



JUNE 2012

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hello everyone,

Well, this is my first report as President and I believe I am going to enjoy this! Such a pleasurable time I have had during my year as President Elect.

Everyone I have spoken to, so far, have been very willing to become involved in a committee or are certainly thinking about a project they would like to submit to the board for approval.

Dear Sandii is definitely wearing a grin from ear to ear and has a spring to her step...what a wonderful job she has done in the last two years as our very successful President. She has been a delight to work with, and I know she will be extremely supportive to me as I find my way through these next few months.

This next week is going to be very busy... with another of Roz's excellent Breakfast Talks at Capers, on Tuesday, starting at 7.30am. It will be wonderful hearing about Lynne's time in Cambodia, hear about the tuk tuk we donated and their experiences establishing a health clinic.

On Tuesday evening, the old and new board members are meeting to exchange ideas for the Zonta Club in the coming year, and will also pass across all their experiences and advice concerning projects and the general running of the club...plus of course a delicious sit down meal and the odd splash of bubbly.

I also know we are all looking forward to our Changeover Lunch at Daydream Island.....a great excuse (not that we need one) to enjoy fellowship together in a relaxed tropical island atmosphere. See you all there.



Cheers, Angela

On behalf of all members, we would like to extend our congratulations and welcome to your New Board of the Zonta Club of the Whitsundays. We wish them well for an exciting year ahead!

- Secretary: Noelene Helman
- Service: Dawn Green
- OMC: Kerry Kenyon
- President: Angela Spicer
- LAA: Janet Keppke
- Treasurer: Catherine Moscato
- Vice President: Roz Jennings

We would also like to thank our retiring Board members for their job well done: Sandii Hansen, President, Connie Riley, Vice-President and P.J. Halter, OMC Director



A Thank you from Sandii:

I would just like to say a heartfelt "thank you" to all the members of the Board that I had the absolute pleasure to work with, as well as all of the membership for being so wonderfully supportive during my two years as President of the Zonta Club of the Whitsundays. As I stated in my annual Report, it was a position that I was both very privileged and proud to hold and I would not have been able to achieve this level of enjoyment and satisfaction without this support freely given to me.

Congratulations and all of the best to Angela and her team. I know that they will do a sensational job and have the full support of all of the membership, something that our club is well renowned for, and they will have a brilliant year ahead!

My very last cheers! Sandii



Was this you???

Several days ago, as I left a meeting at The Reef Gateway, I desperately gave myself a personal TSA pat down. I was looking for my keys. They were not in my pockets or my handbag. A quick search in the meeting room revealed nothing..

Suddenly I realized I must have left them in the car. Frantically, I headed for the parking lot. My husband has scolded me many times for leaving the keys in the ignition. My theory is the ignition is the best place not to lose them. His theory is that the car will be stolen. As I burst through the door, I came to a terrifying conclusion. His theory was right. The parking lot was empty.

I immediately called the police. I gave them my location, confessed that I had left my keys in the car, and that it had been stolen. Then I made the most difficult call of all, "Honey," I stammered; I always call him "honey" in times like these. "I left my keys in the car, and it has been stolen."

There was a period of silence. I thought the call had been dropped, but then I heard his voice. "Idiot", he barked, "I dropped you off!". Now it was my time to be silent. Embarrassed, I said, "Well, come and get me."

He retorted, "I will, as soon as I convince this policeman I have not stolen your car."

Yep, it's the golden years.

DATE CLAIMERS

12 June: Breakfast meeting Capers, Speaker Lynne Brett
The Proserpine Midwives Cambodian Challenge

12 June: Board Meeting – 5.30— Kerry's

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

27 June: Last Wednesday Book Club - 5p.m. at Cath's—Horizontians and partners welcome.

7 July: "Invite a guest" Zonta Information Afternoon Tea—2.00—Whitsunday B & B (**Flyer attached**)

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.

11 September: Breakfast meeting Capers, Speaker Sue Methany, Whitsunday Crisis & Counselling



REPORTS

LAA REPORT AND UNITED NATIONS

Trafficking of women for sexual slavery Not a problem in Australia? WRONG.

One of the great myths about trafficking in persons, or human trafficking as it is more commonly known, is that it is not a problem for most countries of the world. Wrong!

All authorities on the topic, from the United Nations down, have evidence that human trafficking is a crime that takes place in almost every country of the world, whether as a source or a destination of trafficked persons. Australia is no exception. In fact, according to Australian Federal Government press releases, from 2004 to May 2007, the Australian Federal Police investigated 117 cases relating to allegations involving slavery, deceptive recruiting and sexual servitude, as well as more than 150 allegations of child sex tourism offences.

Even if Australia has less of a problem in this than some other countries, human trafficking concerns us all because it deprives people of their basic human rights and freedoms. Beyond that, it also fuels the growth of organized crime and has global health implications.

Noting that the objects of Zonta are to advance the status of women worldwide, Zonta members have a particular concern with the trafficking of women and children for sexual slavery or servitude. It is worth noting that sexual servitude can be perpetrated in a variety of circumstances unrelated to human trafficking. An information kit about human trafficking of women and children for sexual slavery is being developed by a group of individual Zonta members who are particularly concerned about this crime occurring in Australia.



Sourced from Zonta Australia web site... Janet Keppke LAA Director

Book review

I have just finished reading the remarkable story of Valerie Browning, which was co-authored by John Little, who also co-authored *Hospital by the River* and *Catherine's Gift*, which told the story of Catherine Hamlin's work. It is available as an e-book from Angus and Robertson.

