

Area 5
Club No 1475

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President:
Rita Cranitch

Vice President:
Janice Micola

President Elect:
Raelene Grantz

Minutes Secretary:
Ruth Diehm

*Correspondence
Secretary:*
Leith Kennedy

Treasurer:
Lyndy McCathie

OMC
Janice Micola
SOW
Karen Clarke
SERVICE
Peta Bird
PR&C
Mary Lynch

Meeting Time
6pm for 6.30pm start
TROPICAL CITY MOTEL

The Club meets on the
second Tuesday of each
month (except January)

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ZONTA CLUB

BURDEKIN Inc

OCTOBER 2009

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Hi Ladies

ZONTA CLUB BURDEKIN – we can all take a bow! We were an impressively sized group during the club roll call, at the Conference. We were 12 in body and 13 in spirit. The Mt. Isa club also made an impressive group in their uniforms. Perhaps this is something we can think about for the 2010 April meeting?

Instead of a guest speaker at Tuesday's club meeting there will be a sharing of the Conference agenda and experiences. It was excellent that each of our committee chairs attended the conference so we can be sure that each committee now has ready access to the information shared.

The Area meeting planning committee met last Monday and we now have a confirmed venue of the Tropical City. Lyndy is working on a draft budget to present to Kelly and Mary is contacting all motels in the area for rates and brochures so hopefully by mid November we will have a date claimer ready to send to all clubs in the area. We will be looking for a creative member to design the flyer.

I hope you all have your diaries on hand as we have a few activities coming up. Tuesday, October 20th – our New Member Information Evening at the neighbourhood Centre – would be wonderful to have a good roll up of current members to help with hospitality.

Tuesday, November 10th – ZONTA's Birthday party in Townsville. This is a change in date and is our usual meeting time so this will be discussed at our meeting.

Thursday – November 12th -Wine Dinner at Clove Restaurant. Lyndy and her committee have completed all arrangements and invitations have all been sent out. I was lucky to have a preview of the photo of the raffle prize that will accompany the books of tickets – looks impressive!

Next year 's events are coming along well so we will have lots of opportunities to socialise and work together.

See you Tuesday night at the Tropical City ready to start at 6:30 p.m.

Rita

PS Ask Ruth about her efficient way of preventing a fire alarm from act
toast burns.



ADVANCING THE STATUS OF WOMEN WORLDWIDE

ATTENDANCE

Sandi Milani is our attendance officer. **Please advise Sandi by 10am on FRIDAY if you cannot attend the meeting** or are unable to stay for the meal.

Sandi can be contacted on:

47821065 home phone

0427821065 mobile email: milanigs@tpg.com.au

Fees: Meeting & dinner \$25
Meeting only \$5
Fee if apology received \$5
Fee if no apology made \$25

Club leadership planning and recruitment

This includes:

- Encourage new members to join club committees and aspire to future leadership positions
- Emphasize that leadership skills learned in Zonta are useful everywhere
- Delegate responsibilities and receive new ideas positively

It also includes training members to become new leaders:

- Allow potential leaders to function as a complement to the experience of veteran leaders
- Large committees may use vice chairmen in order to train future chairmen
- Mentoring by current leaders helps develop prospective leaders

Sample invitation for our Orphanage Fund Raiser

Burdekin Zonta cordially invite Dean and Sandy to a

*Wine Dinner to be held on Thursday
12th November, 2009.*

*Featuring wines from Selected Wineries
Presented by Glen Gilmore*

*And a four course meal prepared by local award
winning Chefs*

*Chantel Stenning and Jo Stiller
To be held at Clove Restaurant*

Commencing at 6.30pm

Cost \$80 per person inclusive

*The funds raised at the wine dinner will go directly to
fund the education program for the Ashran Orphanage in*

India sponsored by

Dr Paula Heggarty and Professor Ajay Rane.

*The combination of great wines and a delicious
dinner in the company of fellow wine lovers will
make a fun and interesting evening.*



RAFFLE

Tonight: Mary Lynch

Next month (Nov): Lyndy McCathie

Happy Birthday

Pierina



BUDDY SYSTEM:

Peta Bird	Lyndie McCathie
Rita Cranitch	Ruth Diehm
Karen Clarke	Majella Meehan
Pierina Dallecort	Giovanna Gabiola
MaryAnne Fraser	Judy Scanlon
Jill Giddy	Beth Hancock
Raelene Grantz	Rosemary Menkens
Joan Heatley	Robyn Haller
Jan Hollingsworth	Sandra Roncato
Beth Honeycombe	Mary Lynch
Leith Kennedy	Janice Micola
Margaret Williams	Sandi Milani

Ladies have you made contact with each other recently?



