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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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1. Zonta Forth – Women helping women

Lorraine McLean, President Zonta Club of Perth



President ZCP Lorraine McLean



**ZONTA CLUB OF PERTH
WELCOMES**



Chrissie Hodges who has transferred from Zonta Club of Dunsborough

It is hard to believe that two months have passed since the Convention in Turin. It is an event that I am sure will remain in my memory for a long time. Being there gave me a much deeper understanding of the scope of Zonta in the sense of 'World Wide'. I would urge every Zontian to pledge to themselves that they will attend at least one of these events during their membership. They would not regret it!

Not surprisingly August and September have been filled with achievement.

The **strategic planning** is completed and members seem to be happy with the outcome. Many thanks to Ros for her assistance with that task. Just a few points to clarify and work on the various fundraisers can begin.

The Raffle fundraiser has continued with the winners being drawn at the September meeting. (See below). Thanks again to **Ros** for her hard work with this project. Some lucky people won some wonderful prizes!

Lennie McCall; Margaret Medcalf; Wendy Atherden and I attended a luncheon at the Karrakatta club on Friday 10th August, at which **Professor Colleen Hayward, head of the Kurongkurl Katitjn Centre at Edith Cowan University**, was the guest speaker. With Education as the central theme, her presentation was both engaging and inspiring. So much so that I contacted her office to enquire about what was being done to assist indigenous girls in this way. I was directed to the Clontarf Foundation for Girls' which is providing such assistance. **The Zonta Club of Perth might like to consider becoming a Friend or a Mentor in this programme. Let's think about this!**

Mary Gurgone completed her commitment to the 40th Anniversary Fundraising Workshop on Sunday 19th August. Seven NGOs for women were represented. The spirit and energy was wonderful! **Congratulations to Mary** for a very positive end to this project.

The **group travelling to Singapore** tried to meet for coffee to discuss arrangements but were foiled by the 'Surf to City' event. Two members could not reach us! We will need to meet again!

I attended the first of the first of the **Intercity Meetings** where planning for a very eventful year was presented by Area Director Carole Theobald.

Last but by no means least: CONGRATULATIONS TO Katina Law who has been appointed to the board of East Africa Resources as Executive Director and Chief Executive.

**LUCKY FIONA
CROWE!
FIRST PRIZE
WINNER!**

2. Raffle Results

Val Gandossini

Two fundraising events this year have netted a fabulous return... almost \$9000 between the quiz night and the raffle. The raffle was fully sold out with ALL 1200 tickets sold. After expenses of \$227.00 the net profit is around \$2,400. This is a fantastic result.

We were overwhelmed with donated prizes for the quiz night, thanks to the



Dunsborough – beautiful beaches, and surrounded by wineries, attractions and restaurants!

generosity of members, and it was decided that three prizes would be withdrawn from the quiz and a separate raffle held. Jill Anderson kindly offered to add another item to the raffle to make it more attractive. Thank you very much to the sponsors who donated prizes (name in brackets) and congratulations to the winners:

- 1st Prize - 3 nights accommodation in Dunsborough (Denise Hamilton) – winner Fiona Crowe, Ticket 0426
- 2nd Prize - Painting selected from Stock (Lesley Meaney) – winner W Groves, Ticket 0510
- 3rd Prize - 12 Bottles of Wine (Jill Anderson/Plantagenet Wines) – winner B Manning Ticket 0373
- 4th Prize - Voucher (Next Generation Health & Racquet Club/Kings Park) – winner Rayma Allison, Ticket 1195

A very special THANK YOU to Zonta members for their generosity in purchasing and selling tickets. A number of tickets were returned unsold and a big thank you to staff of the Department for Child Protection who supported the Raffle and purchased a significant number of tickets. A big thank you also to members of the Membership & Program team for organizing the raffle.

3. Zonta Club of Perth Award Recipients 2012

Members were delighted to meet two inspirational awardees at the September Club meeting....

