



April 2013

International Women's Day

March 10th



FUN,
LAUGHTER,
INSPIRATION
&
CELEBRATION
OF WOMEN



Vice-Presidents Report

The highlight of March was, without a doubt, our hugely successful IWDB held on Sunday 10th March. It was a fabulous day. Our speakers, Nancy Hayes and Laurel Veitch were thoroughly entertaining and absolutely lovely women. The food was delicious and abundant, the venue with its splashes of colour looked just gorgeous and the raffle prizes looked so stylish wrapped in brown paper. Annie as our MC was, as always, superb with her perfect blend of professionalism, humour and charm. Thanks also to the gangnam dancers who stole the show and also the entire IWDB committee, headed by Dawn, who spent so much time to ensure the morning was such a success. The Whitsunday Crisis and Counselling Service were very appreciative of our \$1000.00 donation.



March saw the induction of Mae at our general meeting. She will be a delightful member and will be an asset to the club. Also at the March general meeting we all thoroughly enjoyed the talk about the hearing school in Nepal that Sue Tuck has set up as well as a talk and thankyou from Searna Casos, the student we funded for The Hear and Say Camp in Brisbane.

April will continue the pace with our YWPA winners announced and Stacey Miotto, our runner up, receiving her \$250.00 at the April board meeting just before heading back to university. Cassidy Hayward, the winner, is already back at unit and I am sure will appreciate her cheque for \$500.00. As well, April sees our membership night at Marina Shores and the induction of Shirley and Lisa. Our first breakfast session begins at Capers on the 9th April with Rowena from the Whitsunday Health Clinic speaking on women's health.

The nominating committee has been busy organizing the changeover and getting nominations for our May AGM so if you would like to nominate someone for one of the available positions, please contact Noelene.

Angela is back in the Land of Oz but she is in Brisbane having a quick grandchildren fix before heading home at the end of this week. We are all so looking forward to seeing her and hearing all about the trip to Jordan and Israel.

Roz Jennings vice president.



Service

Newsletter editors Past, present and future



As I make ready to hand over the production of the Reef Talk to our new team, Pammie, Shirley & Laura, I'd like to recognize all those that have gone before:

- Our first newsletter was published in March 1999 – the month our Club was chartered. For April and May no editor was named BUT come June, the Minutes Secretary, Bronte McNamara, produced it as well as July's and August's. (Can it be assumed she also did the first three?)
- In 2000, the Minutes Secretary, Luella Mackay, began her tenure, which was a long one. She continued through 2001, 2002, 2003, until August 2004.
- Pam Graham edited the September edition.
- Vanessa Hurtle then picked up the baton and ran through August 2005.
- Off the rank again was Luella for another long stint; she continued as Editor until February 2008 at which time she moved to Melbourne.
- Eunice Shearer published Reef Talk for a few months in 2008, followed by....
- Deborah Friend, who kept the job through June 2009
- Eunice, again, stepped up and worked with P.J. through 2010. (Eunice was in China, where she was teaching English. She taught P.J. heaps about editing, from afar, and this 'job' kept her involved in the Club while overseas.)
- In 2011, P.J. & Jill Harland shared the duties.
- For a while in 2012, Jill and Sue Smith produced Reef Talk for us.
- In May 2012, P.J. again took to producing Reef Talk to present.

I wish to say 'thanks' to all those who have gone before and 'thanks' also to the new team. Please give them your full support by supplying your articles and photos on time and often. Thanks also to Judy Brown for compiling this information for me from the archives.

P.J. Halter

Service

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HOT CROSS BUNS

It was a very last minute decision to have a stall at the Markets and sell Home Made Hot Cross Buns to raise needed funds for local projects.

I was happy to organise the cooking with the help of my trusty Thermomix and Lauren's too, shopped for all the ingredients and got some volunteers to help put them together.



We met at Dawn's home on the Thursday with Dawn, Connie, Kerry, Lauren and myself. In just over 3 hours we made 11 dozen yummy Hot Cross Buns and had bagged them ready to freeze and take to the Market on the Saturday.

At 7 am Saturday Connie and I with some help, set up our new shelter and by 9.30 sold all our Buns making a profit of \$133.00.

