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## Anastasia's Musings!

Hi All!

This musing comes to you from the faraway land of my forefathers, Ukraine. This has been an amazing journey to discover and absorb my heritage.

As I had 18 hours of flying to get here, I managed to catch up on a lot of paperwork, in particular all the documentation for the Convention in Rotterdam. How timely to have Dr Gary Hewett from Awareness Cambodia speak to us at our Changeover Dinner last month! **One of the three proposed ZISVAW grants is to End Violence Against Women through Community Action in Cambodia.** Gary's impassioned presentation about the real situation in Cambodia and the information contained in the Convention documents got me thinking about **ADVOCACY**.

My limited perception of Advocacy has stood in the way of my understanding of how we, as Zontians, could effectively incorporate it into our hectic and full schedules. **However, there are many facets to Advocacy. By inviting Dr Gary Hewett to our dinner, we enabled him to advocate on behalf of the HIV-AIDS orphans of Cambodia.** Also, his presentation made for some interesting conversation (in my car at least!) on the way home. I'm also sure that those guests who attended the dinner would have shared their experience with others either that night or the next day. **And so by Gary's one voice, we enabled him to create many more voices**, even if for a short while.

**So one facet of Advocacy – enabling or facilitating other organisations or individuals to advocate on behalf of others – becomes part of our full and hectic schedule in the form of "Guest Speakers" at our monthly meetings.** And as Club members, **we can all have a say in the voices we create by suggesting Guest Speakers to our Programme Committee**, namely Judith Rossi and Kay Poustie.

Remember that one voice can echo through the ages. For Ukrainians, that

voice is of mid-nineteenth century poet, Taras Shevchenko whose words and life are as relevant to the new generation of Ukrainians as they were then. His hope had been that Ukrainians would remember him with quiet, respectful words – I don't think he ever imagined that he would be a beacon of hope to a nation of peoples struggling with the political and social implications of Independence – something he advocated with his words and his life.

At your service for the next biennium,

**Anastasia**



Also at our service, the new Board—I to r Mary Leonard, Mandy Ewers, Jean Wyder, (Anastasia), Sue Perile, Marie Santa-Maria and Ninder Kaur.

What a lovely, happy, smiley group of Zontians to start the new biennium! As members, **let's make sure we keep those smiles going by each of us adding a bit of colour (our personal contribution) to the canvases (our Club), thus making up the complete tapestry (our aims, goals and achievements)**, as Anastasia so aptly put it in her opening address at the Changeover Dinner.

## NEW VENUE

After 22 years at Observation City, we move to 'Caffe Spiaggia' a few paces north from 'Ob City' on the corner of The Esplanade and Manning Street. If you did not attend the Changeover Dinner and pick up a directions sheet kindly produced by Kerry Coyle (thanks Kerry), you might like to know you can enter the café in two ways:

1. *Off the Esplanade through the front door! This is most convenient if you have parked over the road or along the foreshore.*
2. *The back of the café on the first floor level. If you park in the free section of the undercover carpark behind the café, entry is off Manning Street. You can take the lift or stairs down and out through the atrium and then twirl to enter through the same front door as above.*



In case you need it, **Caffe Spiaggia's telephone number is 9245 1149. Note also that there will be a new dinner charge which will be announced on the night so hold back on making out your cheque!**

## DANGLING THE 'DINGLE DEAL'

Dr Peter Dingle, Senior Lecturer at Murdoch University's School of Environmental Science will be our inspirational speaker this month.



The 'Dingle DEAL' is his guide to managing Diet, Environment, Attitude and Lifestyle. He believes, not only will this help you to live longer, but more importantly, show you how to maintain your productivity and enjoy life. We live our lives in systems and Dr Dingle believes we've got to take control.

"It's all about attitude and taking one step at a time", he told George Negus in an interview some years ago. Our first step will be to listen to Peter!

## NEWS WORTHY



We've got a few NEW things in and around the Club to kick off the new biennium. Firstly, we have our **new President, Anastasia**. Then we have our **new Club**

**brochure**. This was launched for our 27th birthday last meeting. Each Committee has been given a supply. Further copies can be obtained from the PR&C Committee.



Thirdly, **a new suite of stationery** is now available for the asking—letterhead, etc. and we are working on a business card template for members. Very shortly we plan to have our **'new look' website** up and running, the text for which is 95% complete.

