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### Dinner Meeting:

Contact **Tracy Watson** – this month - for all dinner arrangements no later than the Monday prior to our dinner meeting. Advise her of any apologies if you are unable to attend or to let her know of extra dinner guests that you have invited.

**COST** (Includes dinner)  
Members/Guests \$20.00

### Special Dietary Requirements:

If anyone has any special dietary requirements will they please inform Tracy so that she can inform the club. The club is very happy to cater to individual needs.

**Tracy Watson**

**Home:** 3289 3452

**Email:**

[just.tracy@westnet.com.au](mailto:just.tracy@westnet.com.au)

*As it is assumed you will be attending all meetings of the club unless an apology is received, any member from whom an apology is not received in time will still be invoiced for the meal ordered for her.*

## Diary Dates

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> Feb- 6.30pm**  
*Dinner meeting – Denis Timms Alfresco area (Arana Leagues Club)*

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March – 10am**  
*International Womens Day Wantima Country Club*

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> March – 8am**  
*District Area Meeting Forest Glen*

## Birthday Wishes for January go to...

*Glynnis Gartside – 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Kay Reid – 8<sup>th</sup>*

## and for February to...

*Patricia Sherman – 24<sup>th</sup>*

### Bingo Report

#### PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF CHANGES:

The Bingo game is now being held in the other room at the leagues club where we have our dinner meeting. It is a bit squashed but friendly.

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January, I had mucked up the roster somehow and I didn't have a helper. Thank

goodness for Jan who dropped everything at a moment's notice and came in and helped.

If you normally work and are on holidays and can help, please let me know. Anthea has offered to help on the breaks in her busy schedule. It is fun and it is our main fund raiser.

### Bingo Roster

Feb	4 <sup>th</sup>	Diane, Tracy
	11 <sup>th</sup>	Tracy (calling), Karen, Anthea.
	18 <sup>th</sup>	Kay
	25 <sup>th</sup>	Carole
Mar	4 <sup>th</sup>	Carole
	11 <sup>th</sup>	Bettina
	18 <sup>th</sup>	Ros
	25 <sup>th</sup>	Jan
April	1 <sup>st</sup>	Diane
	8 <sup>th</sup>	Carole
	15 <sup>th</sup>	Anthea
	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Tracy
	29 <sup>th</sup>	Karen
May	6 <sup>th</sup>	Bettina
	13 <sup>th</sup>	Ros
	20 <sup>th</sup>	Jan
	27 <sup>th</sup>	Karen
June	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Diane
	10 <sup>th</sup>	Bettina
	17 <sup>th</sup>	Tracy
	24 <sup>th</sup>	Kay
July	1 <sup>st</sup>	Ros
	8 <sup>th</sup>	Jan
	15 <sup>th</sup>	Karen
	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Diane
	29 <sup>th</sup>	Bettina

I will be calling and selling, so do not forget to turn up. Bring your glasses and comfortable shoes.

Regards,  
**Vicki Williams** *Bingo Convener*



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### President's Message

Our Christmas break is a dim memory and we now have a full Zonta year ahead with a calendar of events being drawn up at the informal meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> January. As well as looking at allocation of money for the year to cover our old commitments such as Jebb House, University Scholarships, Birthing Kits, Kowanyama etc we discussed Advocacy as the tool we have to use which, we would hope, would stop the flow of women into domestic violence refuges in the first instance. The Pine Rivers Neighbourhood Centre courses which we have supported for young people relating to bullying are also invaluable. There were a few good ideas bought up.

Our subcommittees are the place to discuss these issues at length. When you are invited to Service Of Women, Membership, Fundraising etc, keep this in mind as the business meeting should be to efficiently take the ideas that come from these meetings and vote on them. Di and Karen now need support for International Women's Day so please help them if you can by distributing flyers, sourcing raffle prizes etc

IT'S GETTING CLOSE!

Regards,  
**Lorraine Hunter**



*The Zonta Club of Pine Rivers Inc.  
Invites you to join*

*Kelly Higgins-Divine,*

*Drive, 612 ABC Radio Presenter  
at a High Tea*

*for*

*International Women's Day 2010.*

*Monday March 8<sup>th</sup>*

*10.00 am- 12.30pm*

*Wantima Country Club*

*530 South Pine Road, Brendale*

*\$30 per person*

*\*Free glass of champagne on arrival*

*Payment by Monday March 2<sup>nd</sup>*

*For Bookings call or email:*

*Karen Fuller 0416 199670 [brizentertainmentgroup@inet.net.au](mailto:brizentertainmentgroup@inet.net.au)*

*\*No refunds but substitutions welcome.*

### Service Committee

Happy New Year to everyone!

