

ZONTA ON THE ROCKS

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NOTICES.

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.



District
Conference:
07- 09 Sept. 2007
Tweed Heads

International
Convention:
28 June – 03 July
2008: Rotterdam



Zonta Club of Rockhampton

Member of Zonta International

Advancing the Status of Women Worldwide

President's Message:

Fellow Zontians

I am writing this just prior to attending the District Conference in Tweed Heads. The Rockhampton Club will be represented by six members who will report on events at the September Dinner meeting, which will now be held in the usual venue at the Plaza Hotel.

At the September meeting we will celebrate two United Nations Days, both very relevant and important to Zonta ideals and directions: the International Literacy Day on 8th September and the International Day of Peace on 21st September.

"International Literacy Day 2007 is placing special focus on the vital relationship between literacy and health. This is also the thematic emphasis of the 2007-2008 biennium of the United Nations Literacy Decade. International Literacy Day 2007 will look at notably literacy and its links with general health care, nutrition, family and reproductive health and health-related community development. This year's slogan is "Literacy, key to good health and

well-being." Literacy is an integral aspect of the universal right to education but also an essential basis for improving health conditions."

The United Nations Assembly in declaring the International Day of Peace affirmed:

"That the contribution that the observance and celebration of the International Day of Peace make in strengthening the ideals of peace and alleviating tensions and causes of conflict, the Day should be observed on 21 September each year, with this date to be brought to the attention of all people for the celebration and observance of peace."

I recently read a report on the Central Queensland Law Association Annual Conference held at Yeppoon on August 11th 2007. Here are some excerpts which provide a stark reminder to us that there is a significant need to address the issue of violence against women and children in our own local community and also be proactive in relation to the above themes:

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MEETINGS.

Board:

6.30pm:

2nd Tuesday
of the month

Venue:

Rockhampton Plaza
Hotel.

Dinner:

6.00 pm for 6.30pm

3rd Tuesday
of the month

Venue:

Rockhampton Plaza
Hotel.

Committee

Meetings.

OMC/PR/UN

Program:

Venue:

Rockhampton Plaza
Hotel

5.30 pm—

2nd Tuesday
of the month.

Finance and

Fundraising:

Venue:

Rockhampton Plaza
Hotel.

5.30 pm—

2nd Tuesday
of the month.

Status of Women:

Venue:

Rockhampton Plaza
Hotel.

5.30pm—

2nd Tuesday
of the month.

Calendar:

SEPTEMBER:



11 Committee Meetings/
Board Meeting

18 Dinner Meeting – Book
Sale/Exchange

OCTOBER:

09 Committee Meetings/
Board Meeting

16 Dinner Meeting

Special United Nations Observances and Other Significant Days.

Sept:

08 International Literacy Day

21 International Day of Peace

*"Nothing is so strong as
gentleness. Nothing is so gentle as
real strength" - Frances de Sales*

Dinner Raffle.

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

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| September | Glenys C |
| October | Robyn D |
| November | Helen D-T |
| December | Valda F |

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



If you would like to contribute to
your Newsletter please forward
articles to Berenice Payne
either by
Fax: 4922 3315 or Email to
berenice.a.payne@bigpond.com

Deadline:
First Tuesday of the month.

President's Message:

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"Unfortunately there have been increases in the number of domestic violence applications and the orders made in Rockhampton and Woorabinda. There were 824 applications made in Rockhampton, an increase of 92. In Woorabinda the 75 applications, involved an increase of 33. There was a reduction by 6 applications in Yeppoon to 129. There has also been an increase in child protection applications in Rockhampton by 34.2% from 290 to 389."

'Til next time.

Peace be with
all of you.



Jan

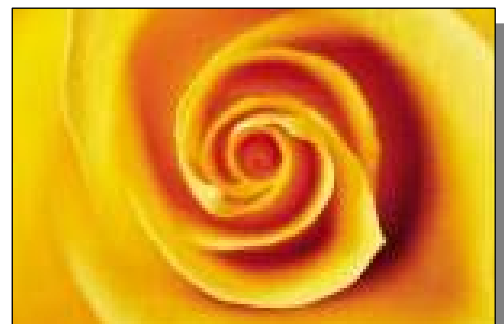
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Happy Birthday September