Young Woman in Public Affairs

Val Gandossini



L-R Lorraine McLean (ZCP President), Emma Boogaert and Val Gandossini

Emma Boogaert is 17 years old and attends Perth Modern School where she is part of the Student Council and School Board, for the second year. She is also actively involved in school clubs and committees like debating, mock trials, 40 Hour Famine Action Group, future problem solving and Youth Ambassadors Group. After she leaves school she wants to study Law and then hopefully work for an International organisation, like the UN.

For Emma, winning the Young Women in Public Affairs Award is a great honour. Emma believes that Zonta is an important organisation in supporting women worldwide and awards like this are key to encouraging young women in the public sphere, as even in countries like Australia we still see a disparity between genders. Emma is hoping to get more involved in Zonta because the status of women worldwide is an area of interest to her.

2012 Education Award

Agnes Vacca



Emma Boogaert with her School Principal and ZCP member, Lois Joll

Jasmine Walker was the first female in her family to finish high school (possibly the only one) and definitely the only one that has gone onto higher education. Jasmine is a mum to 3 boys, the first of which was born when she was 18. In fact she had her 3 sons in 3 years. Today they are 8, 6 and 5.

I was really impressed when Jasmine told us how she manages to juggle being a mum of 3 and a student. She is an absolute master of multi-tasking and has really innovative ways of saving time. Jasmine's boys are the main reason she is undertaking university studies. As much as possible, she wants to enable them to be educated, well rounded adults who consider it normal to contribute to society and work for results.

Jasmine is currently studying towards a Bachelor of Health Science and is hoping to carry on into medicine. She would like to assist people to better health and at the same time be able to provide for her boys, without assistance.



L-R Agnes Vacca, Jasmine Walker and Lorraine McLean (ZCP President)

The University Education Award committee was very pleased to choose Jasmine as this year's award recipient. We believe that she is someone who is not only very worthy of the award but also a great example of someone who is improving the status of women.

4. 40th Anniversary Fundraising Workshop

Mary Gurgone

On Sunday, 19 August 2012, 1-4pm, the Zonta Club of Perth hosted a Lotterywest supported fundraising workshop for women's not-for-profit service clubs.

The aim of the workshop was to share the outcomes of the 40th anniversary fundraising evaluation project that the club recently undertook with the support of a Lotterywest grant, as part of the club's 40th year celebration. The generous support from Lotterywest enabled the Zonta Club of Perth to provide this free event in order to share the fundraising successes enjoyed by the club with other like-minded women. The workshop also gave participants the opportunity to learn more about Lotterywest grants, discuss fundraising trends, and join in fellowship.

Participants to the workshop came from seven different clubs providing representation from a variety of organisations including, Zonta International, Soroptimist, Graduate Women and ISHAR

Mary Gurgone former club president, opened the workshop by congratulating participants for their commitment and thanking them for providing the Zonta Club of Perth with the opportunity to share the outcomes of its reflective look at the past 40 years of fundraising. Mary then provided a brief overview of the process for submitting the Lotterywest application which ultimately provided the club with the funds required to contract via tender, an independent evaluation consultant.

Anne Butorac, the successful tenderer for the project then provided the participants with an overview of the key learnings from the research of club documents and interactive sessions with club members. Each participant to the workshop was provided with a copy of the external report on the evaluation to take as a reference to activity they may want to introduce into their own clubs. Anne congratulated the Zonta Club of Perth on the quality of the record keeping such as archived reports, published material and club photographs - all of which provided valuable information to the review and evaluation process. (The club is blessed by the professionalism of the various committee coordinators in writing their annual reports and, Lennie, Marg and 'Tricia - who deserve individual credit for this high standard of record keeping).

The participants were then provided with the opportunity for group discussion around the key issues and findings from the research and how they may be used by women's groups. The groups were prompted by the following questions:

- What are your fundraising aspirations?
- What are the general enablers for fulfilling your fundraising aspirations?
- What can you contribute personally to achieving these aspirations?

