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**PLEASE NOTE!** If you are unable to attend the dinner meeting, please advise Anna Tempest Ph 4928 7880 (W) Ph 4928 7125 (H) by 10 am on the Monday before the meeting. Failure to apologize will incur payment of \$25.00.



International Convention San Antonio-USA 25-30 June 2010



# From the Vice - President:

# **Greetings to Fellow Zontians**

As we come to the end of 2009 it is timely to reflect on the successes we have had as a club this year. Zonta has continued to support our local and international projects and we can feel proud that our joint efforts have contributed to "improving the status of women".

Throughout the year we have supplied pamper packs to the Women's Shelter and breast cushions to the hospitals. We have encouraged young women to develop leadership skills through our support of the Young Women in Public Affairs Award and this year our very worthy recipient is Sharna Hill. Our International Women's Day breakfast on March 8<sup>th</sup> this year was held on a Sunday and the changed format provided an opportunity to partner with other community groups.

Last month's "Evening in Vienna" was an enjoyable and successful event and we were very pleased with the response. While we were a trifle late in planning our fundraiser this year we managed to fit it in before the Christmas season -

just! A sincere "thank you" to all who contributed in any way to the success of the event: the models, and everyone who worked behind the scenes making sure that the event ran smoothly. And a special thanks to Helen for filling the role of MC so splendidly!

#### It's Christmas!

Our Christmas "break up" planning has been ably undertaken by Berenice and the Program Committee. Feel free to bring your partner and come looking very Christmassy time to wear those blinking earrings or that musical brooch! And because we have all been so good, Santa will be there as well!



## What's happening in 2010?

Early next year our club will welcome Zonta's Area 2 Director, Pat Faircloth to our February meeting. Our club has been invited to the Area 2 Meeting which will be held in Gladstone, on 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> February 2010. The Gladstone Club have planned a very exciting weekend for us and we have been promised a very warm welcome. So we look forward to a number of us being able to attend the weekend in Gladstone.

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# Notices:

#### **MEETINGS.**

6.30pm:

Venue:

Hotel.

**Board Meeting:** 

2nd Tuesday

of the month

**Club Meeting:** 

**3rd Tuesday** 

of the month Venue:

Hotel.

<u>OMC:</u> Venue:

Hotel 5.30 pm—

2nd Tuesday

of the month.

Archives:

Venue:

Hotel.

5.30 pm—

2nd Tuesday

of the month.

**Rockhampton Plaza** 

6.00 pm for 6.30pm

**Rockhampton Plaza** 

**Committee Meetings.** 

**Rockhampton Plaza** 

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**Rockhampton Plaza** 

Calendar:

**December:** 08 Dinner Meeting / End of Year Celebrations

January: 19 Dinner Meeting St Luke's Hall (Away from home)

Special United Nations Observances and Other Significant Days. December:

05 International Volunteer Day10 Human Rights Day

Sixteen days of Activism Against Gender Violence from 23rd November to 10 December.

#### Dinner Raffle.

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

December
January
February
March

Carry L Jacki M Cathy N-L Berenice P

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

# Happy Birthday. December:

- 03 Pauline Forster
- 10 Valda Fitzgerald
- 30 Rosalie Welburn



## From the Vice-President :

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Trish and her committee are currently planning International Women's Day for 2010. If you would like to be involved please email either Trish or me.

## All the best for Christmas and the New Year!

On reflection I think, as Zontians, we can feel very proud of our activities in 2009. So let's give ourselves a pat on the back and take some time to enjoy the Christmas festivities!

All the very best for a relaxing time over the break and I hope your Christmas is all that you want it to be!

Till next time

Regards

Robyn



Service:	
Venue:	
Rockhampton Plaza Hotel.	
5.30pm—	
2nd Tuesday	
of the month.	

If you would like to contribute to your Newsletter please forward articles to Berenice Payne either by Fax: 4922 3315 or

Email: berenice.a.payne@bigpond.com Deadline: First Tuesday of the month.



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# Sharna wins Zonta Young Woman in Public Affairs Award.

The Zonta Club of Rockhampton has announced the winner of the annual Young Women in Public Affairs Award. Sharna Hill of the Rockhampton State High School is the successful applicant. Sharna was presented with a cheque for \$500 and a certificate by President Robyn Donovan at the November meeting of the Club.

Sharna has been a student at the Rockhampton State High School since 2006 and one of her teachers wrote the following of Sharna.

"She is an outstanding student in all areas including academic performance, leadership, extra curricula activities and community involvement and adherence to school policies and procedures. Sharna is an excellent role model for not only her peers but for younger students as well. Sharna's contributions to the school and community are numerous and varied. She has served as a School Prefect and has performed her duties with competence. She is well respected for her initiative and drive and her cooperative and caring nature".

The program seeks to ultimately increase the number of women in decision-making positions in order to make a difference in the lives of women and men worldwide. On entering the Award, applicants are asked to outline their present goals and achievements and their future vision of the status of women in the world in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

On winning the Award, Sharna gained entrance to the District judging of the Award and if successful at that level, will enter the International level of the Award.





The Award program is designed to encourage secondary school women to enter careers or seek leadership positions in social policy making, government and volunteer organizations.

President Robyn presents Sharna with her Certificate and Cheque.

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The November Dinner Meeting was an opportunity to celebrate Zonta International's 90th Birthday.



Berenice thanks Ali for her presentation and presents her with Zonta Coasters in appreciation.

Ali Mundy of Girls' Time Out attended the November Dinner Meeting to address members.

Ali's presentation covered information relating to the work of Girls' Time Out which is a support service for young women aged sixteen to twenty-five years.

Zonta's donation to Girls' Time Out will fund the development and delivery of a therapeutic program which will cover areas such as sexual assault, domestic and family violence and eating disorders.

# Successful Fundraiser.

A successful end of year function was held at Kershaw House on 25th November.

To commence a very entertaining evening, guests enjoyed dining on a typical Viennese menu of Weiner Schnitzel and Parmesan Encrusted Lamb followed by the famous Sacher Torte and Black Forest Gateau. The sound of beautiful music from the famous Strauss era was to be heard in the background.

The highlight of the evening was a demonstration of the beautiful Viennese Waltz by accomplished ballroom dancers, Justin Sharrock and Amy Westbrook. Justin and Amy have several ballroom dancing championships to their credit.

A fashion Parade of clothes from Zebra Plus Boutique followed with Zontians very ably fulfilling the role of modeling. A successful raffle was conducted during the evening.

White Ribbon Day was recognized and funds raised during the evening are to support local projects to prevent violence against women.

# "Evening in Vienna".



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