

# 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**  
**incur payment**  
**of \$25.00.**



Area Meeting  
2nd & 3rd April  
2011  
Maryborough

District Conference  
23rd—25th  
September 2011  
Brisbane

## From the President:

Dear Zontians

It was a pleasure to welcome our YWPA recipient, Jessica Stewart, with her mother Julie, to our dinner meeting in February. Jessica spoke of her hopes, interest and aspirations and we wish her well in her future.

We also had good news from Berenice about the purchase of our new club computer. You'll recall that through a submission by Jan last year the club was awarded a grant of about \$3,700 and Berenice and Jan have been combing the shops and the internet for the best buy. Thank you for all your work and we particularly appreciate the advice and time so generously given by Errol Payne.

Jan, Cathy and Janet have been meeting to arrange the IWD breakfast while Berenice has gained us good publicity. If you haven't popped in a raffle prize yet, could you get one to Elizabeth before the 8th March?

We thoroughly enjoyed drinks and nibbles at Meredith's house with

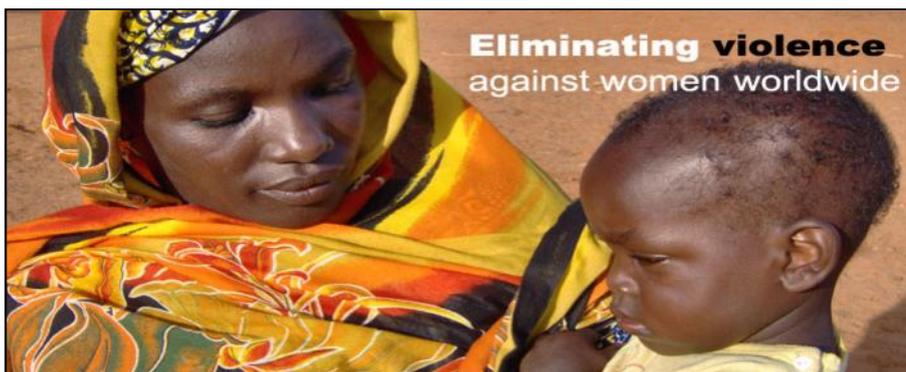
five potential members attending. This informal style of gathering seems to work well. Thank you Meredith.

At the last committee meetings, members decided that they didn't want to meet in the evening after an early morning start for IWD so next month all meetings will be on 15<sup>th</sup> March – the board at 5pm - committees at 5.30pm and the club at 6.30pm.

Please seriously consider attending the Area meeting in Maryborough on 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> April. I'm sure people will be sharing transport.

We will next be gathering at the Brothers' Leagues Club on Lion Creek Road on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March from 4pm onwards to blow up balloons and then back from 5.30am on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> to prepare the room. I look forward to seeing everybody there.

Sincerely,  
Margaret



## 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.

##### LA & A / 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:

#### March:

15 Board Meeting  
Committee Meetings  
Dinner Meeting

#### April:

02/03 Area Meeting—Maryborough  
12 Committee Meetings/  
Board Meeting  
19 Dinner Meeting

#### *Special United Nations Observances and Other Significant Days.*

#### March:

08 International Women's Day to  
be celebrated at IWD Breakfast.  
21 International Day for the Elimina-  
tion of Racial Discrimination

*All works of love are works of peace –  
Mother Theresa*



### Dinner Raffle.

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

March	Donovan R
April	Fitzgerald V
May	Fisher M
June	Forster P

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



## Happy Birthday

March:  
A special  
Happy Birthday  
for  
International  
Women's Day



### Date Claimer

Zonta District 22.

Area 2 Meeting.

Maryborough: 2nd–3rd April 2011.

Zonta District 22

District Conference

Brisbane: 23rd–25th September 2011

Please enter into your diary - more information coming soon.

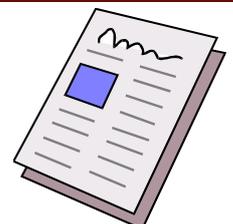
If you would like to contribute to your Newsletter  
please forward articles to Berenice Payne

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Deadline: First Tuesday of the month.





