

# ZONTA ON THE ROCKS

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### NOTICES.

If you are  
**unable to attend**  
the dinner meeting,  
please advise  
**Norma West**  
**Ph 4927 7259 (W)**  
**by 10 am**  
on the Monday  
before the meeting.

**Failure to  
apologize will  
incur payment  
of \$25.00.**



**District 22  
Conference:  
25-27 Sept 2009  
Townsville**

**International  
Convention:  
2010: San Antonio  
Texas**

Planning is well  
underway; please  
view on the ZI  
website



## Zonta Club of Rockhampton

### Member of Zonta International

*Advancing the Status of Women Worldwide*

### Greetings to Fellow Zontians

Another busy month has flown by; It is with regret that I have to report that Pat Faircloth, Area Director, will not be visiting this month due to health reasons. We hope to schedule her visit later in the year and wish her all the best in her recovery.

The conference in Townsville is getting closer and there needs to be some administrative business resolved so that Jan can represent the Club's position on the motions to be put to the conference. Please give some thought as to how you want the Club to respond to the motions and candidate slate emailed earlier in the month so we can make this decision at the Dinner meeting.

Another aspect of the conference to consider is a display of either our achievements or the Club's advocacy in the local community. What would the membership like to be displayed and who would like to put this together? Again questions to be addressed at the Dinner meeting. There are specific guidelines to follow.

I had the opportunity to catch up with our guest speakers earlier this week and they were so thrilled with the reception they received at the July Dinner meeting and once again they expressed their gratitude to the Club for financial support with the research project. Our financial support also enabled Tania, Nik and Vanessa to source other external funding to move onto another stage of their project with the subsequent funding body impressed that Zonta had supported the project.

As I was preparing this month's newsletter I came across the August newsletter from last year. In that newsletter we were celebrating our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary so it is time to say Happy Birthday again to the Club and may there be many more. **A reminder also that Dinner this month is at St Lukes, not the Plaza**

See you at dinner

Teresa



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## Zonta on the Rocks – Advancing the Status of Women Worldwide

### MEETINGS:

#### Board:

6.30pm:

2nd Tuesday  
of the month

Venue:

Rockhampton Plaza Hotel.

#### Dinner:

6.00 pm for 6.30pm

3rd Tuesday  
of the month

Venue:

Rockhampton Plaza Hotel.

#### Activity for August:

This will be an “at home”  
dinner meeting held at St  
Lukes, Wandal with fun  
activities provided by the  
program committee.

#### Committee:

##### OMC:

Venue:

Rockhampton Plaza Hotel

5.30 pm—

2nd Tuesday  
of the month.

#### Program & Communication:

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:

#### August 11th:

Committee meetings

#### August 18th:

Dinner meeting at St Lukes

*Special United Nations  
Observances and Other  
Significant Days:*

9 August -- International Day of  
the World's Indigenous People

12 August -- International  
Youth Day

23 August -- International Day  
for the Remembrance of the  
Slave Trade and Its Abolition



"Patience is the  
companion of wisdom"  
St. Augustine

#### Dinner Raffle.

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

August: Valda Fitzgerald

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



### Birthdays in July

#### Happy Birthday to:

Our Club

There are no member's  
birthdays this month

Over the past couple of months we have gained some new members, which has been wonderful, and some of us have moved into new positions within the Club where we consider ourselves as “new” to the Club of Zonta executive. From discussions at the Board level there are also potential members in the wings.

Doing things the right way and the Zonta way has been and continues to be a big learning curve for us all. As part of that curve, it has been suggested that I include various “reminders” or detail various processes so that we can all learn from this – after all why should Leanne and I swim by ourselves....

This month the focus is on the Dinner raffle; each month at the Dinner meeting there is a club raffle. This does not cost anything for a ticket – if you come to the dinner you are automatically in the raffle draw. Each month a member supplies the prize. As to whose turn it is to supply the prize is determined by the alphabetical listing in the Members Directory. I then note this in the newsletter (see column to the right of this one).

Thank you to Elizabeth who continues to co-ordinate this activity; prizes are given to Elizabeth on the night and she then organises the “raffle tickets” for the dinner and some-one, usually a guest, then draws the winner.

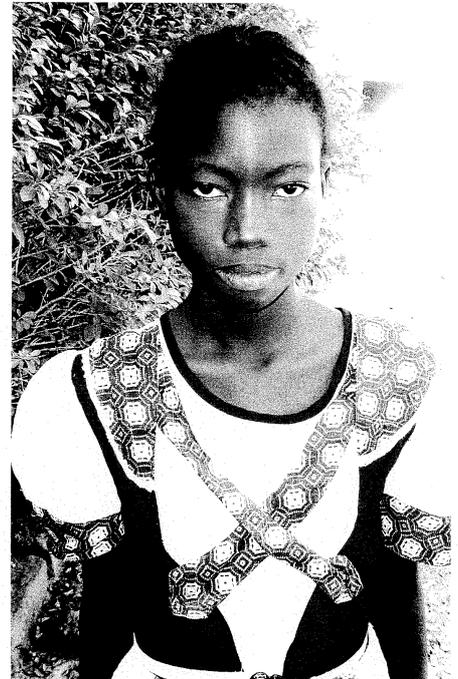
If you would like to contribute to your  
Newsletter  
please email articles to Teresa Moore  
t.moore@cqu.edu.au

Deadline: First Tuesday of the  
month.



