



**NEWSLETTER OF THE ZONTA CLUB OF BUNDABERG INC.
QUEENSLAND - AUSTRALIA**

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FEBRUARY DINNER MEETING

Tuesday, 5th February, at Spinnaker Restaurant, Quay Street, Bundaberg at 6.30pm for 7.00pm. \$20.00. **Please Note:** It is important that your apology is received by 10.00am on the day of the meeting – if not you will receive an invoice for the cost of the dinner. Judy always acknowledges email apologies. If you do not receive one, it means Judy has not received it. It is your responsibility to follow this up. You can also leave Judy a phone message.

APOLOGIES to Judy Bedford, phone 4152 4783 or email judy.bedford@bigpond.com

Rosters: Door: Deltry Dickie and Robyn Dyer **Blessing:** Shirley Leacy



***Belated Happy Birthdays in January to: 4th Ann Robinson,
11th Tanya Bell and 28th Jane Truscott
Happy Birthday in February to Lyn Costigan 10th and Leslie Evans 24th***

DIARY NOTE - ROSTERS FOR MARCH & APRIL 2008

Please arrange a replacement if you are unable to do your roster.

March 2008 Door: Trish Eussen and Pat Faircloth ***Blessing:*** Dianne Leggo

April 2008 Door: Lee Fleming and Jean Gahan ***Blessing:*** Debbie Leis

Dates to remember:

9th March 2008 – International Women’s Day Breakfast

19/20 April 2008 - Relay for Life: Put this in your diary now (see page 4)

Sat/Sun 26/27 April, 2008 Area Meeting – Bargara

27 June-2 July 2008 – 59th Zonta International Convention in Rotterdam



Congratulations to Shirley Leacy who on 15th December became a proud grandmother to Aliyah Jade. According to Shirley, she is just the most beautiful baby in the whole world!



Message from President Judy

Dear Members

I hope you all had a very happy and safe Christmas holiday. Happy New Year to you and your families.

At our December Dinner Meeting it was lovely to welcome and induct our new member Jennifer Batts. Jennifer will be joining members on the United Nations Committee.

Thank you and congratulations to the Program Committee members Robyn Rehbein, Wilma Berry, Kaye Hazel and Debbie Leis for making the night very enjoyable. Members looked great in their Christmas attire and we all had fun making our Christmas decoration; exchanging our Christmas presents was very exciting. Thank you to all members who attended and contributed to a very lovely Christmas Hamper for the Women's Crisis Centre.

Our Board Meeting in December was very relaxed with a Dinner at the Park Lane Motel Restaurant.

Thank you to our Program Committee Members Robyn R, Wilma, Kaye and Debbie for organizing our Social Lunch get together on Sunday 20 January 2008. It was well attended by Zontians and it was lovely to welcome their guests and children. My sincere thanks to you all for attending.

As we move into the last four months of this Biennium I wish to draw your attention to what lies ahead in this short time.

We have our International Women's Day Breakfast on Sunday 9 March, Cancer Relay on the weekend of 19/20 April and Area Workshop on the weekend of 25/26 and 27 April. The Status of Women and Service Committee are planning a birthing kit assembly for a weekend in May. In the new Biennium we have our Convention in Rotterdam from June 27th to July 2nd.

Membership in Zonta is an honor and a privilege. It is a responsibility and a commitment on our part to support and improve the legal, political, economic, educational, health and professional status of women worldwide. Hence regular attendance and participation at club meetings, committee meetings and participation in club projects is expected of all members.

I would encourage everyone to participate and contribute in whatever way you can; from this you will experience the satisfaction of service and friendship from a very friendly club such as ours, and have the opportunity of meeting Zontians from other clubs.

I am looking forward to seeing you all at our February Dinner Meeting.

Judy

December Meeting Induction



Judy and Dianne were delighted to induct our newest member, Jennifer Batts.



Former member Joan Hickey and her husband recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. Some of our members were on hand to join with the family and friends to help them celebrate this occasion.



Judy, Brian and Dianne joined with other guests to wish them well.

Memories of Christmas 2007



Happy members joining in the Christmas Hokey Pokey line up.



Board members enjoyed their Christmas breakup dinner also

A New Zonta Year begins: Bargara Berries Luncheon – January 20th



Judy, Wilma and Brian looking happy and relaxed.



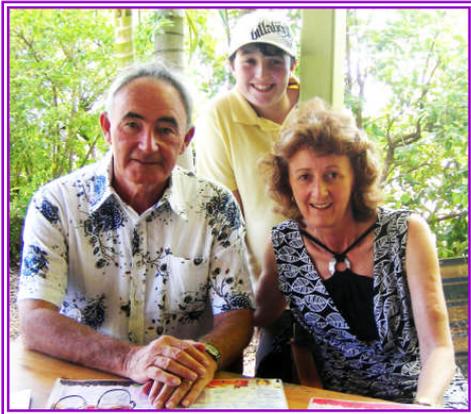
Jean and Dianne enjoyed the company of former Zontian Laurel Anderson



Anne, Jan and Pat catch up on the news



Geoff and Deltry enjoyed hearing about Lee and Cliff's recent overseas trip



It was great to see Le-Anne with husband Glen and son Benjamin.



