us at a large meeting. These local gatherings engender this and are well worth the effort.

I would like to announce that the next area director for our area 5 is Marie Cameron from Mackay club.

I note the Women's Expo on 19th October at the RSL conference centre in Townsville where the Townsville club will have an exhibit raising the profile of Zonta.

I hope you have noticed the "Zonta Says NO" banner festooning the BCA support centre. The Conference emphasized the Zonta International project of Zonta Says No and I believe we as a relatively small club have done a good deal to promote this locally.

See at the Dinner meeting
Cheers

Marg Culpan



ADVANCING THE STATUS OF WOMEN WORLDWIDE

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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.

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Marg Culpan	Inez Larsen
Mary Lynch	Jan Hollingsworth
Rosemary Menkens	Debra Cochran
Raelene Grantz	Seanne O'Shea
Beth Hancock	Cathy Previtiera
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Robyn Haller	Leanne Jamieson
Janice Micola	Judy Mitchell
Mary Anne Fraser	Leith Kennedy
<i>Peta Bird</i>	
<i>Majella Meehan</i>	<i>Pierina Dalle Cort</i>

Happy OCTOBER Birthday

Pierina & Inez



RAFFLE

Newest club

BEIRUT LEBANON

Zonta now in 65 countries

Raelene Grantz (Oct)

(value \$10.00 - \$15.00)

No meeting November.
Attending ZI birthday in
Townsville Wed 13th Nov.

OCT GUEST SPEAKER

Brad Hastewell

(Relationship and Dev Mgr,
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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	
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	
June	2 nd Bush Poet's Breakfast 11 th monthly meeting/Changeover Guest Speaker Mandy Oats 23 rd Social outing to Jo's Alligator Creek	
July	9 th Monthly Meeting <i>Guest speaker from Baywatch</i> 20 th Tastes of the Burdekin "Curry in a Hurry"	
August	13 th Monthly meeting	
September	10 th Monthly Meeting 21 st International Day of Peace 27 th – 29 th District Conference Noosa	
October	8 th Monthly Meeting 15 th International Day for Rural Women 20 th Birthing Kits – Saint Francis school hall 26 th UN Day – Pot Night at Marg Culpan's - slides of Chennai Orphanage	
November	13 th International Birthday Townsville Metro Science Award – Home Hill High Speech Night - President 25 th Elimination of DV Against Women	
December	7 th Christmas Party 10 th Monthly Meeting/Universal Human Rights Day	
January 2014	Amelia Earhart Day	
February	11 th Monthly meeting/Planning Night	

The Zonta Says No
campaign runs from
November 2012 until
January 2014.



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Zonta of Cape Girardeau doing good in Haiti



The Zonta Club of Cape Girardeau lead a dental clinic to Haiti.

They saw over 350 patients, including 70 children from a local orphanage.

Help us congratulate them on an inspiring service project!

Help us congratulate YWPA winner Julia Goolsby from District 10.

Julia is a junior in the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program, a rigorous program that takes the top students from the local high schools and surrounding districts. With a strong understanding of international relations and conflicts within the United States, Julia decided she wanted to help women prosper. She plans to study international relations at Georgetown University with a concentration in environmental studies.

Julia volunteers extensively in her community and has a special love for helping the environment. She serves as coordinator for volunteer services for Quina Mazatlan, a local wildlife sanctuary. Additionally, she volunteers to help control the invasive plant, Arundo Donax, which hurts the local ecology and drains the Rio Grande Valley of its water supply.

Bright future for YWPA winner in Rio Grand Valley California



30 years old
Alice Springs NT District 23
Darwin NT District 23

25 years old
Albury-Wodonga NSW District 23

4,621 Zontians, approximately 16 percent of the membership participated in the recently offered Membership Dialogue survey. This level of interest and response is a great start and we appreciate the time and effort you took to reflect on the questions and to tell us what you think. The response rate exceeds that of other NGO surveys. It also confirms our assumption that the topic we discussed with you is of vital interest for the entire Zonta world.



President Marg Culpan hands Zontian and Burdekin Community Association President Deb Cochran our donation of \$500 towards the Life Skills Programme for Primary Schools. This banner is now hanging from the BCA Support Centre building and will hopefully be observed by those who perpetrate these vile acts. By the same token those who are violated will become aware that domestic violence is not behaviour condoned by decent men and women.



Pittsburgh USA

Hundreds of Zontians took the Zonta Says NO message to the streets at the District 4 Conference with International Director Joy Orlich joining them.

Estonia: By donating €32,000 to the Zonta Club of Tartu, Estonia, the Finnish Clubs of District 20 made it possible for the Tartu Club to launch their club project, "Prevention of Violence against Women in Estonia", and operate it for 15 months. Ms Meeli Lokk of the Zonta Club of Tartu reports: "A book of real-life stories, 'The Brides of Bluebeard' was published on 8 March, 2013. In it, seven women tell their individual stories of living in a violent relationship. The publication of this book marks the end of the Yellow Rose Campaign Project of ZI District 20, Area 6, and the Zonta Club of Tartu. This project enabled us to give counselling to women, children and mothers, to arrange a camp-meeting in the country for women and children, to publish brochures and booklets, to arrange an inter-Estonian campaign against family violence and to publish this book.



