

ZONTA ON THE ROCKS.



Zonta Club of Rockhampton Inc
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Advancing the Status of Women Worldwide

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From the President:

PLEASE NOTE!

If you are
unable to attend
the dinner meeting,
please advise
Anna Tempest
Ph 4928 7880 (W)
Ph 4928 7125 (H)
by 10 am
on the Monday
before the meeting.

**Failure to
apologize will
incur payment
of \$30.00.**



**30th Anniversary
Celebrations**
R'ton Plaza Hotel
10-11 August 2013

District Conference:
**Noosa Convention &
Exhibition Centre**
Australis Resort
27-29 Sept 2013

Welcome to all our new Board members. It is great to see so many new faces taking on Board roles. A big thank you to retiring Board members and committee chairmen. Your experience will still be in demand so don't go into hiding. The new Board will be inducted at our next meeting.

The Club made a special contribution to the Raise for Women Challenge which has now finished. We hope Zonta filled one of the first three places.

Please read Valda's message with her Treasurer's report re Interest rates and future ideas for short term investments.

Berenice has been working with Judie and Rosalie to fine tune our motion to Conference. The last email from Judith Anderson reporting on action by the National Rural Women's Network with the Domestic and Family Violence Unit of the Queensland Police Force is very relevant to Zonta's Say NO campaign.

Lynn McKenzie, ZI President focuses on Violence Against Women and Girls in her newsletter.

I've asked that you give me your preference for a committee if you have one - Thank you to those of you who replied.

The committees are the workhorses of our Club, so please, try to attend meetings on the second Tuesday of the month, or you may want to plan meetings at a more convenient time for members.

For the next 12 months let's try to share the duties and responsibilities around our Club.

I hope all members can play a part in our 30th Anniversary Celebrations in August. The committee is working hard to organise the programme and we would like to see all members take part.

Enjoy the wonderful winter that Rockhampton offers.

Kind regards

Meredith.

Zonta International Projects: An interim report on the Rwanda project—**'Elimination of New Pediatric HIV Infection & Prevention and Response to Survivors of Domestic Violence and Gender Based Violence'** is included at the end of this Newsletter.



Notices:

MEETINGS.

Board Meeting:

6.30pm:
2nd Tuesday
of the month

Venue:
Rockhampton Plaza
Hotel.

Club Meeting:

6.00 pm for 6.30pm
3rd Tuesday
of the month

Venue:
Rockhampton Plaza
Hotel.

Committee Meetings.

MEMBERSHIP:

Venue:
Rockhampton Plaza
Hotel
5.30 pm—
2nd Tuesday
of the month.

ADVOCACY+Program / PR & C/ United Nations/ Newsletter /Archives:

Venue:
Rockhampton Plaza
Hotel.
5.30 pm—
2nd Tuesday
of the month.

SERVICE:

Venue:
Rockhampton Plaza
Hotel.
5.30pm—
2nd Tuesday
of the month.

Calendar:

June:

11 Committee Meetings /
Board Meeting
18 Dinner Meeting

July:

09 Committee Meetings /
Board Meeting
16 Dinner Meeting

Special United Nations Observances and Other Significant Days.

June:

05 World Environment Day
06 World Refugee Day
26 International Day against Drug Abuse
and Illicit Trafficking

*Doing what you do is freedom.
Liking what you do is happiness.*

Anon.

Dinner Raffle.

The donation of gifts for the
Dinner Raffle follows the listing
in the Members Directory.

May: Jan L
June: Mary L
July: Carry L
August: Jennifer L

Please give your
raffle prize to Elizabeth.
to co-ordinate.



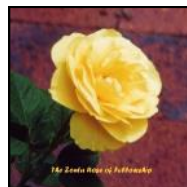
Happy Birthday

June:
23 Deanne



Welcome to the new Board who take up duty this month.

President: Meredith Sutherland
Vice-Pres: Rosalie Welburn
Minutes Sec: Carry Lee
Corres. Sec: Kaye Clark
Treasurer: Cathy Neilsen-Lee
Directors: Deanne Smith (2Yr)
Karen Sisley(2Yr)
Margaret Anderton(1Yr)
Judie Pettit(1Yr)



All information re Club Leadership
can be found in Section 2 of the
Zonta Club Manual including the
roles and responsibilities of all
Board members.

Also for all members, information re
Zonta Club Committees can be
found in Section 3 of the Zonta Club
Manual.

