

ZONTA ON THE ROCKS.



Zonta Club of Rockhampton Inc
Member of Zonta International
Advancing the Status of Women Worldwide

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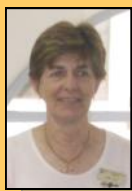
PLEASE NOTE!

If you are
unable to attend
the dinner meeting,
please advise
Anna Tempest
Ph 4928 7880 (W)
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by 10 am

on the Monday
before the meeting.
**Failure to
apologize will
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of \$25.00.**



Welcome to
Area 2 Director
2010-2012
Barb Huff
Zonta Club
of Longreach
(see page 7)



From the President:

Dear Zontians,

It seems that one of the issues confronting local and international Zonta is that of membership.

We know that many women face active or passive discrimination and many, many live in truly appalling conditions. Zonta is pledged to combat and try to improve these circumstances and the organization can be most influential and efficacious with a strong committed membership base.

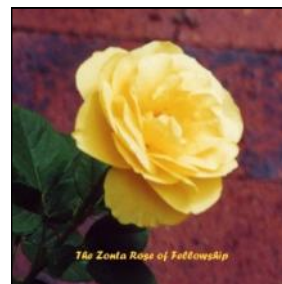
As Lieutenant Governor, Trish brought membership particularly to the club's attention and I would like us to continue that focus this year. The Membership Committee, with the full support of the club, works hard to bring in new members. I think we in

the club have a responsibility to be truly welcoming and inclusive of new people and actively to develop social and "fun" aspects of membership.

The Membership Committee is looking at a stronger mentoring system and Programme is considering a "Back to Zonta" night. We have lost a lot of Zontians over the years and it would be good to see them again and to offer an opportunity of rejoining the association.

We can justifiably be proud of our membership of Zonta as, simply, it makes the world a better place.

Sincerely,
Margaret.



As of June 2010, Zonta International has
31,000 members in 1,200 clubs in 66 countries.

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.

OMC:

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

Program / PR & C / UN

LA & A / 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:

August:

10 Committee/Board Meetings
17 Dinner Meeting
21 Garden Tea Party

September:

14 Committee/Board Meetings
21 Dinner Meeting

Special United Nations Observances and Other Significant Days.

September:

08 International Literacy Day
*Third Tuesday September—
International Day of Peace. Opening
Day for regular sessions for the UN
General Assembly*

"The way to love anything
is to realize it might be lost."

G K Chesterton

Dinner Raffle.

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

August	Rosalie W
September	Norma W
October	Elizabeth A
November	Margaret A

Please give your
raffle prize to Elizabeth



Happy Birthday

On 5th August we wish
Happy 27th Birthday to
Zonta Club of Rockhampton



Installation of Board 2010-2011



District Governor Trish Collins conducted the installation ceremony
of Board members Carry Lee and Noela Walls at the July meeting.

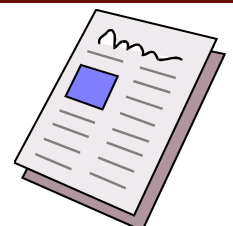
If you would like to contribute to your Newsletter
please forward articles to Berenice Payne

either by

Fax: 4922 3315 or

Email: berenice.a.payne@bigpond.com

Deadline: First Tuesday of the month.



Legislative Awareness and Advocacy

At the Area Meeting in Gladstone in February this year, Zontians were asked to answer the questions in the quiz which follows. The quiz was aimed at giving Zontians some guidelines for choosing projects for their own clubs. Over the last few biennia, clubs have been encouraged by Zonta International to focus on projects for women thus keeping with the aim of Zonta — “to advance the status of women”. It is the intention of Zonta International that clubs phase out projects which do not fit the criteria listed in Zonta’s objects.

Area Meeting Quiz.

A major goal for the 2010-2012 Biennium is to ELIMINATE all advocacy / service projects which DO NOT meet one or more of Zonta’s Objects.

Using the Advocacy Framework and Scorecard , identify which of the following advocacy / service activities DO MEET Zonta’s Objects and why.

1. Support for regional oncology wellness centre.

NO. *Does not meet any ‘status of women’ criteria.*

If the oncology wellness centre was for women it would meet ‘improving women’s health - CEDAW Article 12. As a general rule, Zonta clubs should not be funding activities which are a government responsibility (health treatment facilities). In such cases where funding is needed, we should advocate that the responsible government provides this service.

