

DIARY DATES

DINNER MEETING
Thursday 20th SEPTEMBER
6.30pm Marina Shores

'GREAT DEBATE' TOWNSVILLE
29th SEPTEMBER

UN COMMITTEE MEETING
Tuesday 2nd OCTOBER
4.30pm at Capers

BOARD MEETING
6pm Thursday 4th OCTOBER

BOWEN CUP 6th OCTOBER

TAFE LUNCH 10th OCTOBER

**58th ZONTA INTERNATIONAL
CONVENTION IN ROTTERDAM**
28 JUNE – 3 JULY 2008

WORLD NEWS
8TH SEPTEMBER
**INTERNATIONAL LITERACY
DAY**
24TH OCTOBER
UNITED NATIONS DAY

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Advancing the Status of Women Worldwide



From the President's desk

Hello girls

The Zontians did it again! Seven of us manned a drink station for the Triathlon last Sunday, all decked out in our uniforms. Naturally we won and the seven of us are going to be dining at Capers with our prize, a \$200 voucher courtesy of the Airlie Beach Hotel. Those who were not there not only missed out on the prize but also missed out on ogling all those firm thighs and tight butts. It was tough but some of us just had to do it!

Our Zontian Wendy is to be congratulated on organising the massive event.

A number of us were seen at the Prossie Cultural Hall on Monday night at the "Educating Rita" along with half of Airlie. It's nice to get a bit of culture ourselves and we should all get together more often for nights like this. It was a great show.

Due to the effort put into selling the recipe books at the markets, a new plan and date roster has been formed, and will be emailed to you shortly.

Our next meeting will be a fantastic New Members evening at Marina Shores so please bring along friends or acquaintances who would like to know more about Zonta and Zontians. We will also be inducting four new members during the evening which is wonderful for any potential members to witness. This makes membership around the 38 mark. *Fantastic...*

I'll see you all on the 20th September with a plate or bottle in hand.
Love, Carole



Finger food and Fellowship

Thursday 20th September, 6.15pm for 6.30pm

Marina Shores Resort GardenRoom, Shingley Drive

Bring your friends as potential members, and a plate of finger food taken from our gorgeous cookbooks, or a bottle of wine. \$5 per member.

Please notify Wendy of numbers by Tuesday pm latest.

Welcome to Jill Harland, Christina Unterwurzacher, Rayleen Watson and Narelle Cawthorne.

INTERNATIONAL LITERACY DAY

8TH SEPTEMBER 2007

Literacy is a cause for celebration as there are now close to four billion literate people in the world. However, literacy for all – children, youth and adults – is still an unaccomplished goal and an ever moving target. A combination of ambitious goals, insufficient and parallel efforts, inadequate resources and strategies and continued under-estimation of the magnitude and complexity of the task accounts for this unmet goal. Lessons learnt over recent decades shows that meeting the goal of universal literacy calls not only for more effective efforts but also for renewed political will and for doing things differently at all levels, locally, nationally and internationally.

In its resolution [A/RES/56/116](#), the General Assembly proclaimed the ten year period beginning 1 January, 2003 the **United Nations Literacy Decade**. In resolution [A/RES/57/166](#), the Assembly welcomed the **International Plan of Action for the Decade** and decided that UNESCO should take a coordinating role in activities undertaken at the international level within the framework of the Decade.



April 2, 2007 a new UN report on the right to education for persons with disabilities calls for intensified efforts in inclusive education. The report contains numerous inputs from UNESCO and addresses the normative framework, monitoring and various challenges to implementation. It ends with a forward looking set of recommendations. www.unitednationseducational

Birthday babes

Many, many happies.....

September - Wendy 6th Annie 16th Suzie 20th

October – Eunice 2nd Joan 6th Melody & Sharon 12th



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Thought for the Month

Happiness is good health, and a bad memory
Ingrid Berman

Inspiring Women!!

NANETTE ROGERS Alice Springs Crown Prosecutor

Nanette Rogers never wanted to be 'the story' but when she risked her entire legal career to speak out about the entrenched culture of sexual assault and violence in indigenous communities, the impact of her words was immense. It has been an extraordinary year for the Alice Springs crown prosecutor. On May 15, 2006, in a sensational interview with Tony Jones on the ABC's Lateline program, Rogers set out case after case of **murder and sexual violence against women, girls and, most shockingly, babies**.