And very importantly for the continued success of PNS, July will see the induction of **three new members**:

- Robbie Hearse
- Lyn Koehler, and
- Bronwyn McCormack

Interestingly, Robbie and Lyn have been members of our Club before but resigned due to personal circumstances. We must have done **something** right as they've come back!!

## AROUND THE CLUB

Apart from Anastasia, Alison, Kath and Leanne who are in Rotterdam, we have a few other members on the move.

Linda Tinning has gone to Italy to celebrate her 60th birthday with nine other members of her family. They will stay in two apartments in Rome before travelling onto Sicily reconnecting their roots with their parent's birthplace. Linda's mother is also travelling with the family. Linda will then go onto London with her daughter Marina who lives in London, and spend a month travelling through Ireland and England visiting members of her husband's family and friends. (*I only got to the Irish Pub up the road for my 60th! Ed.*)

Marie Santa-Maria has flicked off overseas for a two-week break. Di Bryant is about to go with her family on a long-planned, well-earned "Gemini" cruise to Asia. Sounds great, eh? Nothing like cruising to recuperate!

Hats off to member Miriam Blakemore who spent time at St Mary's Anglican Girls' School in May espousing the virtues of Zonta and the Birthing Kit Program. No doubt we'll get plenty of support from these young ladies for our next assembly day. Do we have a date yet?

Anne looks rather pleased with herself shown here cutting our birthday cake on June 4. It was her birthday as well plus her first real outing after surgery. Was it hip, hip, hoorah?



## AWARENESS SLOT

On reviewing our generous donations over the last biennium, ZI Foundation President, Betty Jane Bourdon has reported that, collectively, we have funded:

- **70 Amelia Earhart Fellowships**
- **12 Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarships**
- **10 Young Women in Public Affairs Awards**
- **International Service projects providing for:**
  - *Education for more than 2 500 women and girls in Afghanistan plus teacher training and medical care services*
  - *Establishment of 161 credit and savings groups to help 3 835 women affected by HIV/AIDS in Niger*
  - *Vocational training for 428 girls and women in Bolivia*
  - *Hands-on assistance to women affected by the 2004 Tsunami and by the war in the north and east regions of Sri Lanka*
- **ZISVAW projects providing for:**
  - *Efforts to prevent trafficking of women and girls in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Serbia, Montenegro, southeast and east Asia*
  - *Combatting violence against women and girls in Sierra Leone*
  - *Implementation of laws, policies and action plans to reduce violence against women in Niger.*

We can be justly proud of our efforts but cannot rest on our laurels!

## AMELIA'S BACK



and we're backing the Fellowships in her name with the proceeds of a BIG RAFFLE at the July meeting. These annual awards, worth US\$10,000 each, are given to women pursuing a Ph.D/doctoral degree in aerospace-related sciences and engineering.

The raffle prize is a *'Helicopter Scenic Beaches Joy Flight for Two'* valued at \$550! At \$5 a ticket or 3 for \$10, you must admit, this will be a great prize to win. As tickets are limited, the odds will be pretty good. However, if you win but don't want to fly, why not give your family or friends the thrill.

Our usual fundraiser in January for the Amelia Earhart Fellowships takes the form of a dinner at the Aero Club in Jandakot. It was decided this year to run a raffle close to her birth day which was 24 July (1897). So, instead of spending \$35+ to eat, drink and travel, why not buy a few raffle tickets and make our fundraiser really worthwhile.

Anastasia did well to source the prize. It would be great to present her with a tidy sum for the Fellowship Fund on her return from Convention.

**Entice your family, friends and work colleagues to pre-purchase tickets**—Marion Brown will have these available at the meeting with the winner being drawn at the conclusion of dinner.

And from Amelia herself:

**"Flying may not be all plain sailing, but the fun of it is worth the price."**

## REMINDERS !

- 2 July meeting—gourmet goodies
- 26 July—meet the new D23 Board
- 6 August—YWPA Gala Dinner—invite your partners/friends
- 6 August—Order Cleanskins
- 16 August—Mystery Dinner
- 21 September—UNIFEM Spring Walk

I read this quote recently ... "If the world were a logical place, men would ride side-saddle." ...

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