We feel this was a very successful event and if planned earlier would have made more funds. We would like to do this again next year. We would also like to take advantage of more of the "Special Holidays" using our new shelter (purchased with funds from our ladies aqua days). So be ready to put your hand up, Mothers Day is not far away and perhaps some yummy slices could be on the menu.

Sue Hansen

ZONTIANS TRAVEL TO PETRA



The photo shows Robyn Mitchell and Angela Spicer at the ancient city of Petra in Jordan with Rani. He is the son of New Zealand born nurse Marguerite van Geldermalsen, who first visited Petra in 1978

on a sightseeing tour, and the charismatic Mohammad Abdullah Othman, a Bedouin craftsman of the Manama tribe.

Marguerite and Mohammad married and had 3 children, Rani being the youngest.

Her book 'Married to a Bedouin' tells of her life with Mohammad, which meant moving into his ancient cave and learning to love the regular tasks of baking shrak bread on an open fire and collecting water from the spring. As Marguerite became part of the Bedouin community, she was thankful for the twist in fate that led her to this harsh but contented life.
Robyn Mitchel

Reminder

We'd like you to invite your friends and colleagues to join us for a
NEW MEMBERS NIGHT and dinner (on us!).

Marina Shores on 18 April at 6.15

To RSVP & parking instructions:

Please contact Kerry

zontaclub7@hotmail.com or 4946 1460

Change over day

DATE: Sunday 23rd June

TIME: 10.30 am to 3.30pm

VENUE: Bogie River Bush House – near Collinsville

PRICE: \$25.00 pp includes 2 course buffet lunch and light morning tea on arrival.

TRANSPORT: Either car -pooling or bus. Approx a 1.5 hour easy drive.

Please let Noelene know if you are interested in going by bus.

Cost of bus will depend on numbers.

OTHER OPTION:

There is an option to stay o/nite on the Saturday night. \$203.00 per couple includes room, lunch on Saturday, happy hour, dinner on Saturday night and continental breakfast on Sunday morning. Rooms are limited to 11 so please let Noelene know asap if you are interested. It will be on a first in first served basis.

Accommodation is in what Roz refers to as “basic but really interesting”.

The resort has been built from old and recycled timber and there are only 11 rooms available for overnight stays.

We can hire a 22 seater bus which would cost approx. \$15/person return BUT we would need a driver – with a truck licence. If any member or member's partner can help with this could they please advise Noelene as soon as possible.

If you are interested in finding out more about the Bogie River bush house, their website is www.bogieriverbushhouse.com

News and Bouquets

NEWS OF AN EX MEMBER from Noelene Helman

While “meeting and greeting” the cruise ship this week I met a man who had lived here and had worked with the National Parks. I asked him if he knew a couple of people I knew who had worked there about the same time - including Artie Jacobsen and his wife Sandy. He certainly did –in fact had gone to Uni with Artie. Also on the way to board the ship down south he had actually stayed with them in Canberra where they are now living – Artie is working with the anti-whaling people there.

Sandy was our secretary in 2005 till the family left to go and live in America and work there in the National Parks & Wildlife.

Small world isn't it?

THANK YOU!

Dear Ladies of the Zonta Club,

Thank you so much for awarding me the YWPA award, it means more to me than I can put into words.

I was proud, even before I had handed in my application, that I was part of such a wonderful program. You are aiding such a great cause, not only in that you give monetary awards, but because you are there to support the thought process that goes behind the application.

It's not easy to voice your opinions in a world that can tear you down so easily, but this program is a channel for us to express our thoughts to people who really support us.

Your money is going toward paying for a trip to South Africa next year with a volunteer program called the International Student Volunteers.

I was accepted this year, but (being a poor uni student) couldn't afford to go. Hopefully, during this year I can save enough money and go!

I will send Wendy a link to the program description if anyone is interested. I hope you all believe it is money well spent. Thank you again ladies.

Cass Hayward

Breakfast Meetings

(April is at Capers - May and June venue to be confirmed)

These are held on the **second Tuesday** of the month **7 for 7.30am until 8 – 8.30am** so time to have breakfast and coffee and get to work afterwards.

Here is our speaker programme so **mark these dates in your diary.**

Tuesday 14th May: Speaker Colleen Doble.

