

ZONTA ON THE ROCKS.



Zonta Club of Rockhampton
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Advancing the Status of Women Worldwide

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PLEASE NOTE!

If you are
unable to attend
the dinner meeting,
please advise
Anna Tempest
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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 President:

Greetings to Fellow Zontians.

This month we welcome Zonta's Area 2 Director, Pat Faircloth to Rockhampton. Pat is based in Bundaberg and will be attending our April dinner meeting. I hope you are able to join us at that meeting.

Website:

As you are probably aware, Zonta International has a new website (www.zonta.org). Please follow the instructions in Berenice's email to log in for the first time. Even though you might have registered previously, you will need to register again to receive a new user name and a password. (Sorry, your old one won't work in the new website.). Please contact either myself or Berenice if you need any assistance.

Community involvement:

This month Zonta has been represented at two community events. The first event was Rockhampton's Regional Council's community meeting called to discuss the new Social Plan. The Social Plan is a state government requirement and provides for the range of community programs and services to be supported by Council over the next 5 years. The Social Plan

when finalised will then form part of Council's first long-term Community Plan. Chris and Meredith and I attended on behalf of Zonta.

Zonta was also represented at the summit which was called to develop a response to the public disorder problem in Rockhampton's CBD. Government ministers, council representatives, police and other stakeholders attended the event on Thursday 8th April. Thanks to Berenice and Meredith for attending and for representing Zonta.

Newsletter Feedback :

This month, at the dinner meeting we are seeking your feedback on our club's newsletter. For those who are unable to attend the meeting, please email your thoughts regarding the newsletter to either myself or Berenice.

Looking forward to seeing you at the next meeting,

Till next time,
Robyn



As of February 2010, Zonta International has
1,215 clubs in 67 countries.

Notices:

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 / Newsletter /
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:

April:

13 Committee/Board Meetings
20 Dinner Meeting

May:

11 Committee/Board Meetings
18 Dinner Meeting/AGM

***Special United Nations Observances
and Other Significant Days.***

April:

7 World Health Day

May:

28 International Day for Action on
Women's Health

Strive for equality -
Get you own remote control



Dinner Raffle.

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

April	Chris P
May	Meredith S
June	Anna T
July	Noela W

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



Happy Birthday.

08 Mary Lawrie
12 Elizabeth Acton
22 Berenice Payne



Norma receives Living Treasure Award from Telstra Representative, Margaret Deluary.

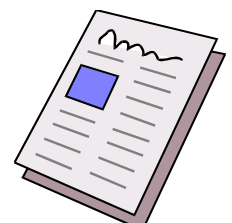
**If you would like to contribute to your Newsletter
please forward articles to Berenice Payne**

either by

Fax: 4922 3315 or

Email: berenice.a.payne@bigpond.com

Deadline: First Tuesday of the month.



Zonta Club of Rockhampton has been a supporter of Plan International since 1987.

At the last dinner meeting, discussion re the club's donation to Plan International resulted in a decision to continue to support our Foster Child Nassiga Doumbia who lives in Mali with her family. We have been supporting Nassiga since 2002, and I have pasted below some of the updates received over the past 8 years from Plan International.

Meet Nassiga – Our Foster Plan Child.

Nassiga lives in the community of Siby (West Africa), which is located 50 km west of Bamako, the Capital city of Mali and 55 km from Kangaba. The climate is pre-guineen, and is characterized by two seasons. The first is a rainy season from June to November. This is followed by a

dry season that is split into two parts. The first is part from November to February, which is dry and cold, and the second part from March to June, which is dry with hot weather. The population is approximately 18,465 persons, with about 52% being female. The majority of the population is Muslim, but 'anamisme' is also practised. There is one main ethnic group, Malinke, while there are also some Fulani. The predominant language is Malinke.

The life of Nassiga, who lives with her mother – a house wife, her father - a peasant farmer and her brothers, is very different in a country where donkey carts carry loads of diverse materials and monkeys (not kangaroos) run across the road.



August 2002.

A letter from our foster child in Mali.

Dear Zonta Club of Rockhampton
Hi! We are pleased to get pearls and comic strip sent to our child. Today, Nassiga and all of us look fine. Things go better in our village. Your foster child hopes you look fine. Thank you for things you sent to our child. Now the beginning of rainy season therefore it's too hot, so villagers are busy to clear fields and adjust plough for next farming.
Thanks
Sincerely yours
Bye.



*Nassiga above and
with her brother at right.*



March 2003.

Nassiga enjoys singing, says that she would like to be a housewife when she grows up, and helps her family with small errands. Nassiga is not attending school because she is too young, as is her brother, and so not able to write her own letters. A community volunteer helps her to write her letters. From your Foster Child.

November 2003

Hello Zonta Club of Rockhampton
Thank you for the letter enclosing a T Shirt,
a Shorts, packet containing 25 markers,
bracelet and mirrors.

Nassiga is getting on well with her family.
She plays with her friends making up dolls.
Now it is the rainy season. It rains enough
regularly. Nassiga hopes to hear from you
soon.

Friendly yours
Nassiga.

March 2007:

Some key facts about Nassiga from the Plan
Report.

Nassiga has been healthy over the last year.
Nassiga does not attend school because of
economic problems. For families with low
income, children are expected to help sup-
port the family either by helping at home or
by going out to earn additional money. Plan
and the community are working together to
improve the accessibility and perceived im-
portance of education to all.

There have been no changes to who lives
with Nassiga.

Nassiga's family use a shared latrine with neighbours and relatives for their toilet facilities.

The family water comes from an open community well all year round.
The nearest health facility is about fifteen minutes away.

A lot of progress was made in access to safe water during the last twelve months. Plan has backed the communities to improve hygiene and sanitary conditions. In addition to traditional wells improvement, many other large diameter wells were constructed. Water supply systems were also implemented in some villages using solar pumping technology.





Nassiga

January 2010.

An update on Nassiga and her family.

Sponsored Child: Nassiga Doumbia

Age: 14 years

Community: Bancoumana

There have been no changes to Nassiga's family.

Nassiga attends primary school. It takes less than 30 minutes to reach school.

According to the family, Nassiga has been healthy and has not suffered from any serious illness. The nearest health facility is about 30 minutes away.

In the area where Nassiga lives, families participated in or benefited from

- ◆ Training for volunteers to manage community health centres
- ◆ Provision of medicines and supplies
- ◆ Training for health workers on care and prevention for children under 5
- ◆ Immunization for children and pregnant mothers
- ◆ Supplementary feeding for children and pregnant women

Plan helped the local community to improve the nutritional care of children up to three years of age. To do this, some 15 people, including 10 women, were trained to set up a nutrition health centre. Here children were weighed and served nutritious food. Those who were trained were given equipment including weighing scales, nutrition table and monitoring support for the children. After the children were weighed Plan provided meals prepared with local cereals such as millet, sorghum, maize and groundnuts.

Plan helped to set up an early childhood development centre for 72 children from the ages of three to six years. It built a latrine, provided the centre with toys, equipment, material and a water tank. It also trained three women monitors on how to supervise children and nine members of the management committee on their roles and responsibilities.

Plan trained 24 children (12 girls and 12 boys) on their rights and responsibilities. This facilitated the production of a successful radio programme called "Kids' Waves". During the broadcast, children talk about their rights and responsibilities and call on local leaders to address some of children's rights that are not respected.



Nassiga and her brother