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**Club Meetings**

- o Second Thursday of the month (except January)
- o 6.15pm for 6.45pm
- o St Catherine's College, UWA

**Apologies**

- o By 12 noon previous Monday
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L-R Alison Martin, Diane Agnew, Denise Hamilton and Diana Rigg



Dianne Agnew



Denise Hamilton



Diana Rigg

## 1. Induction of New Members

The Club was delighted to welcome three new members, Dianne Agnew, Denise Hamilton and Diana Rigg who were inducted at the April dinner meeting by Alison Martin, District 23 Governor.

### *Dianne Agnew*

Dianne was born in Brisbane and educated at St Margaret's CEGS as a boarder. She then obtained teaching qualifications from Teachers' College in Brisbane, Queensland, Curtin University and Northern Territory University.

She has taught mostly secondary English and enjoyed teaching in N.T. for several years, including in some remote Aboriginal communities. She has a keen interest in Aboriginal art especially that of N. E. Arnhem land.

Dianne has two sons, both working in the finance sector. They are married, one with two sons and the other with a daughter.

Dianne and her husband enjoy riding their horses at their Burekup farm. She also spends her time reading, travelling and doing ikebana (the Japanese art of flower arranging) as well as other forms of flower arranging.

### *Denise Hamilton*

Denise began her schooling in Victoria, but completed it at Brigidine College in Floreat. She holds two degrees – a Bachelor of Business (Accounting) and a Bachelor of Science (Viticulture & Oenology). She also has a Post Graduate Diploma in Project Management.

Denise commenced her working life with the Taxation Department, where she was an administrator in a range of professional offices.

She has two daughters. One is working in Canberra and the other is coming home soon from travels abroad.

In 1995 she became a part owner of a vineyard in Margaret River and went back to Curtin university to study Viticulture. She now works for the Agriculture Department, managing the State Program: Farm Training WA.

### *Diana Rigg*

Diana's ancestors arrived at the Swan River Colony in 1837 and one of them became a pioneer farmer. Diana was born in Bunbury and spent her childhood on a farm that had been in the family for three generations.

She began her working life as a teacher but left the profession disillusioned with the education system. It led her to research and further her education in trying to find answers to the issues that plague it. During this time Diana travelled extensively.



Alison Martin giving Zonta Perth members an overview of the role of the District Governor.

Diana is now a Speech Pathologist and two years ago founded an organisation called PLD (Preventing Literacy Difficulties) that operates in premises on Stirling Highway, Nedlands.

Diana looks forward to being a Zonta member and meeting inspiring women who have achieved success in a diverse range of backgrounds. She also wants to support projects that have a significant impact on the status of women

### ***Alison Martin, District 23 Governor***

After completing the inductions, Alison Martin provided an interesting overview of her role as District 23 Governor. She described how she liaises with Zonta International and Area Directors to ensure that international policies are translated into practice in Clubs throughout Western Australia, Northern Territory, South Australia, Victoria and Tasmania. Alison is a member of the Zonta Club of Perth Northern Suburbs and it was a privilege to have her as a guest to our meeting.

## ***2. May Dinner Meeting Speaker:- Elizabeth Shaw***

Last year our Club was delighted to be able to provide some financial support to the inspirational Elizabeth Shaw to help fund her year as an Australian Youth Representative to the United Nations. Since this time we have been trying to find a date so she could come and share her experiences with club members. So don't miss the AGM on 14 May to hear what happened!

Elizabeth is an amazing young woman as evidenced by some of her achievements to date:

- In 2004 she moved to Perth to begin a Bachelor of Laws at UWA.
- In 2005 she was editor of the UWA student newspaper and also served as the Equity Officer of the UWA Law Students' Society.
- In 2006 Elizabeth became President of the UWA Law Students Society and President of the Blackstone Society. She also found time to be a member of the UWA Student Guild Statutes Committee and the Media Committee, acting as National Councillor for the Australian Law Students' Association. In this year she was awarded the Cruikshank Routley Memorial Prize for the student who made the greatest contribution to campus life at UWA.
- In 2007 Elizabeth served as student editor of the UWA Law Review. She worked on the World Aware project which helped Sudanese refugees integrate into Perth society.
- In 2008 she became the Australian Youth Representative to the UN. Before she began this role she completed her final law unit at UWA, whilst working full time as a professional legal assistant to the State Solicitor for WA.



