



APRIL 2012

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I was really only away for one week and what a sensational week it was for everyone involved. We, the Zonta Club of the Whitsundays, would be considered a small club with our membership currently 29 members. It is pleasing to see that such a small group can have some direct benefit to other women in our local and also international community and how rewarding it is to have been involved with making the donations as follows:

In line with International Service Programs: towards Elimination of Obstetric Fistula and the Reduction of Maternal and Newborn Mortality and Morbidity in Liberia

Dr Catherine Hamblin's Obstetric Fistula Hospital by the River in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. Check presented personally to the hospital by former member and past president Robyn Mitchell for \$2000.

Z Service Projects – meeting the requirements of advancing the Status of Women:

- Whitsunday Crisis and Counselling service in Cannonvale received \$3000 to assist with their ongoing work. The Crisis and Counselling Centre focuses on empowering women in moving forward with their lives, free from the constant threat of violence.
- Focusing once again overseas this week the club pledged \$2000 to two of our local Proserpine Hospital midwives: Emily Holmes and Lyn Brett who have a mission to visit Cambodia and will be putting our donation towards the purchase of a Tuk Tuk for transport.

Club Awards & Scholarships:

- YWPA: Award established to encourage more young women to participate in public and political life by recognizing them for their volunteer leadership and dedication to the advancement of the status of women. The successful candidate is: Hannah Watson \$500.00.
- Education Bursaries: The applications have been processed for two very worthy recipients. See more information in Kerry's Service article.



It is marvellous to see our hard earned funds directly being generated towards the meeting of our Charter of Advancing the Status of Women both locally and internationally through service and advocacy! Well done and congratulations to all!

Cheers
Sandii, President.

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Who will you Relay for?

Pirates of the Whitsundays is the theme for the WCCS/Zonta team in this year's Relay for Life, to be held on 28/29 April at Proserpine Showground's. So far we have about 8 members, all but one (me) being WCCS. We need some Zonta support for this very worthy and fun event, with an opportunity to show our respect to those who are suffering cancer, caring for somebody with cancer or remembering those who have passed away. We have all been touched, some in many ways, by cancer; and money raised goes to helping to find a cure!! No need to commit to the whole 18 hours. No need to be on your feet all night. Come for some or all but please support in some way, even if you buy a raffle ticket or 2 or donate to the team fundraising, every bit helps. Come along and be a pirate for a night – Call me for how to register Ahoy!!! Wendy Downes

DATE CLAIMERS

25 April: Last Wednesday Book Club—Cath's

2 May: Candle Lighting Ceremony—DV Month—WCCS 5.00-6.30—The Esplanade, Airlie

8 May: Breakfast meeting Capers 7 for 7.30 Speaker Pam Harrison An update on her work in Zimbabwe

9 May: Board Meeting – 5.30 - P.J. Halter's

16 May: Combined Service Clubs Function with Whitsunday Lions—see at end of Reef Talk

17 May: AGM – Reef Gateway – 6.15 for 6.30 start.

4 June: Board Meeting – 5.30

12 June: Breakfast meeting Capers, Speakers Lyn Brett and Emily Holmes:
The Proserpine Midwives Cambodian Challenge.

17 June: Changeover – Daydream Island - \$40 p.p. (Free transport)

10 July: Breakfast meeting Capers, Speaker Anna Derham. Transformational and personal success.

14 August: Breakfast meeting Capers, Speaker Penny Wilson Medecins sans Frontier in Sudan Africa.



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SERVICE:

There's always something going on in the Service Department of our busy club. **The Education Bursary** team have been conducting interviews and making decisions. The Panel were very glad to be able to award two bursaries, both girls were so worthy, although for different reasons. Sophia Mann and Tori Crow-Nelson have been presented with their bursaries at an informal gathering at McDonald's. For Sophia that potential is to study Law and Psychology at university and with that qualification to become a Human rights Lawyer. She is presently in year 12 at Proserpine High School. Tori, who is in Year 11 at Whitsunday Christian College, has been studying for Certificate 111 in Childcare in her own time and plans to go on to study nursing at James Cook University.

The **Garden Committee** has completed their last vegetable garden beds at Proserpine High School. After a disappointing start, Judy was very pleased to receive an email of thanks with some photos showing the students mulching, planting and watering in their vegetables. Murray, the teacher responsible, has promised to keep us updated on how things are going.

The **AFADU** group will be re-convening this month, so if you are looking for a way to help and would enjoy a lovely social day with lunch at the home of one of the group members please speak to Carole or Dawn.

The **Last Wednesday Book Club**, as you know, meets on the last Wednesday of the month and we have now received a new set, "The Secret History". Please call me if you need a copy. The next meeting is due to be at Cath's on Wednesday 25th April. As this is Anzac Day I will look into it and be in touch.

Submitted by Kerry Kenyon, Director



Bursary winners Tori & Sophia with Kerry



Sophia, Sandii & Tori



Zontians proud to Support "our" girls:
Angela, Sophia, Cath, Kerry,
Sandii, Tori, Guus

Pam, Joan & P.J.



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SERVICE: (cont'd)

The 2011/2012 Young Women in Public Affairs Award has been presented to



Hannah Watson, with a cheque for \$500 to assist with the studies. Hannah is a young lady on a mission and this award is well deserved. The award adds to the string of other awards and achievements in her final years at Proserpine High School, her latest being the Australia Day Junior Cultural Award and a nomination for an "Order of Australia" medal.

Hannah has already crammed a lot into her life, including volunteerism at all levels, both at school and in the wider community, and is a talented musician. With her high academic achievements Hannah is in her first semester

at UQ and already on the way to her goal of a dual degree of Bachelors of Science/Laws, hoping to find ways to influence a sustainable future for our global environment. Hannah is also passionate about advocating for all girls to receive an education, and develop confidence and strength to have a voice in their local communities worldwide.

