

Next Dinner Meeting

AGM

Monday

6 June

Pre-Dinner nibbles 6pm
Committee Meetings 6.15pm
Dinner 7.30pm –9.30pm
At

Good Earth Hotel

Wickham Tce
(Ground Floor)

Cost \$32.00 each

\$5 Meeting only

Apologies to

Karen Hendry

Thursday 2 June

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*In absence on an apology an
invoice for \$27.50 will be sent to
all non-attending members.*

PRESIDENT'S PATTTER

Breast Cushions

I happily mention this every month because we are very reliable and hold our workshops every month. Last month we had a only a few busy workers who helped out at my house but in my absence. I was too busy being ball person for my children's tennis competition!! Thank you to those who attended. Especially nice to see Jan from Logan Club who came along to see how we put the cushions together.

I have delivered 8 cushions to Greenslopes Hospital. They do not have a high need and only requested one but I gave them a bag of eight.

The next workshop is on Sunday 29 May 2005 at 9 to 9.30am.

Crazy Whist Night

It's here this Saturday 14 May 2005. Numbers are limited to 48 so please be

early. Jill will fill us in on tables, nibbles and anything else that we need to bring along. We usually make approximately \$700 for only a small amount of work. This money usually pays for our scholarships to Balmoral State High School.

District Conference

Please remember to complete your registration form for the District Conference in October. It looks like a fantastic program and will be a great learning experience for all of us - not to mention the fellowship!

AGM

I have decided to defer the AGM from tonight until next Month. The reason is that we don't have sufficient reports and I have been unable to follow them up due to my commitments in the last month. Please remember to send in your reports otherwise you will be hearing from me!!

Lyn Papa

The brand new 2005/2006 Brisbane, Sunshine and Gold Coast Entertainment™ Books are now available. **They do sell out very quickly.** This year the price has remained at \$60, the 2005/2006 Entertainment™ Books are filled with even more exciting and valuable offers than ever before! .Books will be at the April dinner meeting. These books were one of the main fundraisers over the last few years. **Anyone not at the meeting wanting supplies should contact Jill Hedley.**

Entertainment Books



Did you know.....Women now account for almost half of all cases of HIV/AIDS in the world. The impact of HIV/AIDS is so devastating in the Bouza District of the Tahoua Department (state) in Southern Niger, that the district is known as "the Valley of the Widows" because of the high number of young married men who have died in recent years.

Find out more from Zonta International website.

**Bring your friends to
Whist Evening
Saturday night**

14 May

**Refreshments available
7pm for 7.30pm start**

Cost \$15 each

**5 Sandringham Street
Mansfield**

Bookings essential for catering

Garage Sale

Thanks for all members who contributed their 'trash & treasure' to our Garage Sale that took place on 16 April. It was an eye opening experience for all of us who have never experienced the joys/despairs of such a venture.

Congratulations must go to the dedicated people who priced all those clothes, sorted all the treasure and then turned up at sunrise to greet the buyers.

A great **big** thankyou must go to Denise Conroy who organised the sausage sizzle. She scavenged the supermarkets for cheap drinks, kept them cold, cooked the sausages with the help of our mate Tracy and also helped sort the clothes in the lead up to the day. There were not too many treasure hunters who got out the door without buying a sausage or two from Denise.

Heather Mildwaters was the cashier and it was her job to ensure that we got a fair price for the treasures and did some great deals for the trash. Some people staggered out the door with loads of cheap books, children's clothing and household goods.

Lyn and John Papa's business was a blessing with access to a kitchen and toilet as well as a place to store our leftovers.

While we were all very worn out at the end of the day we did manage to make some money for our community projects. Trash and Treasure experts on the day included: Bev Farley (Star Trekker and literature doyen) Margaret Casey (whose moving house provided a dearth of treasures) Kate Hutchings (fashion expert) Jo Diessel and Jill Hedley (multi-talented experts and sign writers) Sandra Langford (for bringing hubby and the grand children to increase our profits) Karen Hendry and Roz Kinder who kept us all motivated and on the ball.

I managed to get a couple of photos and managed to take home less than I brought— which is a bonus.

Well done to everyone for their great effort. The end result was approx \$800 which is money we can use.

By Lynn Callander



Bev Farley couldn't help herself when she came across some great poetry finds at the garage sale.— she had to quote from some of her favourite poets. Old school teachers never die—they just keep quoting Keats!!!



Keeper of the cash— Heather Mildwaters and her able assistants, Sausage Queen, Denise Conroy and Ms Fixit—Karen Hendry.

Education & Women in Afghanistan

Before 1996 Afghan women formed 50 percent of government workers, 70 percent of all teachers and 40 percent of medical personnel.

Today, the women of Afghanistan know what it means to be displaced, to have one of the highest rates of maternal and child mortality, one of the lowest rates of access to education and health care, and total exclusion from public life and decision making in recent years.

In response to Zontians' dedication to [Improving Women's Lives in Afghanistan](#), the 2004-2006 International Service projects will continue to focus on the long-term improvement of the quality of life for Afghan women, specifically in rural areas.

Only 3 percent of Afghan women are literate; and the majority of women have no access to clean water, energy or sanitation. For almost six years, Afghan women were completely removed from social, economic and political life, and virtually all of their human rights have been violated

To find out more about this International Service Project—logon to the Zonta International website.

DATE CLAIMERS

Monday 23 May—Board Meeting
Sunday 29 May—Breast Cushion Working Bee
Monday 6 June—Dinner Meeting—Postponed AGM
Monday 13 June—Queen's Birthday Weekend (hence early dinner meeting)

7-9 October—District 24 Conference, Gold Coast