Austria: Zonta Club Graz, Austria, in District 14, organized a meeting entitled: "In dialog with the Federal Minister of Justice: Legal actions on violence against women". On May 29, members of Zonta Club Graz invited leading representatives and lawyers of the most important organizations of the City of Graz and private ones who are engaged in helping women and children affected by sexual violence to this meeting. For these experts it was a rare opportunity to share their daily experience with the Federal Minister Mrs. Beatrix Karl.



Prowers County USA Right: On May 18, 2013, the Zonta Club of Prowers County USA had an entry in the Lamar Days Parade as our Advocacy project. Lamar Days is an annual event that celebrates the local community. The club had two bright orange banners made that said "ZONTA SAYS NO". Below that caption was printed "STOP THE VIOLENCE". In August, the club plans to use the banners and have a table at our County Fair. They will distribute information on the "Zonta Says No" campaign.



Sweden: Above: Men can show their commitment to ending violence against women and girls too. Göran Hilding, husband of Zontian, Tina Hilding, of the Zonta Club of Malmo I in Sweden shows his support with an orange Zonta Says No ribbon.



Colorado USA Race Car drivers at the Bandimere Speedway in Colorado joined the Zonta Club of Lakewood Golden on a sunny Saturday in July to support the "Zonta Says No" campaign to raise awareness concerning domestic violence against women and girls. With the slogan "Real Men Hit the Track, Not Women and Children", the racers devoted a full day to helping local Zontians.

District Conference 2013



2012 International YWPA Award Sarah Maree Newman.

Sarah is a Year 12 student at St Rita's College, Clayfield. (now at QUT). Sarah's chosen career-path is Engineering (particularly Environmental & Civil Engineering). She first became interested in this career path through research she undertook into the non-profit organisation Engineers Without Borders and their work in Third World countries which focuses on delivering sustainable resources such as clean water and sanitation. Sarah is very interested in initiatives that take action rather than being solely idealistic. What Sarah finds most rewarding and valuable from participating in activities and outreach projects are the tangible results and seeing peoples' lives change for the better. She finds it more rewarding seeing the direct effect upon people and the betterment of their situation and circumstances.



The dinner and entertainment at any Zonta conference is always a highlight and this year's was no exception. Burdekin reps Robyn, Raelene, Jan, Janice and President Marg enjoying a nice drop.



Zontians who had purchased their Zonta Says No tee shirts at conference including LG Judith Trevan-Hawke second from left front row. Amena Reza, second from right front row along with Ans Van Erp presented their address on Zonta says No in District 22. This campaign is clearly one that resonates with Zontians as it has taken off worldwide.

This year's conference was well attended by Area 5 members with 2 from Mt Isa which was a huge call for these ladies, 1 Charters Towers, 1 each from the Townsville clubs, 2 Bowen, 2 Whitsundays, 8 Mackay and 5 Burdekin totalling 22 ladies. It would be great if we could see the next conference in the Whitsundays as this would be so much easier for us to attend. I am not sure the southerners will see it this way however but we are hoping the beautiful Whitsundays can tempt them as they could fly into Hamilton Island and then it is only a short drive to Airlie. Let's hope they can be lured. The Whitsunday girls would put on a great conference as that is the only way they do things.

The conference got off to a good start with drinks and canapés on the Friday night catching up with old friends and meeting new ones, full day Saturday, dinner/fashion parade/dancing Saturday night, half day conference Sunday and finished off with a "Nuts and Bolts" session for those having specific questions. This session was casual but was quite well attended and informative. Naturally the whole conference was informative and interesting and made all the more special with the attendance of International Board member Maria Stefanova from Bulgaria. What a tiny little thing she is. As they always have a Zonta official present the guest speaker with a gift Jan was hoping Maria was going to present the gift to Shannon. I think Maria would have made it to Shannon's waist but it did not happen. All of the guest speakers were wonderful and I am always impressed with our young winners. How these young people fit in all that they do is a lesson in time management no doubt, but of course they need the passion to do all of the extra curricular activities in the first place.

It was most absorbing to hear from the Founder of the Birthing Kit Project Dr Joy O'Hazy from the Adelaide club and how it evolved and also Liz Davenport Fashion Designer and patron of the Kimberley Girls which educates aboriginal girls on the catwalk and general self esteem.

Nice to see Hilary will be handing over to someone just as committed to Zonta as herself in Marie Cameron. Marie is currently Chair of Z Clubs in District 22 and the Mackay Club with 4 Z Clubs are to be admired and congratulated on their extraordinary effort.