The Zonta Club Manual can be ac-
cessed on the Zonta International
website at

<http://www.zonta.org/MemberResources/Manuals.aspx>

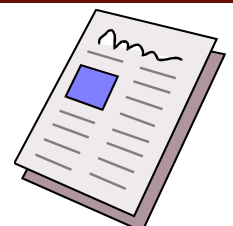
If you would like to contribute to your Newsletter
please forward articles to Berenice Payne

either by

Fax: 4922 3315 or

Email: berenice.a.payne@bigpond.com

Deadline: First Tuesday of the month.





Two new members were welcomed to the club at the May dinner meeting. Shirley Francis and Lynn Jamieson were inducted by President Meredith Sutherland. Both Shirley and Lynn bring highly developed professional skills to the club.



Cathy, Kaye and Carry represented our club at the recent CQUniversity Awards Ceremony.

Two Zonta Encouragement Awards were presented to the winners of the Engineering Award (Lauren Keleher) and the Paramedic Science Award (Amy Weise).



Zonta began this partnership with the CQUniversity in 1985 when it first offered awards in the faculties of Engineering and Science.



The Anniversary Committee is organizing a very enjoyable weekend for all. More details of the weekend events will be coming soon. We do hope you are planning to attend. If you know any past members of our club, please inform them of the event and invite them to attend. The committee will be contacting those for whom we have contact details but your help will be appreciated.

*Rockhampton
Zonta -30 years of service
1983 - 2013*



1. What is “Zonta Says NO”?

Building off the theme of the 2013 Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) “Elimination and prevention of all forms of violence against women and girls”, “Zonta Says NO” is a campaign to raise awareness of Zonta’s efforts to end violence against women and girls at the club, district and international levels. It is also an opportunity to unite Zonta clubs and Zontians around the world in one common action and to promote our ZISVAW (Zonta International Strategies to End Violence against Women) projects.

2. How will the campaign assist Zonta in increasing its credibility and visibility?

The campaign will raise internal awareness among Zontians of the depth and breadth of Zonta’s activities to prevent and end violence against women and girls at the club, district and international levels. Through increased visibility via the Zonta International website, The Zontian magazine, Zonta International’s social media platforms and the Say NO UNITE website, Zonta will likewise raise public awareness of its efforts to prevent and end violence against women and girls worldwide, thereby increasing Zonta’s global credibility as an organization working to end violence against women and girls. More visibility at the club and district levels from their participation in this campaign should also assist with membership recruitment and retention and support for Zonta’s projects.

3. How is “Zonta Says NO” different from the UN Say NO – UNITE campaign?

The “Zonta Says NO” campaign is a Zonta International campaign. We will coordinate with the Say NO – UNITE campaign to highlight Zonta’s efforts via the Say NO UNITE website and contribute to global efforts to raise awareness of the issue of violence against women; however, it is a separate campaign focused on Zonta’s activities at the club, district and international levels. In this aspect, “Zonta Says NO” is an ownership campaign that every member can relate to.

4. What are the goals of the “Zonta Says NO” campaign?

The goal of the campaign is to raise internal and external awareness of Zonta’s efforts to prevent and end violence against women and girls, locally and globally. To do so, we will aim to succeed in getting at least 40% of Zonta clubs to participate in the campaign. In addition, we will strive to get an additional 40% of clubs who do not participate in the campaign to engage in discussions about the campaign to learn what can be improved upon for potential future activities.

5. How do clubs and districts get involved?

Clubs are encouraged to participate in service and advocacy activities that focus on ending violence against women and girls from November 2012 to November/December 2013. All clubs will receive a campaign starter kit with a timeline for action and have access to examples for club activities through a special campaign section on <http://www.zonta.org>. Clubs can continue on with existing activities focused on ending violence against women and girls, or they can start a new service project or advocacy initiative. These activities can be shared with the Zonta International community via a special website section dedicated to the campaign. Clubs and districts can also participate in the Zonta Service Recognition Award by entering their project in the VAWG category. The most outstanding projects will be recognized at the 2014 Convention in Orlando, FL.. Log on to <http://zontasaysno.com/>




The Huffington Post, Skoll Foundation and Half the Sky Movement teamed up to **Invest in Women Who Change the World** and on April 24, they launched The **RaiseForWomen** Challenge, a fundraising Challenge to help female-focused charities gain recognition and resources.

Message from Zonta International via Facebook on Friday 7th June at completion of Challenge.

Zonta International Foundation placed 2nd in The RaiseForWomen Challenge!

Thank you to all our generous supporters who donated more than US\$130,000 to the Foundation and helped us earn an additional US\$20,000! These donations will make a real difference in the lives of women and girls around the world. We also extend our congratulations to 1st place recipient, Global Foundation for Eating Disorders, 3rd place recipient, International Center for Research on Women, and all the organizations who participated and raised money for women's causes.