This generated quite a buzz in the room and, if it were not for the temptation of the delicious St Catherine's fruit custard tarts and crisp fresh fruit platter provided with afternoon tea, this session would have been hard to draw to a close.

The high energy continued through afternoon tea via the networking and fellowship.

The curiosity for hearing about what other groups had discussed enticed participants back to hear a spokeswoman from each group report back their table's discussion. True to Mary's generous spirit the scribed notes will be typed up and distributed to all participants to share with their clubs. Key themes included: in terms of aspiration, focusing on fundraising activity that raised many dollars for little effort, whilst involving club members and the general community with lots of fun and no 'burnout'. Recommended key enablers for this were passionate members with a gift for using local networks for support and social media for marketing. An innovative enabler was the suggestion that clubs should out-source the skill sets within the club to enable others. On a personal level it was suggested that volunteers should be nurtured and respected and that the power of collective thinking, shared time, truth and realism should be the focus of personal aspirations.

Mary then provided the group with the opportunity to ask questions or comment about any aspect of the evaluation process or the afternoon's discussion. This encouraged a robust open plenary discussion. Mary very ably provided the answers to questions and facilitated the discussion across the room.

In summing up the afternoon Karina Moore thanked all participants for their energetic



Mary Gurgone (Immediate past President ZCP) introduces the workshop to everyone.



Anne Butorac listens to the discussion of one group which included Susan Taylor (ZNS) and Margaret Medcalf (ZCP)



The remains of afternoon tea!



Karina Moore leads the discussion at her table.



Karina Moore thanks Anne Butorac for her work as an independent evaluation consultant.



contribution and enthusiasm and encouraged participants to continue to SOAR – focusing on strengths, opportunities, aspirations and results. Karina also acknowledged the work of Anne Butorac who through-out the whole evaluation process gave over and above that which she was actually contracted to do. Thank you sincerely Anne and thank you to all the energetic and committed workshop participants for so generously sharing their time and aspirations at this wonderful collegial event.

5. Valeria Minigoulova

Valeria Minigoulova has just completed a two month internship to Australia's UN Mission in New York. Here is her report on her experiences. Valeria is 20 years old and currently a student at UWA.



United Nations Headquarters in New York



Valeria Minigoulova at a speaking event in Paris



The Coalition for the International Criminal Court is a global network of over 2,500 nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) advocating for a fair, effective and independent International Criminal Court and improved access to justice for victims of war crimes, crimes against humanity and genocide. As the Communications intern, I assisted the CICC Communications section during the 10th annual session of the Assembly of States Parties (ASP) to the Rome Statute, a high-level event held at the United Nations (UN) headquarters in New York.

My contributions during this especially busy time included attending and taking notes during ASP sessions and side events, monitoring daily news coverage of the ASP and the CICC, helping to organize a press conference at the UN and updating CICC newsletters. I was also fortunate enough to be able to sit in on meetings regarding the rights and roles of women and girls in post conflict areas. The CICC is greatly concerned with gender equality and we discussed the development of projects with international NGOs to empower women and aid them to reach economic and social equality.

Unfortunately there were high costs associated with the trip. As a third year Arts student at the University of Western Australia doing a full time degree and with a large community involvement, I was severely limited in my financial opportunities. The chance to travel to America on behalf of both Australia and Western Australia specifically came to cost nearly \$4000. Coming from a single parent family with difficult economic circumstances, I was unable to personally assume the entire cost.

Thanks to the kindness, support and generosity of Zonta I was able to take up this opportunity and become one step closer to achieving my dream of working for the United Nations. Not only was I given an extremely generous financial donation, I also had access to a fantastic support network despite being far from home. Needless to say, it is a once in a lifetime educational opportunity. Through tangible work in the Coalition, I was to increase my knowledge of foreign policy and also how high level international politics work. I was able to provide real assistance to the Coalition and so will be able to take the knowledge I learnt and apply it in my university studies and through my involvement in various community initiatives especially in regards to the empowerment of women.

Once again, thank you Zonta!