05 Irish Collins
12 Chris Putman
24 Margaret Anderton



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| Committee Reports: August 2007 | Status of Women: i) No answer from Gladstone re contact about Alexis Wright (winner of Miles Franklin Award) with regard to sharing of IWD Speaker with Gladstone Zonta Club. ii) The YWPA Award info pack to be sent out as soon as the 2008 info comes out on the web – end of September. iii) Discussion re other ways of helping young people in need in the community. | ACTION: 1) Robyn will ask William Oates from the Indigenous Centre for Learning at CQU to contact Alexis re coming to speak at the IWD Breakfast. William Oates also wants her to speak at CQU. |
| | Finance & Fundraising: i) Discussion re Christmas High Tea – Nov 21 and 28 not available. Discussion re suitable date with result Thurs 22 nd Nov. Time to be 5.30 pm to 8.00 pm. Discussion has been had with venue re amount of food. ii) Wendy gave information re a Wine Tasting evening which she is able to arrange if members wish. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any number/small groups • Premium wines/overseas • 10 varieties of wine • Presentation 15 minutes • Buying wine is optional • Cases of 12 or 6 + 6 • Option to become member of the wine club • 3 expos per year /2 hours on Kookaburra Queen / Locally/ Mackay. • Golden Gate Company iii) Eco Bags / In stock 137 bags / 35 Rosette Bags / 18 Carry bags / to Conference 100 Bags / 20 Rosette. Veronica has also emailed members re purchasing of bags. iv) Book Exchange – exchange and sale – Sept. meeting – label books as donated from Zonta – discussion re children’s books to be donated also. v) Macadamia Nuts – decided to check out cost and compare with retail outlets and report back. | i) Anna to book venue for 22 nd November. ii) Further discussion to be had at September meeting. iii) Sale of Eco Bags at Conference. iv) Members to bring books to September meeting. Berenice to prepare labels. v) Veronica to check cost. |
| | Program/Membership/PR: i) September Meeting – Book Exchange ii) Motions for District Conference were discussed. | |

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It is interesting to note that of the five International YWPA Award recipients, two Australian women were chosen, Stephanie Carter from District 24 and Amanda Richards from District 23. That is incentive enough to encourage Zontians to support the YWPA Award by offering the Award at Club level. 2008 Application Forms will be available on the International website by 1st October.

(From the Zonta International Website)

2007 Young Women in Public Affairs Award Recipients

27 women from 13 countries applied for international awards.

Five women were chosen.

They are: Masha Gregory Jones (District 1), Susan Elizabeth Greenman (District 11), Amanda Richards (District 23), Stephanie J. Carter (District 24) and Laura Suzanna Muller (District 28).



Stephanie J. Carter (Australia – District 24) was one of six students in Australia chosen to serve as a 2007 World Vision Youth Ambassador. Representing Queensland, Stephanie travelled to Laos for two weeks on the Youth Ambassador Study Tour. It was here she began to understand poverty in a global context. “The incredible people that I met in Laos, especially the young women of the same age as me, opened my eyes to the immense disparities that exist between our cultures,” said Stephanie. “I believe that as a young woman with the resources to make a difference, this is an important issue of justice worth fighting for.”

Stephanie has been actively involved with World Vision for several years. In 2006 she served as a World Vision 40 Hours Famine leader. In this role she was able to generate awareness about important global issues and motivate girls across schools to fundraise for the World Vision 40 Hour Famine project in East Timor. Also in 2006, she and a fellow student implemented and supervised a World Vision child sponsorship in her school raising funds to support a sponsor child in Peru.

Stephanie serves as one of two Community Service Captains at her school, overseeing the school’s community service clubs. She has also been actively involved with her school’s Amnesty International support group. According to her school’s community service coordinator, Stephanie is an “exemplary young woman who has become a wonderful role model for the ideals that she represents through her excellent record of community service both within and beyond the school.”

Stephanie plans to study for a dual degree in journalism combined with international relations and political science. She hopes this will lead to a future career where she can pursue her human rights interests with organizations such as UNIFEM. She also plans to remain an active member of her World Vision Group’s Vision Generation where she has facilitated refugee-tutoring opportunities for its members and become involved in the AusAID Youth Ambassador program that will allow her to spend a year working with a government or non-government organization in a developing nation in the Australasia area.

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Amanda Richards (Australia – District 23.) serves as a role model and mentor for indigenous students at her high school and has advocated for their increased participation in the leadership of the school.

“Being a young indigenous woman, I am particularly concerned about the status of indigenous women in Australia,” Amanda said. “In indigenous communities women are the backbone of family life and hold the family together, but as indigenous communities are only recently being lifted from the circumstances in which we have found ourselves due to colonization, families are finding it hard to cope with the pressures of modern Australia.”

Amanda served as the inaugural chairperson for the Riverland Indigenous Student Voice Committee bringing together indigenous students from all over the region to support one another. She has also assisted non-indigenous students, serving as a mentor and providing academic support, especially in the area of Aboriginal Studies. Amanda has also assisted at a camp for disabled children.

“Amanda has a strong connection with the local indigenous community and the broader community,” one of her teachers remarked. “She has a strong, proud and positive Aboriginal identity, understands the importance of this identity and strives to reinforce the same with her indigenous peers.”

After volunteering her time at a health clinic in an Aboriginal community, Amanda was inspired by the work of doctors and others in healthcare. She is currently studying medicine and aspires to work in places where healthcare is desperately needed, such as indigenous communities and developing countries.

Young Women in Public Affairs (YWPA) Fund

What better way to encourage women to enter public leadership roles than to reward young women who are already shining examples?

The Foundation has been commending young women for their leadership skills for more than fifteen years. Five awards are provided each year to young women for their demonstrated commitment and leadership to public service and volunteer organizations.

Make your contribution today and you will help motivate a young woman to build a career in public service.