First and most importantly I have to share that I am now the proud Grandma of baby Clyff Adam Watson born 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2010. He is definitely the cutest baby I have ever seen – and of course I am not biased whatsoever!!

Back and straight into the swing of things - this year will get going with our inaugural Zonta Pine Rivers QUT Equity Scholarship being awarded by the end of February. It is very exciting to think that our club can make a difference in the tertiary education of a supporting mother – empowering women through education is right up there in the goals of Zonta International so we are definitely on the right track.

### KOWANYAMA

A message of thanks was received from Lara for the goods sent up to Kowanyama for their 'Family Fun Fair' which is to be held in the dry season. As outlined at the November dinner meeting there was also a request for the following items. So if anyone has, or knows of those who have the items listed below – please either bring them along to a dinner meeting or direct to my home for packaging and posting.

**Towels, Sheets & Curtains**

**Early childhood/kids books**

Of course if you have other non breakable decent quality pre loved items which you are happy to part with please bring them along too.

**NB It is very handy if you write on the bag what the contents are.**



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### SECONDARY ZONTA ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD FOR COMMUNITY SPIRIT

This award went out to 2 girls – one from Albany Creek SHS and one from Bray Park SHS. The awards were well received by both girls and it was wonderful to see the 'Zonta' name out there within the school community.

This year we will be out and about a lot earlier promoting the award and calling for new recipients. Hopefully we can incorporate Private Schools as well and increase our target group.

### ADDIS ABABA FISTULA HOSPITAL & BARBARA MAY FOUNDATION

The end of 2009 saw our club donate \$1000 to each of the above organisations. They are both most worthy causes working within different areas toward a common goal of saving the lives of Ethiopian women through their child bearing years.

### DV CONNECT

Diane and Valerie were 2 extremely happy employees of DV Connect when they took charge of the 40 SIM cards prior to Christmas. This holiday period sees heightened instances of domestic violence so any extra resources were eagerly received. Lorraine and I were welcomed with a cup of coffee and a tour around the DV Connect office. There is just so much that could be done to help out here – both financially

and within advocacy. Future meetings will determine the track we take with this organisation.

### SERVICE COMMITTEE

This new year will see all club members invited to 'Service' committee meetings. I am sure that there is a wealth of resources out there in our club and it is a shame not to tap into all possibilities. So the first meeting for the year will be:

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> February**

**6:30pm - Albany Creek Coffee Club.**

**All Members Welcome!**

Thankyou in anticipation of your ongoing support for 2010!

Regards,  
**Tracy Watson**

### Organisation, Membership & Classification Committee

Happy New Year to everyone and good health to you all !

### A GOOD YEAR FOR MEMBERSHIP GROWTH?

On a membership note I have high hopes that 2010 will be a bountiful year for new members, especially after we had such a well-attended Membership information evening in November. I will be inviting all those attendees to the February meeting and hope that we will have new members for Lorraine to induct in March.

### RESIGNATION

Unfortunately the year has started with the resignation of Joyce (Lawrie) Krause. Lawrie



## ZONTA DISTRICT 22 AREA MEETING

*Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> March*

*8am – registration*

*Enjoy listening to  
Guest Speakers and sharing a day of  
Zonta fellowship*

*The Sanctuary  
75 Tanawha Drive  
Forest Glen (Old Deer Sanctuary)*







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wrote to Lorraine that she is just too busy to continue with Zonta. Also she has had an ankle reconstruction and is on crutches at the moment, no doubt making life seem even more complicated.

As membership Chair I sent our best wishes and thanks to Lawrie for her time with the Club, and she replied that she had enjoyed being in Zonta and meeting all us "lovely ladies".

### MEMBER'S PROFILE

Thank you very much to all members who contributed their profiles for the newsletter in 2009. It was so enjoyable getting to know you all that much better and of course I'll be nagging those members who haven't yet contributed to please, please do so this year.

### DOT'S PROFILE

I'm just about rubbing my hands with glee for the treat I have for you this month. Do you think you know our hard working Secretary Dot? Lovely lady, calm, kind, sensible, well organised, you say? Yes, yes, yes to all of those qualities, but wait till you read about the business side of Dot and all that she has packed into her life – and is still packing into her life. Oh and she's actually packing for an African adventure in March, which will be a well deserved break – I know Dot always enjoys her time abroad so I hope this is the best holiday yet, Dot.