2. Relay for life for cancer society.

NO. *Does not meet any ‘status of women’ criteria. Cancer societies are usually charitable organisations whereas Zonta clubs (outside the USA) cannot achieve this status due to tax laws. Cancer is an ‘emotive’ issue but not one for Zonta clubs as we focus on empowering the status of women.*

3. Contributions to domestic violence safe house (personal care items, furnishings, clothing).

YES. *Any support for women domestic violence victims meets Zonta’s Object of promoting justice and universal respect for human rights. It also meets **CEDAW Article 3.***

4. ‘Tech savvy’ program to support young women getting into science / computing field.

YES. *This supports improving the educational status and economic status of women by assisting women to enter a non-traditional educational field and further their employ-*

ment prospects. It meets **CEDAW Article 4** (Special Measures) and **Article 10**.

5. Mammography award to student entering 3rd year of a radiography program.

NO. If the award was for a female student from a disadvantaged background it might satisfy improving the educational status of women; a case would need to be made that more women were required to train as radiographers. If a 'special access' case can be made, it would meet **CEDAW Article 10**.

6. Gifts to aged women.

NO. A nice thing to do but it does not improve the 'status' of these women according to Zonta's Objects.

7. Seminar to improve the economic status of marginalised members in a community.

YES, if it focuses on women (i.e. women are the invited audience) and it covers those items specifically mentioned in **CEDAW Article 13** (except the last point re sport).

8. Seminar on equal pay for men and women.

YES. Any seminar which educates both men and women about the principles of equality between the sexes (be it pay or any other matter) meets **CEDAW Article 2**. Women should not be discriminated against on the basis of their sex.

9. Making / assembling birthing kits for distribution overseas.

YES. Birthing kits provide 'access' to health care services which would otherwise not be available to women due to their extreme poverty and / or living in areas remote from post natal care. It meets **CEDAW Article 12**.

10. Providing infants cots for nursery ward at a local hospital.

NO. This does not meet any 'status of women' criteria. In developed countries provision of hospital equipment is the responsibility of the state (if a public hospital) or hospital administration (if a private facility). Most hospitals in developed countries have their own foundations and fundraising activities.

Click [here](#) to go to the webpage with information about **CEDAW** and its Articles. You can check the above mentioned Articles on this site.

CEDAW is the **Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women** and was adopted in 1979. CEDAW is part of International Law. Australia was one of the first countries to ratify CEDAW in July 1983.



VICE-PRESIDENT MEREDITH SUTHERLAND – PROFILE

I am a South Australian born and bred - born at Naracoorte, a medium sized rural town in the South east of SA. I grew up on a sheep farm within shouting distance of Coonawarra (of wine fame) and Penola (of Mary McKillop fame). As I was growing up it seemed I was related to half the surrounding population so it is a change to be in Queensland with no relatives other than immediate family.

Boarding school in Adelaide was followed by University and Teachers' College – no such thing as Gap years then. My teaching career took me on Cook's Tour of SA – Minlaton on the Yorke Peninsula, Wirrabarra by the Flinders' Ranges and Mannum by the River Murray.

When I had completed my teaching bond to the SA Government, I sailed overseas – first to South America where I travelled by any means available for 3 months – this was before the travel agents discovered it. After my South American adventure, I sailed to England where I travelled and worked throughout the UK and Europe. I loved travelling in countries with a foreign language, and managed to make myself understood in French, Spanish and Italian – but that was a long time ago!

With the travel bug out of my system I returned to Australia and took up teaching again in my home town – and met my Victorian husband. I moved to a farm near Ballarat after we married and we built our first home there. Whilst this was happening we lived in a shed which was cool to say the least in Ballarat's winters. Our new home had a large fireplace and under-floor heating. We enjoyed the luxury of our new home for a short period before we moved to Anakie in Central Queensland thirty years ago. The farm near Anakie was the centre of my world for the next 25 years and a good life it was- despite droughts, flooding rains and locust plagues – but there were lots of good times and lots of good friends.

My children, 3 sons, were all born in Rockhampton but were brought up on the farm and attended school in Emerald until they went away to boarding school in Rockhampton. I helped write and deliver a Governess Programme at the CH College of TAFE before taking on Supply teaching in Emerald and Anakie. A 50km drive to school meant a little more planning than it does now.

In 2005 we sold the farm and moved to Rockhampton to a house which we had bought and my husband renovated. We are now irrigation farmers on the Fitzroy Barrage – probably a reaction to the dry - dryland farming we experienced at Anakie. It took a long while to get used to the fact that I live 3 minutes from the CBD and 10 minutes from anywhere in Rocky. On the farm I left home at least 40 minutes before I was due somewhere. I still seem to buy in bulk although the shop is 3 minutes away! I enjoy Supply teaching in Rockhampton Schools and don't enjoy nearly as much spending ages on the computer inputting farm data.