Her application has been forwarded to Brisbane to be judged at the state level and we wish her luck at this level, which, if successful, will secure US\$1000. Her older sister Emma was a previous YWPA winner at club level. Hannah has agreed to talk to membership on her next visit to the Whitsundays, mid year.

The 2012/13 YWPA round is now open and we need a club coordinator to be able to commence the search for applicants. The criteria has been amended so that applications are open to all young ladies between 16 and 19 yrs of age, not restricted to pre-tertiary and still at school. This gives more scope in the wider community. I am happy to mentor a member to take on this role and have new contacts at the Proserpine High School through whom this program can be channeled. We need to keep this very important program alive, and give young ladies the opportunity to learn more about themselves and the status of women in other parts of the world. It is a stepping-stone to greater things, in leadership and volunteerism, but more importantly to "improve the status of women worldwide".



Submitted by Wendy Downes YWPA Coordinator

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ORGANISATION, MEMBERSHIP & CLASSIFICATION:

MEMBERSHIP

Ahoy mates: My, what a busy, travelling bunch we are. I am certainly happy to be back from our WET sailing for the season and getting busy, again, with our great Zonta work. As you can see below, we are regaining a couple of Zontians but we are also losing 3 (Marie, Jill & Sue Smith) making it a shortfall of one!

We truly do need to keep membership foremost in our minds when attending functions. Be sure and introduce your charming self and chat with our guests. I would suggest, though, that you don't ask any guest about joining Zonta but, if you know them, turn their information over to your Membership Committee. For various reasons, someone may not yet be ready to join or are just visiting. It is the task of the Membership Committee to determine when, and if, someone is ready to join with us. There may be circumstances of which you are not aware. There are, also, some criteria a prospective member must meet before being invited to join. Please greet everyone with your Zonta smile and enthusiasm and leave the rest to your eager committee. Submitted by P.J., OMC Director

MEMBER NEWS

Robyn Mitchell has re-joined YEAH

Kay Harris is coming back to the Whitsundays-looking for somewhere to live at present but is really keen to get back to all her Zonta friends – also YEAH

Sue Hansen has been kicking her heels up in Hawaii with a family re-union

Connie Riley is in Ohio and has visited the original cabin and grave of her 5th great grandfather, Daniel Boone

Guus Hermans has been in the Northern Territory and visited with us briefly

Pam Graham has been to Melbourne with her sister, hitting the shops, galleries etc.

Carol Brauner is ino America to visit Peter's family

Joan Watson is getting ready to go to Europe.

Robyn and John are recovering well from the terrible accident up at Townsville.



Our Zontians Sharon, Pam, Joan & Annie enjoy International Women's Day

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International Women's Day celebration



Jan, Connie & Sue



Wendy, Carole and guests



Lauren, P.J., Roz, Carole, Dawn, Pam, Kerry, Sue & Connie

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Breakfast meetings at Capers



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 8th May: Speaker Pam Harrison. An update on her work in Zimbabwe:

Pam will give us an update on the incredible work she is doing in Zimbabwe. She is in Africa now and will be there for a couple of months. I know how much we loved her last talk a couple of years ago so really looking forward to maybe spotting an AFADU blanket again in her slideshow.

Tuesday 12th June: Speaker Lynne Brett. The Proserpine Midwives Cambodian Challenge:

Lynne and Emily are heading off to Cambodia in April and returning in May and will be dying to share with us the challenges and achievement of setting up a health clinic in Cambodia and contributing so much to safe birthing in this fascinating country.

Tuesday 10th July: Speaker Anna Derham. Transformational and personal success:

A Breast Cancer survivor and life coach, Anna will speak to us about transformational and personal success. She will be an inspiration to any of us who have had to face unexpected challenges in life.

Tuesday 14th August: Speaker Penny Wilson. Medecins sans Frontieres in Sudan, Africa:

A trained midwife, Penny will talk to us about her experiences working with Medecins sans Frontieres in Balfour, Sudan with special updates on work to combat mother to child HRV transmission.

These breakfast speaker sessions are such a wonderful start to the day. For more information or to let her know you are coming contact Roz 49467370 / 0402056518 . Please invite a guest to share our wonderful speakers with and our Zonta pride.



Robyn spoke about her trip to Ethiopia at a breakfast session at Capers She focussed on the women of Ethiopia, their roles, cultural diversity and the many challenges they face including harmful traditional practices, early arranged marriages, high value on large families, lack of birthing facilities etc . There is much hope, though, and Robyn will be able to tell us about many positive initiatives now being undertaken to improve the lives of the women of Ethiopia.

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Lions Club of Whitsunday Inc.

To help all community organizations become aware of each other and their separate abilities which may be needed in times of common endeavour, the Lions Club of Whitsunday invite members of your organization to



WHITSUNDAY COMBINED SERVICE ORGANISATIONS GET TOGETHER

Cannonvale Reef Gateway Hotel
WEDNESDAY 16TH MAY 2012

6.30 TO 7.15 PM Meet, Greet and Network.....Light Refreshments will be served
7.15 pm WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF ORGANISATIONS
GUEST SPEAKER:

Major General Richard Wilson
Chair of Queensland Reconstruction Authority
Cost \$20/head. Bookings are essential Please advise numbers by 10th May to

Coral Salmon Ph. 49480219 or Sue Gravelle Ph. 49466526
Or e-mail: whitsundaylions@gmail.com

**Zontians: Please show your 'pride' and spend a couple of hours with the other hard workers that support our lovely community.
Let Sandii know if you will be attending**

Janet with more happy faces at IWD



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