



SEPTEMBER 2016

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Here we are – its September already. Time is flying this year with lots of exciting things happening within our club.

Wasn't last month's meeting fantastic? Not only did we have a heartfelt invocation from Noelene and a wonderful toast from Cath, we had the sensational and very thought provoking Catherine Welsh as our speaker about the Paralympics.

TAFE was great change of venue giving us a splendid meal, a very attractive and pleasant atmosphere and even supplying appetizer choices to start. All of the above led to a very enjoyable and productive August Meeting.

This month we will be returning to the Reef Gateway and, thanks to Roz, we have many interesting speakers organised over the next few months to look forward to. Carole and Pammie have plenty to fill you in about what is happening with Service and Advocacy. Our Christmas Party organising is going full steam ahead with Chair Carole Bolton. Maxine is back from a well deserved rest and will be charging ahead with membership.

After reading The Zontian magazine for June, I wanted to point out an interesting article located under the title "The Voice of Zonta, What We Are and What We Do." The article describes a clear and simple message regarding empowering women.

The Action phrases "Envision Equality" and "Empowering Women" reflects

1. Zonta's vision and represent our mission.

Zonta creates IMPACT Locally and Globally –

(We know our club has a big impact as we get such favourable press about our projects and have increased the awareness of our club in the local community by the projects we promote.)

2. Zonta makes LASTING CHANGE

(Lasting change is hard to measure, but our donations to the community hospital effect a good deal of the members of our community and can make a very big difference in their lives. Being a member of Zonta creates lasting change as our members grow and develop)



3. Zonta INVESTS in the Future

(Our Club invests in the Future with the education bursaries, assistance, and awards that we present to the youth of this community. The implementation of our Z Clubs in the local high schools will make a valuable contribution as well to the future of these students)

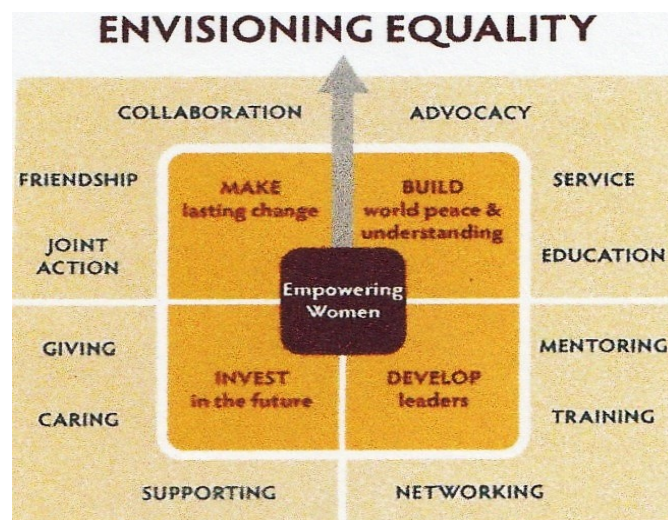
4. Zonta DEVELOPS LEADERS

(Our Club works very hard on developing leadership skills within our members. We encourage members to participate in the Board, take part and step forward to speak at our meetings, offer activities such as debates and learning sessions and encourage members to put their name up for District Board Positions. All of these give us the opportunity to increase our skills, grow and develop.)

As you can see Our Club goes a long way toward the Zonta vision of Empowering Women. You should be proud to be a member and watch us go from strength to strength.

The chart below shows how envision Equality helps us in our quest to

Empower Women



We as Zontians work toward empowering women in our local Club through all the actions above.

Every step we take gets us one step closer to Empowering All Women. As the article states "Together we are Stronger!" and I can't think of a better and more enjoyable way to achieve our goal than thorough our friendships, support, mentoring advocacy and all the other good things listed above. Thank you for being a Zontian.

Thank you for making us stronger. And a very big thank you for being such a warm and friendly club.

CONNIE RILEY President

ADVOCACY

Many of our members have been travelling or “on the road” over the past few weeks. I missed the last meeting, having an experience of a life- time on Millionaire Hot Seat. Sadly, this is not a cheque for huge money so I will need to continue working hard so that we can finish the school for the kids in Zimbabwe. Oh well, it was worth a try!!!!



I was told guest speaker, Catherine Welsh spoke eloquently about the Para-Olympians and Roz is going to cover this in a news-letter article. She has also organised some more inspirational speakers for future meetings.

