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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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Smiles all round at hearing the good news of Judy's election! L-R: Vicky Nazer, Tricia Summerfield, Judy Gorton, Sandra Burns and Lennie McCall.

1. Judy Gorton becomes 2016-18 D23 Governor Elect

Great news, hot off the press. At the D23 conference held on the weekend of October 16-18 in Adelaide our very own Judy Gorton was elected to be the next District 23 Governor. She will take up the role at the end of the Zonta International Convention in Nice in the middle of next year.

Six club members attended the conference including our club delegate 'Tricia Summerfield and club alternate, Vicky Nazer.

Congratulations Judy – we look forward to hearing more about the conference at the November meeting and will feature stories in the next edition of Inzert.

2. Spring Luncheon and Fashion Show

Carole Theobald

About 150 Zontians and guests enjoyed the launch of Leah Helean's superb Living Canvas designs at a Spring Luncheon at the Royal Perth Yacht Club.

The energetic MC Claudia Bertorello-Kell kicked the event off with a few spot prizes that 'put a smile on the dial' of the lucky winners. Life coach, Shirley Anne Fortina, showed how we can all develop the extraordinary in our daily lives. She highlighted the work of the Zonta Club of Perth and showed how members are all 'ordinary' busy professionals, who create the 'extraordinary' by finding time to make a difference to the lives of other women. She described how the funds raised from the lunch and fashion show would be used for a number of projects including purchasing birthing kits for women in developing countries so they can give birth in a clean environment – potentially saving the life of the mother and child from soil based infections such as tetanus. She reminded everyone to take a breath before speaking as this not only creates a space for listening but also helps to show our respect for other people.

After lunch, the audience was 'wowed' by Leah Helean's hand painted fashions – her Living Canvas. These colourful, comfortable designs are ideal for Perth summers. Clothes were paraded by friends and beautiful young Aboriginal models from The Dreamtime Project. The first selection consisted of hand painted silk tops and dresses that flowed as the models walked, making the designs 'ripple' with life. The second selection was perfect Racing Carnival attire. The colourful floral and geometric designs on the hand painted tailored dresses and skirts were beautifully matched with creative headpieces that reflected the colour and shapes on the clothes. The designs were imaginative, playful yet stylish – perfect for the races, special lunches or dinners, weddings or any other event where you want to feel comfortable, stylish and happy in what you are wearing. With every item being unique there is no danger of anyone wearing the same thing!

Club President, Sandra Burns, thanked everyone for their generous support especially the donations of prizes including the \$1,000 pearl from Atlas Pearls, gift box from The Dispensary in Mt Lawley, perfume from Mariposa Perfumery and pamper package from Exclusive Beauty Studio. Marbles Box Cakes donated delicious light, moist cupcakes that were decorated with Zonta and Living Canvas logos – a perfect way to end the meal. The Silent Auction provided personal coaching, holidays and wine packs to the happy, highest bidders



L-R: Sandra Burns, Judy Gorton and Jill Anderson



L-R: Model with Leah Helean



Judy Gorton with the Zonta and Living Canvas cup cakes made by Marbles Box Cakes.



Close up of the cup cakes



Leah's exquisite millinery



Hand painted silk tops are ideal for summer



The hand painted designs...



complemented the hats...



And the audience was spellbound!

3. A busy September meeting...

Carole Theobald

There was a full program at the September meetings with welcomes, farewells, presentations by friends of the club as well as the presentation of the Area 3 Jane M Klausman Women in Business Award.

Welcome to Linda Higgie

New member Linda Higgie was inducted at the September meeting. After starting her career as a nurse, Linda currently works in the area of Social Enterprise – and is heading up an exciting program for women with the Big Issue. She has also worked as a Director – Disability Reform for WA Government and has held Executive and Managerial roles in the Public Service. Welcome to the club Linda!

Farewell to Lois Joll

Sadly, the September meeting was a time to say farewell to Lois Joll. Lois has been a valued member of our club for eight years. She will be fondly remembered for being MC at many quiz nights, high teas and other events – and through her efforts, we have all been able to enjoy the talents of some brilliant young musical performers. Lois has a very busy 'day job' and is taking a bit of time out from Zonta to focus on other parts of her life. We wish her the very best for the future and look forward to the possibility of her returning to the club one day.

