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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 most of you are aware, Teresa is currently on leave from the President's position and, consequently, I am filling in until her return in February next year. (It does seem strange to think that we are so close to the end of the year already!)

#### "Evening in Vienna":

Currently we are planning a Zonta fundraiser to be held at Kershaw House on the 25th of November. This event will be themed "An Evening in Vienna" and will be a great opportunity for attendees to catch up with friends.

Members of the Organizing Committee have been working quietly behind the scenes and have met with the new chef at Kershaw House. He has developed a menu which we believe will suit the occasion. He is also very willing to accommodate any special dietary requirements. Committee meetings will be combined this coming week to accelerate the organization of the event. It is planned to have the invitations ready for distribution after the Dinner Meeting on October 20th.

#### **Townsville Conference:**

The District 22 Conference was held recently and Trish, Berenice, Jan, Elizabeth, Norma and Leeanne attended. Read more about this successful Conference in the delegate's report on page 3.

### Social Inclusion Symposium:

This conference, to be held in Rockhampton, is an initiative of CQUniversity and Rockhampton Regional Development. This symposium plans to identify projects and partnership opportunities between educators, businesses and the community. This has the potential, I believe, for Zonta to identify some worthy local projects which will assist in education and employment.

Click <u>HERE</u> for more information on the conference. If you would like to attend please contact e.bunt@cqu.edu.au

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Sincerely Robyn.

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Dinner Raffle.

The supply of gifts for the

Dinner Raffle follows the listing

in the Members Directory.

Ian L

Mary L

Carry L

Jacki M

Please give your raffle prize to



## **MEETINGS. Board Meeting:** 6.30pm: 2nd Tuesday of the month Venue: **Rockhampton Plaza** Hotel.

### **Club Meeting:**

6.00 pm for 6.30pm **3rd Tuesday** of the month Venue: **Rockhampton Plaza** Hotel.

### **Committee Meetings.**

OMC:

Venue: **Rockhampton Plaza** Hotel 5.30 pm-2nd Tuesday of the month.

### Program / PR & C / UN

LA & A / Archives: Venue: **Rockhampton Plaza** Hotel. 5.30 pm-2nd Tuesday of the month.

### Service: Venue: **Rockhampton Plaza** Hotel. 5.30pm-2nd Tuesday of the month.

### Calendar:

Octol	ber:
13	Committee Meetings,
	Board Meeting
	(Organization of
	"Evening in Vienna")
20	Dinner Meeting

### November:

10	Committee Meetings/
	Board Meeting
17	Dinner Meeting

#### Special United Nations Observances and Other Significant Days. **October:** 24 United Nations Day

# Happy Birthday.

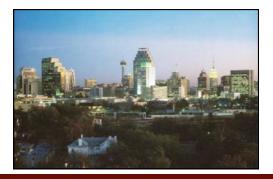
#### **October:**

- 04 Jan Landsberg 10 Wendy Christie
- 18 Robyn Donovan

### ZONTA'S 60th INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION - June 25/30 - 2010

- Zontians and their families are promised some Texas-size hospitality when they visit San Antonio for the Zonta International Convention in 2010. In the Alamo City, there is plenty to see and do, whatever your age or interest.
- Why the stars in the Convention Logo? They represent President Sten's vision of Simplicity, Transparency, Accountability, and Responsibility in Zonta = STARZ





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.





Elizabeth to co-ordinate.

October

November

December

January



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# **District 22 Inaugural Conference:**

The inaugural District 22 Conference held in Townsville was a great success being well attended by 169 Zontians from throughout the State, including 67 first timers. It went off smoothly with an interesting program and good Zonta fellowship. Vicki Varthas, our District Governor as host, with the support of the District committee convened by Ans Van Erp, in conjunction with the Townsville Club and the Townsville Metro Club are all to be congratulated.

The Rockhampton Club was well represented with Leeanne, Elizabeth, Norma, Berenice, Trish and Jan attending. We did a roaring trade at our 'shop', being kept busy before each day's sessions and during breaks, selling a good number of eco bags and coasters.