MEMBERSHIP Jan Hollingsworth Chair

I would like to thank the members and honorary members of my committee for the great work in preparing a new constitution for the Zonta Club of Burdekin. As per the requirements of the Office of Fair Trading a motion to update our constitution was circulated to all members on the 21st September, with a copy of the proposed new constitution, the last update with an amendment was forwarded to all members on the 23rd September, 2013. This is more than the required 10 days clear notice for any such changes or for adopting a new constitution. A copy of the motion which was sent to all member is also enclosed in our newsletter. Now that our constitution is completed our committee will be concentrating on producing protocol manuals for most key positions in our club and more importantly holding at least two information nights for prospective new members between now and May. If anyone has any contacts regarding a new member lead please be sure to give full details to myself or a member of my committee.

Motion to change the current constitution of Zonta Burdekin

I, Janice Mary Hollingsworth, on behalf of the Membership Committee, hereby move a special resolution to amend its rules and to change our current constitution and to adopt as the Constitution of the Zonta Club of Burdekin, a complete set of our own rules. The proposed version has been circulated to all members on this the 20th day of September, 2013. The vote will be taken to adopt said constitution during general business at the meeting to be held at the Kalamia Hotel on Tuesday, 8th October, 2013. The general meeting is set to commence at 6.30pm.

Moved: - Janice Hollingsworth

Seconded: - Janice Micola

I have contacted Office of Fair Trading

We have three months to notify them of our changes and complete Associations Incorporation Form 8 (Application to register an amendment of Rules)

I have downloaded the form

A cheque for \$17.60 must accompany the form



ADVOCACY Debra Cochran

- Mentors in Violence Program - attended a meeting at the council. Council's looking for funding from Schools, Zonta, BCA and PCYC for a train the trainer program in schools. Next meeting 10th Oct.
- Zonta Says NO Banner – it's hanging on the balcony at the BCA Support Centre at the moment.
- Promotion – article and photo prepared re: donation to the BCA Schools Life Skills Program. Trying to get these into the Advocate. Will be going into the Round-a-Bout magazine.
- DV Research Paper – Marg to talk to Dr Shannon Spriggs re: the feasibility of a paper that would compare the incidents/reasons for DV in Burdekin and a larger community such as Beenleigh.
- Motion re: dinner meeting fees – propose an amendment to point 3 “a Tax Invoice will be issued from the meeting night” rather than “on the meeting night”.
- Oct Dinner meeting – the guest speaker will be Brad Hastewell from Ronald McDonald House Nth Qld.
- UN Day Pot Night Thu 24th Oct – list being distributed re: food so that we know who's bringing what. Marg will give a presentation on her India trip.
- Home Hill Harvest Festival Sat 8th Nov – don't think we have enough numbers to walk in the parade. Interested in having a small vehicle in the parade with Zonta Says NO signs on it. Please advise Deb if you have one or know someone who might. Looked into having a stall at the mardi gras. \$80 fee if we sell anything.
- Christmas Party Sat 7th Dec – organising a progressive dinner. Looking at Art N Ayr (food provided by Yvette's), Ayr Chinese then Chill.

Zonta International supports Articles 1 – 16 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination (CEDAW) *Currently it is the only womens' international NGO which focuses solely on these articles.*

What are Human Rights?

Human rights define the value and worth of each person and their relationship to society. They identify standards regarding the quality of life that each of us can expect to enjoy.

Article 1 For the purposes of the present Convention, the term "discrimination against women" shall mean any distinction, exclusion or restriction made on the basis of sex which has the effect or purpose of impairing or nullifying the recognition, enjoyment or exercise by women, irrespective of their marital status, on a basis of equality of men and women, of human rights and fundamental freedoms in the political, economic, social, cultural, civil or any other field.

Law, policy and prejudices:

Article 2 of CEDAW urges all countries to work towards eradicating discrimination against women by introducing new laws or policy, changing existing discriminatory laws and providing sanctions for discrimination where it occurs.

a little light relief

Robyn: In February this year through Kiva I along with 12 others lent this woman \$25.00 each to buy goats. She has since repaid me \$11.42.

Kalsoom is a 30-year-old, married woman and the mother of four children. One of her sons is shown in the photo, standing next to Kalsoom. Her husband is working for daily wages and his income is not sufficient to support the needs of the family members. Kalsoom has been running a business of animal sales for the past two years to contribute to the family's income. She buys animals (goat's kids) at low prices, grows them up, and sells them in the local market. For the purchase of two more goats, Kalsoom requested a loan of PKR 30,000 from Kashf Foundation. She is hopeful to get an increase in her earnings and wishes to spend part of the profits on providing quality education for her children. I have since lent another \$25 made up of the \$11.42 repaid plus \$13.58, to a woman in Albania to buy a shed for her animals.



Bluewater Primary School showing North Queenslanders what they thought of the referees' decisions.

Robyn: Took the Townsville grandkids cane fire spotting during the school holidays. As it is nearing the end of the season there are some spectacular fires around.



For Cowboys' supporters!