Recognition of International Gynaecological Awareness Day - Kath Mazzella

The club was honoured to have Kath Mazzella at the September meeting. Kath is an advocate for gynaecological awareness and is the founder of the Gynaecological Awareness Information Network (GAIN) and also creating International Gynaecological Awareness Day on 10 September – her birthday! Kath's energy and enthusiasm light up the room and she constantly finds 'fun' ways to raise awareness of the serious issue of being aware of 'down under' health – check out the 'fundies'! Find out more about IGAD from www.gain.org.au

100 Women – Alicia Curtis

Recently, our club became the first service organisation in Perth to join 100 Women. Members were thrilled to welcome the 100 Women founder, Alicia Curtis and look forward to working closely with 100 Women in the future. 100 Women is a philanthropic 'giving circle' where 100 members donate \$100 a month. It was inspired by the book *Half the Sky* by Nicholas Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn. Over the course of the year \$120,000 are raised and the circle members choose which projects to donate to. The wonderful thing is that the 100 women projects are all designed to empower women – just like Zonta projects are. Find out more at www.100women.com.au

Special visitors

Special welcome was given to Area 3 Director Jane Moulden from the Zonta Club of Dunsborough. Jane enjoyed catching up with Wendy Atherden Chrissie Hodges – who were both formerly 'Dunsborough' Zontians. It was also marvelous to welcome Faith O'Brien (President) and Ruth Thomas from the Zonta Club of Swan Hills.

Congratulations

Congratulations also go to our very fit member, Deb Mason, who successfully competed in the Australian Masters Rowing Championships - Congratulations Deb!



L-R: D23 Lt Governor, Judy Gorton welcomes Linda Higgie



L-R: Lois Joll with Lyn McArthur



L-R: Sandra Burns with Kath Mazzella and 'fundies'



L-R: President Sandra Burns with Alicia Curtis



Deb displays her Australian Masters Rowing Medals...



L-R: The 'Dunsborough-ites' - Wendy Atherden, Jane Moulden and Chrissie Hodges



L-R: Deb Mason welcomes Faith O'Brien and Ruth Thomas from Swan Hills



L-R: Gabrielle Walker with Area 3 Director, Jane Moulden



Gabrielle expresses her gratitude for the award

4. District 23 Jane M Klausman Scholarship Winner

Erica Majba

After becoming the Area 3 winner of the Jane M Klausman scholarship, Gabrielle Walker has now gone on to win the District 23 Jane M Klausman scholarship!

The following was received from D23 Governor Erica Majba:

Gabrielle has demonstrated to the judging panel that she has a strong record of outstanding academic achievement in business related studies, including her current studies for a Master of Commerce (by research) through Murdoch University. Gabrielle is also displaying evidence of leadership in her field through her research and committee work. Her voluntary work with Read My Lips, a US based no-profit social enterprise, which is dedicated to creating conversation around rape and victim blaming has raised a significant amount of funding. Her professional goals are to build a successful business that empowers women to live with integrity while reaching their full potential so there is a very strong alignment with the goals and intention of Zonta International.

The quality of the entrants was such that the District has decided to also award a Highly Commended Certificate to Erin Ritchie, nominated by the ZC Wangaratta. Erin is commended for her academic excellence and the strength of her community engagement in the early stages of her study and working life

Thank you to all the clubs that spent time to find a suitable candidate and collect the necessary information and go through the submission process. Many thanks to Wendy Quinn for her work as the D23 JMK Co-ordinator. Wendy had assistance on the judging panel from Area 5 Director Julia Taylor and Dr Margaret Kling, CEO-Tasmania Training Institute.

Well done to Area 3 clubs, Area 3 JMK Co-ordinator Donella Caspersz and A3 Director Jane Moulden on sourcing and recognising Gabrielle as an outstanding winner. As the D23 winner of the JMK Scholarship, Gabrielle will receive a certificate and bank draft for USD1,000 from Zonta International.