We were all proud to see our members Trish Collins elected as incoming District Governor and Berenice Payne as a member of the District Nominating Committee for the 2010 – 2012 Biennium.

You will have all received the circulated report from Vicki Varthas which gives comprehensive information about the conference activities, so I won't repeat that again but refer you to that document for informative reading.

I would reinforce Vicki's suggestion to read the Governor's address when it is posted on the Government House website. Her Excellency Penelope Wensley was a good choice to open the conference with her background as Ambassador to the United Nations she had a good knowledge of Zonta and in fact had previously been a keynote speaker at the 2004 Guttenberg ZI Convention, when ZI President Beryl Sten had been Convention Convenor.

Other presentations to seek out when posted on the District 22 website are those of District Award winners, Emma Batten for YWPA and Danielle Young for JMK who both gave inspiring and confidently presented speeches for such young women. It reinforces the importance of providing support for talented young women with educational awards. I would also recommend reading Denise Conway's presentation on 'Zonta's Enduring Mission' regarding Advocacy. Denise is the Chairman of the ZI LAA Committee.

I attended a workshop facilitated by Kathy Walker from the Zonta Club of Toowoomba Garden City titled 'DV – Advocacy in Action in our Local Communities.' Their Club is partnered in the 'Say No to Violence' campaign with the local police and CEO Challenge and have been providing funding for educational programs for the Heritage Building Society, Toowoomba Regional Council and the University of Southern Queensland. Local schools are now also expressing interest in being involved. The Club is doing some interesting things in this area that I think we could investigate further and perhaps take up some of their ideas.

Another highlight of course was the attendance of ZI President Beryl Sten. It was good to see a more 'personalised' image of our President and to hear first hand about the challenges and changes at Zonta International and Zonta International Foundation since she took over as President. Not something that could be conveyed impersonally in writing. She gives confidence that ZI is in good hands with her at the helm! I was also interested to hear more about ZI's collaboration with the UN. I had not realised that this had gone back to the UN's establishment in 1945 and that Zonta enjoys 'general consultative status' with the UN, which is the highest possible. Recently ZI has also negotiated co branding with UNICEF on certain projects, including the current project 'Prevention of Mother-to-Child Transmission of HIV in Rwanda'

All in all a most enjoyable and informative conference. Now everyone is looking forward to the Area 2 Meeting in Gladstone in February and the Convention in San Antonio in June! Elizabeth, Leeanne, Berenice, Errol, Jan and Norma

attend the Civic Ceremony.

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DG Vicki and International President Beryl cut the cake to celebrate 90 years of Zonta.

Jan Landsberg – Rockhampton Delegate

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Vice President Robyn thanks guest speaker Mary McCabe who addressed the September Meeting to recognize International Day of Peace.



Since 1999, the Zonta Rose has served as the symbol of Zonta Rose Day, 8 March. On this day, Zontians are encouraged to publicly distribute yellow roses or items bearing the image of yellow roses, accompanied by information about Zonta International.

# 2009 Young Women in Public Affairs Award Recipients.

Twenty-eight women from 15 countries applied for international awards. Five women were chosen.

Angeline De Chiara (District 3), Nadia Laura Farjood (District 9), Ida Sorensen (District 13), Samantha Bobba (District 24) and Kate Anthony (District 28).

Samantha Bobba (Australia)

One of Samantha Bobba's many future ambitions is to obtain a degree in medicine, and eventually use her education and volunteer experience to "take on a more hands-on role" in non-governmental organizations such as Amnesty International and the Red Cross. With a passion for gender equality, Samantha has been particularly active in Amnesty International Stop Violence against Women Campaign. She has also served as a member of the Red Cross Youth Advisory Council.

Samantha has received various acknowledgements for her volunteer services. In 2008, she received the Young Canberra Citizen of the year award. That same year, she was also selected to attend the UBS Women's Leadership Academy and discuss issues such as the status of women in Australia, and the role of women in public life.