An advocacy committee meeting was held on Monday to look at our future plans for the 16 days of Activism. As I said last month, this year marks the 25th year it has been proudly held and we will be supporting fellow Zontians and Women throughout the world, from the 25th November until 10th December. The theme is “Peace in the Home to Peace in the World” and we will be talking to Whitsunday Crisis and Counselling to see how we can all work together on this.

Our Orange Ladies will once again be displayed in prominent, key, positions with our message “ZONTA says NO to Violence” and our ZONTA says NO sign has been booked for another stint on the Airlie hill.

We will be holding an “Orange Stall” at the markets on November 26th and as well as pushing the ZONTA says NO message, will be giving our community an opportunity to fund a \$3 Birthing Kit. This will raise money for Whitsunday ZONTA to further fund the Birthing Kit project in our local area and on Hamilton Is.

In 1999 Dr Joy O’Hazy, a doctor and member of the Zonta Club of Adelaide Hills, devised the simple birthing kit which is still in use today and with the enthusiasm and commitment from the Adelaide Hills Zonta club members the production of kits started. Since inception 800,000 kits have been delivered to some of the poorest women in Asia, Africa and the Pacific. Over 7,800 women have received training in basic health, hygiene and safe birth practices.

I hope you all watched the World Vision Video about Birthing Kits on our ZONTA Whitsunday Facebook, posted by Cath. Hundreds of “Assembly Days” have been held by Zontians and other community groups.

Wendy has organised Birthing Kit packing days for 13th October at Proserpine High School and 14th October at St. Catherines. Next year WCC are also going to be involved. These days are a fabulous opportunity to support a sensational project and a chance to meet some of our future ZONTIANS, still at High School, so put your hand up when asked. You won’t be sorry!

Pammie Harrison, Advocacy Director

MEMBERSHIP

I am back from wandering around our wonderful country from Adelaide to Brisbane to Karumba and more. Sue and Cliff Hansen travelled with Kevin and I to Karumba which meant that both the Director and Chair of Membership were AWOL at the same time and so I would like to thank Lauren and Judy for taking control of Membership duties during this time. I have been told that the August meeting at TAFE was a great success and a possible venue for next year's meetings. Your feedback would be great. Thank you to Sue for organising this meeting.

2 minute spotlight is back! The membership committee would like to have members showcase something that they have done, has made them laugh, made their day, etc. in a 2 minute talk each General Meeting. If you would like to take part, speak to Roz.



Christina has kindly offered to have a General Meeting at her wonderful farm again. A proposal will be put forward for this to happen in October.



Our Christmas party is still in planning. The committee hopes to have all details at the next GM. Whatever, wherever; it will no doubt be a great night!

Photo permission: It has been suggested by District that we have our members sign a permission form for photos to be published in our newsletter, Facebook, etc. Sue will have these forms at the next meeting. If you're happy to have your photo published; please sign the consent form. These forms will be kept on record. In our case it is pretty much shutting the gate after the horse has bolted but will be in place for new members and/ or guests.

Maxine Thiele, Membership Director

SERVICE

IWDB: 5th March at Lure, Abell Point Marina

Our speaker, Air Vice Marshal (Retd) Margaret Staib, AM, CSC is a director of the Commonwealth Superannuation Corporation (since May 2014) and the Australian Strategic Policy Institute (since 2015) and a member of the Royal Australian Air Force Active Reserve (since 2012), following a distinguished career over three decades in the permanent Air Force. Her military service included holding the position of Commander Joint Logistics and Commandant of the Australian Defence Force Academy.

Air Vice Marshal Staib formerly held the position of Chief Executive Officer of Air services Australia (2012-2015). She was also a member of the Industry Advisory Board for the Centre for Aeronautical and Aviation Leadership of Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University (2010-2015). She is also a Certified Practicing Logistician, a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport and a Fellow of the Royal Aeronautical Society.

Air Vice Marshal Staib holds a Bachelor of Business Studies, Master of Business Logistics and Master of Arts in Strategic Studies. She has received the United States Meritorious Service Medal, the Outstanding Contribution to Supply Chain Management in Australia Award and was appointed in 2009 as a member in the Military Division of the Order of Australia. In 2000 Air Vice Marshal Staib's contribution and leadership in the field of ADF Aviation Inventory Management was recognised when she was awarded the Conspicuous Service Cross.