6. Report from Torino

Karen Groves was our club delegate at the Zonta International Convention held in Torino, Italy. Over 2300 Zontians attended the Convention that marks the end of one Zonta International 'biennium' and the start of another. It is a time when Zontians come together to reflect on their achievements, discuss issues and plan for the future. Here is an extract of the report Karen presented to the club at the August meeting. All changes to bylaws, details of new projects and copies of presentations may be found on the ZI website at www.zonta.org.

Looking back on the 2010- 2012 Biennium

- I was very impressed by **ZI President Dianne Curtis**. She has overseen a period of huge rationalization in the organization. She has shown creative, proactive leadership, with a very personable but direct style. The **administration**, comprised of 13 staff, headed by Jason Friske, has been streamlined, with greater visibility and credibility through the use of electronic



L-R: Outgoing ZI President Dianne Curtis with outgoing D23 Governor Jane Smith at D23 meeting at Convention



L-R: Incoming ZI President Lynn McKenzie with outgoing D23 Governor Jane Smith at D23 meeting at Convention.



Dianne Curtis takes questions from the floor in an open forum session



L-R: Club President Lorraine McLean and Club Delegate Karen Groves 'in session'



Grand opening with streamer 'cannons'!



National dress was worn for formal events – some were exquisite



media; with the complete updating of information on the website; with the fine-tuned allocation of staff resources to make savings in administration costs and with a greater responsiveness to members and their needs.

- Excellent presentations, with accompanying videos, were made to report on the **ZI Projects** of the past Biennium. Led by then President Elect, Lynn McKenzie, officials from UN agencies with whom we partner made impressive reports. Three very stimulating past winners of the Amelia Earhart Fellowship, the Jane M Klausman Women in Business Scholarship and the Young Women in Public Affairs Award thrilled the members with talks on the impact of those **awards** on their careers and lives.
- ZI President Curtis constantly emphasized her desire for all our efforts to be quantified. To this end, she had established an **Achievements Committee**, co-chaired by ZI Directors Maria Jose Landeira Ostergaard and Beryl McMillan. They presented facts and figures on membership, fundraising, increased support of ZI Projects and Awards, contributions to the ZI Foundation and the overall health of the organization. **Impact, transparency and accountability** were their catch cries for the 2010-2012 Biennium. They even presented certificates to some clubs which had topped the Club Achievements Checklist! At the end of the day however, **Membership** – gaining and retaining – is the crucial consideration.
- Two Zontians were honoured with **Meritorious Awards**, Irene Wiese-von Ofen from Germany and Ulla Ljungh-Hoff from Sweden. They were women with many years of membership and leadership and achievements at all levels of the organization.
- There was much interest from Australians, and huge admiration from all, when **Professor Shirley Randell** (born in Perth) was made an **International Honorary Member** of Zonta International. She was described as “a leading expert in public sector and institutional reform in developing countries, gender mainstreaming and human rights for women.” These days, she lives in Rwanda and she spoke about her work there – she is certainly a very worthy recipient! That makes two International Honorary Members from Australia in the same year, the other being the Governor General Quentin Bryce.
- You will be interested to know that **our dear former members**, Yvonne Roberts and Jean Oldham, were remembered in a **memorial service** in remembrance of those Zontians who have passed away in the Biennium.
- The **ZI Foundation** Report was a feature event with awards being given for all manner of categories. Our club's contribution to ZIF of one third of funds raised, together with similar contributions from every other club in District 23, meant that our district was mentioned as 1 of only 9 of the 32 districts with 100% of clubs in the district contributing. Individual donations and bequests were being promoted, so actively that daily totals of donations at Convention were given! The last figure I recorded on the second last day was US\$93,358!
- Our hosts made us feel very **welcome in Torino**, and many attendees spoke glowingly of the day tours and pre-Convention tours around beautiful Italy. With over 2000 people attending, one did feel overwhelmed at times. We looked after ourselves in the evenings, although there were some restaurant nights organized on the days before the Opening Ceremony. During the week, a fabulous fashion parade and dinner was attended by over 800 attendees and at least that many attended the Gala Dinner and Closing Ceremony. For many, the traditional Flag Ceremony at the opening was a particular highlight. It was unfortunate that the Convention **keynote speaker**, **Michelle Bachelet**, the first woman Under Secretary and the Executive Director of UN Women, was not able to attend the Opening Ceremony, but gave her powerful address at the Closing Ceremony. This is normally a night with much on the program, including thanking the outgoing Board and installing the incoming Board, so not only did it become a very long night, but her address was not heard by all attendees who were present at the Opening Ceremony. Never-the-less, she was passionate and inspiring. Her address will be on the ZI website.

