

Zonta Club Burdekin



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District Website: <http://zontadistrict22.org>
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Area 5
Club No 1475
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JULY 2013

Dear Zontians

The months seem to fly by.

We were represented at the Ayr Rotary Change over by Jan Hollingsworth and we can report that Shirley Gilmore was presented with a Paul Harris Award for her work with Breast Cancer support which is richly deserved.

The final accounts have been received for the Bush Poets and we will have a summation of the finances this meeting. I would like to thank Lyndie McCathie for the printing of the posters and the members who helped distribute these.

My little committee of Raelene, Inez and Jan did a wonderful job behind the scenes and I would not have managed without them. And finally thank you to the club as a whole for a job well done. I am still receiving praise for the event and lots of interest in next year.

The registration and accommodation information for the Zonta Conference in September is coming to us now and I would encourage members to consider the experience.

With the Tastes of the Burdekin looming it is time to dust off the slow cookers and rice cookers and look forward to the fun of cutting and chucking at Lyndie's and the clammer for the product at the event.

The community raffle is upon us and so think about whether you want to take a book of tickets or not for the club. I will be the collection point at my practice in MacKenzie Street.

The final work for the next month is the review of the constitution that has been hanging over us for at least 2 years so now is the time. The committee chairs will have this in hand at the committee meetings.

Finally.... Thankyou to everyone for their condolences on the passing of my mother in law. She went peacefully.

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.

BUDDY LIST

Lyndy Mc Cathie	Diana Moschen
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Marg Culpan	Inez Larsen
Mary Lynch	Jan Hollingsworth
Rosemary Menkens	Debra Cochran
Raelene Grantz	Seanne O'Shea
Beth Hancock	Cathy Previtera
Isabel Stubbs	Giovanna Gabiola
Nilda Piotto	Karen Clarke
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 JULY Birthday

Leanne Seanne



District 22 has surpassed
Membership Goals
Goal 1050
Number of Members
1078

RAFFLE

Pierina Dalle Cort (July)
Mary Anne Fraser (Aug)
(value \$10.00 - \$15.00)

JULY GUEST SPEAKER
will be a
representative from
BAYWATCH.

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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 18 th Birthing Kits	
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 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	Amelia Earhart Day	
February	11 th Monthly meeting/Planning Night	



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HOW DOES OUR DISTRICT GOVERNOR DEFINE SERVICE?

As asked by our International President in the latest e-newsletter DG Judith Andersen writes:



We have progressively refined our definition of service in terms of what Zonta service is not. First, while we are a service organisation like Rotary and Lions, Zonta is different in its focus on service which improves the status of women and which is in line with the UN's MDGs and CEDAW. Second, Zonta is not a welfare or emergency relief organisation, like the Red Cross.

Allied to this has been the need to communicate to clubs what 'status of women' means in the Zonta context – viz that it's about reducing discrimination against women and achieving equality.

What kind of service projects do Zontians in your district/country do?

Almost every club in the district is involved in supporting shelters or other services for women escaping domestic violence and most are also involved in the assembly of Birthing Kits (<http://www.birthingkitfoundation.org.au/>) and the production of Breast Cushions and drainage bags for women recovering from breast surgery (This was a District project adopted before the split of District 24 to create Districts 22 and 24 and is still coordinated for D22 by Ros Kinder, the then D24 District Governor). In addition, most clubs present some form of educational award to girls.

What are some of your favourite service projects in your district?

In addition to the projects mentioned above, several clubs in this district have been involved in Project NOW (Nurture Our Women), a highly successful collaborative project together with the Salvation Army and a local Rotary club to build dedicated accommodation for women recovering from drug, alcohol and gambling addiction. This is a link to further information about this project – the sod for the building will be turned later this week.

<http://rotaryprojectnow.org/zonta.html>

ZONTA SAYS NO - \$200,000 FOR ZONTA'S PERTH HOUSE

The Zonta House Women's Refuge in Perth Western Australia recently received funding of \$200,000 to support the work of the long standing refuge in Perth. It is a one off grant from the Criminal Confiscations Grant Program and is being used to enhance the work of Perth's largest network of Women's Refuges, a combined project of the Zonta Clubs of Western Australia. This funding will be used to support Zonta House's Positive Pathways to Safety for Women and the Community project.

According to police statistics more than 8,000 West Australians were assaulted in a domestic environment between July 2011 and March 2012. It's important to note these are the assaults that police responded to, and there would be significantly more that are not reported to police. This means that every day in Western Australia at least 29 people were victims of physical harm within their household structure.