How to make a difference and leave a legacy:

Colleen will be talking about "outliving" your life and how ordinary, everyday you and me can make a difference in the world. No one can do everything, but everyone can do something and something can mean everything to someone. Will talk a little about her experiences and about avenues that she knows are reliable and reaching grass roots.

Tuesday 11th June: Speaker Robyn Mitchell.

Honour Killings in Jordan,

Robyn has just returned from her trip to Israel and Jordan and studied those countries extensively in preparation for her trip. For this talk she would like to address the issue of honour killings in Jordan.. This is still practised in lots of areas of the Middle East but Jordan is trying to do something about it. It appears to occur across religions, ethnic/tribal groups and regional areas. This is surely a very disturbing topic but understanding the rationale and then what women's groups (like Zonta) are doing, gives hope.

April Birthdays

Congratulations to:-

Robyn Mitchell – April 4th and Lesley Pratchett April 21st

Membership

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS – Newsletter report, April 2013.

March has been a very busy month for the Membership Committee. Practice sessions for the Gangnam presentation were happening throughout the month with mixed results – it was a bit of an ask for some members after a busy day to know left from right and which step followed what! However, Sandii's knees and big smile stood the distance and it was a great hit at the IWD Brunch. I'm sure it helped to get across the message that while we work hard, we have fun doing it. The success of the morning in spreading interest can also be measured in the twelve responses we received from women asking to receive more information and to be kept in touch with the club's activities. Invitations to the April Information evening have been sent to all.

The Information night is coming up soon on Thursday April 18th in place of our usual monthly meeting. The membership Committee has planned an evening, which we hope will be relaxed informative and enjoyable. The purpose is to give a well-rounded picture of our Zonta club, both serious achievements and light-hearted fellowship. The Marina Shores venue was chosen for this purpose as it provides an opportunity to use both indoors and out in an attractive, informal setting and the ability to do our own catering. Thanks go to the management for offering us the venue free of charge, a wonderful gesture on their part. Remember, all members are to bring either savoury or sweet finger food or wine. If you have not yet put your name down on the list please contact either Lauren or Kerry. We are also planning to induct both Shirley and Lisa on this evening, so that will add another point of interest.

Again, you are urged to forward the invitation that you have been sent by email to any friends or acquaintances who you think might be interested in coming along to learn more about Zonta.

Some of the team have also been working on an updated information leaflet which is looking great! We are aiming to make it more attractive, modern and user-friendly and to give it a distinctively Whitsunday feel. It should be available soon. We have our first candidate for the new Recognition of Contribution to the Community Award and have proposed the title of "Thumbs Up to You". More on that later!

Looking forward to a great evening on Thursday 18th,
Kerry (Director, membership)



Mother Mae & daughter Searna (that we gave grant to & she spoke at meeting)
Sue Tuck - also speaker at meeting about her work in Tibet with deaf.



The membership committee 'hops to Easter' at our General Meeting
Connie, P.J, Kerry, Sandii, Lauren & Sue.

Profile:

Captain Ann Cleghorn

Ann Cleghorn thinks “Zonta Women Rock”

The Facts: Born Melbourne 25/7/1965 Never married. No children. Never smoked. I have been in Zonta 10 years.

Why join? I've joined the girls and had no end of fun and learnt about this community and international woman's issues.



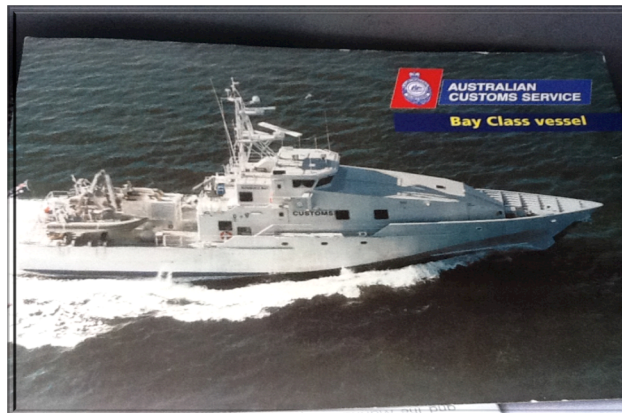
Kay Harris introduced me, Joan Watson was membership chair and mentor. Many girls showed kindness and friendship, to this day, in many ways. Elva Patterson at the International Women's breakfast some years ago, with hairy armpits and a comic act, made such an impression that I couldn't wait to join. The diversity of ladies with so many life and business skills.