5. Birthing Kit Assembly Day

Vera Riley

On Sunday 20th September the Zonta Club of Perth and the Golden Z Club held a Birthing Kit Assembly Day at St Catherine's College in Nedlands. The day was a great success and really showed team work on many levels. The outcome was 1,000 birthing kits assembled and sent to the Birthing Kit Foundation warehouse. In time we will be informed of the final destination of the birthing kits.

There are many "Thank you"s to be said and this is an opportunity to demonstrate that many hands do make light work. A special thank you must go to Lauren Rosher (President) and Emma Saunders (Vice President) for all their help in organising the event and being our hosts at St Catherine's College.

Fiona Crowe, Head of St Catherine's College was a life saver on the day by ensuring we had soaps for the birthing kits. Thank you Fiona for the donation of soaps and making time to locate them for us on the day. Thank you also to Sandra Burns for her help and support in the journey that is a "Birthing Kit Assembly Day", she also worked hard on the day and brought along two friends to join the team.



Many thanks to all the volunteers who helped on the day!



Find out more about the Birthing Kit Foundation Australia at www.bkfa.org.au

Lyn McArthur and her team at Alfred Carson were fantastic and pre-folded 800 plastic sheets ready for the Birthing kits, this preparation lessened the work load on the Sunday. Finally a huge thank you to the volunteers who started to arrive from 12 noon onwards and were happy to take on any job they were asked to do. In the end on the day we had a total of 55 volunteers, 9 members of Zonta Club of Perth plus 6 family and friends of the Zonta members, 3 Curtin students who are training to be midwives, one bringing her primary school aged daughter, one person volunteering via the Birthing Kit Foundation and a whopping 35 volunteers from St Catherine's College, a substantial number being Golden Z Club members.

By funding and assembling 1,000 birthing kits, the Zonta Club of Perth and Golden Z Club have again supported the Birthing Kit Foundation in their mission of a world in which all women have access to clean and safe birthing practices.



L-R: Val Gandossini and Deb Mason

6. Inspiration in our ranks

At the October meeting, members were inspired by the recent adventures of members Deb Mason and Val Gandossini.

Val Gandossini and Nakuru Hope in Kenya

A few years ago, Val introduced members to Susan Saleeba from Fremantle who created Nakuru Hope to provide food, educate, give refuge and counsel those who are destitute, hungry and illiterate in the slums of Nairobi in Kenya. Over the years club members have been following progress through Val's visits. Val recently returned from her third visit to Kapembwa, a slum area of over 200,000 people, just outside of Nairobi. She provided a fascinating story of the education of the children, the ups and downs of the training of the women to do dressmaking and provided an update of the construction work that has seen Nakuru Hope create a school and orphanages. Through her photographs we were able to share her journey. On this visit she took her husband along for the first time, so he could see what she had been up to – and they were able to stay in a volunteer home stay built above the orphanage. More information about Nakuru Hope may be found at www.nakuruhope.org



Deb displays her colourful, comfortable clothing that she wore in India

Deb Mason and Atma bicycles in India

A few months ago, Deb had introduced members to Alex Carpenter who told us about the Atma Foundation that funds bicycles to give to girls in India through selling bicycles in Perth. Many girls in India are denied an education through a combination of poverty and safety – a bicycle means they can do their jobs at home and have time to get to school safely. Deb accompanied Alex and a film crew around the Satara District of Maharashtra and shared the joy of seeing bicycles being given to all the girls in the senior class of a primary school – so they could all cycle to their new high school the following year. Deb also spoke about the magnificent work of the Mann Deshi Foundation and their founder Chetna Gala Sinha. To find out more about the power of a bicycle visit Atma's website at www.atmacycles.com.au

7. Our Suffragist Heritage

Carole Theobald



View from the balcony

It is not every day that you get the opportunity to speak in Parliament House! On Sunday 18 October as part of Heritage Perth festivities, the International Women's Day Collaboration was given permission to highlight the achievements of women parliamentarians from the WA Women's Hall of Fame at Parliament House. Professional actors were showcasing Edith Cowan's maiden speech and early life in the Lower Chamber – so our challenge was to produce an event that was educational, entertaining and which hopefully would not be too embarrassing for all concerned in the Upper Chamber!