Cath is organising a Wearable Art parade with Sharon Rudinski, other teachers and students. We'd like to get a piano/organ player from the students or Zonta Club. If you know anyone, please let me know.

Knitting Group Next meeting 19th September at Laura's home

We are giving 3 blankets to Pammie for her AFADU event. We will be taking 5-6 blankets and knee rugs to the aged care in a few days. We are keeping the rest for raffle prizes/ lucky door prizes etc for IWDB & any other event.

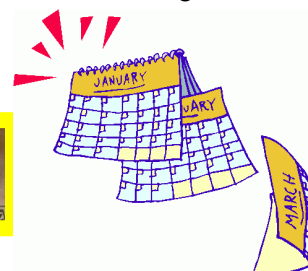


Sewing Group:- no further dates

Entertainment Books: Kim has sold 2 more books this month

The Calendar:

All 12 sponsors are signed up! PJ & Susan have taken photos of the sponsors. I am getting a couple more professional photos from a photographer (Norina) and one of the sponsors. Susan, PJ and myself are meeting soon to go further with the graphics. I hope to acquire a nice Whitsunday photo for the front cover. Cath and PJ are to work on the wording about Zonta.



Books from Birth: next meeting 13th September at 2pm

Please come along to assist in the packing of these books. It's a big job but more hands make lighter work for all. Let Lauren or Laura know if you can help.

Carole Brauner, Service Director

ZONTA INTERNATIONAL NEWS

One of Zonta's Newest International Honorary Members is **Australian** Dr. Anne Gallagher. She is a lawyer, practitioner, teacher and scholar with an established international reputation in human rights and the administration of criminal justice. She joined the United Nations and served as Special Adviser to Mary Robinson, the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights and former President of Ireland, from 1998 to 2000.

Since resigning from the UN in 2003, Dr. Gallagher has led the Asia Regional Trafficking in Persons Project. The US \$30 million project is an intergovernmental initiative funded by the Australian government that aims to strengthen legislative and criminal justice responses to human trafficking.

In 2011, she was awarded the inaugural Australian Freedom Award for her international work against contemporary forms of slavery. In 2012, she was appointed Officer of the Order of Australia. Also in 2012, she was named a "2012 Trafficking in Persons Report Hero" by US Secretary of State Hilary Clinton for her ambitious work in the global fight against modern slavery.

Congratulations Judith – Also another one of "ours", even closer to home, is Judith Anderson OAM, who was elected to the International Board. "The International President allocates liaison roles to each member of the international board and I am very pleased to be representing Korea (District 32) as well as Districts 3, 4 and 9 in the USA and Canada. I am also liaison to the International PR & Communications Committee and a Regional Representative for the new Centennial Anniversary Endowment Committee." Her official title is Director, Zonta International and Zonta International Foundation.

Catherine Welsh, August guest speaker



In August many of us were glued to our televisions watching the Olympic Games in Rio. Now, starting on 7th September, many of us will be interested in the Paralympics in Rio. At the August general meeting we had the opportunity to listen to Catherine Welsh, who was our guest speaker for the evening. Catherine is well known in the area having been a physiotherapist in the Whitsundays for over 30 years, working in her own physio therapy practice as well as at the Proserpine Hospital. What is lesser known about her is her involvement on the panel of the Australian and International Paralympics committee where she deals with classification for the games.

Her talk really opened our eyes to the complexity of assessing impairment and the various categories of impairment within the games structure. Everyone loved it - both for the interesting content as well as for the relevance to the current games. The main thing that I came away with after her talk is a quote from Catherine:

"The difference between impairment and disability is motivation." In Para sport we are dealing with athletes, not patients and as such they are expected to perform at that level, not as victims. Many Paralympians are much more successful in life and sport than they would ever have been as able bodied athletes.

Members asked many interesting and thought provoking questions and Noelene gave her a vote of thanks at the conclusion of her talk. **Roz Jennings, Past President**



Zonta Profile- Odette Van Der Berg

My background: I was born and bred in South Africa where I lived for 38 years before immigrating to Australia in early 2002. I grew up in a very close-knit family, in a small beachside town called Amanzimtoti on the KwaZulu Natal South Coast. After completing my schooling, I studied further in the areas of Business, Public Relations and Organisational Psychology and have worked in Real Estate, Recruitment and Selection, Business Administration, Human Resources, and currently in Education.