Looking forward: 2012-2014 Biennium

- Incoming ZI President Lynn McKenzie from New Zealand will step into the position and build on the current strength of the organization. The Goals are still: Credibility and Visibility, ZI Governance Structures, ZI Foundation



Of course this meant that Zontians travelled on public transport in their national dress – this is at the underground station!



L-R: Club alternate Carole Theobald with Kathleen Hughes (ZI Treasurer) and Club delegate Karen Groves



Making friends from around the world – who wouldn't want to be part of it!

Governance Structure and increased donations to ZI Foundation.

- Lynn has appointed Chairs and members of all the ZI Committees and on the final day, each chair spoke to the goals for that committee. These presentations were made against the background of the endorsement of President McKenzie's proposed programs and project for the next Biennium, that are:
 - Liberia Fistula Program (continuing)
 - Elimination of New Pediatric HIV Infection and Prevention and Response to Survivors of Domestic and Gender Based Violence in Rwanda (continuing)
 - Safe Cities for Women in Honduras (extending)
 - Mass Communication with a Purpose: Global Partnership on Edutainment for Social Change – 12 countries, 2 in first year (new)
 - Empowering Women in Rural Samoa to Combat Violence (new)
- I commend "The Zontian" to all members and committee chairs in particular, as the 2012-2014 Biennium goals are clearly described with relevant statistics and accurate definitions.
- Looking ahead, the 100th Anniversary of Zonta International will be celebrated in 2019. A ZI Committee, headed by PIP Val Sarah, gave an excellent presentation on the importance of good records, inventories of artefacts and well-maintained archives. A history, "Honouring the Past and Heralding the Future" is to be published in 2020, but leading up to that, there will be much for clubs and districts to do to input to the publication and the centenary celebrations. This will be achieved over the next few years under the guidance of this committee.
- Not so far ahead is the next ZI Convention in Orlando, Florida, 28 June – 2 July, 2014, hosted by District 11. After that, the 2016 ZI Convention will be in Nice, France.

Conclusion

I am very pleased I attended this Convention. I feel confidence and excitement about the future of the organization. I am proud to be a member of Zonta International. I am inspired by the amazing women around the world committed to this organization. I am conscious that membership of Zonta International has provided wonderful leadership opportunities for many women. I came away feeling the strength of the organization comes from each member being passionate, interested, committed and valued. It was well worth the trip!

7. Next Birthing Kit Assembly Day – October 6th



When: October 6th at 2 pm
Where: Trinity College UWA
Contact: Wendy Atherden - ph 93839590 m 0409373372 or seawinds4@bigpond.com

Please help with this very worthy cause and thank you to those who have put their name down on Wendy's list.

8. Diary Dates

11 October – Dinner Meeting, St Catherine's College, 6.15 for 6.30pm

10 November – Founders Day Dinner and presentation of Area 3 Woman of Achievement Award, Mandurah Quay Resort, 40 Marina Quay Drive, Erskine, 6.30 for 7pm. Tickets \$75. Email Pam Clulow on lclulow@wn.com.au Booking form on our club web site.

7 March 2013 – UN Women International Women's Day Breakfast, 7-9 am, Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre, Perth. Planning has already commenced for this major event.

13-15 September 2013 – District 23 Conference, Rendezvous Hotel, Scarborough Please put the dates in your diary today! See www.zontadistrict23.org.au for more information.



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