Maalika: My Life Among The Afar Nomads Of Africa

In 1973, Valerie Browning, a young Sydney nurse, volunteered to go to Ethiopia to help the victims of a devastating famine. She had little or no conception of Africa or Africans, and yet the continent and its people would become the guiding force of her life. Galvanized by the suffering she witnessed in Ethiopia, on her return to Australia she became a human rights and aid activist for the people of the Horn of Africa. Valerie's work led her back to Africa again and again, involving her - at considerable risk to herself - in the armed liberation conflicts of the region. Even as she discovered brutality and corruption at the heart of these political movements, she also found love, marrying Ismael Ali Gardo, whose people, the Afar, roamed Ethiopia, Eritrea and the Sudan as nomadic herdsman. Ismael's life mission was to help the Afar - desperately poor, uneducated, landless, and the victims of oppression in every country they once roved freely. Soon it became Valerie's too, as she embraced their culture and threw herself into their cause. In one of the most inhospitable landscapes on earth, Valerie and Ismael have waged an incredible struggle, bringing health and education to a people who would otherwise have nothing. Valerie's story is both an astonishing adventure and a testament to how determination and passion can achieve extraordinary things. Submitted by Robyn Mitchell



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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 12th June: Speaker Lynne Brett. The Proserpine Midwives

Cambodian Challenge:

Lynne and Emily are returning from Cambodia 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.

Tuesday 11th September: Speaker Sue Methany. Whitsunday Crisis and

Counselling Service

Sue will talk to us about domestic violence, including initiatives being taken to prevent it eg White Ribbon Day and strategies being introduced into schools for conflict resolution. Eg Rock and Water

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 PRINT THIS PAGE, SHARE WITH A FRIEND AND
BRING THEM ALONG TO THESE FABULOUS AND
INSPIRING WAYS TO START THE DAY**





SERVICE

International Women's Day Committee

The new IWD committee had their first meeting last month. The committee of Carole, Christina, Pam, Pammie, Judy and Lauren, with past members Dawn and Janet, met over morning tea at Kerry's to consider members' new suggestions as well as the tried and true to flesh out the form and substance of next year's event. (Kerrie was recovering from a knee operation. We wish her well and hope to have her back on board soon.)

The committee began by looking at the alternative suggestions to the traditional brunch but agreed that none of these were suitable due to the heat and unreliability of the weather in March and of course, we are locked in to the date. Given this restraint, we moved on to discuss location and theme and came up with what we thought were some exciting possibilities. A change of venue to Peppers Resort is being looked into, as is the idea of changing the format slightly to an interactive panel discussion, actively involving the audience. The theme of "Women and Humour" was also settled on with the intention of celebrating the ways in which women often face adversity through mutual support and humour.

Committee members are currently sourcing suitable panel members and any suggestions or contacts from the membership would be very welcome. Problems and omissions were also addressed and some changes planned to deal with them. All in all, it was a very positive and energetic start and members left to embark on various tasks with enthusiasm. Please give them your support.

Books from Birth

We have some more donated books ready to go and now that Judy is back the committee will be getting together to organise the next shipment. All members are asked to donate any basic cooking books, basic craft books and activities for women and young children and very basic reading books for ages 0-6 years. Craft items are also needed but please contact Judy first before bringing these in. A get-together is planned to happen shortly and all Zonta members are requested to help with sorting and packing items if they are able (of course it will be fun!) Please look out for an email with the date and details which will be going out to all members.

AFADU

The AFADU group continues to meet monthly to knit squares and sew them together into stunning rugs while having an enjoyable social time. Please contact Carole if you are interested in taking part or know someone who would be willing to knit squares.

Finally, thanks once again to the committee chairs and members who have supported me and contributed to all the Service activities over the last two years. All the best to Dawn who is taking over this month and who I know will do a brilliant job!

Kerry Kenyon, Service Director 2010-2012

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ORGANISATION, MEMBERSHIP & CLASSIFICATION

Please print the attached flyer for afternoon tea at Janet's Whitsunday B & B. This event is open to any and all guests to share information about Zonta. Without each one of us inviting a guest, our club can't grow and do all the wonderful things we have planned. This will replace the Information Night, often held in July.

MEMBER NEWS

Bula Bula Noelene—welcome back from a trip to Fiji with your daughters.
June Birthdays: 27th Sue Hansen/30th Catherine Moscato

PROFILE: Dawn Green

When I joined Zonta: I joined Zonta in June 2010

How I heard about Zonta: While visiting the Whitsunday's on one of our trips, before moving up here from Sydney, I met Suzie Bernie and Wendy Downes, and they both mentioned coming along as a visitor. My husband went to a Boat Show when he was travelling solo and mentioned that "the Zonta Girls were having fun working at the show".

Positions held in Zonta: 2 years on IWD Brunch Committee.
Newly elected Director of Service

Resources and Skills available to Zonta: Ex Banker

Why are you living in the Whitsundays? After retiring from Sydney we needed somewhere with good fishing, warm weather and plenty of outdoor activities. We had visited the Whitsundays the first time on a 10 day cruise with 26 other couples we knew from the football club, with which we were heavily involved. This wetted our appetite for the region and, after a few more visits, we decided that this was it.

Tell us something about your family: I lived at Sylvania NSW until getting married to Warwick when 19 and he had returned from National Service in Vietnam. We purchased our home in Engadine shortly after and only sold it to move up here. We have two sons, Luke and Ben four grandchildren. Jackson, Madison, Ella and Max.

Share some of your life and/or career highlights: After completing a Secretarial Certificate, I started work in Sydney with my office looking straight over Circular Quay. This was at the time you had to resign your position if you got married and it was up to the Employer if they reappointed you. How would that go over with today's generation? After leaving to work closer to home, I was employed as a Bank Teller. I was one of the first women appointed to such a position. We had a gun under the counter and pistol practice as part of our training. I remember that before you were allowed to shoot someone you had to yell three times "stop, halt I'll shoot." Glad I never had to. I stayed in banking all my working life.