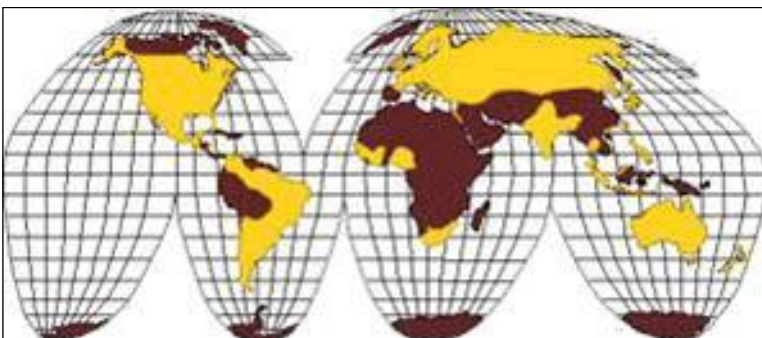
<p>1ST</p>  <p>GFED</p> <p>AMOUNT RAISED: \$200,034</p>	<p>2ND</p>  <p>ZONTA ROSE CHALLENGE</p> <p>AMOUNT RAISED: \$130,436</p>	<p>3RD</p>  <p>ICRW'S TURNING POINT CAMPAIGN</p> <p>AMOUNT RAISED: \$109,343</p>
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There were **30,050 members** of Zonta worldwide as of 28 February 2013.

The 2012-2014 Membership Goal for Zonta worldwide is **31,000 members**.



Zonta maintains a presence in countries marked in Gold.



- District 22**
- A Queensland Australia
 - B Northern Rivers Inc. New South Wales Australia



Rwanda Facts and Figures

% of children under 15 years of age – 44.6

GNI per capita (2011) – 540 USD

Under-five mortality (2011) – 54/1,000

% of Under-five stunted (2010) – 44%

% of Adult HIV prevalence – 3

% of use of improved drinking water source (2011) – 74

% of Population below national poverty line (2011) – 45

Program Facts and Figures

% of health facilities providing PMTCT services (2010) – 82

% of pregnant women receiving ARV prophylaxis – 78

% of exposed children receiving ARV prophylaxis – 74

% of women having experienced violence aged of 15-49 (2010) – 41

% of women having ever experienced sexual violence – 22

% of girls among victims of child rape (2010) – 90

Statistics were taken from the National Institute of Statistics; Rwanda 2010 Universal Access Report; National Public Prosecution Authority

Elimination of New Pediatric HIV Infection & Prevention and Response to Survivors of Domestic and Gender Based Violence in Rwanda



Interim Report for the period of May to September 2012

2010-2012 Funding: US\$500,000 from the International Service Fund to UNICEF

GOAL:

To prevent mother-to-child transmission (PMTCT) of HIV by strengthening the early infant diagnosis (EID) program and ensuring routine provision of family package services at 20 UNICEF-supported PMTCT sites and to support two newly established pilot centers in providing holistic care and support to survivors of domestic and gender-based violence.

BACKGROUND:

Rwanda has made remarkable progress in achieving Millennium Development Goals #3 and #6, which focus on gender equality and the fight against HIV/AIDS. This accomplishment is due to Rwanda's high-level government commitment to address gender inequalities and ensure equal access to HIV prevention, care and treatment services

To date, 82% of all health facilities countrywide offer family-centered PMTCT and the government has established a One stop Center (OSC) model to provide treatment, care and support to survivors of gender-based violence.

Progress in Rwanda

- Infant and under-five mortality dropped to 50 and 76 deaths per 1,000 live births, a major improvement from 2005 rates, which saw 86 and 103 deaths per every 1,000 live births. The UN Inter-Agency Group on Child Mortality Estimation (IGME) has projected Rwanda's infant to under-five mortality rate for 2011 at 54 and 38% per 1,000 live births.
- Three-fourths of the population now live within five kilometers of a health center and 78% of households have health insurance, an increase from 68% in 2007-2008.
- 90% of all children under one are fully immunized.

- In 2011, primary school enrollment and completion rates remained high at 95.4% and 78.6%. Dropout rates steadily decreased from 12.2% in 2009-2010 to 11.3% in 2010-2011.
- The government implemented safety nets that reach at least 45,000 of the most vulnerable children and provide educational and vocational training, access to health insurance and counseling.
- 85% of HIV-infected pregnant women received anti-retroviral therapy (ART) during pregnancy and at the time of child birth at the end of 2010.

