



MAY 2017

PAM

As President of the Zonta club and also on behalf of myself and all the Zonta Members this is my tribute to our beloved Pam.

The first time I met Pam was through Zonta, at a Zonta General Meeting. She was smiling, happy, friendly and very impressive. I looked up to her instantly, she had so much knowledge and she became a role model for me throughout the years.

Thus, I have had the utmost respect and love for Pam. There have been many many tributes made in the press and individually from our membership on her behalf, some of which you will also find in this newsletter.

There is so much to say about such a lovely lady, where do I start my tribute, do I talk about Pam the President, Pam the Area Director, the Local Icon, the Past President, the Board Member, the Advisor, the Loyal Zontain, the Inaugural Member, the Mentor, the Principal, the Elegant Lady, the Life Time Member, the Happy and Fun Loving Pam, or Pam the Very Good Friend.

Pam was all of that and much more to each and every one of us. The impact she has made on our club and our members is tremendous, and the impact of her passing has been deeply felt throughout the club, the school and local community.

Pam has always been a very strong supporter of Zonta ideals. As I have said, she readily accepted many roles within the Club and the District. Her knowledge of protocol and advice she provided was invaluable. Pam was looked up to and admired by us all. A true Zontian!

There will always be a huge hole in our club now that she has left us, but Pam will remain in our hearts forever. She shared her love with us and we will share our fond memories of her for many years to come.

Pam, we miss you. Rest in Peace. Connie Riley, President

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

May is a month of Happening Things and Action you may not be aware of.

Just look at the calendar of events below:

1st May - is Lei Day – the Hawaiian equivalent of May Day.

3rd May - Free comic book day. Independent comic books stores across the US hand out their wares for free.

4th May - is Star Wars Day – May the fourth be with you. Get it?

6th May - No diet day and no homework day.

Although they weren't created in conjunction, these seem appropriately paired for both children and adults to let loose

a little and just indulge. This is surely one I will embrace at least the no diet part.

8th May – No socks day. I think this is everyday in Airlie.

9th May – Fintastic Friday: Giving Sharks a Voice. Not to be confused with Shark Week

10th May – National Train Day

11th May – Mother's Day – this is one of the important ones

12th May – Limerick Day

16th - May National Pizza Party Day

18th May - International Museum Day

19-26 May – National Backyard Games Week

22 May - World Goth Day

23 May - International World Turtle Day

24th May - International Tiara Day

25th May – Towel Day

30th May – Hug your Cat Day – another important one.

I am sure you will take note of these important events and make sure you mark them in your calendars to celebrate again next May.



Now to the more serious Zonta things:

The most important day for our Zonta Club for the whole year is in May when we have our Changeover Day. 27th May is the day to Welcome in the New President, Kerrie, and the New Board for the start of our brand new year. I have really enjoyed my term in office and have been honoured to have been your President for 2016-2017.

My thanks go to all of you for the support and respect you have shown me. I want to give my best wishes to Kerrie and her new team and wish them the very best for their year in office. I am quite happy to remain on the Board as the Past President for the new term. We will have a fresh and exciting year ahead of us. LET'S GO FOR IT!!!!

Connie Riley, President



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MEMBERSHIP

I hope you all have your new logins from Zonta International. If anyone has any problems logging in on please let me know.

It has been great seeing all the guests coming to our meetings, maybe we will see some of them joining our Zonta family soon. **Judy Brown, Chair**

ADVOCACY



On the 29th April, Wendy and I had the most fabulous day of fellowship and fun when the second annual Birthing Kit packing day was held on Hamilton Island. As Janet Keppke was passionate about this project, it was held again in her honour and she would be so excited to know that about 20 girls attended, many who were at the previous packing day.

Cyclone Debbie had taken its toll on many of the ladies, with real estate and belongings damaged beyond repair and it was so lovely to still see them there supporting others and giving of their time.

300 kits were packed and funds were raised to cover the half still needing funding. Awesome Girls! Thanks must go to Nuria Murgades – Davis for hosting the event and for putting both Wendy and I up for the night (:

On May 19th, Australian of the Year, Rosie Batty is speaking at the Mackay Women in Business dinner, sponsored by the ZONTA Club of Mackay, at the Windmill Motel and Events Centre. Rosie, an Australian domestic violence campaigner and the 2015 Australian of the Year began her role as a campaigner in 2014 after her 11 year old son Luke Batty was murdered by his father Greg Anderson. Please let me know if you would like to come as I will be driving down and have 3 spaces. Rosie will inspire us, motivate us and connect with us as we continue our fight against domestic violence and our "SAY NO CAMPAIGN".

Bookings \$85 pp <http://www.trybooking.com>

After a very long conversation with myself, I came to the conclusion (and hope you all understand) that I must resign my Advocacy position for this year, until my usually bright and happy self returns. This year, I have a lot to get through and we leave on May 27th for a month's field trip to our orphanage and feel I will have a far better chance of surviving if I start saying NO to a few things. After talking to Maxine, who has held the portfolio before, she is very happy to take over my role. I know she will do a fabulous job and I will totally support her once I return from Zimbabwe. **Pammie Harrison, Chair**

Family violence may happen behind closed doors but it needs to be brought out from these shadows and into broad daylight

*- Rosie Batty
Australian of the Year*



SERVICE:

"The Zonta Club of Whitsundays were scheduled to run their sausage sizzle at Bunnings on the weekend following STC Debbie, and Bunnings reacted, advising Zonta that Bunnings would pay for the food, and that Cyclone Debbie donations received should be allocated to a local charitable organization of Zonta's choice. Their Committee shortlisted several worthy organisations and to our pleasant surprise, voted overwhelmingly that the proceeds be donated to VMR. Whitsunday residents have been extremely generous and Zonta has presented us with a cheque for an amazing \$2,823.55."