Greg Pershouse with his mother and our newest member Jennifer



John Faircloth, Lyn and Kaye appreciated the delicious lunch and fine company

Family and friends joined with our Zonta members to share in the camaraderie at Bargara Berries. The food was beautiful and the company was even better!

Here is some news from the Birthing Kit Foundation annual report: (www.birthingkitfoundation.org.au)

The Zonta Birthing Kit Committee transferred to the Birthing Kit Foundation (Australia) in April 2007. The Zonta Birthing Kit Committee members all became Directors of the Foundation.

The project has grown from 100 kits to PNG in 1999 to over 340,000 kits to 30 countries during the period 2004-2007. Over 90 of the 113 Zonta Clubs in Australia held Assembly Days.

RELAY FOR LIFE 19/20 April 2008

This event is drawing closer. There is still time to speak to Dianne about joining one of the teams.

Congratulations to Zonta member Trish Littler

Efforts for burns victims recognised

The woman who helped establish Queensland's skin bank for burns patients has been named Maroochy's Citizen of the Year in the Australia Day awards.

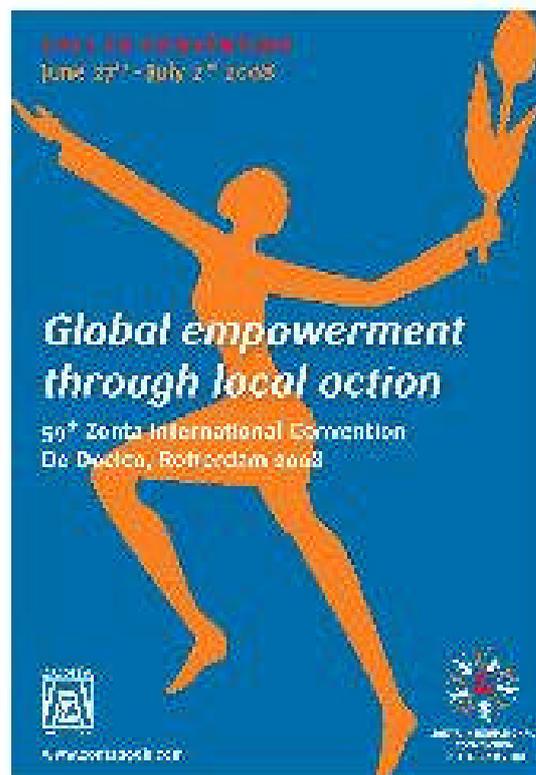
Trish Littler became involved in the project in 1994, after members of the Palmwoods Rural Fire Brigade suffered serious burns when they became caught in a firestorm.

Under Trish's leadership as president, the Zonta Club adopted the skin bank as its area service product. Her vision and persistent lobbying won the support of Zonta Clubs throughout South-East Queensland and northern New South Wales.

Trish has also been treasurer, president and secretary of the Palmwoods CWA, and has served in various other executive roles. She works annually for the Red Cross Calling appeal, was a member of the Rotary-based Inner Wheels Club of the Sunshine Coast and worked on the Mary Murray Welfare Committee.

Maroochy Council has presented five individual achievement Australia Day Awards, with Reed Charity Foundation founder Harry Reed and Sunshine Coast Health Foundation Board chairman Mike Kelly both being recognised for community service.

Sunshine Coast Daily 26/01/2008



CALL TO CONVENTION
Rotterdam June 27th to July 2nd 2008

Have you looked at the ZI web site recently? The Call to Convention 2008 is now available for downloading! Read all about the outstanding speakers, the convention events, the attractive tours.

Check this web site:
<http://www.zonta2008.com/>

Dianne is all packed and ready to go... well almost!
She would love the company of another Bundaberg Zontian, especially if we have two delegates.

This information comes from UNIFEM Australia (www.unifem.org.au) annual report:

- * UNIFEM Goodwill Ambassador Nicole Kidman invited her guests to make their wedding gift a donation to UNIFEM Australia.
- * In 2006/07, membership income rose by 27%, donations by 28% and income raised through IWD events increased by 87%. UNIFEM Australia was granted special consultative status with the UN Economic & Social Council (ECOSOC).
- * Two Afghan students successfully completed their studies at Australian Universities and returned to Afghanistan.
- * UNIFEM Australia gave A\$100,000 to the UN Trust Fund to End Violence Against Women and were invited to participate in the selection process for Trust Fund projects in East and South East Asia.
- * UNIFEM Australia sent A\$100,000 to UNIFEM for a UNIFEM Pacific project.