Members, read and marvel.

See you all at the February meeting.

Regards,

**Rosalind Pestell**



### United Nations Report

#### UNICEF Responds to the Haitian Earthquake

Assistance to unaccompanied children, who have lost or become separated from their families, is a focus of UNICEF's Haitian humanitarian operations, in the wake of the deadly earthquake which struck on 12 January.

While it continues daily delivery of critical life-saving supplies such as water, nutrition, shelter and medicine (so far, UNICEF supplies for 250,000 children have arrived and are being distributed), UNICEF and partners like Save the Children have also begun registering unaccompanied children found in the streets of Port au Prince. A programme will then begin to trace the families of these children, if they exist.

"Safe Spaces" for unaccompanied children including infants are now set up in the capital. These

locations allow UNICEF and its partners to assist and protect children who have nowhere else to go, until their families are found or alternative arrangements are made.

Unaccompanied children are especially vulnerable to disease, malnutrition and exploitation, including trafficking and need urgent assistance as well as, in many cases, long term support.

The safe spaces are places where unaccompanied children can find shelter, food, water and medicines and they can also serve as make-shift schools and recreation areas. With nearly 40 per cent of the population under 14 years of age in Haiti, this is clearly a children's emergency, and the need for support and protection, registration and family tracing is widespread.

Regards,

**Glynnis Gartside**

### MEMBER PROFILE DOROTHEA (DOT) PATRJEK

**I grew up** in Stafford, Brisbane and was born on 29<sup>th</sup> November 1948.

**And I lived with** my parents, older sister, younger twin brothers and younger sister,



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numerous dogs, birds, guinea pigs.

**My biggest move to date** was when I got married, October 5<sup>th</sup> 1968 (41 years ago). We have been in this original home at Bray Park since then. It seems very boring considering the moves that a lot of friends/relations have had, but we are happy and contented here.

**People, pets and possessions dearest to me now are** my beloved husband, Ross, and son, Jared, his sons Lachlan and Mitchell, and youngest son Nathan and his wife Leanne and their sons William and Harrison. Jared has a new partner, Libby who has 3 children of her own who is a welcome addition to our family.

**My previous work:** I left school in year 10, worked in the State Public service till I got married. Then when Jared was 3 months old we purchased, at Strathpine, the first of many pet shops we have owned over the years.

**My current profession:** We have two family businesses, which we commenced with our first shop 37 years ago.

We import and wholesale aquarium fish throughout Australia and also import and wholesale all pet goods and accessories. Our two sons run

the companies, and we have 60+ employees in Brisbane and Melbourne with reps. in N.S.W., Victoria and Western Australia and Queensland. I have had to learn a whole lot of new IT as our companies have kept up with current trends, office-wise and product-wise. This keeps me very busy.

**My other interests, skills & indulgences include** being with family & loving my grandkids being with me, travelling, eating out, cooking, gardening, reading, swimming in the surf at Mooloolaba. Indulgences include all of the above when I can. Skills? Organising, calm when dealing with stressful situations. Not sure of any other skills I possess.

**I also want to tell you that** my husband and I love to travel and have just organised a trip to Namibia, Mozambique, Botswana and a game park in South Africa in March. We are very much looking forward to that. One of my most memorable travel highlights, has been to swim, or really to float in the Dead Sea in Jordan. This was an amazing experience. Also travelling by train from St Petersburg to Moscow was also very interesting. Still quite a few places in this world that I wish to see while we can, so intend to keep on travelling.

**I joined Zonta** in June 2007.

I joined because I saw fellow Zontian, Patricia Sherman at the movies and she asked me to come along to a Zonta dinner meeting. I lived about 100metres away from Patricia when our sons were growing up and going to primary school, so have known this lovely lady for some time. I felt that Zonta's ideals were worthy ideals along the lines which I try to adhere to and seeing I was not in any organisation, I was ready to come along and join.

**I remain in Zonta because** I enjoy the comraderie, and social aspect of Zonta as well as knowing that we are making at least a small difference to a small number of women's lives.

**Positions held in Zonta** include Secretary and Correspondence Secretary .

**Positions I'd be willing to try:** Happy to be contributing in some way to our Zonta Club of Pine Rivers in my present position. Other positions? We'll see...



**Extra  
Diary Dates**

**International Convention 2010**  
San Antonio, USA

**International convention 2012 Italy**