

ZONTA ON THE ROCKS.



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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
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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 Vice - President:

Greetings to Fellow Zontians.

Our International Women's Day breakfast has been a great success – thanks to all who contributed in any way to the success of the day. We had nearly 90 attendees and early indicators suggest that women who attended enjoyed the event. A special thanks to Lori who did a splendid job as MC.

We received three nominations for the Living Treasure award and our winner, who was nominated by Glenys Kirkwood from CQUniversity was ...drum roll... Norma. So congratulations Norma! Telstra Countrywide representative Margaret Deluery, presented the award and Margaret's introduction of Norma described the extent of Norma's contribution to the nursing profession and to various community organisations. No doubt you will agree that the award was well deserved.

At the IWD breakfast I was seated at a table with Helen Truscott and Bernadette Jones - Helen was telling me that in 1975 both she and Norma were members of a particular club. That year, 1975, was designated International Women's Year and there were a number of sponsored events to which women were invited. Both Norma and Helen were selected to travel to Bris-

bane for one of those events. So there were some stories told remembering that particular year!

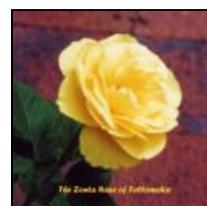
So that we can reflect on this year's IWD we plan to have a review session – if you have any suggestions or opportunities for improvement, please pass those comments onto Trish or others on that committee.

The Gladstone Area meeting was well attended – It was very well organised and from all reports, it appears that both Gladstone and Bundaberg have had healthy increases in membership. More on the area meeting in this newsletter and at the next meeting.

In closing I would like to commend Trish and her team for the success of the IWD breakfast. There were a number of competing events both in Rockhampton and at the coast and to have such a healthy response was due to their combined efforts. Looking forward to seeing you at the next meeting,

Till next time

Robyn



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.

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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:

- March:**
 8 IWD Breakfast—
 Kershaw House
 9 Committee/Board Meetings
 16 Dinner Meeting—Plaza Hotel
- April:**
 13 Committe/Board Meetings
 20 Dinner Meeting

Special United Nations Observances and Other Significant Days.

- March:**
 08 International Women’s Day
 & Zonta Rose Day
 21 International Day for the
 Elimination of Racial
 Discrimination
- April:**
 07 World Health Day

Dinner Raffle.

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

March	Berenice P
April	Chris P
May	Meredith S
June	Anna T

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



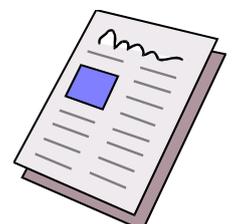
Happy Birthday.

No birthdays this month



Members attending the Area 2 Meeting in Gladstone:
 Norma West, Berenice Payne, Trish Collins, Elizabeth Acton, Jan Landsberg.

If you would like to contribute to your Newsletter please forward articles to Berenice Payne either by
Fax: 4922 3315 or
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Deadline: First Tuesday of the month.



International Women's Day A Short History.

(Article pub. Canberra Times 1997)



The mother of International Women's Day was German socialist Clara Zetkin.

In **1907 she had organized an International Conference** of Socialist Women and called for all socialist parties to fight energetically for women's suffrage. The conference participants discussed demonstrating to publicize their support for women's suffrage. In **1908** Branch Number 3 of the New York City Social Democratic Women's Society took up the call by **organizing a mass meeting on women's suffrage on 8 March.**

In 1910, at the Second International Conference of Socialist Women in Copenhagen, Zetkin proposed that there be an International Woman's Day and this was celebrated by European socialists for the first time on 19 March 1911. **The first Australian IWD rally took place on 25 March 1928 in the Sydney Domain**, organised by the Militant Women's Movement of the Communist Party of Australia.

From 1931 IWD marches were held in Sydney and Melbourne. In the 1970s the big street marches of women's liberation arrived and new open-ended collectives took over IWD, displacing the hat and glove brigade. Today IWD is characterized by a mixture of celebration and stocktaking. There is an increasing emphasis on breakfasts - reflecting the tight schedules of many of those participating, particularly those with money to donate to aid projects for women. It has certainly come a long way from its origins which is no reason to mystify them.

The **colours white, purple/violet and green** are often used in relation to International Women's Day (the suffrage colours). A few different explanations for the meaning of the colours exist:

White: purity or women

Green: hope or growth or go/give

Purple: courage

Violet: voting, vote

When looking at the last meaning of each colour, one can see other meanings:

**Women Go Voting or
Give Women the Vote.**

International Women's Day Message *(From www.unifem.org)*

By Inés Alberdi, UNIFEM Executive Director (Date: 4 March 2010)

Occasion: International Women's Day, 8 March 2010.

The year 2010 is a milestone year for women's rights and gender equality — marking the [15th anniversary of the Beijing Platform for Action](#), the 10th anniversary of the Millennium Declaration and UN Security Council resolution 1325. Only five years are left until the target date for achieving the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). At the same time women everywhere, but especially in developing countries, continue to face the enormous challenges of the global financial crisis, widespread food insecurity, natural and man-made disasters and climate change. Meeting those challenges, as UNIFEM's [Progress of the World's Women 2008/2009](#) made clear, requires greater accountability at all levels.