The former defence barrister, who once made her living defending Aboriginal men, said the crimes were beyond most people's comprehension and that Australia needed to hear about the problem. At once, politicians came under intense pressure to act. The details Rogers gave, along with her passion and perspective, meant the nation paid attention. Says Tony Jones: "Nanette Rogers is one of those people who values the truth above an easy life. Where others witnessed the same horrors and kept quiet, Nanette cannot take her unflinching gaze off the victims – **the children and the women** - who bear the brunt of physical and sexual abuse. It seems to me she has no time for political correctness, which encourages silence in the face of hard truths."

Rogers has had a long career looking out for the powerless. She received an arts-law degree from the Australian National University before doing a Masters at Sydney University, and worked at Redfern Legal Centre between 1979 and 1989. In 1990, after moving to Alice Springs, she found herself defending Aboriginal men accused of violent crimes. By 1992 the increasingly disillusioned barrister had authored a paper with a friend called '**Crossing The Last Frontier: Problems Facing Aboriginal Women, Victims of Rape in Central Australia**.'

The following year, she set up a women's legal service in central Australia and by 1999, the mother of three, had crossed sides to become a prosecutor. "I ended up getting sick of acting for violent Aboriginal men and putting up the same old excuses when I was appearing for them. I draw immense inspiration from indigenous people, and am especially inspired by the women who manage to give evidence against Aboriginal offenders charged with serious criminal offences involving interpersonal violence. Many Aboriginal people in central Australia live chaotic and dysfunctional lives in remote communities and town camps, with daily violence, poverty and alcohol. When witnesses and victims come to give their evidence they have probably been subjected to pressure from kin not to talk about the offence, and have had other succeeding tragic events happen to their lives, such as premature death from car accidents, alcohol abuse, suicide or homicide. Additionally, they may have been subjected to other interpersonal violence from new partners or other kin. That such people can give evidence in a formal courtroom setting, which is an intimidating and frightening environment for most people, shows extraordinary courage and determination. I am most grateful for the circumstances in which I live and operate compared to the lives they are born into and forced to live. Other people, I am sure, feel the same way and wish for Aboriginal women and children to live in safety." **FEATURE The Weekend Australian August 4-5**



'It ain't easy being PNG'

PNG is facing the highest incidence of HIV in the PACIFIC Region with about 60,000 people living with HIV. In contrast, UNAIDS estimates 16,000 people in Australia are living with the HIV virus even though it is four times the size of PNG. According to AusAID it is estimated that if HIV interventions remain at current levels in PNG there will be 500,000 people living with HIV, and 3000,000 adult deaths by 2025. Sobering!

Johnny Cash once sang to a group of prisoners at a prison in California, raising the roof with a memorable performance that was recorded on the album At Folsom Prison. Now, some 40 years later and half a world away, a group of prisoners sing to their fellow inmates for a different reason. The prison is near Port Moresby, the songs they are singing are about HIV and the terrible impact it is having on their nation. Playing musical instruments and carrying a sign **'Stand up and be counted,'** ten inmates commence their show. Intermingled with their songs are inspirational performances about gender inequality – how women are 'gifts of the Lord' and should be respected. One of the three dramas performed for the 600 odd inmates, depicts a polygamous man who becomes infected with HIV and passes it on to his wives, who consequently die, leaving their children parentless. The prisoners also perform at a nearby village market. Bringing men into the picture, challenging common behaviour, as the 'edudramas' by Port Moresby's prisoners do, are ground-breaking and a step in the right direction.

The HIV epidemic is one of the most significant threats to PNG's current and future development. 60,000 of the people – almost two percent of these between 15 and 49 are HIV positive. PNG accounts for 90 percent of all HIV infections in the Pacific region. The virus is now firmly established in the general population, affecting men and women equally and although found mostly in urban centres, it has now reached every province, hitting even remote parts of the country.

Gender inequalities are leaving women even more vulnerable. According to Amnesty International, violence against women is widespread and has contributed to the rapid spread of HIV in PNG. Domestic violence is rampant, women lack the authority to negotiate safe sex both within and outside marriage. Rape and gang rape are also very common in PNG and has reached epidemic levels. Women are considered second class to men, resulting in gender and human rights abuse. More women should be encouraged and empowered to take up leadership roles in decision making at the political and community development level to promote equal participation and influence behaviour and attitude change in the male dominated society.

THE HUMANITARIAN, February 2007

www.redcross.org.au



BOWEN CUP 6TH OCTOBER

Fundraiser for Breast Cancer and Prostate Cancer Research

Cost: \$100pp for the day which includes a scrumptious 3-course meal, bus trip, raffles, and prizes for best hat and best dress.