Sport has played a big part in our sons' lives and we have enjoyed following their various sporting pursuits. One son represented Queensland both in rowing and rugby union – so we like to bask in reflected glory. Two of our sons graduated from Marcus Oldham College in Geelong in agribusiness and one from CQUniversity in Engineering and now have careers as a crane operator, an engineer and a farmhand.

I joined Zonta in Ballarat in 1978, then was a foundation member of Zonta in Emerald and transferred my membership to Rockhampton in 2006. My Zonta connections generously hosted my son and me in 2000 when he ran with the Paralympic Torch in North Sydney. I joined Zonta as a way to meet other women and felt that I had the time to make a difference to the lives of women less fortunate than me.



Zontian of the Month



Berenice Payne

The Board is very pleased to announce that our second Zontian of the Month recipient is Berenice.

Berenice joined Zonta in 1995 and has served the organisation consistently in many different roles ever since. After the Presidency of our club, she became Area Director and has worked as District Board Secretary, District Conference Secretary and District P R Chairman. This involvement in

the wider club is very much appreciated and has been of great benefit to us in Rockhampton.

It is for her many activities in our local club that we especially honour her. I don't think any one person can know all that she does from newsletter editor, archivist, webpage administrator, P R committee chair and board member. Apart from these formal positions, Berenice is always there for ad hoc committees, working bees or whenever things need to be done.

Berenice has a fine understanding of Zonta's principles and procedures and is very generous with her time and experience when asked for advice. Her computer skills are wonderful and again, she is always so willing to be of assistance either to Zontians or in club activities.

Berenice, we appreciate your friendship and all that you do and are in the club and are delighted to name you Zontian of the Month and to say - thank you.

Margaret.

District 22 Board for 2010-2012 Biennium:

District Governor—Trish Collins Zonta Club of Rockhampton Inc
 Lt. Governor – Kelly Stokes Zonta Club of Townsville Metro Inc
 Treasurer – Anne Grant Zonta Club of Cairns Inc
 Secretary – Judith A Anderson Zonta Club of Brisbane Inc
 Area 1 Director – Bev Bellett Zonta Club of Caloundra Inc
 Area 2 Director – Barbara Huff Zonta Club of Longreach Inc
 Area 3 Director - Judith Trevan-Hawke Zonta Club of Wynnum Redlands Inc
 Area 4 Director – Heather Hall Zonta Club of Roma Inc
 Area 5 Director – Janice Micola Zonta Club of Burdekin Inc

District 22 Committee Chairmen for 2010-2012:

United Nations Committee: Bev Lowcock Zonta Club of Bowen Inc
 Foundation Ambassador: Bev Folliott Zonta Club of Brisbane Inc
 Service Committee: Denise Martin Zonta Club of Beaudesert Inc
 Bylaws & Resolutions Committee: Ros Kinder Zonta Club of Brisbane East Inc
 Finance Committee: Anne Grant Zonta Club of Cairns Inc
 OMC Committee: Kelly Stokes Zonta Club of Townsville Metro Inc
 LA&A Committee: Vicki Varthas Zonta Club of Brisbane Metro Breakfast Inc
 Amelia Earhart Committee: Sandra Venn-Brown Zonta Club of West Moreton Inc
 YWPA Committee: Linda Grudnoff Zonta Club of Northern Rivers Inc
 JMK Committee: Wendy Downes Zonta Club of The Whitsundays Inc
 Z & Golden Z Clubs: Wendy Downes Zonta Club of The Whitsundays Inc
 Nominating Committee: Ans Van Erp Zonta Club of Toowoomba Inc

**Welcome to Area 2 Director Barb Huff.**

Barb joined Zonta in 1974. Currently she is a member of the Zonta Club of Longreach.

Barb is a partner in an Accountancy Firm.

In Zonta, Barb has held the positions of President, Treasurer, Correspondence Secretary and Director.

When asked what skills she brings to Zonta, her answer is

*“The wisdom that age brings,
 an ability to manage figures
 and an ability to impart my knowledge
 and generally deal amicably with people”.*

We look forward to welcoming Barb to our club when she visits as Area Director during the biennium.



Zonta maintains a presence in countries marked in Gold.

**District 22**

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