At the age of 25 I spent almost a year travelling around Europe and America with my then fiancé (and now husband of 26 years), Danny. On our return to South Africa we married and started our family. We have two boys, Cameron (who is now 23) and Damian (21). Danny has always worked in the Sugar Industry and for the first few years of our married life we moved every 3 years to a new location. This was always exciting and a great opportunity to explore new locations and make new friends. We lived in some wonderful small sugar towns, with close-knit communities but crime and violence was on the increase in South Africa and it was during the children's early years that we decided to look into immigrating to Australia. This was without a doubt the hardest decision we ever made, but also the best. The toughest thing was leaving our families and friends, in particular taking the boys away from their grandparents. We have been very fortunate to have had regular visits over the years and thanks to modern technology the world has become a much smaller place!

We have never looked back since our move to Australia, having first lived in Ingham for 8 years before moving to Mackay and then three years ago to Airlie Beach. We found the Australian lifestyle to be quite similar to the South African lifestyle (but much safer and with more freedom) and the boys flourished, enjoying a wide variety of outdoor activities and adventures. As a family we all love the outdoors, and the boys are keen fishermen and divers and are out on the water every opportunity they get. Our boys have gained experiences and opportunities they might not have had in South Africa and we are grateful that we made the tough decision and moved when we did. They have both followed in their dad's footsteps and studied engineering and are currently living in Townsville.

It was in Ingham that I started my teaching career, as a Vocational teacher working for TAFE. I taught Business skills to women re-entering the workplace and found this very rewarding. I have a passion for teaching and in particular helping people to develop their confidence and self-worth through acquiring knowledge and skills to empower them to follow their dreams. I currently work for CQUniversity in Mackay which means I do a fair bit of travelling backwards and forwards between Mackay and Airlie (and I don't always manage to make the Zonta meetings!) Last year I had the opportunity to work in Malaysia on two occasions, teaching expats and locals Training and Assessment skills. It was a great experience and I worked with such lovely people.

I love travelling, reading, movies, socialising with friends and keeping active. And I love taking long walks along the boardwalk with my beautiful golden retriever, "Buddy".

How I heard about Zonta:

Shortly after arriving in Airlie Beach in 2013 I was invited to attend an International Women's Day function hosted by Zonta and was so impressed by the Whitsundays members' enthusiasm, motivation, talents and energy as well as their capacity to advocate for the welfare and upliftment of women in the region. I found last year's District Conference really interesting and gained some great insights into the broader scope of Zonta's work. It was another reflection of the amazing women we have in our club.

Although I have not been as active as I would have hoped since joining, I am learning a lot about Zonta and I hope that I will have more time to contribute in the future. Thank you all for your support and friendship.



Birthdays

September:

Wendy Downes – 6th
Annie Lloyd-Lewis 16th
Janice Lake – 18th

October:

Joan Watson – 6th
Sharon Rudinski – 12th
Judy Brown – 17th
Kim Britton – 19th

Date Claimers

September:

Board Meeting: First Tuesday Each Month
13th - Books From Birth Working Bee - Laura's - 2pm
15th - General Meeting – Reef Gateway – 6.00 for 6.30 start
19th Knitting Group: Contact Carole Brauner
Book Club: Last Wednesday of Each Month – Contact Kerry Kenyon



October:

Board Meeting: First Tuesday Each Month
Knitting Group: Contact Carole Brauner
13th – Birthing Kit Assembly – Proserpine High
14th – Birthing Kit Assembly – Whitsunday Christian College
20th - General Meeting – Christina's Farm – 6.00 for 6.30 start
Book Club: Last Wednesday of Each Month – Contact Kerry Kenyon

HAKUNA MATATA "NO WORRIES"

"Overcoming poverty is not a task of charity, it is an act of justice. Like Slavery and Apartheid, poverty is not natural. It is man-made and it can be overcome and eradicated by the actions of human beings. Sometimes it falls on a generation to be great. YOU can be that great generation. Let your greatness blossom." NELSON MANDELA

House of Happiness, Aid For Africa Down Under (AFADU) and Himalayan Health And Hearing are 3 fantastic charities run by 3 local women who are living their lives in accordance with those principles. COME ALONG AND SUPPORT THEM!



MOVIE NIGHT AT THE WACC

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