Contact Melody to book your seat on the bus.

melody@beachsideoptics.com.au

**AUSTRALIA'S
CHALLENGE CEO**
workplace partners against domestic violence

Australia's CEO Challenge is an innovative organisation that initiates and develops partnerships between business enterprises and domestic violence services to help prevent domestic violence and its impacts on families, our workplaces and the broader community. Australia's CEO Challenge was the 2005 winner of the Prime Minister's Awards for Excellence in Community Business Partnerships in the Queensland Large Business Category. If you would like to know more about Australia's CEO Challenge, go to www.ceochallengeaustralia.org

Some facts about domestic violence:

- * Domestic violence is a situation where one partner in a relationship is using violence and abusive behaviour to control and dominate the other partner.
- * Over 2 million Australian women have experienced actual, attempted or threatened physical or sexual assault from a current or ex-partner or boyfriend since the age of 15.
- * Domestic violence does not only occur in the home. The impacts are also felt in the workplace.
- * Domestic violence costs Australian businesses \$1.5 billion every year through absenteeism, staff replacement and lost productivity.

By supporting Australia's CEO Challenge we can make a real difference to Australian homes and workplaces.

For more information visit www.ceochallengeaustralia.org



JOIN IN THE FUN !!!

Get-together LUNCH at Barrier Reef TAFE
Wednesday, 10th October

Be spoilt by 3rd Year Apprentice Chefs who will tantalize your taste buds with delicious Asian food – pork dumplings, Vietnamese rolls, Chinese omelettes - followed by mains and deep fried ice creams.

Zontian Cath Fernbach has booked a table for 20 so get in early and secure your seat cathfern@tpg.com.au

Cost is \$20 per head and you can pay Cath at our September 20th meeting. President Carole has already booked – who's going to join her at the table to sample food to die for!

STATUS OF WOMEN SERVICE COMMITTEE

Health Advocacy Committee – Noelene, Chair (Robyn, Julie, Angela, Janine). The committee has received a letter back from Karen Struthers, Parliamentary Secretary, advising that the Gov would not be able to do anything to assist until 2015-20. The Committee is in the process of organising another meeting.

Rotary Boat Show – Sheryn Chair (+Roster) – COMPLETED.

Education and Training – Committee deferred to a later date.

Prevention of Violence against Women: PJ, Chair (Linda, Marie, Suzie). Sharon Rudinski, as an invited guest at the last committee meeting, spoke to the committee on the Rock & Water program. The Rock & Water Program aims to apply a physical/social approach to assist boys and girls in their development to adulthood by increasing their self-realization, self-confidence, self-respect, boundary awareness, self-awareness and intuition. A specific goal for the course is teaching boys and girls to deal with power, strength and powerlessness. The program originally designed for boys only has proved to be also very beneficial for girls. The ultimate goal is to teach skills to deal with self defence, bullying and the prevention of domestic violence in later life for these children.

Zonta Whitsundays could assist in the short term by supporting the training of a trainer outside of the school program, as the school will fund teachers. The 3 day Rock & Water Course offers teachers a new way to interact with boys and girls in relationship to their physical and social development. Physical exercises are constantly linked with mental and social skills. In this way the program leads from simple self defence, boundary and communication exercises to a strong notion of self-confidence. The ultimate goal is to assist in Training a Trainer. Someone with one year's experience teaching the program could go to an advanced 3 day course to enable them to train others which is held once a year. If you would like to know more, please contact one of the committee members or look at the following website:

<http://www.newcastle.edu.au/centre/fac/rock-and-water/index.html>

Young Women in Public Affairs (YWPA) - Wendy, Chair (Joanne, Kerry, Sharon). Following the visit to Proserpine HS in July when there were 11 interested girls from yrs 11 & 12. Three lunchtime information sessions were held by Wendy in the school library which really sorted out the serious ones. It was agreed that Tuesday and Thursday were the best days but the attendance was not good due to other activities (not known in advance). Some of the girls decided not to do it anyway and it ended up with 3 girls who will submit their applications - all 3 of them excellent.

Robyn Mitchell contributed to the information sessions with an excellent workshop presentation "Status of Women in Australia" which was attended by 6 girls, including last year's winner Erin Cassells. Pam Graham ran an inspiring session on "status of women worldwide". Kerry Kenyon and Pam Graham are mentors for the girls should they need some advice. Application deadline is end of October. Wendy was not able to gain any support for the program at the Whitsunday Christian College but will endeavour to include them in 2008. It is all down to the teaching staff unfortunately, with no opportunity for Zonta to address the girls.