Challenges Still Remain

- About 30% of pregnant women are not accessing HIV testing.
- 3% of Rwandans age 15-49 are HIV-positive.
- Only 12% of youth aged 15-24 have comprehensive knowledge of HIV/AIDS.
- 65% of all cases of GBV treated at the OSC in Kigali are children; a majority of them are girls.

PROJECT ACTIVITIES & RESULTS

Eliminate MTCT of HIV in Rwanda by 2015

- UNICEF supported a national study to determine the effectiveness of the PMTCT program. The study measured early transmission rates among HIV-exposed infants at 6-weeks of age and looked to determine factors associated with early HIV transmission from mother-to-child. 1,561 mother-baby pairs enrolled in the study and 699 samples were collected.
- Six districts were supported to develop a three-year operational plan for the elimination of MTCT.





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Rwanda, 2011

Jean Claude Siboniyo and his wife Claire hold their 17-month-old son, Yves outside their home in Bugesara, Rwanda. Their family has benefited from the Family Package services provided at the Ruhuha Health Center in Rwanda's Bugesara District.



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Rwanda, 2011

Alphonsine Mukandinda, a clinical psychologist at the Isange OSC at Kigali's Kacyiru Police Hospital, has worked at the center since 2009. She dedicates her days to supporting hundreds of women and children across Rwanda overcome their violent pasts.

If you want to read more about Jean Claude, Claire, and Yves, as well as Alphonsine Mukandinda and her work at Isange OSC, [click here](http://www.zonta.org/WhatWeDo/) or visit <http://www.zonta.org/WhatWeDo/>

- Early infant diagnosis (EID) programs are being implemented in two districts. EID programs offer a diagnosis of HIV from 4-6 weeks of age, which facilitates provision of life-saving care to infants and enables access to HIV prevention information.
- Project funds were used to support the routine provision of PMTCT services to approximately 8,500 pregnant women in 20 health centers. From April to August 2012, 95% of patients were counseled and tested for HIV and 90.8% of their male partners were also tested. 99% of them and 77% of their newborns received treatment.
- Ten new PMTCT sites initiated the family package approach. Two health care providers and 19 peer educators were trained per site on the family package approach. In the 12 existing sites, 87 association members were trained on income-generating activities management.

Reduce incidence and lessen the impact of gender-based violence

- Support was provided to increase access and quality of services for survivors of violence, with increased safety and ongoing community awareness.
- Technical and financial resources were provided for survivors of violence upon returning to their community to support their reintegration process.
- Support was provided to the government in expansion of OSCs for the prevention of, and response to, domestic and gender-based violence in all five provinces of Rwanda.
- The Kacyiru OSC gave high priority to awareness-raising and sensitization. The Center organized awareness raising campaigns in the three most vulnerable districts in the City of Kigali, particularly for the Community Policing Committee, the local leaders, the Anti-GBV committees on survivor referrals, and approximately 500 local leaders since the beginning of 2012.
- Data from the Isange OSC, which opened in July 2009, shows 5,482 survivors treated as of August 2012 (95% women and girls, 65% are children).
- The Isange OSC maintained a 24-hour hotline for survivors of GBV. An average

- of eight calls were received per day; 90% of callers were women or girls.
- Steps were taken toward finalizing the National Scaling-Up Strategy for OSCs to ensure harmonized and multidisciplinary OSCs throughout Rwanda.
- Strengthened capacity of OSC personnel in the areas of trauma focused mental health and psychosocial support.
- Four OSCs are currently operational in Rwanda, and six more are planned to open in 2012-2013.
- The Gihundwe OSC has conducted 310 follow-up home visits from January to July 2012 and the Isange OSC has conducted 99 follow-ups. The visits aimed at supporting survivors in their reintegration within their house and community after the traumatic event.
- Both the Gihundwe and Isange OSCs set up a support-fund for vulnerable women to access services free of charge. The fund supports these women with transportation costs, food and shelter.

Future Activities

UNICEF will continue to support the PMTCT of HIV, as well as strengthen efforts to reduce incidence and lessen the impact of GBV.

Specific plans for the **PMTCT component**:

- Continue supporting family-centered services in 20 hard-to-reach sites.
- Analyze data from the PMTCT impact study.
- Establish a district-wide surveillance system for HIV infection in children.
- Improve EID programs that are currently implemented in two districts.
- Disseminate the national strategic plan for elimination of MTCT of HIV.
- Develop an operational plan to eliminate MTCT of HIV in four districts.

Specific plans for the **GBV component**:

- Work closely with the Ministry of Health to continue planning activities to ensure standardized care and support to survivors of GBV.
- Evaluate the Isange OSC.
- Continue to train the intervention team to ensure quality and coordinated services by all OSC staff.