"Zonta House currently provides immediate relief, by way of accommodation and social services but does not have the resources to journey with women to rebuild their lives. As a result women often return to housing options which make them vulnerable to continued violence", said Mary Gurgone Chair, Zonta House Women's Refuge.

The preventative measures within the "Positive Pathways" project focus on empowering women to make choices about their life before a crisis point is realised. Advocacy, education and support around housing options, addressing debt, financial guidance, emotional resilience and improving communications skills can prevent homelessness. There would be many women who feel "trapped" in their abusive relationship due to the inability to secure housing and support. This project will support women to make the transition from refuge accommodation to community housing and eventually private rental and home ownership through ongoing service provision, support, skill development and advocacy. It will also provide women with a structured environment to experience mentoring, education, fiscal management and counselling which will empower them to make good decisions on their future.

"We are very excited about creating a "one stop shop" which will result in women feeling truly supported and valued as well as providing them with confidence to make brave choices about their life", said Mary Gurgone- Member of the Zonta Club of Perth.

Zonta International has awarded 35 AMELIA EARHART FELLOWSHIPS for 2013.

Below is a sample of the research of these brilliant women who come from 20 countries.
11 are receiving a Fellowship for a second year.

Nay Joseph Mezannar

- **Citizenship: Lebanon**
- **Proposed Program: Industrial Engineering at the University of Bologna**

Ms. Mezannar's field of study is man-machine interfaces. Human interaction with complex machine systems is an important issue especially in the safety critical areas of aeronautics. Her research will focus on the study, design and evaluation of innovative man-machine interfaces based on virtual three-dimensional environments and multi-modal interaction for aerospace applications. The next generation interfaces will allow humans to interact with the controlled system more and more naturally, thus achieving the challenge of a brain-machine interaction in which the person can directly interact with the system through the brain. She will investigate both manned and unmanned aeronautical systems such as cockpit equipment, simulation equipment and control equipment for unmanned aerial vehicles. Ms. Mezannar enjoys sports, especially walking in nature.

Francesca Letizia

- **Citizenship: Italy**
- **Proposed Program: Aerospace Engineering at the University of Southampton**
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Ms. Letizia is developing an analytical approach for computing the propagation of large clouds of space debris following a fragmentation event. Space debris poses an increasing hazard to space activities and active satellites, and mitigation measures are needed to avoid the uncontrolled increase of debris. The prediction of the motion of space debris is quite complex and currently requires extensive numerical integration to describe the behaviour of a single fragment. Instead of using a numerical method, she is developing a semi-analytical model to describe the behaviour of a cloud of debris as a whole. The semi-analytical model will provide a much faster and more flexible approach than the methods used to date. Her approach could provide real time predictions. Once the analytical method is validated, it can be used to describe the current debris population and to assess the effectiveness of different mitigation strategies including helping to design a mission to remove space debris. Ms. Letizia is interested in migrant rights and scientific study of languages.

Bianca Isabella Gursky

- **Citizenship: Germany**
- **Proposed Program: Mechanical Engineering at the Technical University of Braunschweig**
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Ms. Gursky is investigating the technologies required to provide personal aerial vehicles to the general public. Those vehicles must have the capability for vertical take-off and landing like a helicopter in order to be manoeuvrable even in densely populated areas such as city centres. They also need to handle as easily as a car in order to be flyable by the general public. She will investigate how the control concepts (brake pedal, steering wheel, accelerator) of automobiles can be transferred to a helicopter-like personal aerial vehicle and then compare this to conventional helicopter controls. For evaluating different control concepts, she will develop a model and integrate it into an existing helicopter simulation facility where conventional helicopter controls are already implemented. Her work will contribute to opening the skies for flying by the general public. Ms. Gursky participated in the University Car Racing Team where she was responsible for the design of the frame of the racing car. Her interests include theatre, and she has worked as an extra at the Staatstheater Braunschweig.

Jendi Itjeh Kepple

- **Citizenship: New Zealand**
- **Proposed Program: Aerospace Engineering at University of New South Wales**

Ms. Kepple is working on the robust design of imperfection sensitive composite launch vehicle structures and stiffened composite panels. This research will contribute to reducing launch vehicle weight, development time and manufacturing costs as well as increasing launch vehicle capability. She is developing stochastic methods to enable robust design in the presence of imperfections due to variations in the geometry, material, thickness and boundary conditions. Ms. Kepple is using a novel optimization theory combined with probability analysis to determine which airframe designs are the most lightweight and most robust. The optimized designs will be tested under the worst type of imperfection. The results will be incorporated into the overall design guidelines. She has already conducted an extensive literature review on stochastic and robust design methods. Ms. Kepple is fluent in several languages and plays the piano. She has tutored undergraduate students in math, science and engineering.