AFADU - Sue, Chair (Connie, Carole, Sandii). The monthly blanket sewing session has taken place. Cheryl Arthur has volunteered to take responsibility of organising the sewing session and picking up the knitted squares. 17 blankets have been completed so far with another almost finished. Sewing sessions will continue for September and October before we finish for the year. AFADU has been contacted to find out when their next shipment is going and we are waiting on their response.

Binnoculars - Robyn, Chair (Sue Carole, Connie, Janine).

Ongoing amounts are being deposited in our bank account and all deposits are reported on the Treasurers Report. Proving to be a steady money earner.

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Mothers Day Raffle Quilt: A beautiful Quilt has been donated by Di Mansfield. The materials were donated by The Whitsunday Quilters and the quilt was put together by Di. Wendy Patulo from the Iddy Biddy Cottage has given us a 50% discount on the batting and backing, and Annette Kelly from Triple One Quilting has also given us a discount on the quilting. Sue will be finishing the binding, and the quilt will have its first showing at our meeting on 20th September.

Cookbooks

The PR&C Committee has taken on the challenge of promoting the cookbooks in new areas. They are also looking to create a 'prime time' market roster and URGENTLY need a Volunteer member to oversee this. Do we have any interested gals?

Report Connie Riley, Director SOWS

PROJECT SURVEY FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE THIS IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE YOUR SAY

As discussed at last month's General Meeting, a new Form has been added to the Project Procedures. Initially a Project requires the Committees to submit a Project Proposal Form, and a Summation Form on the completion of that Project. The Survey Form is a natural follow-up which allows all members to make comments on what they liked, disliked, or even express ideas for ongoing projects to be carried out next year.

The Form will be attached to the General Meeting Agenda each month, so you can print it, fill it out at your leisure and return it at the meeting. You can also save a copy, fill it out on the computer and return by it e-mail to the appropriate Director or a Board Member. You can also pick up a copy at the General Meeting.

At the August meeting we asked that you complete forms for the Rotary Boat Show and Cookbooks Project, but you can also fill out the form for any project at any time.

This is a living document, so why not offer your suggestion to improve the Survey Form by submitting your ideas right away. This form will be a tremendous tool for the Board and Committees to make ongoing changes and improvements to all our projects and our Club.

LET'S HEAR YOUR IDEAS - PLEASE FILL IN THE FORM TODAY

Public Relations Committee:

At the last general meeting, we were asked to review ideas for the selling of our glorious recipe books. We've done it



with a [smiling face] and now need someone to put their hand up to oversee the new roster for the markets. It's a good duty to take on, one that you can do from the office or home.

We've come up with a much reduced roster, selling at the markets *only* on those holidays or local occasions which we think might produce the best results. It will be a 'voluntary' roster – you're name will only be listed at YOUR request. Please let Luella as PR Committee chair, or Connie as SOW Service Director, know that you'd LOVE to assist. It's not a big duty – just a few emails and phone calls monthly should do it.

We've also come up with some new venues for sales in Bowen and Mackay, as well as Airlie.... good goin' gals! More of those are also welcome.

PJ, PR&C Committee



Committee Reports

IWDB Committee are working hard towards putting together a brunch and will be able to inform us soon of the time and theme.

PR&C Committee has also been busy looking into alternative marketing strategies to sell our leftover Cookbooks. Eunice has stepped up to the mark by taking books to Zonta Mackay Club and has already sold quite a few. She will be taking cook books to the Mackay 'River to Reef' Festival on Saturday 6th October and will recruit fellow Zontians to assist in selling. Luella has targeted Red Cross Bowen, Zonta Bowen club and Tourism Bowen. She has also approached Zonta Clubs Burdekin, Townsville, Mt Isa, Charters Towers, Townsville, Cairns and Bundaberg, offering them as a great Xmas gift.

Annie has some brilliant ideas ranging from a Cooking Show at the markets, discounting like Oprah, to changing the covers of our cookbook to depict naked Zontians of a certain size only, portraying the food!! You will need to ask her for more description!

WYI project

You may have seen Lucy's story written up in today's Whitsunday Times with a contact number for anyone interested in finding out more about the Zonta scholarship. This is aimed at young people in the community who may have left school. Lucy has agreed to talk to Prossie HS students in October at a date to be arranged. The purpose of this visit is to make students aware of the project and its value. It is most likely that this will attract applicants for the 2008 scholarship - to be taken in 2009.