Elizabeth Shaw

## ***3. Zonta House Refuge Visit***

Following Lori Grech's showcase presentation at the April dinner meeting, three Zonta Perth members and two members from the Zonta Club of Northern Suburbs met at the Zonta Refuge House in Mount Pleasant on 22 April.

The Zonta House Refuge was set up by members of the Zonta Club of South of Perth over 20 years ago. The Club realized that while there were facilities to help abused women with small children, there were no shelters for women without children. In true Zonta style they set one up, with members working shifts at the refuge when it first opened. Once the need had been established, Zontians were able to obtain support from Government, raised funding to employ full time staff and over the years built a strong relationship with Homeswest and other Government departments. The Refuge is now a fully funded self-governing organization, but Zonta still retains an interest in its activities.

We all met at the main facility that had recently been extensively renovated and were welcomed with afternoon tea. Lori Grech, former member of our Club,





Lori Grech showcasing Zonta House Refuge at April dinner meeting



The sitting room in the main centre



A neat and tidy shared bedroom



A not so neat and tidy shared bedroom

introduced us to Annette, the manager of the refuge, who gave us the history of this organization, explaining that the Zonta House Refuge was incorporated in 1984 and received strong on-going support from Zonta Clubs of WA. Zonta House Refuge is a not-for-profit organisation and relies on funding from the Department for Child Protection and also donations from agencies, business and individuals.

She went on to explain that:

- the refuge is managed by a Management Committee of which Lori is the President
- 95% of the refuge's clients are single women
- 20% of these are indigenous
- 80% are referred from crisis departments and 20% from the police.

There are currently 18 houses in the metropolitan area and 20 in the country. A house in Fremantle is its latest acquisition. The accommodation caters for different demographic groups of residents for example there are 5 bedsits for women over 40

The centre is open 24/7 with staff working three rotating shifts, each of 8 hour duration. There is a full time social worker who is available to help those with mental health issues. Each client pays \$18 per day for multi-shared accommodation and \$80 per week for one of the five two-bedroom units.

The Refuge has an Outreach program that focuses on improving life skills of clients and building their independence. Individual issues are addressed at the refuge, former clients can ring the centre at any time of the day or night for support and the refuge runs a nine week domestic violence program. The Refuge also caters for those who need temporary accommodation until a Homeswest property becomes available. Pets are permitted, but each owner must observe the centre's guidelines and rules.

The Refuge has developed a volunteer program so that local people may donate their time and money to assist those in need.

After this explanation, Annette drove us around the local area so that we could view several different types of accommodation near the main centre. These included a block of flats and a cluster of small houses. The facilities that we viewed were newly painted with all basic requirements provided. We also had opportunity to meet some of the clients who were very appreciative of all that is provided.

We thanked Annette and Lori for their time and could see that they have achieved a very welcoming and supportive place – a true sanctuary for those seeking refuge from violence.

#### 4. Vale Catherine Martin

On April 20<sup>th</sup> The West Australian announced that a former and valuable member of Zonta Perth, Catherine Martin, had died after a long illness.

Catherine was the most highly awarded journalist for *The West Australian*. She was a medical writer and four-time Walkley award recipient. She worked for the newspaper from 1957 to 1986 and during that time received 19 National and State awards for journalism.

Catherine's most notable award was the Gold Walkley Award, in 1978, for a series of articles exposing the deadly affects of asbestos on the Wittenoom community.

In 1967, she became the first woman to win the Arthur Lovekin Prize, UWA's annual award for the State's most distinguished contribution to journalism. In 1982, Catherine was made a Member of the British Empire in the Queen's birthday honours, for her services to journalism.



Many awards: Catherine Martin

**Top West  
journalist  
Martin  
dies at 90**

West Australian April 20<sup>th</sup> 2009

Catherine's daughter, Kaye Smith, also a former Zontian, said that her mother was a very trusted journalist, whom people knew would write it as it was.

She will be remembered as a kind and generous woman, who charmed everyone with her witty conversation and droll sense of humour.

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## 5. A note from the Club Archivist

*Margaret Medcalf*

Are your Committee records in order and ready to hand on to the incoming Chairman?

You should have a complete set of minutes of the meetings of your Committee for the past year (or more), as well as a file or files of correspondence or special activities with which your Committee was involved.