**A Positive Way to Make a Difference.** (From ZI Website)

By Mia Brandt and Misbah M. Sheikh

*Kacyiru Health Center, Kigali, Rwanda, May 2010:* In the heart of Kigali, Rwanda’s capital, there is a centre that provides holistic services to families to prevent the transmission of HIV from parents to their children. This innovative “Family Package” programme, currently being implemented in seven health centers around the country with UNICEF support, offers a range of different services to prevent, treat and support children, women and men who live with HIV.

Not only do women who come to the center get counseling – with some of the counselors being HIV-positive women themselves - but they get lifesaving anti-retrovirals to help them live

healthier longer lives. They are also introduced to income generating projects that will help them sustain their families, as well as learn how to grow vegetables and create wonderful gardens from the materials and skills they get from the center, all the while learning about optimal nutrition for their children and themselves.

Rose Manirarora’s life has been touched by the Family Package. She is thirty years old and is married to Francois Musengamana. Both live with HIV. They have four children, two from previous marriages and two together. Their children Frank Zezerano (1 ½) and Anne Marie Uwera (3) are HIV-negative thanks to PMTCT interventions from Kacyiru Health Centre.

But Francois’ 11 year old daughter, Beata, lives with HIV like her parents; her mother died of AIDS.

“If it wasn’t for PMTCT interventions,” says Rose, “our two children would also have had to live with HIV like us. We are so grateful this is not the case. Not only are they healthy, but I have a little garden where I grow vegetables to ensure that all the children, but especially Beata, always eat nutritious food.”

“But what I value most from the family package programme is the fact that I know that Frank and I are not alone anymore. At Kacyiru, we have a whole association of people who live with HIV. I have found solace and strength in sharing my problems with others and being part of a community. For the first time in a long time, I am happy. I have learned how to sew and this has earned my family money. This has enabled us to purchase what our children need to make them happy too,” she smiles.

Over 7,700 newborns would be infected annually by HIV in Rwanda if there were no PMTCT interventions. As it is, despite Rwanda’s low HIV prevalence rate of 3%, over 20,000 children under the age of 15 live with HIV, an estimated 90% of HIV infections occur due to mother-to-child transmission.

UNICEF supports national efforts to reduce prevalence, provide treatment and care and protect the most vulnerable children under the larger umbrella of the UN in Rwanda and in partnership with agencies like Zonta International, the Global Fund and the Imbuto and Clinton Foundations.



President Margaret Anderton  
and  
Chair of Service Committee  
Pauline Forster  
congratulate  
Jessica Stewart  
on receiving the club’s  
Young Women  
in Public Affairs Award.



## How far have we come since 1972?

The first of the large IWD marches took place in Sydney in 1972. From then on, IWD marches generally took place on the Saturday morning nearest to March 8. The name March is really a misnomer for mostly they were more like a walk through the streets with a party atmosphere.

In Sydney, the march was organized by an ad hoc open-ended group of women's liberationists who formed the March Action Campaign for IWD. They issued a sticker, a badge, a broadsheet, other smaller leaflets and a poster inspired by the image of Angela Davis, a Black revolutionary in the United States who had been in prison facing a possible death sentence, but was later released after an extensive international campaign.

The March Action Campaign was taken up in some other states and focused on the following demands:

### **The Right to Work:**

The broadsheet referred to all the polishing, sweeping and other work performed by women for no wages and argued that women should have access to all paid occupations without having to carry a double burden of paid and unpaid labour.

### **Equal Pay - one rate for the job:**

Some 20 percent of women workers, such as the NSW teachers in 1959, and the meat workers in 1969, had won equal pay for equal work, but the average award rate was still \$45 for men and \$32.57 for women. In both these industries women were performing the same or similar work to men but no advance had been made in revaluing the traditional areas where the majority of women worked. One rate for each job, irrespective of the age, sex, or race, was demanded. While, in December 1972, the government began to phase in equal pay for all women workers, its long term effects still left a gap between male and female rates and a new equal pay demand still needs to be made.

### **Equal opportunity for work and education:**

Most of us are under educated and so we work at unskilled, semi-skilled and dull jobs said the broadsheet. Only two percent of Australian women had tertiary qualifications. At 15 most of us leave school. It is not that training and higher education isn't available", but, rather, that social attitudes and lack of work opportunity hold us back.

### **Free child care and pre-school activities:**

In New South Wales, only enough child care centres existed to cater for 2.8 percent of all pre-school children. Comprehensive child care centres with flexible hours, user control and paid for by the government was the alternative suggested.