International Website: www.zonta.org
District Website: <http://zontadistrict22.org/>
Club Website: <http://burdekin.zontadistrict22.org/>

As this evening is invitation only, please RSVP to Lyndy McCathie on 0410 321 215 no later than Monday 2nd November. Tickets to be purchased from McCathies Real Estate by Friday 6th November. Seating is limited.

STATUS OF WOMEN

Karen Clarke

General Club Business

- **Raffle donation of a jewellery**– appreciate the smaller pieces but still concern on the more expensive item which needs to meet Art Union guidelines. (query what local project we use to meet Zonta guidelines after Conference feedback)
- **District Conference** – general feed back provided and very importantly emphasis on the goals of ZI.
- **Information night** – most members Thursday 20th Oct hope to be able to attend.
- **Zonta Birthday** – advised in Townsville 4th Nov and our usual meeting to be held the following Tuesday
- **Dinner Meals** – majority supported enquires about \$5 more for a better quality meal – some members already quite happy with meal as is.

SoW business

- **Women of Achievement Award** –plan to provide form to local clubs in late January.
- **IWD for 2010** – decided that we can't wait for Dame Carol Kidu to know if she is available – once again looking for a speaker. Suggestions received include speakers from the District Conference. Need suggestions from other committees please
- **Birthing Kits** – Feb 21st - registration form has been returned – will proceed if funding received again next year.

PUBLIC RELATIONS & COMMUNICATION Mary Lynch

Even though I will be too late for the newsletter, to update you, at our committee meeting Jan and I had a good look at our club website, and found that it is really good.

Janice has updated the president contact, to Rita, and the only thing we'll have to change now, is some of the activities that we no longer do, like ANZAC biscuits, and Melbourne Cup lunch, etc., which I will run by the powers that be at the next board meeting for approval, before arranging to change.

There is just so much to report from the conference, and the best coverage will be as per Ritas' e-mail re. proposed outline for delivery at club meeting.

Rita---- conference overview. Beryl's message and motion re donation
Mary-----Domestic Violence [workshop]
Raelene----Recruit, Retain, Rejuvenate [workshop]
Peta-----Safe Cities in our local communities[workshop]
Janice----- Zonta's Enduring Mission [Denise Conroy]
Raelene---- Personal reflection on conference

ORGANISATION & MEMBERSHIP Janice Micola

Membership Committee met on Monday 5th October at McCathies Board Room. Had apologies from Joan, Majella, Sandra and Rosemary so there were only, Lyndy, Beth and myself.

However discussed the information evening for prospective new members.

Letters have been sent to the ladies who have been nominated. Follow up phone calls will be made early this week to ask who will be interested in attending.

Advised the ladies that the Birthing Kits are set in place for 21.2.10. More information as the time gets nearer.

Lyndy is working very hard on the fundraiser and now has the invitations ready to be delivered.

Discussed the Zonta Birthday party in Townsville but now the date has been changed. The Club will be supplying a bus for the event if there are enough members attending.

Also think about what fund raising functions we would like to have and where we would like to see the money raised spent. As yet have not had any ideas, but need to try and stay within the Biennium and Zonta Goals.

UNITED NATIONS

Zonta Club of Key West's Vaccine Initiative

The Zonta Club of Key West (Florida USA) has focused on women's health and wellness since 1994, with programs such as free mammograms and pap smears to women in their community. This year they kicked off another women's preventative health care program.

PHV Vaccine Initiative

The vaccine protects against the human papillomavirus, which causes cervical cancer. The cost of this vaccine is exorbitant, which makes it difficult for women in their community to afford. The vaccine is a (3) shot process over a 6 months' time period. The club is currently offering free vaccine clinics to women in their community ages 18-26 years of age. Club members order the vaccine, do a medical history with the recipient, administer the vaccine, and do the follow up scheduling to make sure each person receives all 3 shots. The project emphasizes the club's proud commitment to "women helping women." How lucky are we to live in Australia!



Anne Sewell (God mother) and Peta Bird at District Conference

District Conference Delegates & Attendees



Left: Majella Meehan, Raelene Grantz Burdekin President Elect, Ruth Diehm Burdekin Minutes Secretary, Janice Micola Burdekin OMC Chair and incoming Area 5 Director, Mary Lynch Burdekin PR & C Chair, Joan Heatley, Rosemary Menkens, Karen Clarke Burdekin SOW Chair, District Governor Vicki Varthis, International President Beryl Sten, Beth Honeycombe, Beth Hancock, Peta Bird Burdekin Service Chair and Burdekin President Rita Cranitch.

Raelene: Create, Communicate and Celebrate

That was the theme for the District Conference on the 19th-21st September. Although the ladies gave me an insight into what to expect, being my 1st Conference I wasn't too sure about it all. Yes we had a great time socially, talking and meeting fellow Zontians, going out to dinner, dancing the night away. Dancing with the International President, yes that's right.