In the world news this month two women who worked tirelessly for the improvement in the status of women globally died. These two women were also part of the Zonta family. Helvi Sipil was active as a past president and Corazon Aquino was an International Honorary Member of Zonta in recognition of her commitment to improving the status of women. For more about these amazing women, please visit the ZI website and read obituaries by Beryl Sten posted on the ZI website.

On a happier note: Elizabeth has been following up on our foster child



NAME: NASSIGA DOUMBIA  
DOB: 13/12/1995 (13 years)  
NAME OF VILLAGE: BANCOUMANA (MALI)

## Who is Nassiga and what does she do?

Nassiga is 13 years of age. Her Birthday is the 13<sup>th</sup> December. Nassiga and her family live in a poor rural community in the village Bancoumana in the district of Kangaba in Mali - a West African country bordering the Sahara Desert. Mali is one of the poorest Nations on earth.

Nassiga's father is a farmer and her mother a housewife. She has a brother Amadou (1998) 10 years old. The family live in small huts in a compound shared by other members of the family. The house in which Nassiga and her immediate family live has a roof made of straw, walls and floor made of mud and has few windows. They have no furnishings. They use kerosene lamps for light. The women of the family collect wood for cooking the family meals. They have some sheep and goats. The family grows staple crops such as millet, corn, beans- mostly for family consumption although some are sold in the local market. The family normally eats three meals a day, which consist of millet, corn or rice with a vegetable sauce. Sometimes they add dried fish and very rarely fresh fish or meat. Nassiga helps her family fetch water for the house.

There is health facility in the village which the family can attend. Nassiga has been healthy and has not suffered from any serious illness. She attends primary school which is less than 30 minutes away. Her father reports that she enjoys singing and her favorite lessons at school are mathematics, reading and grammar. In the area where Nassiga lives, families participated in or benefited from training for community health workers, training volunteers in communication activities and promoting registration and issuance of birth certificates for children

### PLAN PROJECTS FOR THE PAST YEAR

#### BIRTH REGISTRATION

Increasing birth registrations increases the number of children that can enrol in school. Plan has provided 170 birth certificates and has helped children register for their birth certificates, and has also trained registration agents from each village. Plan facilitated the formation of children's clubs in each village to help this project and to raise awareness in the area of the importance of having a birth certificate. Children participated by organizing a census of all children who were not registered with birth certificates.

#### WATER SUPPLY PROJECT

Plan drilled one borehole and equipped it with a manual pump for easy use. They formed a water committee that received training on how to maintain the pump, and how to keep the area around the pump clean. One mother reported: *"Mothers and daughters used to have to walk long distances every day to fetch water. Now we have clean water closer to our homes all year round, and we do not fall sick during the dry season when the wells used to dry up. The water committee taught us how to store water safely. We keep it away from animals and small children."*

#### CAMPAIGN AGAINST MALARIA

Malaria is the main cause of death in Mali and in this area. Plan has been working with one of the first International Research Units located in the area to find a vaccine for malaria. Plan distributed 3,000 insecticide-treated mosquito nets to "at risk" groups, like young children and pregnant women.

#### THIS YEAR

Plan will train rural councilors on child rights, to better integrate children's priorities in the area development plan. They will facilitate the formation of child protection committees; help to organize

At our last Club meeting Margaret Anderton present a letter she received from one of our past recipients of the YWPA award. Here is what Naomi Barnbaum has been doing since that award.

Dear Zonta,

In 2004, in my final year of secondary school, I was honoured to receive Zonta's Young Women in Public Affairs Award. It was an honour to be awarded when I was surrounded by so many successful, inspirational women. Five years on, I wished to be in touch to let you know how the support from your organisation has contributed to my success today.

My passion has always been the political sphere. Since about the age of 15 I have aimed to serve the Australian people as a public servant. An odd dream, perhaps, for a young girl from regional Queensland but one that was encouraged by Zonta and facilitated by the Young Women in Public Affairs prize. I completed a Bachelor of Arts majoring in History and International Relations from the University of Queensland in 2007, and followed this with an Honours Degree in International Relations in 2008. During my tertiary education, I received 6 Dean's Commendations for Academic Excellence, and was made a Dean's Scholar in recognition of academic achievement. I completed my degree with a grade point average of 6.675 out of a possible 7, and received First Class Honours. I was pleased to accept a job with the Department of Defence, commencing in February this year. Today, I live in Canberra and am thrilled to have the opportunity to engage with foreign policy and diplomatic issues on a daily basis. In a nod to the fact that there is a life outside of the office, I am involved in local theatre and music productions.

In the 21st century, we assume that women in Australia are surely equal. But as I look around my office I see no other women. Parliament is still dominated by men, the corridors of power in the upper echelons of the public service are still walked mainly by men. But the kind of support and leadership offered by the professional women in Zonta is forcing change: the highest political office in our country (that of the Governor-General) is occupied by a woman for the first time, and my own personal role model, Penelope Wensley (who achieved so many 'firsts' for women in the public service) is now serving as Queensland's Governor. The more acknowledgement and support we women give one another, the stronger we are. The support I received from Zonta certainly strengthened my resolve, and facilitated the achievement of my goals.

Kind regards,

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**Conference raffle: tickets are available for purchase prior to the conference**



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**Zonta  
Conference  
Raffle**

**1st Prize—Handmade Quilt  
valued at \$2,700.00**

**Plus other minor prizes**

**DRAWN: Sunday 27th September 2009**

**at the Inaugural Zonta District 22 Conference  
Rydges—Townsville**

**TICKETS—\$2 EACH**

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