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Hi everyone,

We had another fun-filled *Mystery Dinner fundraiser*, ably planned by our *organiser extraordinaire, Marion*. As one of the hosts, Peter and I opted for Christmas in July. With a glowing fire



on a cool night, it certainly added atmosphere to the event. It's great fun not knowing who is going to knock on your door, and adds

intrigue to the event. It's a lovely way to get to know members on a more personal level in your own home, and gives some an opportunity to practise their culinary skills. So a **BIG THANK YOU** to *Alison, Anastasia and Hilda and their partners* for hosting this event.

Some of us also attended *Swan Hills' Winter Wonderland Motown Dinner/Dance* at the Mallard Duck, another lovely social event. I believe this raised over \$2,000 and as it was so successful, looks like continuing as one of their major annual fundraisers.



As you can see, the wonderful decorations and white decor certainly emulated a wintery scene although the atmosphere was friendly and warm. With such a small membership base, Swan Hills are exceeding all expectations when it

comes to putting on a good show! The restaurant looked a picture and it augers well for our *Founders Dinner to be held there on 5 November*.

I am really looking forward to our *Young Women in Public Affairs Award Gala Dinner*. This is the highlight meeting of the year and a great opportunity for us all to invite guests who will be inspired, as we are every year, by these young women with such optimism for the future.



Again this year we have three finalists, all of whom will speak for a few minutes on the topic *"The woman who inspires me most."* Last year's awardee—*Rosalinda Wren*—will tell us about her first year at university.

The Service Committee and Dinner subcommittee, have put in a tremendous effort behind the scenes to bring this Award Night together, with assistance from the PR Committee. Dawn's flyer and email makes it so simple to invite friends, family, and/or work colleagues. We are so lucky to have Bishop Kay Goldsworthy as our MC again, thanks to Judi Rossi. Incidentally, there was a wonderful article about the Bishop's journey in the Sunday Times last week—did you see it?

Since these awards were initiated by Zonta International in 1990, *awards totalling \$US430,750, have been made to 534 young women from 50 countries*. Their goal is to encourage more young women to participate in public and political life by recognizing a commitment to the volunteer sector, evidence of volunteer leadership achievements and a dedication to the advancement of the status of women.

I'm sure this year's event will be another great success—hope you are all looking forward to it as much as I—see you there nice and early, so we can welcome all our special guests.

Jean Wyder, President

MYSTERY SOLVED !

Not an Agatha Christie 'who dunnit' but hosts and guests were finally revealed on Saturday 23 July. From all accounts our Mystery Dinner Fundraiser was great fun once again, thanks to Marion who seems to have an uncanny skill in matching diners with dinners! Here's some of the feedback—

- *Anastasia and Hilda co-hosted a delicious feast of traditional Ukrainian/Slovenian food at Anastasia's amazing new house.*
- *Alison—at her pink house on the hill—provided her guests with a glass of bubbly on arrival followed by a superb meal, including a Moroccan dish.*



- *And, as mentioned by Jean, she and Peter warmed their guests with traditional Christmas fare. A great idea for mid winter.*

Unfortunately, with quite a number of members either on leave, otherwise engaged, or away tripping, this year's event may not reap the same rewards as last year. However, if you weren't able to support this event, see if you can make one or more of the next. We need to keep those dollars rolling in to meet our 2011-2012 budget!

Thank you again Marion for taking on this task and making it such a memorable and fun night for everyone. Mixing new and longer-standing members was a great idea!

TRIP OF A LIFETIME



“As we flew into Cairo April 7th I was full of excitement and anticipation. What a fascinating place, full of history, contradictions

and wonderful, generous people. My highlights were the Nile River cruise, Abu Simbel, hot air ballooning over the Valley of the Kings and the SIWA Oasis. The history in Egypt, 1000's of years, makes Europe seem boring!

We spent the rest of our time in a beautiful part of Italy, BASSANO DEL GRAPPA, about 75 kms from Venice. It is a magical place with the mountains in the background and the Brenta River



flowing through the town. John has close to 100 relations here so we had lots of visits, lots of eating, lots of hugs and kisses and it was great. It was wonderful to have the time to reconnect and get to know each other. Our children joined us here for 3 weeks and that was a very special experience! Heaps of wonderful memories and lots of laughs and "family moments."



