

# The Zontapreneur



Zonta Club of Perth Northern Suburbs Inc.

Member of Zonta International

Volume 13, Issue 4—October 2011

PO Box 255, Karrinyup, WA 6921 Email: [secretary@zontaperthns.org.au](mailto:secretary@zontaperthns.org.au) Web: [www.zontaperthns.org.au](http://www.zontaperthns.org.au)



Hi everyone,

I took the opportunity this month for a week's R & R in Phuket. It was very relaxing with no 'phones or computer to attend to. With warm weather, a beautiful pool and some nice spa treatments, I came back feeling like a new woman!



(holiday camps for mother and child victims of domestic violence and safety seminars for migrant women), but for her other voluntary work entailing, *inter alia*, teaching English to migrants, helping stroke patients with speech and working as an oral historian.

Many in the club are gearing up for our trip to Melbourne for the Conference. Hopefully everyone will keep a keen eye on the arrangements in preparation for our Conference in 2013. We will all have to be ambassadors to sell Western Australia to our fellow Zontians, as well as promoting our number plate frames and utility bags. It is a great pity that, due to ill health, Letitia will now not be joining us as planned. We all wish her a full and speedy recovery and look forward to seeing her back at the club sooner than later.

Jean Wyder, President

## OCTOBER UNITED NATIONS MONTH

We noticed how hard people worked and the long hours put in, and it certainly makes you appreciate how lucky we are to be in this country. This was most evident at the *Mallard Duck* last Sunday in wonderful surrounds on a beautiful Spring morning when many of our members enjoyed a delightful breakfast with our Swan Hills' sisters.

Alison and I were very pleased to accompany *Margaret Field* to the *City of Stirling Community Service Awards*.



Margaret shown here with Councillor Stephanie Proud, Jean and Alison.

The Mayor gave out silver and gold-framed certificates to some very worthy volunteers. *Margaret was awarded hers in the category of innovation.* I think you will all agree this was well deserved for her contribution, not only to our club

This is the month when we should reflect on the work of the United Nations and Zonta International's relationship with this body.

Zonta Club of Perth Northern Suburbs Inc.  
Member of Zonta International

Advancing the Status of Women Worldwide

**DINNER MEETING**  
5 OCTOBER 2011

October is *United Nations Month!* Did you know that the United Nations newest entity, *UN Women*, has a Perth Chapter?

**UN WOMEN**

Kerry Stopher, member of the executive team of UN Women WA, will be the guest speaker at our special meeting this month. Listen to Kerry de-mystify UN Women and share her experiences as a part of this vibrant volunteer group. Kerry is also the manager of Community Development with the Disability Services Commission.

Come along and celebrate the diversity of women internationally at our United Nations theme night.

DATE: Wednesday 5 October  
TIME: 6.30 for 7.00 pm  
PLACE: The Lake Karrinyup Country Club  
COST: \$40 for dinner plus drinks  
RSVP: By Friday, 30 September

For further information about the Zonta Club of Perth Northern Suburbs visit our website [www.zontaperthns.org.au](http://www.zontaperthns.org.au)

Zonta International is a global organization of executive and professional women working together to advance the status of women worldwide through service and advocacy.

new entity will encompass and build on the work of four distinct parts of the UN system which focus exclusively on women's empowerment and gender equality.

When this was formed many Zontians were concerned that our projects with UNIFEM would be affected. However we have been assured that our projects will continue as contracted. In fact, the NGOs concerned with women's issues have been behind this movement and lobbied to have it become a reality.

**UN Women** will work for *'the elimination of discrimination against women and girls, the empowerment of women and the achievement of equality between women and men as partners and beneficiaries of development, human rights, humanitarian action and peace and security.'*

Zonta has representatives who sit on UN committees in Geneva, Paris, New York and Vienna. Our Zonta International *United Nations Committee* is headed by *Mary Ann Tarantula* from the ZC of Northern Valley, USA. It is responsible for—



- Receiving and disseminating pertinent information from the UN to the ZI Board and membership at large.
- Suggesting international advocacy initiatives to advance the status of women.
- Promoting relations between the UN, its agencies and Zonta International.

**Don't forget to RSVP to June Fowler by Friday 30 September.**

Later—on **Sunday 23 October**—we will be running our usual *'SPRING WALK'* when we meet in North Beach for a pleasant stroll through the Star Swamp Reserve returning via the beach promenade. *All proceeds from this will go to UN Women.*

So, mark this date in your diary NOW and keep an eye out for the flyer which will be sent out shortly.

## BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

October is also Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

This is the time of year when the community can assist in a direct way to raise funds for the National Breast Cancer Foundation.

Through radio stations, top-name music celebrities, listeners and other programs, funds can be raised for free mammograms for those women who would otherwise miss out on this service. You can go to your favourite radio station's website and click on the pink ribbon banner or go straight to—

[www.thebreastcancersite.com/clickToGive](http://www.thebreastcancersite.com/clickToGive)



Your click here will then translate into monetary contributions from corporate sponsors which money is then distributed by the National Breast Cancer Foundation to hospitals, clinics, missions and mobile mammography units coast to coast.

**Don't think anymore about it—just do it—you could save a life!**

Our cushions are making a difference too. Recently **Kath Snashall** corralled a group of her friends and made 26 which will find their way to a number of local hospitals. **Elaine Newman, Area 3 Cushion Co-ordinator**, said “*Sadly, the demand continues.*” Kath will arrange another assembly day very shortly so look out for the date.



Elaine, shown right, handing over some of our cushions for the YWCA Encore Program

Letitia, Alison, Elaine, Ruth Thomas and ‘yours truly’ attended a scrumptious morning tea at Royal Perth Golf Club on Saturday 3 September to raise funds for the Y’s Encore Program. Narelda Jacobs, having recently returned from walking the Kokoda Trail, was guest speaker. What an inspiration!

## NEW MEMBER FOLLOWS IN ZI PRESIDENT'S WAKE !

**Carolyn McMickan** is off to Ghana with husband Peter for a couple of weeks and has already contacted the Zonta Club of Accra. Whilst there is no meeting whilst Carolyn is there, she is assured of a warm welcome and some time with members of the club.

International President, **Dianne Curtis**, visited Ghana in April for the District 18 Conference and said she was humbled by the display of Zonta fellowship. One of the highlights of her visit was meeting the President of Ghana, John Evans Atta Mills. This drew a lot of press in the newspapers and on television and gave great recognition and promotion of ZI.



No trouble working out who's running this fundraiser! (pic courtesy ZI website)

**Dianne** was also fortunate, as part of the Conference, to visit a program that the Zonta Clubs of Accra support. Started in 2006, the Zonta Ghana Anaemia Prevention Project's goal is to reduce the incidence of anaemia among school children and pregnant women in the Dangbe West District. This is a very successful project due in no small way to the hard working members and strong partnerships that have been formed. As well as focusing on anaemia, it also encourages proper nutrition of mother and child.

An opportunity to tour the maternal and child health centre was also taken and Zonta's presence was clearly demonstrated by signs, tablecloths and curtains displaying the Zonta logo. The four clubs supporting this project are doing more than just helping women and children, it is also gaining recognition for Zonta.

Perhaps Carolyn will also have an opportunity to visit this project. What exciting doors Zonta opens for its members! We'll look forward to her safe return and some first-hand feedback, and she may have a surprise in store for us!

## AROUND THE CLUB

Never a dull moment in the club with so many members flitting off to all corners of the globe!

**Merilyn**, broken arm and all, and husband **Brian**, had the privilege of being able to go to China for 3 weeks, 8 days of which was a boat trip on the mighty Yangtze. Here's some of her story.



*“We commenced our trip by having 3 days in Shanghai where we went to the museum—I am not a museum person—but it was absolutely amazing with pieces dated 2000BC, a beautiful chinese garden, a water canal city where we picked up silk paintings for a ridiculously small price and the amazing Shanghai Acrobatics Troupe. There are nearly 25 million people in that city and it is a concrete jungle. Car number plates are priced at \$10,000. We visited a silk carpet showroom where it takes up to 12 months to finish a piece, silk gallery with fabulous silk paintings and a porcelain factory.*

*We then travelled through some amazing landscapes to our boat where we spent the next 8 days visiting Mt Jiu Hua one of only four sacred Buddhist mountains, Yueyang Tower built without a*



*single nail in the Qing Dynasty and a school which is sponsored by the tour company where we were greeted by the small children. A highlight was the the mighty Three Gorges Dam which was completed in 2008. What an amazing engineering feat.*

Cont'd over ....



Merilyn's story continued ...

We also toured the Lesser Three Gorges with magnificent scenery.