Records relating to current or ongoing matters only should be passed to the new Chairman. I would be pleased to receive your non-current records to assess them for their archival value.

Thanks for ensuring a smooth change over.

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## 6. School of St Jude Promotional Tour

The school of St Jude is in Tanzania. Its aim is to provide high quality education that will allow its pupils to fight poverty and become future leaders of Tanzania. It is a boarding school that gives pupils not only an education, but also, three meals a day and a comfortable place to sleep each night.

Gemma Sisia, the director, is embarking on a promotional tour of Australia. She will be in Perth soon and has kindly agreed to attend our June Club meeting and describe her amazing work. Be inspired and visit the school's website at [www.schoolofstjude.co.tz](http://www.schoolofstjude.co.tz) to find out how one young Australian woman has made such a huge difference to the lives of hundreds of children.

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## 7. Zonta Perth AGM

Zonta Perth's Annual General Meeting will take place on 14 May 2009. This will be a busy meeting with three new members to induct, an inspiring speaker, elections of office bearers, installation of officers and announcement of new teams.

Many thanks to all those who have nominated to go on the Slate. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor on the night.

Here's to a happy new Zonta year!

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## 8. Late news: Trafficked

*Carole Theobald*

On Monday 11 May, the Zonta Club of Perth Northern Suburbs hosted a special event to highlight the plight of women who have been victims of human trafficking and sex slavery. The guest speaker was Kathleen Maltzahn, well respected Project Respect founding director and author of the book 'Trafficked' that clearly describes the problems that women face in Australia.

Over 120 people attended the event that was held in the Alexander Library Theatre. Many were attracted by the article that had appeared in the Sunday Times Magazine the previous day. Kay Poustie was MC for the evening and warmly outlined Kathleen's achievements before introducing her to the audience of women and men representing many community groups, women's collectives, researchers and of course Zonta!

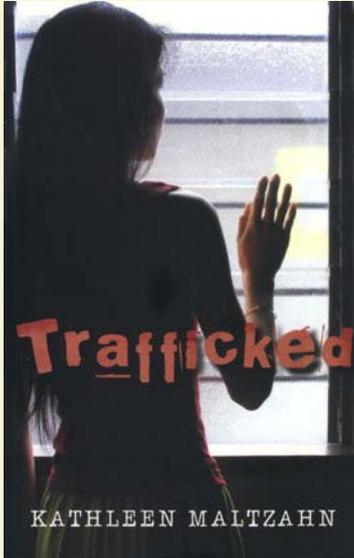
Kathleen spoke of a system that had improved considerably since 2003, when the Commonwealth Government did not want to know about the issue and had



**As of June 1<sup>st</sup> 2009**  
**New Members' fees**  
**\$190**  
**Current members fees**  
**\$160**



*Kay Poustie introduces Kathleen Maltzahn*



*Look out for Kathleen Maltzahn's book - I would have had a photo of Kathleen too, but sadly my battery went flat on the camera...!*

reported that it had 'not found a slavery chain' even though Kathleen's research with Project Respect had found sex slaves working in brothels in Melbourne and Sydney.

Kathleen read excerpts from her book including the story of Amy a woman who compared her experience of previously working in a bar in Japan where her prostitution was voluntary to her work to Australia where she had no choice in what she did and where violence was routine and there was no escape from cruel customers. She was part of a world where women were raped, beaten, had no control over sex and had to work when they were sick or menstruating to pay off fabricated debts in the order of \$35,000 and where women believed they were expendable.

She spoke of the harrowing experiences of women in court who are subjected hour after hour by dark-suited lawyers who attack the women's credibility. One lawyer described the lack of control that trafficked women have over their lives as being similar to that experienced by AFL drafted players. Mmm... Kathleen lamented 'How can we live in a world that is so shockingly hateful of women?'

Kathleen's talk was poised yet passionate. She described problems with the legal system where traffickers can milk the visa system to their own ends, a system where victims can only get help from authorities if they can provide information to police and if they are not in a position to help the police, where they are removed from the country. Kathleen maintains that if the crime happens in Australia, the restitution should also be here... makes you think, doesn't it?

When women leave sex slavery, how do they rebuild their lives? Kathleen described a project where one victim is now setting up a noodle house with a small government grant and the help of Project Respect. The noodle house needs more donations before it is ready to open, but it is hoped that this may be used as a half way house to help other women repair their lives.