BACKGROUND ON THE UNITED NATIONS Commission on the Status of Women (CSW)

Mary Ann Tarantula

United Nations Committee Chairman

Many of you have heard, through e-newsletters and various other forms of communication, about the annual CSW. For those who do not have a clear understanding, we provide an explanation of what it is and what takes place. More importantly, perhaps, we need to know why it is important to Zonta. We refer to this as CSW while it is actually the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women which meets each year in late February or early March in New York at UN Headquarters. The commission meets for two weeks and is the principal policy-making body dedicated *exclusively to gender equality and the advancement of women*. It also seeks to identify challenges and set standards on a global scale. As an international NGO whose mission is to advance the status of women worldwide through service and advocacy, what better place for Zonta to advocate for those women's issues that are close to our hearts: trafficking, violence against women and girls, equality in the workplace, women's health issues, and the problem of sexual violence in conflict and post-conflict areas. While this list is not all-inclusive, all Zontians know that these are some of the challenges we are grappling with.

Our presence, both during and before the CSW meets, gives us an opportunity to promote our viewpoint on what the commission should be taking into consideration during its deliberations. The members of the ZI UN Committee belong to NGO Committees on the Status of Women in New York, Geneva and Vienna. In the context of those committees, we promote the objects of Zonta and attempt to convince the members of the commission as to the outcomes we hope to see at the end of the two-week meeting. All members of the UN Committee work all year-long through the CSW committees to influence those outcomes. There are many meetings with member states and UN ambassadors as well as other NGOs to attempt to further our ideas as to what we want to see happen in the realm of women's rights. Our clubs and districts can all take part in this process. What is it we want to see happen? What action do we want to see the UN take? Clubs and districts can communicate with the UN Committee and plan advocacy initiatives that will convince their governments that they want action. This is a way for those who cannot attend CSW to have their voices heard.

Record Attendance for Zontians

This year we had a record number of Zontians attend CSW. They were able to attend sessions, called parallel events, sponsored by various NGOs, where they heard about best practices and what these NGOs are doing to improve the lives of women all around the world. They were able to take these ideas back to their districts and clubs. Women from all over the world attend CSW. This year there were better than 5000 registered from over 350 NGOs. Zonta took part in three panels, one on our program with UNICEF in Rwanda, one on trafficking and we co-sponsored one on maternal health. They were well attended and helped to improve our credibility and visibility around the world. During the commission's deliberations, only those who are on member state delegations can attend. The ZI UN Committee, along with many NGOs, has worked to try to get our members into these deliberations as observers, but so far we have not been successful. So we work behind the scenes and make our views very clear as to what we want to see in the "agreed conclusions" at the end of the meeting.

Agreed Conclusions were hard-won

It is not an easy task to get all parties to agree on the outcome document (agreed conclusions). This year the CSW discussed the obstacles that hinder progress on realizing the commitments to gender equality and emphasized prevention and services. The time for awareness of the problem of violence against women and girls is past and the CSW concentrated its efforts on actions that would transform social attitudes, laws and institutions that support discrimination and violence.

The agreed conclusions have recommendations for action by governments, intergovernmental bodies as well as civil society and other stakeholders. These recommendations are to be put into action at the international, national, regional and local levels. The emphasis must be on implementation. For countries to pass legislation is not enough. The legislation must have teeth. It must be implemented and women are no better off. While the CSW has 45 member states on the Commission, the CSW Bureau is made up of 5 members. The Bureau facilitates the preparation for the outcome document and plays a crucial role in helping to mediate among the members of the Commission. They represent regions (African states, Asia-Pacific states, Eastern European states, Latin America and the Caribbean states, and Western Europe and other States).

