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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**

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## 1. 2010 Area 3 Workshop

*'Tricia Summerfield*



*ZI and UNIFEM presented by Carole Theobald*

On Saturday 29 May about 50 Zontians and guests enjoyed the 2010 Area 3 Workshop *Footprints in the sand – walking with Zonta* hosted by Area 3 Director Judy Tennant and the Zonta Club of Perth.

In the attractive setting of the Swanbourne Surf Lifesaving Club, overlooking the Indian Ocean, participants heard from keynote speakers Beth Shaw and Diana Rigg. Beth shared her experiences as Australian Youth Representative to the United Nations and Diana challenged us with issues of literacy and education.

District Governor Alison Martin shared her personal experience of walking with Zonta through the past biennium.

Updates were provided on many aspects of Zonta activities and projects: Zonta International and UNIFEM; Birthing Kits; Breast Care Cushions and the Yarri Wada program. A proposed project Zontians Against Drink Spiking from the Zonta Club of Melton, Victoria prompted lively discussion.

Presentations were punctuated with a look at our membership composition – predominantly Western Australian born Caucasians – a challenge to identify Zonta characters and an expert panel answering questions from the floor.

A yummy lunch was catered by Empress and much fellowship enjoyed.

Excellent feedback was received through the workshop evaluation sheets with many great ideas for future workshop topics.

Thanks for the organising committee: Judy Tennant, Karen Groves, Carole Theobald, Diana Rigg, Denise Hamilton and 'Tricia Summerfield.



*Ask the panel:- Left-Right Lennie McCall (Perth), Alison Martin (D23 Governor), Leanne Sultan (Perth Northern Suburbs and incoming Area 3 Director) and Jo Wittorff (Bunbury)*

## 2. Sausage Sizzle May 2010

*Marlene O'Meara*



*L-R Marlene and Laurie O'Meara and Glen Wilson*

Our fund raising sausage sizzle for this year was held at Bunnings Melville on the weekend of 29/30 May. Almost 90 kgs of good quality sausages were sold to a regular flow of hungry customers. It is now a well-established custom provided with a generous contribution of equipment and gas for the barbeque from Bunnings.

Zonta members, supported by partners and friends, enjoyed some fun and frivolity as they used their culinary and selling skills to turn the smell of cooking onions into dollars. It is a good bet that they did not have sausages for dinner on Sunday night! This also provides an opportunity for the Zonta name to be put before the public. There is always some interest shown in who we are and what we do.

It is pleasing to report that the result was a net return of \$2,539.40 to our coffers. This is seen as an effective way to raise both funds and the profile of Zonta and we encourage members to take the opportunity to be involved in future "sizzles". It's fun!

### 3. Awards June 2010

At the June meeting, our Club was proud to present two prestigious Zonta awards:

- The Young Women in Public Affairs (YWPA) Award is designed to encourage more young pre-university women aged 16-20, to participate in public and political life by recognizing a commitment to the volunteer sector, evidence of volunteer leadership achievements and a dedication to the advancement of the status of women. Our Club YWPA Awardee receives \$500 from our Club and could potentially go on to receive the District 23 Award valued at US\$1,000 or receive one of five Zonta International awards valued at US\$3,000!
- Our Club's University Education Award valued at \$2,000 is designed to help women over 25 to complete their first undergraduate degree. The candidates must demonstrate financial need, have a good academic record and demonstrate service to the community.

As you can see from these young women's profiles below, these inspirational young women epitomize the values of Zonta and we wish them well in their future careers.

#### 1) YWPA Award - Georgia Westbrook

*From the speech Georgia gave at the June dinner meeting...*

The Young Women in Public Affairs Award was presented to Georgia Westbrook at the June dinner meeting. Georgia is a student at Presbyterian Ladies College, where she has been involved in coordinating many community activities

Last year she was elected as the College's Service Captain. This role involved educating and encouraging other students to participate in service and volunteering activities that she organized throughout the year. Recently she coordinated a Make A Difference (MAD) week at school. Each day was filled with guest speakers, fundraisers and events to create awareness, through the community, of the environment, indigenous affairs and civic and social justice.

This year she chose the service focus for the school and wider community with the theme, "The Empowerment of Women". Through fundraising activities and presentations to the school community she aims to raise the status of women. The school is already working with Women's Refuges, both in the metropolitan and rural communities.

Georgia, as yet, does not know which career path she will pursue when she finishes school. but it will be in something where she can make a difference.

