

ZONTA ON THE ROCKS

ZONTA CLUB OF ROCKHAMPTON INC.

P O Box 323 Rockhampton 4700.

Club No. 1054 - Charter 05.08.83.

AREA 4 - DISTRICT 24.

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NOTICES.

If you are *unable to attend* the dinner meeting, please advise **Kay Rixon** on **Ph 4926 3822** by **10 am** on the **Monday** before the meeting.

Failure to apologize will incur payment of \$22.00.

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INTERNATIONAL

**Area 4 Workshop-
Maryborough-
March 29 – 30
2003.**



**District
Conference:
October 03 – 05
2003
Sydney.**

President's Message:

With International Women's Day celebrations occurring on Saturday 8 March, I would like to share a special poem forwarded to me via email (author not acknowledged).

~Beauty of a Woman~

The beauty of a woman is not in the clothes she wears,
The figure she carries, or the way she combs her hair.

The beauty of a woman must be seen from her eyes,

Because that is the doorway to her heart,

The place where love resides.

The beauty of a woman is not in a facial mole,

But true beauty in a woman is reflected in her soul.

It is the caring that she lovingly gives,

The passion that she shows,

The beauty of a woman

With passing years --- only grows.

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INTERNATIONAL

Our gala dinner and presentation of *Living Treasure Awards* will be a great opportunity for us all to share in the celebration of women's achievements.

Last Thursday evening Elizabeth, Chieko, Norma Davies, Anna Condon, Jan, Margaret & I spent a couple of productive hours cutting and sewing a new batch of *Breast Care Cushions*. Thank you, once again, to Margaret for providing her home as the venue for the activity.

Trish Collins
President



**'Advancing the
status of women
worldwide'**

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MEETINGS.

Board:

6.30pm:
2nd Tuesday
of the month
Venue:
Tropical Wanderer
Resort.
Dinner:
6.00 pm for
6.30pm
3rd Tuesday
of the month
Venue:
Tropical Wanderer
Resort.

**Committee
Meetings.
OMC/PR/UN
Program:**

Venue:
Tropical Wanderer
Resort
5.30 pm—
2nd Tuesday
of the month.

**Finance and
Fundraising:**


Venue:
Tropical Wanderer
Resort
5.30 pm—
2nd Tuesday
of the month.

Status of Women:

Venue:
Tropical Wanderer
Resort
5.30pm—
2nd Tuesday
of the month.

Calendar:

MARCH:

- 08 IWD Gala Evening 
- 11 Committee Meetings
Board Meeting
- 18 Dinner Meeting
- 29-30 Area Workshop
(Maryborough)

APRIL:

- 08 Committee Meetings
Board Meeting
- 15 Dinner Meeting

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

March:

- 08 International Women's Day
- 21 International Day for the
Elimination of Racial
Discrimination.

Dinner Raffle.

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

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| April | Diane |
| May | Elizabeth |
| June | Margaret |

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



Mark Your Calendar.

2004 International Convention.
3-8 July: New York, USA.

2006 International Convention.
24 – 29 June: Melbourne, Australia.

Reminder.



**It is necessary to remind
members once again
that if an apology
is not received at
Tropical Wanderer Resort
by the Monday prior
to the Dinner Meeting,
an invoice for \$22.00
will be forwarded
to the absent member.
Please ring the Resort –
Ph: 4926 3822.**



**Young Women in Public Affairs
winner Maia Keerie is presented
with her prize and certificate
by President Trish Collins
at the February Dinner Meeting.
Those present listened to five
excellent presentations
which had been prepared
by the five 2003 applicants.**

**If you would like to contribute to your Newsletter
please forward articles to Berenice Payne either by
Fax: 4921 3441 or Email to
berenice.a.payne@bigpond.com**

Deadline: First Tuesday of the month.

Happy Birthday

- 12 Lynne
- 19 Chieko
- 23 Jan



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AREA MEETINGS (from the District 24 Manual).

The Zonta International bylaws require each area to hold at least one meeting annually, preferably during the months of March, April, or May, to promote the Objects and programs of Zonta International. At the option of the district, area directors and vice area directors may be elected at the area meeting immediately preceding the International Convention.

Area meetings are essentially planning and training seminars and should provide club officers, directors, committee chairmen, and members useful information on their responsibilities and on Zonta International and district programs, and practical suggestions for club programs and projects. All Zontians should be encouraged to attend, particularly new members.

" Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take but by the moments that take our breath away".

THE PURPOSE OF DISTRICT CONFERENCE (from the District 24 Manual).

- to promote the Objects and programs of Zonta International
- to conduct the business of the district, including acceptance of the financial audit, action on proposed resolutions affecting the district, and, in odd-numbered years, the election of the district officers and nominating committee, and the adoption of the district budget
- to receive the Zonta International president's message, and reports of district officers and committees
- to inform, instruct and educate district Zontians about Zonta International, with emphasis on its role as an international organization
- to consider and act upon suggestions submitted by Zonta International
- to consider and act upon resolutions and proposed amendments to the Zonta International bylaws and rules of procedure
- to provide an opportunity for fellowship

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.

And so begins the Annual Report from Plan International about our Foster child Nassiga.

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.



Nassiga

A copy of this report is available for members to read about the very interesting and different life of Nassiga who lives with her mother – a house wife, her father - a peasant farmer and her brother, in a country where donkey carts carry loads of diverse materials and monkeys (not kangaroos) run across the road.



Nassiga and her brother Sekon

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*The following is an article written by
Year 2000 Zonta Young Pilots Award winner, Kimilla Hill,
to be posted on the
'Hargrave' website out of Monash University (managed by Dr Russell Naughton)
in a section which is a large biographical series on women in aviation*

<http://www.ctie.monash.edu.au/hargrave/lauriston.html>

The opportunity to fly came true when I was 14, my father asked me if I wanted to learn to fly and become a pilot. Without any hesitation I was quick to respond with a `yes`. The next day I was down at the local Flight School for my first flight.

I have to say that learning to fly was a difficult and frustrating time on many occasions. I had many an obstacle. After five instructors, four planes and lack of time I felt like I wasn't getting anywhere. My first and my second instructor left to work in the Airlines. After two instructors had left within 8 months the Emerald flight School closed down leaving me without yet another flight Instructor. This forced me to travel 3 hours away to Rockhampton to continue my studies. It was hard as I had school and other activities to engage in back in Emerald. It was getting very costly to fly as my instructors and planes constantly changed.

At the age of 16 I had received the Amelia Earhart Young Pilots Award, which was awarded by the Zonta Clubs of Rockhampton and Emerald, and my esteem and inspiration was boosted. Finally a flight school had opened up again in my hometown and I was on the final stages of receiving my licence. Thanks to the hard work and the inspiration of Kevin Patterson I obtained my PPL at the age of 17.

Now 19 I am still flying and working as a Sales Manager in an agricultural promotions company organising Field Days in Australia and Agricultural tours in China. I do hope that later next year I will continue my studies and obtain my CPL so I can use this qualification within the company.

I would encourage anyone to fly as you are always meeting new people of any age and each of those people has a different story to tell every time.

To me flying is a feeling hard to describe, as there are many mixed emotions. When I am flying, everything becomes crystal clear. I become completely relaxed, yet I am continually concentrating on what I am doing, the plane seems to work as a natural extension of my mind.

Kimilla Hill.