L-R: Margaret Nowak, Anne-Maree Ferguson, Carole Theobald and Sandra Cook

We had a great time as 'ghosts', dressed in suffragist costumes of the era – I had the honour of playing Edith Cowan (with the team still calling me Edith!). We shared with the audience the wonderful story of how women got the vote in WA. We then described ten of the parliamentary firsts for women, showing large framed photos of each woman and their achievement and placing a special Hall of Fame rosette on each photograph. As we did so we gave a resounding "Another first for WA Women" with the audience getting into the spirit of it and joining in!



L-R: Kay Hallahan, Carole Theobald and Margaret Nowak



Carole as Edith Cowan with the display



Look out for the film!

A personal highlight was having Kay Hallahan in the audience. Kay was the first woman to sit in both the Legislative Assembly and Legislative Council and it was a privilege to ask her to put her own rosette on her photograph.

We learned so much about our State's history through the process and are now 'full bottle' on:

- how women got the vote in WA, the roles of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, Karrakatta Club and Women's Franchise league and the contribution of Bessie Rischbieth and Roberta Jull; and
- the WA women's Parliamentary firsts:
 - Edith Cowan – first woman in any Australian Parliament; second to hold a seat in British Empire,
 - May Holman – first woman from Labour Party to be elected to any Parliament in the world; first woman to hold office for more than ten years in the British Empire;
 - Dame Florence Cardell-Oliver –first woman to hold a Cabinet position in Australia;
 - Ruby Hutchinson – first woman to be elected to the WA Upper House;
 - Kay Hallahan – first woman to hold a seat in both the Lower and Upper Houses;
 - Carmen Lawrence – first woman to be a State Treasurer; first woman to be a State Premier; and first woman to hold a seat in both State and Federal Parliaments;
 - Carol Martin – first Aboriginal woman to hold a seat in any Australian Parliament;
 - Dame Dorothy Tangney – first woman to hold a seat in the Australian Senate;
 - Wendy Fatin – first woman from WA to hold a seat in the Australian House of Representatives (1983!!); and
 - Julie Bishop – first woman to be Minister for Foreign Affairs and Deputy Leader of the Liberal Party.

Women have come a long way – but there is still a long way to go!

What is the difference between a suffragist and a suffragette? A suffragist advocates by peaceful means, a suffragette takes more disruptive actions... Be aware that the film 'Suffragette' will be in cinemas soon!

8. Diary Dates

Thursday 10 November - Club Dinner Meeting, St Catherine's College, 6.15 for 6.45pm

Please bring a gourmet food hamper item to the November meeting along with a cleaning product for SOS.

Wednesday 25 November – White Ribbon Day

Wear a white ribbon and encourage men to 'take the new Oath' on www.whiteribbon.org.au that states: *I will stand up, speak out and act to prevent men's violence against women.*

Friday 27 November – Silent March, Supreme Court Gardens

The club will have a stand in the Supreme Court Gardens that will be shared with the Zonta House Refuge and feature the Positive Pathways Program. If you can take time out, please come and join in the Silent March through the city from midday. Wear a White Ribbon and don't forget to put on your Zonta badge. (See flyer on next page for more information).

Thursday 10 December – Club Christmas Event/Fundraiser

This will take the form of a cocktail event at Karen's home.

1st – 6th July 2016 Zonta International Convention, Nice, France

With Judy Gorton being District 23 Governor Elect, why not come to France to support her as she commences her new role? Find out more at

www.zontaconventionnice.com

2018 Zonta International Convention, Yokohama, Japan



Ask your male friends and family to take the Oath for 25 November



The next ZI Convention will be held in July 2016 in Nice!

ONE DEATH IS TOO MANY!



The Women's Council for Domestic and Family Violence Services (WA) invites all community members to attend the

25th Annual Silent Domestic Violence Memorial March

To honour all those who have lost their lives as a result of domestic & family violence

Friday, 27 November 2015

Stirling Gardens (cnr Barrack St and St Georges Tce)

10.30am: Rally with speakers, 12 noon: Silent March through the City

Free morning tea and information stalls

MC - Verity James • Welcome to Country - Doolann-Leisha and Walter Eatts
Didgeridoo - Samuel Pilot-Kickett

Guest Speakers: The Hon Helen Morton MLC, Minister for Child Protection
Dr Allan Wade PhD, Centre for Response Based Practice.

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