For this reason, we call attention to another potential milestone in 2010 — a move to establish a new UN entity for gender equality and women's empowerment, as strongly supported by the UN General Assembly in a [September 2009 resolution](#). For as the Beijing+15 meeting takes stock of progress over the last 15 years, it will be clear once again that, despite improved normative frameworks, implementation still

'advancing the status of women worldwide through service and advocacy'

needs a push forward. The forward motion on this resolution is timely, too, in the context of the UN Secretary-General's *UNiTE to End Violence against Women* campaign, for which the target date of 2015 is the same as for achieving the MDGs. It also mirrors efforts to improve accountability for implementing UN Security Council resolution 1325, which recognized the key role women play in all aspects of recovery from conflict.

In recent weeks we have seen women's significant role in helping countries recover from disaster. Following the devastating earthquake that struck Haiti, women, who head nearly one-half of the country's households, have taken the lead in recovery efforts, caring for communities and neighbourhoods, improvising communal meals and child care arrangements. UNIFEM staff members in Haiti witnessed women in temporary shelters trying to build a sense of security for their families, making connections and sharing what they have with their neighbours.

Two weeks ago the President of Chile, Michele Bachelet, travelled to Haiti to express solidarity with these women struggling to rebuild their lives and communities — and this week she is inspiring her own country to come back stronger from another devastating earthquake. This is the kind of leadership, from the community to the highest level, that women have demonstrated in all places seeking to come back from conflict and crisis. But unlike in Chile, women are rarely part of the decision-making process on relief or resources, or on how to plan for the next time disaster strikes.

Human security and humanitarian assistance, like human development, requires greater numbers of women at all decision-making tables. Surely the world owes this to women in Haiti, as much as to those of Chile.



About UNIFEM: www.unifem.org

UNIFEM is the women's fund at the United Nations, dedicated to advancing women's rights and achieving gender equality. It provides financial and technical assistance to innovative programmes and strategies that foster women's empowerment. UNIFEM works on the premise that it is the fundamental right of every woman to live a life free from discrimination and violence, and that gender equality is essential to achieving development and to building just societies.

Established in 1976, UNIFEM has touched the lives of women and girls around the world. UNIFEM maintains strong ties to both women's organizations and governments, linking them with the UN system to join national and international political action, and to create momentum for change.

UNIFEM focuses its activities on one overarching goal: to support the implementation at the national level of existing international commitments to advance gender equality. In support of this goal, UNIFEM works in the following thematic areas:

- enhancing women's economic security and rights,
- ending violence against women,
- reducing the prevalence of HIV and AIDS among women and girls, and
- advancing gender justice in democratic governance in stable and fragile states.

Active in all regions and at different levels, UNIFEM works with countries to formulate and implement laws and policies to eliminate discrimination and promote gender equality in such areas as land and inheritance rights, decent work for women, and ending violence against women. UNIFEM also aims to transform institutions to make them more accountable to gender equality and women's rights, to strengthen the capacity and voice of women's rights advocates, and to change harmful and discriminatory practices in society.

The Zonta Roses

History and Details

(From the ZI Website -Updated September 2008)

The beauty of a single yellow rose has been a favourite Zonta symbol for decades. The yellow rose has adorned many Zonta items from stationery to clothing, and has been used in many charter and anniversary celebrations.

The Zonta Rose is much more than a lovely flower. Since 1999, it has served as the symbol of Zonta Rose Day, which falls on 8 March and coincides with International Women's Day. On this special Day, Zontians worldwide are encouraged to publicly distribute yellow roses, or items bearing the image of yellow roses, accompanied by information about Zonta International and issues relating to improving the lives of women.

History of the Zonta Rose

Since the 1980s, each decade has seen a new Zonta rose:

1980s: In 1983, Valerie Webster, then Lt. Governor of District 16, proposed that a breed of rose be developed as a living symbol of our organization. With support from a local rose grower and Zontian Mary Mason, the world famous *R. Harkness & Co., Ltd.* rose nursery in England was contacted. Mr. Harkness had developed a new breed of rose he called *Hartanna* for his daughter, but generously offered to donate it to Zonta International. **The *Hartanna*, also known as *Princess Alice* or *Brite Lites*, was introduced for the first time at the 1984 Zonta International Convention in Sydney, Australia.**

1990s: In the spring of 1997, the Denmark Zonta Clubs in District 13 undertook a rose project. The leading Danish rose grower, Mr. Martin Jensen, offered the Clubs a new breed of rose, also produced by *R. Harkness & Co., Ltd.* in England, called the *Harflow*, also known as *Easy Going*. **Once again, Mr. Harkness sponsored the 500-cut *Harflow* roses introduced at the 1998 Zonta International Convention in Paris, France.**

2000s: In 2007 the well known Dutch rose breeder LEX+ developed a new yellow rose, and through the efforts of Ingeborg van't Hooherhuijs, Chairman of the 2008 Convention Committee, the rose was registered with the name Zonta+.

Zonta+ was introduced at the 2008 Convention Opening Ceremony in Rotterdam; 2006-2008 ZI President Olivia Ferry was joined by Dutch Minister of Foreign Affairs Maria van der Hoeven for the formal naming of the Zonta+ Rose.



*Jan, Berenice, Norma and Elizabeth
with the Zonta+ Rose
at the 2008 Convention.*