Mary Ann Tarantula at CSW57



Zonta International President Lynn McKenzie meets Under-Secretary-General and Executive Director of UN Women Michelle Bachelet



MEMBERSHIP Jan Hollingsworth Chair I have to give Jo and John Gabiola a pat on the back for the great social day we had at their place in June. With more than 20 members and their partners attending the day was an outstanding success. The food, the venue and the ambience was special. I am sure all who attended will agree. As the committee whose responsibility is to assist members, we felt that more days such as this one would enhance the morale and commitment to Zonta. Our committee is to actively start searching for new members to join our club. Some names have been suggested and will be acted upon. We have made it a priority of our committee to update our Burdekin Zonta Club constitution. Copies will be circulated to all our committee members this Tuesday night with additional copies for each committee chair and for Margaret. We discussed the Zonta Grace and Toast alternatives and the vote was 4 to 1 for a preference for the existing version. A copy of My Statement by Brooke Matheson regarding the loss of her son Casper Matheson has been e-mailed to all in membership committee. Tonight the small presentation from our committee will be presented by me.



ADVOCACY Debra Cochran Chair

Our next meeting will be held later in July. A guest speaker will be coming along to tell us all about Baywatch at the July meeting. I'm in the process of obtaining quotes for vertical and horizontal Zonta Says NO banners and I've also asked Marg for approval to purchase Zonta Says NO awareness materials such as ribbons and wristbands for club members to wear and sell at events. Seanne has agreed to be the Zonta Rep at the BSCAT meetings and report back. We are progressing plans for strategies to prevent violence against women and girls including the Mentors in Violence Against Women program. Robyn has completed the July newsletter and developed a Burdekin brochure to promote the club.



SERVICE Beth Hancock Chair

No report. Please see the Newsletter editor with a seriously serious reason for non delivery. You know how she gets when this occurs. However as NL ed is leaving on 7 weeks holidays she may be in such a good mood she will forgive - but on this occasion only.

Do you know?

How Zonta Clubs may establish international relations?

Clubs may interact with other Zonta clubs in any country informally or more formally by adopting joint programs, exchanges etc. The online directory is one method of arranging communication and special relationships between members and clubs.

How a club may establish exchange programmes?

Professional Exchanges: Zonta International encourages person-to-person, informal exchanges between Zontians sharing a profession in order to observe how that profession is practiced in another country. The online directory on the website provides an opportunity for contacts within classifications.

Student Exchanges: Zonta International recommends that Zontians arrange private exchanges or partner with other organisations with established youth exchange programs such as American Field Service, Youth for Understanding, or Rotary Youth Exchange.

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- Zonta Club of Dawejeon 111-FL
- Zonta Club of Greeley USA
- Zonta Club of Negombo Sri Lanka
- Zonta Club of Valea Prahovei Romania
- Zonta Club of Daeieon VI South Korea

Zonta is in 64 countries and we have over 30,000 members.

a little light relief



Judy: Sunday 30 June, our youngest son, Matthew and his fiancé, Grace, were married at Southbank Convention Centre in Townsville. Matt is a physio at Performance Physio in Townsville and Grace is a Guidance Officer at Calvary School in Townsville. They are at present enjoying a 3 week honeymoon in Thailand. They will return to Townsville where they will continue to live until they move to England in 2014, for a short time we hope. Our eldest son, Chris and his wife, Kady, will become parents within the next two weeks. What a wonderful time for Rob and I. We have been blessed with two wonderful daughters-in-law and soon, a soon a new grandchild, which is a first for us.

A Day at Alligator Creek

We could not have asked for a more beautiful winter's day on 23rd June when 14 Zontians and 7 husbands congregated at Giovanna (Jo) and John Gabiola's home at Alligator Creek. The Gabiola's Bask friends set about making the paella, half seafood and half chicken watched with interest by many in the family garage. It was quite a gradual process but the final product was quite delicious. Of course we cannot forget the steak and snags naturally from Watsons Butchery - top class Dave. Many of us brought along dessert and it was really a lovely luncheon in a beautiful setting. It was hard to believe the highway was so close as you heard almost nothing of it. The view over the surrounding landscape was very picturesque so we were all a little jealous I think. With so much paella left some enterprising sole suggested selling it at \$5 a container - a profitable day for the Club to boot. A huge thankyou to Jo and John for your kind hospitality.



Above: President Marg thanks Giovanna for her hospitality.
Below: Beth, Nilda, Diana and Giovanna tuck in whilst Inez, Pat, Deb, Karen, Mary Anne, Mary and Ken all line up waiting to fill their plates.



Above: After much ado the Paella arrives.



Left: The star attraction.



Right: Graeme, Rosemary, Ray and Jan catch up on Rosemary's exploits at the Billy Cart Derby.

Further on Alan, Gary, John and Dave on secret men's business.