My Zonta Involvement: After all these years, I still hold no position in Zonta as I've been away and infrequently at the meetings due to my work. I am the lowest in rank, not that there is a rank, but am just happy to be part of Zonta. It is to my

delight Zonta takes all types and does not discriminate against the not so active members. I've said my day will come to input and it has. Now is my time to help out where I can. So you may have seen me at the market selling Easter buns on Saturday..... so much fun!

Family and career: My career is boating as a captain. I've been at sea 20 years. In brief, I grew up in Adelaide and was a hairdresser, then PR for BRL Hardy's Wines. I lived in Thailand and taught English in an orphanage for a year. Then got into sailing and moved to Airlie beach, yacht racing, two Sydney - Hobart's and many races, deliveries all over the world. I then completed five years with Australian customs marine border protection on a 35 M high-speed military vessels. Yes, the border protection business, with machine guns and weapon licenses. Then, the last five years, I spent with an American family starting in Gdansk, Poland and sailing to Thailand on a luxury 62 foot catamaran, *Blaze II*, being part of the super yacht scene. Yes, a very long time. We saw a lot on the way. The American owners sold the boat 21 Dec 2012 and took on Asian crew, much cheaper way to run the boat.

I have been responsible for the vessel, crew, the owners and safe passages in and out of many ports. It was a enjoyed, but it is break. When *Blaze* went home to family. I'm the (probably why I helped mum when disposable. We are great time. Two sisters. We worry parents. Dad was a



huge job that I lovely to take a sold 21 December, I Adelaide and saw the eldest of five have no kids.) I nappies were not very close and have a brothers and two about our elderly jumps jockey. He is

now very stiff and sore but with the most optimistic and caring attitude. In those day's he would ride with broken bones and sprains, as to miss a ride was to have done all that training and then no income. He and mum are great, married 48 years. They encouraged us to follow our dreams.

I have followed a dream. Arriving in Airlie 20 years ago and learning to sail and doing more than I could have dared to dream. I bought a home here and investment units, then left to travel the world. Airlie always being my base, my home and my mini moke awaiting me a sanctuary! Now that I'm back, I've been the full circle.

When asked where is your favourite place? My answer is Airlie Beach the Whitsunday's, do you know the Great Barrier Reef? After seeing the South pacific, New Zealand, the Asian islands, the Med, Barbados, Caribbean, Galapagos, Panama, and the seas in between, my answer is still the same.

Relationships: Tricky when you sail all the time. I return to Adelaide for family and meet a man there, Mario. He's my best friends brother, whom I've known for 30 years and we are seeing how we go..... he there, me here? It's never easy.....

What I do in Airlie: I Have five units in Jubilee Pocket I am doing up and selling. I live at present in a small apartment in Airlie Beach on Lewis.

Favourite activities outside of Zonta: At the risk of sounding like an alcoholic, I like champagne or a good wine when am being social. I cannot cook and I have put on some weight, so now I have to get fit and eat well. I am in the right crowd, as my Zonta friends have all lost weight and are looking better than ever. My not-so-favourite activity, exercise, is about to become very important.

I do yacht skipper work in the Whitsunday's and anywhere in the world. Taking people around the beautiful islands overnight and enjoying the area is a special joy. I believe the busier you are the more you get done.

Recent travel: Noosa to see my sister, Adelaide and Jubilee Pocket to Cannonvale.

Motto: Remember yesterday, Dream about tomorrow, But live for today.

Date Claimers

18 April: New Members Night—Marina Shores—6.15 for 6.30 start

20/21 April: District 7 Conference—Bowen

7th May: Board meeting – 5pm

7th May: candlelight Ceremony – No to Violence in our community – 5pm

14th May: Breakfast meeting – capers; Speaker Colleen Doble.. How to make a difference and leave a legacy:

16th May: Annual General Meeting – Reef gateway – 6.15 for 6.30 start

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