Sharon is talking to a student and her family this week to see if she is interested in applying for a scholarship this year. If so, she will put her in touch with Lucy to learn more.

Kay Harris, Director UN, PR&C, IWD, WYI

HOW did the Whitsunday branch of Zonta International begin?

It all started with Louise Mahony when she was a Councillor with what was then known as The Proserpine Council. Louise had already helped form what is now known as the Whitsunday Women's Service Inc. Last week they held their 10th Anniversary celebrations.

What did women "in need" do before this? Women had to take a chance that someone would hear their cries of help when they were caught in domestic violence or otherwise needed emergency advice and care. Other prominent women supporting women's action in 1997 were Barbara Adamson, Pam McLean, Lineke Hudson and Kim Bells.

What Clubs were available to "thinking women" in their own right? None really unless you include The Wine Club, School Parents and Sporting Clubs. Certainly not Probus, Rotary or The Canegrowers. Women could join the Sailing Club, but when she won a Yacht Race there was not even an Honour Board to record this feat. Even my own locally formed Club 'The Shute Harbour Residents Association' were not ready to have a woman president until recently. I saw the poor results from the general male confrontational attitude to Council turned around when we women used our ability, lateral thinking, charm and tenacity.

What kind of Club should we form? I learnt that women's success attracted criticism from a range of people. It was not just from some of the men in the community. We were out of step with the majority of the Community. We needed to raise the profile of women. Perhaps, I thought, we should have persevered in naming the hill we saved (from where there is a world class view) with our Club name instead of the name of another Club who had minimal input?

From this question came an answer. The Coastal district needed a Club which would attract "Thinking Women" so that we could stem the flow of these people leaving the area through the frustration they felt that they could never make a difference in this Whitsunday community.

Joan Watson, Founding Member Zonta Whitsundays



Lucy Shows Us How!

At our last meeting Lucy Fraser showed us all just how life-changing being involved in an overseas project can be. She explained in her well prepared presentation the challenges and rewards of living in another culture and having to learn about a very different way of life.

Lucy was reporting back to Zonta on the 10 week World Youth International project she undertook in Peru. She told us about her first experiences in Cusco when she was overwhelmed by the street children, some as young as 4 years, selling everything from postcards to cigarettes on the streets at night. Then she explained about the Childrens Centre where she worked with other volunteers, giving children some basic schooling and supervised play – often their first encounter with formal education. She spoke about her time on Amantini, an island in Lake Titicaca, where she and another volunteer lived with a local family. The island had no electricity, no running water and the living conditions were very basic. All food was collected from gardens which were over an hour away. Her family spoke no English and only basic Spanish, which was enough for Lucy to get by with, as she had taken Spanish lessons before leaving home. Despite these differences, Lucy and her travelling companion formed strong bonds with her adopted 'family'. She admired their generosity and warmth and the way the community worked together. Lucy came home with clearer ideas about what she wants to do with her future.

Lucy is the second young woman to be sponsored by Zonta to undertake a WYI project in Peru and the personal value is obvious. However, as Lucy spreads the word to others in the Whitsundays, there is a broader message – there is a big world out there to be explored and to learn from, and these experiences will stay with you forever. All you need is the courage to 'just do it'.

Robyn Mitchell

Membership Report

Our Meeting this month will be held in the Garden Room at Marina Shores, end of Shingley Drive, 6.15pm for 6.30pm start. It will be a Membership Information night, cost to Members \$5, no charge for guests. Members are asked to bring finger food from our recipe books or a bottle of wine. Apologies and Guest attendance to be e-mailed to Wendy no later than PM Tuesday.

We have four new members joining us at this meeting: **Christina Unterwurzacher, Jill Harland, Narelle Cawthorne and Rayleen Watson.** This will bring our Membership to 38. Louise Mahony resigned last month, she is a busy lady and does not have the time to devote to Zonta. We wish her well. We're looking forward to a very successful evening with good company and great fellowship.

Sue Hansen, Membership Chair

FEATURE in CITY LIFE MAGAZINE

Thanks Annie for sending in this little gem.