If you would like to help, please go to the Project Respect website at [www.projectrespect.org.au](http://www.projectrespect.org.au)

After her presentation, Kathleen kindly made herself available to talk to participants and sign her book. This was a very informative and interesting evening and congratulations go to the Zonta Club of Perth Northern Suburbs for putting on an event that aligns so well with the aims of Zonta. I implore all members to read Kathleen's book!

## 9. Human Trafficking and Slavery in Australia

If you missed out on the recent Zonta Club of Perth Northern Suburbs successful seminar event that featured Kathleen Maltzahn's amazing work with Project Respect, all is not lost, as the Salvation Army is hosting another event on human trafficking and slavery in Australia on 9 June!

This will be especially useful if you work with migrants or vulnerable communities. Men, women and children can be forced to work in agriculture, construction, hospitality, manufacturing, natural resource industries, domestic and sex work and through slave-like marriages. Explore this emerging human rights issue in Australia and how you can play a role in ending slavery.

Non-government and government presenters will address basic concepts of trafficking and slavery, Australia's policy response, how to identify and refer cases and how communities and government can work together to combat this human rights abuse.

There is no cost to attend this event which will be held between 9 and 4.30 on Tuesday 9 June at 333 William St, Northbridge. As parking is limited, public transport is recommended.

Please RSVP before 4 June to [trafficking@ae.salvationarmy.org](mailto:trafficking@ae.salvationarmy.org)



Please provide ALL of the following information to complete your RSVP:

**Name:**

**Occupation/title:**

**Organisation:**

**Address:**

**Telephone:**

**Fax:**

**Email address**

## 10. Area 3 Workshop

Have you booked to go to this year's Area 3 workshop?

Mandurah is a central location and not too far away. Car pool with fellow Zontians and make a day of it!

Make sure you complete the registration form that has been emailed to all members!

If you have accidentally deleted your form please email [zontaperth@yahoo.com](mailto:zontaperth@yahoo.com) and we will send another!



**Don't miss out on this chance to meet other Zontians**



**Area 3 Workshop**  
Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2009

### Programme

9.00	REGISTRATION AND MORNING TEA		
9.45	Judy Tennant (MC)	Welcome / Introduction	5-10 min
	Alison Martin	International Update	10-15 min
	Lennie McCall	Archival update	5 min
	Dawn Newman	Nomination committee	5 min
	Elaine Newman	Breast Cushions update	5 min
	Sheila	Birthing Kits update	5 min
	Fiona Crowe	Yarra Wadi update	5 min
	Kay Poustie	LAA Session	45 min
11.30	Keynote Speaker Questions	Leonie Kershaw – Chef's Long Table Lunch	
12.00	LUNCH		
12.45	Introduction to afternoon session		
1.00	Penelope Northcott	Visual Communication Presentation	
1.30	Club Presidents	Club Reports	
2.00	Penelope Northcott	Workshop Session Small Groups	
3.30	AFTERNOON TEA		
4.00	Judy Tennant	Open Forum with leadership group on panel	
	Judy Tennant	Summation/Conclusion (draw evaluation form winner)	
5.00	Sun downer / Drinks and light snacks available for those wishing to stay and chat.		

Many thanks to all those who voted for **Kath Mazzella** for the "Our Bodies Our Health" award in USA.

Kath scored over 200 votes – an amazing achievement for an Australian contender in what was mostly an American field!

Congratulations to Kath for continuing to promote gynaecological awareness in so many imaginative ways.

## 11. Diary Dates

- **May 14<sup>th</sup> – AGM - Dinner Meeting, St Catherine's College 6.15pm**  
Guest speaker Elizabeth Shaw
- **May 23<sup>rd</sup> – District 23, Area Workshop**  
Hosted by Zonta Club of Bunbury Inc with Area 3 Director Judy Tennant.  
Venue: Mandurah Country Club, 16 Marsh Place, Halls Head, Mandurah  
Zonta Contact: Jo Wittorff Tel. 97211037, [wittorff@bigpond.net.au](mailto:wittorff@bigpond.net.au)
- **June 9<sup>th</sup> – Human Trafficking and Slavery in Australia. Salvation Army event** (see article above).
- **June 11<sup>th</sup> – Dinner Meeting, St Catherine's College 6.15pm.**  
Guest speaker Gemma Sisia from the School of St June in Tanzania

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