Of course to these great weekends there's always a serious side of the conference. This part was a great learning curve for me. Learning about Zonta International, passing motions, forming workshops with other zontians and exchanging ideas for the future, of our clubs.

To the 4 grandmas - Janice, Beth, Rita and Ruth, that I shared the hotel room with, thanks for the laughter and advice you gave me over the weekend. It wasn't too much of a challenge looking after the Grandma's for the weekend. Also thanks to all the other Burdekin Zontians who attended the conference for your company and guidance.

Being a 1st timer to a District Conference, { there were 66 1st timers} I strongly recommend to all Zontians to go to a District Conference and experience the occasion.

Joan: Met "our" Sandi Hansen at the Conference so of course I bought "Simply Whitsunday" Volumes 1 and 2 & and have just found time to browse. What a tremendous Whitsunday production promoting that district, gorgeous recipes and not least the Club! And so cheap! I am going to order more for Christmas gifts.

Rita: Martin and his wife Lisa arrived for a week's stay from New Jersey USA on the Sunday the Conference finished so I took an early mark. Spent a few days in Cairns with them before they flew back on Saturday. What instrument would I like to ban on holidays? - the blackberry - it was forever in use - some holiday but it was great to spend the time with them.

Brian and I are now counting down for the arrival of Michelle, John, Leah, Joel, and Sam from Port Elizabeth South Africa at the end of November.

Mary: Missed the last meeting as she was in Adelaide for a few days and as she said hopefully tasting some good drops of vino. She then headed home via southern ports to do more clothing ordering.

Rosemary: Enjoyed the Conference and managed to get to most of it. What I have done this week since the conference – Flew to Normanton Monday, drove to Karumba to attend the public meeting for the Gulf Inshore Finfish Review, caught up with 3 ex-burdekinites in Alf & Margaret Zeller who run one of the pubs, John and Janelle Foote who run a plumbing and rural supplies business and my teaching friend from TAFE Patricia Ross who owns the motel! I learnt how to cook breakfast for the hoards – well a tour group anyway! Wednesday attended the launch of Rex Airlines – will operate daily flights Townsville to Mackay and are a large company originating from NSW, hope they grow. Attended the weekend with the outbound and inbound Rotary International Exchange Students and presented them with their satchels, Saturday in Bowen and attended the Pink Lady Breakfast Sunday. Bought a new car on Friday and had 1500 kms on it in 10 days!

Robyn: Today when I came out onto our verandah, here was a 6ft goanna on our lawn sitting bolt upright on his rump. He was clearly 3ft high. We do have them around here from time to time but never so big and I have never seen one sitting on his rump even in documentaries. It was a just an awesome sight. About an hour later I realised that he had seen our very realistic stone goanna and must have been in the defensive stance. Thinking the other guy was a coward he sauntered off into the garden where but 10m minutes earlier I had put on the hose. If he had appeared then I would definitely have needed new underwear. I live in an ideal place for animals birds etc as I get woken at 5.00am by the birds in the trees every morning and that is really nice too – I think.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2009 – 2010

JLY 09	AUG 09	SEPT 09	OCT 09	NOV 09	DEC 09
*CHARITY BOWLS END MONTH	*BOOK BIZ 21-29TH	*DIST 22 CONF 25-27TH *FOOD FAIR *SELECT PRES ELECT	*INFORMATION NIGHT 20TH NEIGHBOURHEAD CENTRE	*ZONTA INT B/DAY TVILLE 10TH *WINE DINNER 12TH CLOVES	*CHRISTMAS PARTY
JAN 10	FEB 10	MARCH 10	APRIL 10	MAY 10	JUNE 10
*DRIVER REVIVER 26 TH	*FIRST MEETING *BIRTHING KITS 21ST	*ANNUAL FEES DUE *IWD/YELLOW ROSE DAY *ZONTA BURDEKIN WOMAN OF ACHIEVEMENT	*WORLD HEALTH DAY *AREA WORKSHOP 17 TH & 18TH TROPICAL CITY MOTEL	*CLUB BIRTHDAY *AGM *RELAY FOR LIFE *BIGGEST MORNING TEA	* CHANGEOVER

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP – President Rita Cranitch

Status of Women	PR & Communications	Service	Organisation & Membership
Karen Clarke (C) Margaret Williams Sandi Milani (Att Off) Giovanna Gabiola Jill Giddy Leith Kennedy	Mary Lynch (C) Robyn Haller (NL Ed) Jan Hollingsworth Mary Anne Fraser	Peta Bird (C) Raelene Grantz Beth Honeycombe Judy Scanlan Pierina DalleCorte Ruth Diehm	Janice Micola (C) Sandra Roncato (Dep Tr) Lyndy McCathie Rosemary Menkens Beth Hancock Majella Meehan Joan Heatley