### **Free, safe contraceptives:**

At that time there was a luxury tax of 27 1/2 percent on the birth control pill, the law prohibited the general publication of contraceptive advice and information, and contraception was seen as a problem for women. The broadsheet said that this should be changed and safe contraceptives be freely available in birth control clinics.

### **Safe, legal abortion on request:**

A study by the World Health Organisation had disclosed that, due to illegal abortion attempts, Australia had the highest maternal mortality rate of developed Western countries. While contraception was described as being more desirable than abortion, in many cases abortion was seen as being more desirable than childbirth. This IWD broadsheet had nothing to say about sexuality, which took increasing prominence in later years.

Estimates of the numbers who marched from Sydney Town Hall to Hyde Park in 1972 ranged from 2-5,000, while the organizers said 4,000. Marchers wound their way through the city, mostly on the footpath, with bodies, flags, children, banners and dogs mingling with the Saturday morning shoppers.





### ELIZABETH ACTON—PROFILE.

I was born in Rockhampton and spent my early childhood on my family's cattle property "Wilpeena," situated North West of Dingo. My Primary School years were spent at "Wilpeena" being taught by a succession of governesses through what was then called the Queensland Primary Correspondence School. Lessons were posted from Brisbane and delivered by mail truck to our property – or in the wet season often delivered by boat. At the age of twelve I became a boarder at St. Hilda's School, Southport where I completed five years of secondary education. During this time I usually returned home only three times a year for much anticipated holidays with my family.

I have very fond memories of my early life on the property – swimming in the creek, socializing with neighbours (often a long drive for a BBQ or afternoon

tea!!!), Boxing Day picnics at the river, tennis parties, fancy dress parties and race meetings and of course home schooling with my brothers.

As a child growing up on a cattle property it may seem unusual that I never learnt to ride a horse. This was probably because I have four brothers and as the only girl in the family was not encouraged to do so – not by my mother anyway, although I am sure my father was keen for me to ride.

After leaving School I attended Business College in Brisbane and then worked for a Solicitor, followed by employment with a Stock and Station Agent in Brisbane. In 1986 my family encouraged me to move to Rockhampton and work in the family cattle business and I am still involved in the business today.

I enjoy travelling, and have had many enjoyable overseas trips in past years. I have not travelled as much within Australia with the thought that it will be easily accessible for trips in later years. I also enjoy reading, cooking, entertaining and spending lazy days at my beach house at Yeppoon. I have 13 nieces and nephews and 11 great nieces and nephews (the "great" makes me feel a bit old!!!), who all give me much joy.

I became a member of the Zonta Club of Rockhampton in 1986 and since then have filled positions of minute secretary, correspondence secretary and board member. When I first joined Zonta I was at that time working from home so particularly enjoyed the fellowship of other members while at the same time being able to contribute to improving the status of women both locally and world wide. I find it very rewarding to be involved in an organization dedicated to helping women less fortunate than ourselves.

As a member of Zonta I have attended many Area Meetings and District Conferences and also enjoyed travelling to four International Conventions in Honolulu, Melbourne, Rotterdam and San Antonio, Texas. I would encourage all members to consider attending at least some of these events if possible. It is very interesting and rewarding to meet Zontians from other clubs in Australia and indeed from all around the world.



## Zontian of the Month



### *Meredith Sutherland.*

*We are very pleased to recognize Meredith as our Zontian of the month. Meredith is another member who wears many hats in our club and an important role she plays is as chairman of our OMC committee.*

*Membership and recruitment provide the life blood of an organization, particularly in current times when volunteerism is declining. Meredith has a friendly, engaging personality, welcoming new and potential members to the club and always injecting a sense of fun into serious service. The recent membership function with its relaxed, easy style seems to have been very successful.*

*For several years Meredith has been responsible for the ordering, packaging and distribution of the macadamia nuts. It is lovely to have these for Christmas. Meredith's is a face that we always see when fundraising or service projects are taking place, pitching in whenever there is work to be done. I'd also like to say thank you to Meredith's and Ewan's son, Ed, who has been a tower of strength especially in carrying crockery for the afternoon tea and goods for the Second Time Around shop. You've been very kind to us Ed. Thank you.*

*Thank you Meredith for all that you do for club, committee and board of Zonta.*

*Margaret.*

Zonta maintains a presence in countries marked in Gold.



#### District 22

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