We are certainly lucky people to have had this opportunity and I always make sure that I remember how blessed I am”

Sue Pertile



Pisani Villa once owned by Napoleon

We'll look forward to catching up in person again Susan—we've missed your bubbly personality over these past couple of months. (Ed.)



Our dollar is looking pretty good against the greenback. Consider making a donation to the Zonta Int'l Foundation.



If you didn't understand what LA&A was all about, then Anastasia certainly cleared up some of our misconceptions with her excellent PowerPoint presentation in June. Thank you A for putting this together. It would be worthwhile emailing Anastasia for a copy.



NEW MEMBER PROFILE

Fran Cramphorn was born and has lived most of her life in Western Australia. Her current position is at the Ombudsman's office where she enjoys the work of resolving complaints about the decision making of public authorities in this State.

Previously, Fran worked full-time for five years as a consultant within WA's Disability Network (DEN). This role entailed motivating large corporations to employ disabled people on a full wage and to modify the environment in order to enable full participation. Prior to this she taught, primarily, in early childhood. In between her teaching and other roles, Fran studied law and philosophy.

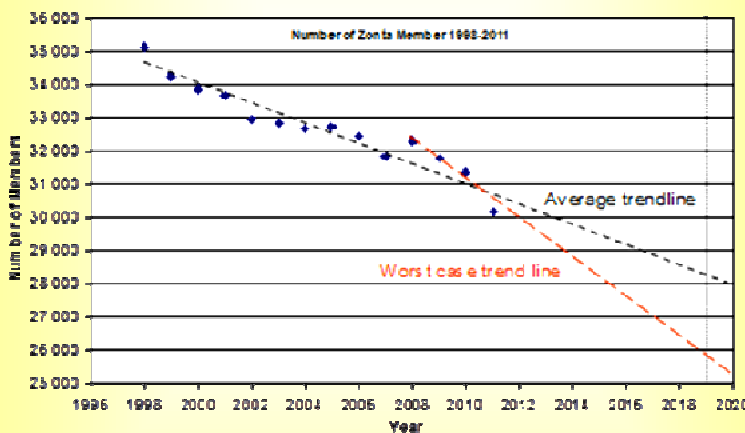
In her spare time Fran enjoys attending courses in wine tasting, driving through our lovely Swan Valley visiting cellars, and hosting modest meals for her friends. In addition, she belongs to a book club, where she met Bronwyn, and always enjoys a good discussion on literature and ideas.

Fran looks forward to the path ahead and to being a Zontian as she has always enjoyed community involvement. No doubt Fran's skills will be welcomed on the Service Committee where she is keen to assist in an advocacy role. We look forward to working with Fran, her input and friendship, and hope that she finds membership of Zonta a happy and fulfilling experience .

ZONTA AWARENESS—Membership Decline Concerns

Zonta International President, Dianne Curtis, in her recent newsletter, has focused on membership, something we all need to address if we are to service our goals to *Advance the Status of Women Worldwide*. Here's some of what she wrote—

“This biennium, we set a goal to achieve a net increase in members and asked each club to recruit just one new member. However, our membership has continued to decline. In the first year of 2010-2012 Biennium, we have lost 1,183 members which accounts for approximately one member per club. As of 31 May, Zonta International now has 30,171, members. Please take a look at the membership graph below to see what continued losses in membership mean for Zonta in the coming years. We must take action now to reverse the trend and revitalize our organization if we wish to continue to make a difference in the lives of women in our communities and around the world.“



These figures look pretty grim but PNS are redressing this issue with the induction of 3 members since the end of 2010—thanks to Bronwyn who has introduced 2 friends. **However, we ALL need to take responsibility for recruiting.** We need to share our passion for Zonta and support and encourage the next generation of Zontians. Imagine what we could accomplish if each of us recruited just one new member! We'd have over 60,000 members worldwide and a club of over 60! Now wouldn't that make our Zonta lives much easier. **BIGGER in this case is BETTER!** Let's do it.