After seeing the Pandas, we caught a plane from Chongqing to Xian where we visited the terracotta warriors and attended an Imperial Dinner which featured actors, acrobatics and beautiful costumes. What an amazing sight—these pieces are over 2,000 years old. We then flew to Beijing where we visited and walked some of the Great Wall of China, Tiananmen Square (built for 1,000,000 people), Forbidden City (completed in 1420 and off limits to visitors for over 500 years), and the 700 acre Summer Palace. We went to a Peking Opera which sounded like cats crying!



I succumbed to buying some jade and having some clothes made. I urge you to visit before the concrete jungles take over. A very memorable holiday with a huge difference between the rich and poor. Everyone working and the amount of infrastructure being built is beyond belief."

On a completely different trip are Robbie and Phil Hearse, who took delivery of a new yacht 'Kondili', as reported last month. However, a recent communiqué from Robbie indicated that it's not all plain sailing as they have had some problems with the autopilot, thus curtailing plans to spend time in Palma, Majorca. From there it's onto Sardinia and Corsica after which they will make the decision as to where they will pen the boat over winter—either Croatia or Turkey!



But why would you want to leave this?

Looks like home from home to me! By the way, 'Kondili' comes from the Ngarrindjeri Aboriginal people native to the Murray Mouth near



Goolwa in South Australia, which is where Phil was born. 'Kondili' was a powerful tribal man who kept the secret of making fire in his feet. When he was stabbed from behind by jealous fellow tribesmen he jumped into the sea as the fire spurted from his body and transformed into the powerful Southern Right Whale.

"The bar in the marina opens soon and I feel a sangria calling. We are all getting a little bored and anxious to move on."

If you would like to read more about R&P's trip so far, let me know and I will email you a copy. (Ed.)

After resigning last October because of family and work commitments, we are extremely pleased to welcome back **Retha Steenkamp**. Retha is a Strategic Urban Planner with the Shire of Swan. She said—"I really missed the club and my Zonta friends."



We missed you too Retha and look forward to you contributing, once again, to the fabric of PNS.



Margaret with her City of Stirling Community Service Award

**VALE**

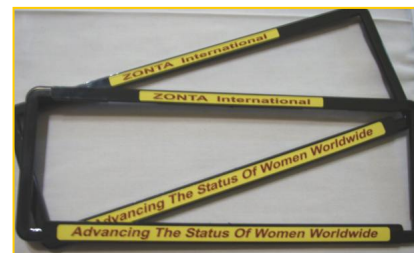
It was with sadness that we learnt of the death on the 17 September of Dr Heide Taylor. Heide was well known throughout the Zonta world, having been a member of the Zonta Club of Adelaide for over 40 years and instrumental in starting up a number of new clubs. She also worked tirelessly in her local community. Her daughter said it was her mother's wish to have a party to celebrate her life and achievements rather than a funeral. She was a true Zontian and will be missed greatly.



Leanne looking very relaxed at the ZC of Swan Hills' Breakfast fundraiser last Sunday. With the Conference only a week away, she may start to feel a little more anxious having nominated for Lt Governor! We wish you well Leanne in your quest to step up and serve Zonta. Go girl—we're proud of you!!



**FOR SALE**



Number plate surrounds. Since our 'ZONTA' registration plates are no longer available (unless you can buy one from someone who has one), these are the next best thing to promote Zonta as you drive around! We are offering these for \$16 pair and, of course, they will be available for sale at the District Conference.

**A MUST FOR EVERY ZONTIAN!**

ZONTA INTERNATIONAL  
Area 3 Director Leanne Sultan and the Zonta Club of Perth Northern Suburbs invite you to the  
**2011 FOUNDERS' DAY DINNER**  
and presentation of the Area 3 Woman of Achievement Award and District 29 Jane M Klausman Women in Business Award

Where: The Mallard Duck Restaurant  
Car West Swan Rd & John St, Henley Brook

When: Saturday 5 November 2011  
6.30pm pre-dinner drinks, 7pm dinner

Dress: Black and white Semi formal

Cost: \$55 includes pre-dinner drink, 3 course meal, limited table wine

Our club is, once again, hosting the Founders' Day Dinner, this year at the 'Mallard Duck' in the Swan Valley. Fliers have been distributed so please consider supporting this special event.

**DIARY DATES**

7-9 Oct	District Conference
23 Oct	UN Women Spring Walk
28 Oct	Film Club
5 Nov	Founders' Dinner
<b>9 Nov</b>	<b>Dinner Meeting (not 2nd!)</b>
26 Nov	Bunnings Sausage Sizzle

Editor—Dawn Newman  
Newsletter contributions to dnewman1@tpg.com.au