She finalized her speech with a quote from Margaret Mead, "*Never doubt that a small group of committed people can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.*"

#### 2) University Education Award - Stacy Armstrong

*Agnes Vacca*

The aim of this award is encourage a woman, aged 25 or over, to complete her first university degree. The recipient must have completed at least the first year of their degree and have not received financial assistance in the form of another scholarship and the like.

This year we had quite a response to the award and making the decision from the short list was difficult. The committee was unanimous in awarding the scholarship to Stacy Armstrong.

Stacy is a law student at Murdoch University and hopes to complete her degree in 2011. Stacy's volunteer work is what made her stand out from the other candidates, as she volunteers at the Gosnells Community Legal Centre. Stacy began working there as a volunteer in 2001, then was employed by the Centre from 2002 to 2007 and is now again a volunteer. Her commitment to the Centre is admirable, particularly as she is also a mum of two.

After completing her degree Stacy would like to continue working for the community in the legal field, perhaps for Legal Aid.



Lorraine McLean presenting Georgia Westbrook with the YWPA Award 2010



Agnes Vacca presenting Stacy Armstrong with the Education Award 2010



Professor Terri-Ann White  
Director, Institute of Advanced  
Studies UWA

## 4. June Dinner Meeting

Helen Margaria

Our guest speaker Professor Terri-Ann White, provided us with not only an amazing array of books to read but an insight into her vision and passion for publishing in WA and her love for the landscape and stories of WA.

Terri-Ann has been instrumental in developing career opportunities in publishing here in WA, previously only available interstate or overseas. In her role as Director of University Press of WA, she has expanded the scope of books published via the University far beyond the traditional academic and historical realm, and this innovation has been a major success.

In addition she is a greater supporter of women in their creative pursuits from writing, to design and publishing and believes young women have much to offer in this arena. She has a wealth of experience in many domains of the arts, previously owner of the Arcane Bookshop, as well as many other roles. Terri-Ann's love of language and her insights into the power and use of language were most inspiring.

## 5. Agnes Vacca – Inaugural Member of Women's Advisory Council

Judy Tennant

The Women's Advisory Council was established in January 2010 by the Minister for Women's Interests, the Hon Robyn McSweeney MLC. The Council comprises 13 inspiring women who want to make a difference and improve the lives of Western Australian women. Zonta Club of Perth member Agnes Vacca has been appointed as an inaugural member of Council.

The Council made its first public appearance recently when it hosted the *Women of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Symposium* at the Burswood Entertainment Complex. In her address to Premier Colin Barnett, Minister McSweeney and the 250 women present, Chair of the Council, Maria Saraceni said "*There remains much to be done to address continuing inequity for women*".

The Council has chosen, as one of its priority areas, women and their economic security.

It is important not only to discuss but to develop recommendations relating to key issues including access to superannuation benefits, independent source of income (self-reliance), increased education levels not corresponding with higher incomes, impact of stereotyping of women in the media and the ongoing effects of that stereotyping, and the under-representation of women in leadership and decision-making roles.

The Symposium consisted of key note addresses and concurrent sessions which included topics such as Education, Employment, Women and Leadership, Small business and training and workforce development.

The Small Business Segment was facilitated by Agnes and PKF Chartered Accountants and Business Advisors.

The recommendations from the Symposium were presented to the Minister at the end of the day, and will be prioritised to form the work of Council during the coming year.



Agnes Vacca



### Members of the Women's Advisory Council

Chair: Maria Saraceni

Ms Kate Davis	Ms Penelope Northcott (Zonta Club of Bunbury)	Ms Anne Deanus
Ms Lily Chen	Professor Lesley Cala	Ms Anne Deanus
Ms Agnes Vacca (PKF and Zonta Club of Perth)	Mrs Annette Chivers (Manager, Zonta House Refuge)	Cr Julie Brown
Mrs Pat Twiss	Ms Amanda Lovitt	Ms Jill Hill



Incoming President, Mary Gurgone, presenting outgoing President, Carole Theobald, with a bouquet



**The Board**

L-R Wendy Atherton, Joy Zec, Lyn McArthur, Margaret Medcalf, Tricia Summerfield, Mary Gurgone, Bec Christou, Agnes Vacca, Lorraine McLean and Karina Moore

## 6. The Team 2010-11

President Mary Gurgone  
 Treasurer Karina Moore  
 Secretary Bec Christou

Vice President1 Lorraine McLean  
 Vice President2 / Parliamentarian Tricia Summerfield  
 2<sup>nd</sup> year Directors Agnes Vacca, Lyn McArthur  
 1<sup>st</sup> year Directors Wendy Atherton, Joy Zec  
 Correspondence Secretary / Archivist Margaret Medcalf

Events and Fellowship Team

Sharron Hickey, Freda Jacob, Lois Joll, Lyn McArthur, Marlene O'Meara, Diana Rigg and Glen Wilson.