**Lyn Gregson, doyenne of Airlie fashion,
LOVED THE ZONTA FUNDRAISER**

Fashion Amalgamates In The Whitsundays

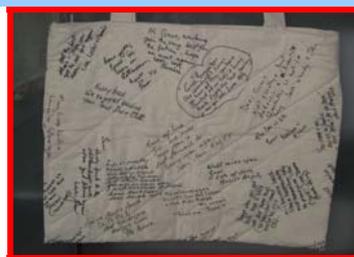
What a month it has been ... Council amalgamations, airports, crisis management, acceptance ... I have been away a lot again and am still playing catch up. Rather than dwell on all the challenges we face ahead in our community, I am going to be frivolous ... because very few women can pull off anger in a boob tube.

It is almost spring, the weather is warming and women everywhere can't wait to don this season's fashion, I thought it timely to have a critical jest at women and fashion. I recently attended a ZONTA fundraiser, a clothes swap, what a great idea, women of all vintages got together and purchased each others discards. It got me thinking about fashion and shopping, neither of which I am good at. We pored over the selections while networking and swapping fashion tips, like the time we wore this or that outfit, the men who admired us, the women who envied us. I don't always agree with some women's choices but I will defend their right to wear that green polyester pants suit right up to where it meets my eyes. Some women hold up dresses that are so ugly and they say, this looks much better on ... on what? On fire!

I totally agree with Sophia Loren when she said, "A woman's dress should be like a barb wire fence, serving its purpose without obstructing the view," and; "a dress has no meaning unless it makes a man want to take it off."

How many times have we commented; "She looked as if she had been poured into her clothes and had forgotten to say when," or, "why does everything she wear look like it's bearing a grudge," and; "you know whenever I wear something expensive it just looks stolen, I just can't quite pull off that upmarket look." And not forgetting; "A few years ago I joined a fitness club, hoping to regain my former pre pregnancy weight of 55 kilos. I didn't lose a thing, apparently you have to show up". And finally; "I know a woman who gave up shopping, smoking, drinking, sex and rich food. She was healthy right up to the day she killed herself."

To all those women who are caught in the headlights of shopping, don't let anyone make you feel guilty, it is essential that a woman should have something perfect to wear if the employer, or date of her dreams wants to see her in an hour ... It's not what I do, but the way I do it, it's not what I say, but the way I say it, and how I look when I do it and say it. And remember, a woman should have a set of screwdrivers, a cordless drill, and a black lace bra ...



Holland Calling



Girls, Girls Girls, what a surprise arrived two days ago.

I look at it again and again like a child with its latest toy. This 'Bag' really is a treasure and the person(s) who made it are great artists. As I don't know who made it, I can't thank them by name, but **THANK YOU** very much! When it arrived a few friends were at my house sitting place and they said, no wonder you have difficulty in resettling again here. So when the chips are down, I can look at you and read all the loving words you have written. I really carry you with me... and I need it.

Vinkeveen, 12 kms SW of Amsterdam, is the place where I live, a small village along the Vinkeveense lakes. Sailing and fishing in summer and ice skating in (a strong) winter. As my own house is rented until the end of September, I am house sitting, hopping from one village to the other. After that I will probably go to the south of France and Spain in my 23 year old Volkswagen Camper van. She looks a bit like an Old Lady with here and there some wrinkles, but does the job like a knife through the butter. As you see, I still have enough pepper in the !

I have been in contact with Zonta Utrecht. Until half of Sept the big holiday period and one third of the people are abroad. So nothing is going on at the moment. Also been in telephone contact with **ROTTERDAM**. There is hardly anything moving in this period also. They promised me to give me details about the program and accommodations first hand. If I don't have better things to do than traveling and playing golf I might as well help the organization from January onwards. I will keep you informed. As far as I understand there will also be time at leisure. I will gladly be the driver/guide for a daytrip in a mini bus and one evening take you to a nice funny restaurant. I just need to know what my tourists want to visit.

Hot Ziens in Holland, and a big hug from the long distance

Zontian Guus

From the Editor



Member Snippets Kerry has returned from a 5-day artist

workshop at the newly converted Tanks Centre in Cairns. Jan McKinnon traveled around Europe and is now toting a red leather jacket to die for! Joanne is back in India teaching dental health, thanks to the generosity of Whitsunday Rotary Club. Farewell to Ann until mid-October – NO emails please. Roz is also traveling through Europe and loving the food and wine. Janine and Melody offered their expertise as backup to Treasurer Linda. Secretary Sandii is also looking for backup! Pam Graham attended the Conference in Tweed Heads in her capacity as Area Director. Hope all those sick Zontians are now feeling 100%.