ALMA'S ALASKAN ODYSSEY

Whilst we were celebrating our 30th Birthday in June, Alma and Mal were out spotting grizzlies in Denali National Park, Alaska!

Not only that, their trip took in heaps more - Canada, New Mexico and Santa Fe, on various modes of transport—cruising, walking and a trip on the Alaskan Explorer Dome Train. Makes you want to pack your bags and head off, doesn't it? Here's what Alma had to say—



"We had a wonderful five-week trip with stunning scenery being the norm. Throwing snowballs—different—and the wildlife through the Rockies and Alaska a true delight.

The world famous Denali 6 million acre National Park is unique in its landscape and wildlife. We were fortunate on the trip to see 12 black bears including



a mother with 2 cubs, plenty of moose, elk, caribou, reindeer, 4 wolves (one very close) and the real highlight—4

grizzly bears 3 of which were close (one extra close, less than 10 metres away). What wonderful animals.

We were also thrilled to see families of orcas, humpback whales breaching, sea otters (what a delight). We also tried Zip Lining which is a great thrill flying through the air on a wire. As Mal said - "Zip Lining, never again, the stop was not good!"



New Mexico is different with lots of history dating back to the wild west, Santa Fe and Taos home of Geronimo's Tribes..Kit Carson..Billy the Kid and of course Westward Ho on the Santa Fe Trail.

Overall it was a tremendous holiday experience."

AROUND THE CLUB

We welcome **Carolyn McMickan** to our club. Carolyn and husband moved to Perth from Ballarat with Carolyn transferring from there to the Perth Club. They have three adult children. However, since they live north of the river and for convenience, she has elected to transfer to PNS. How lucky are we?

In terms of occupation, Carolyn works as a casual secondary school teacher at Ballajura Community College but is also a partner in their family farm near Daylesford in Victoria where they breed Dohne sheep, Angus cattle and crop. They have a stock manager but Carolyn undertakes most of the farm's administrative tasks.



Carolyn grew up in Sydney and has a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Aboriginal/Intercultural Studies and a Graduate Diploma of Education.

Welcome aboard Carolyn. We look forward to making your membership at PNS a happy and productive one.

Oh no—one of our flock has broken a fetlock! Well, not quite her fetlock but she's been grounded nevertheless with a bent arm. We won't go into the details of how this happened, but I will be chauffeuring her to the meeting so will make some discreet enquiries on the way! The 'Mystery Member' will be revealed next week! (Ed.)



Kath Snashall has kindly offered to run our cushion assembly days whilst Laurel's on LoA. Thanks Kath. Keep an eye out for the next date. However, Laurel's not planning to stay idle. She told me she might make up some covers whilst in Sydney.



Dagmar flew off to northern Europe with friends last Friday for a five-week holiday.

Book Mart

'Gitta' has just released a new library list—have you checked it out yet?



All smiles last year at the **Fiori Coffee Tasting**. You won't want to miss this special event on **Saturday 27 August** if you're a connoisseur or even if you're not! You'll get to sample 6 or 7 fine coffees brewed professionally from the finest beans. It's fun and you'll love the finale! **Only 4 places left so be quick and give Leanne a ring 9445 2859.**

Did you know that during the recent visit of the Australian Girls' Choir that Letitia and Alison billeted some of the young women? Well done, ladies—very kind and noble of you both to help in this way.

Please note that the Breakfast at Dagmar's has been postponed from 14 August until a date later in the year—to be advised.



DIARY DATES

3 August	YWPA Award Dinner
27 August	Fiori Coffee Demonstration
7 Sept	Dinner Meeting
17 Sept	Cushion Assembly Day TBC
5 October	Dinner Meeting
7-9 October	District Conference
23 Oct	UNIFEM Spring Walk
5 Nov	Founders' Dinner
9 Nov	Dinner Meeting (not 2nd!)
26 Nov	Bunnings Sausage Sizzle

A woman was sipping a glass of wine whilst sitting on the patio with her husband. She says—"I love you so much, I don't know how I could ever live without you!" Her husband asks—"Is that you, or the wine talking?" She replies—"It's me....talking to the wine!"

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