Roger Wodson VMR



Carol, Carole & Pete show their masterchef skills

Pictured below, Zonta Committee Members Carole Lindsay and Ann Cleghorn presented the Zonta cheque to VMR Whitsunday Secretary, Roger Wodson



EDUCATION BURSARIES:

UPDATE ON STEVIE SMITH IN BRISBANE: Noelene Helman

On the 18th March Stevie emailed her thanks for our support – commenting it was absolutely fantastic !! I also had an email on 21st March from her father Jim in UK thanking us very much for supporting Stevie and how the family are hoping to be able to repay us.

When we helped Stevie, many thought it was a shame we could not do more at the time. Pam Harrison contacted a friend whose daughter-in-law (Louise) works for Terry White chemists and I passed her contact on to Stevie. They have been in touch and there may be work on Saturdays available. Stevie has also had other interviews – her main problem being fitting in the hours available with her university timetable and she is working on this. She has an independent streak and thought we Zonta ladies had done enough already without trying to help with work. Let's hope something can be organised for her.

Meantime life goes on at uni and she has been locked away in the library for the last few weeks and is gradually getting back on track but at times it is hard. Renee Martin is giving me a contact for Stevie to speak with someone in Brisbane re her mother's death.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

May 12—Christine Garabedian

June 13—Athena Murray

20—Sheridan Faletti

27—Sue Hansen

30—Catherine Moscato



Date Claimers:

May: 20-21st Area Conference – Cairns – put this on your calendar/wish list!

27th: Changeover—Bowls Club

Book Club: Last Wednesday of Each Month – Contact Kerry Kenyon

June: 6—Board Meeting—11.30—Kerrie Adams

15—General Meeting—Reef Gateway—6PM for 6.30 start

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We will miss the 'soul' of our club. Rest in peace, Pam – she left us on 21/04/2017

Noelene writes of a trip with Pam: We had a lovely day on Daydream Island for the Changeover in 2012 and on the ferry home we sat opposite a young man working on his computer. He looked up as we sat down and said to Pam - I know you -you were my school principal. Pam asked him his name and she remembered him as one of the "naughty boys".

Apparently Pam gave the naughty ones a yellow card and he received quite a few!! He had grown up and was a very nice young man - polite and funny. Sitting there listening to their reminiscences it was a lovely end to a great day with Pam. Wherever you went with her she always knew people - she was a very popular ex principal at the school- and usually had a story to tell. I will miss her.

Ode to 'our' Pam, written by 'our' Annie Lloyd- Lewis

I am Pam
Pam I am
I do not like green eggs and ham

I do not like to throw out books
They're in my garage stacked in nooks
And hanging off sharp butchers' hooks

I really truly do not like spiders.
Hairy, scary little hiders.
They're in the garage behind my readers
The creepy, crawly, little breeders.
I do not like to side and brood
Folks who're rude or rhubarb stewed.
Gosh so much talk just on food.

But that's me,
I am Pam
I do not like green eggs and ham.

Then one day the sun did not shine.
We were too sad to play
So we sat in the house all that cold, cold sad day
I sat there with Sharon, we sat there we two
And I said, "How I wish we knew what to do"

Too sad to go out
Too sad to play ball
So we sat in the house

We knew the truth to that awful rumour
Our friend Pam had found a brain tumour

Then all of a sudden we stopped being glum
As we started to think, and talk of our chum
Sharon said, "Caring", I said "Admired and so loyal"
To family and friends she's the most loyal 'goyal'

Then it was easy to make a long list
But quickly, before we both got too....tired!

It was like playing tennis between her and me
'Nurturing' she said, I said 'protective', then together
"FAMILY"

She's kind and positive, the glass always half full
Though life has recently been very cruel

But so brainy and determined to succeed
She's even taught herself to read

Ready to party beyond what's expected
Being chatty and funny, but always respected

Loves a red or a white, as long as there's cheese
And continues to work with what seems like ease

Pam...Principal, President, leader and friend



OUR PAM:

Hello everyone, I was asked if I could put together a tribute to Pam and I would like to share this with you today. Within the Zonta community on both a district and local level Pam was held at the highest esteem and loved and respected by all.

Pam has always been such a guiding light for us and in Roz' words "she exemplified everything a Zontian should be with gentle encouragement, sage advice, kindness and warm positivity.

At times, she would have to keep us on the straight and narrow and use her "Principal's voice" to do so but then you would see the twinkle in her eye the inclination of her head, the smile and calm resolve and you knew that the issue you were debating was in safe hands and that she would encourage us to the best outcome.

Our charter of advancing the status of women came so naturally to Pam as I believe she lived her life by these principles striving for excellence and encouraging others along the way. Pam had this knack of saying "you know you really should be on that committee they need you" and you would, you would step up she gave you that confidence. She loved people reaching their potential.

Even as little as 3 weeks ago I sent her a text to let her know I was thinking of her and I added the post script that St Catherine Catholic school had held their first Z Club meeting and Pam's response was congratulations to all and she hoped that her strength would return so she could attend the formal inductions. Again, Pam's passion for education and belief still burning bright with desire in helping those young students of today to develop and to become the leaders of tomorrow.

For our Club Pam was our President, our Area Director, our leader, our Oracle, our Parliamentarian, our Mentor, and our very good friend she was "our Pam".

Pam became the first Life Member of the Zonta Club of the Whitsundays in 2012 in recognition of all that she had achieved and continued to do for the Zonta Club.



And I know that "our Pam" will be forever a big part of our Zonta Club because she is and always will be "our Pam"!

Submitted by Sandii Hansen



Zonta Honour Guard as we say good bye to the heart of our club.

She is sorely missed.