Awards and Holiday Team

Donella Caspersz, Denise Hamilton, Wendy MacGibbon, Lorraine McLean (Coordinator), Jean Oldham, Tricia Summerfield (Mentor), Agnes Vacca and Joy Zec

PR and Archives Team

Gillian Palmer (Coordinator), Debbie Mason, Lennie McCall, Margaret Medcalf and Carole Theobald (Mentor).

Service and Advocacy Team

Wendy Atherden, Sciona Browne, Fiona Crowe, Karen Groves (Coordinator), Katina Law and Judy Tennant.

Membership and Program Team

Jill Anderson, Roslyn Budd, Bec Christou (Coordinator), Val Gandossini, Marg Giles (Mentor), Helen Margaria and Lesley Meaney.

## CONGRATULATIONS DEB!

## 7. Deb Mason – Gold Medal Winner

*Deb Mason*

*At the June meeting, the club was delighted to learn that we had an Australian Gold Medallist in our midst – all Deb's hard work had paid off! Congratulations!*

Deb advises that the race was the "Masters Interstate Women's 8", which is contested by a state crew each year. The average age of the crew members must be 50 years or older.

The winning time was 3 minutes, 30.04 seconds, which was a winning margin of 0.04 seconds. It was a new Australian Record Time, beating the old one by 5 seconds. Winners – WA, second – NSW, third – QLD.

I was in the number 3 seat, which is third from the right as you look at the photo below. WA is closest to the camera (Black and Gold). The finish line photo below, looks odd as it is in "Real Time" and the only point it focuses on is the finish line and the camera reconstructs the photo in reverse from that point, hence it all looks like very bad timing.



*Weeha!*

*Deb Mason displays her "Masters Interstate Women's 8" gold medal*



## 8. Paddi Creevey - OAM



Mayor of Mandurah  
Paddi Creevey

Paddi Creevey, a Charter Member of the Zonta Club of Mandurah, received an OAM in the Queen's Birthday Honours List recently. Paddi is the present Mayor of Mandurah and the award is for her services to local government and the community of Mandurah.

Some of Mayor Creevey's past and present roles include:

- \* Peel Ward Country Shire Association chairperson,
- \* Peel Development Commission member,
- \* Local Government Association of WA councillor and delegate,
- \* Australian Local Government Women's Association (WA) councillor,
- \* Greater Participation of Women in Local Government chairperson,
- \* Peel Development Commission board member until 2008,
- \* Local Government Advisory Board deputy member since 2008,
- \* Municipal Waste Advisory Council member and former chairperson,
- \* Peel Region Scheme Planning Committee member,
- \* Regional Arts Assessment Panel, Country Arts member,
- \* Coast and Climate Change Council member,
- \* Challenger TAFE Governing Council chairperson since 2002, and
- \* Active Ageing Taskforce member.

Congratulations Paddi!

## 9. A Productive Year for Penelope Northcott



Eliot Thomas Reeve Northcott

It's been a busy year for Penelope Northcott of the Zonta Club of Bunbury. Not only was she the Club President until recently, but she was also appointed to the WA Women's Advisory Council (see story 5) – and on top of all this she has been pregnant throughout! Congratulations Penelope on the safe arrival of :

**Eliot Thomas Reeve Northcott** DOB: April 29<sup>th</sup> Weight : 8.3lbs

## 10. Lesley Meaney – Exhibition of her recent work

Lesley Meaney is a superb artist and if you don't believe me go and see her paintings at a special exhibition to raise funds for the Royal Flying Doctor Service that is being held at the Gunyulgup Gallery, Gunyulgup Valley Drive, Yallingup.



A sample of Lesley's fantastic work!

Opening of Exhibition – Sunday July 4<sup>th</sup> 2010  
at 11am

Exhibition finishes - 18<sup>th</sup> July 2010

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## 11. Diary Dates

July 8<sup>th</sup> Dinner Meeting at St Catherine's College, UWA, 6.15 for 6.45pm

August 12<sup>th</sup> Dinner Meeting at St Catherine's College, UWA, 6.15 for 6.45pm

September 10<sup>th</sup> International Gynaecological Awareness Day (IGAD)

September 11<sup>th</sup> IGAD High Tea at the Hyatt – Sex and the Nitty Gritty,

Guest speakers Professor Jenny McCloskey, Lord Mayor of Perth Lisa Scaffidi and Mary-Anne Kenworthy. See [www.gain.org.au](http://www.gain.org.au)



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