

# The Zontapreneur



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## Anastasia's Musings!

Hi All!

This musing comes to you from balmy Koh Samui in Thailand. Joe and I have managed to squeeze this trip in to see two very good friends of ours cement their commitment to each other in a beautiful beach ceremony.

As I start my term as President of our Club, it reminds me of the commitment I made when I was inducted almost ten years ago. Among other things, I pledged to take on leadership roles when asked. Although it's taken almost ten years and still seems a daunting task, I feel ready to honour my commitment to our Club.

There is never an ideal time to take on new roles and challenges as our lives and circumstances continually change. However, some day never comes if we don't commit to making it today, not tomorrow. Our goals and dreams only come to fruition if we make them so.

My challenge to all of our members over the coming biennium is this: *You have all pledged to do what you can, when you can, as a member of the Zonta Club of Perth Northern Suburbs. All I ask of you is that you honour the commitment you have personally made—whether it be as a member, Chairperson or Board member—every contribution, no matter how small or insignificant you may think it is, is a valuable contribution to the vibrancy of our Club.* And remember, if you have any difficulty meeting your commitments for whatever reason, you need only ask for assistance.

My next musing will be coming to you from somewhere in Europe as I make my way to the International Convention in Rotterdam. I look forward to representing PNS as a delegate and hope that over the next two years, I can provide leadership that befits our vibrant Club.

At your service for the next biennium,  
**Anastasia**

## NEW FACES TO LEAD PNS

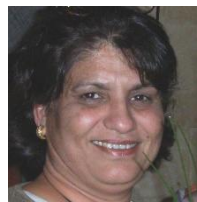
The new leadership of the Club has a nice mix of experienced and new Zontians. It was most pleasing to see some of our more recent members step up into the vacancies. The Nominating Committee, lead by Leanne Sultan, did a fine job in coaxing these women to take on more responsibilities within the Club. Under the helm of Anastasia, we know they will keep our reputation intact and do an excellent job. Besides Anastasia, the other Board members are:



Jean Wyder  
Vice-President



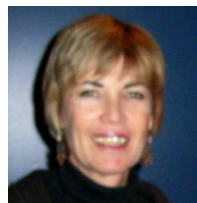
Mandy Ewers  
Treasurer



Ninder Kaur  
Director



Mary Leonard  
Director (2nd year)



Vicki Moir  
Director (2nd year)



Sue Pertile  
Director



Marie Santa-Maria  
Secretary

Nominating Committee



Liz Wason  
Chairman



Anne Markey



Palma Phipps

Best wishes to you all for an enjoyable and successful term of office. We're right behind you!

## CELEBRATIONS AFOOT!

Now that the Club elections are over, *the next big event on our calendar is our Birthday/Changeover Dinner on 4 June. Members are asked to invite their partners and other guests so that we can make this a special night of celebration.* Not only will we light up the candles for our 27th Birthday, but we will be inducting the new Board to kick off our 2008-2009 Zonta year.

*Beth Daebritz will need to know by Friday 30 May if you are bringing guests,* as she will need to work on seating arrangements, it being a much larger dinner meeting than usual.

*Please make sure you ring or email the number and names of guests you are bringing.*

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**Let's Celebrate!**  
(our last supper for awhile)  
at  
Rendezvous Observation  
City Hotel, Scarborough  
6.30 for 7.00 pm  
on  
**Wednesday 4 June**  
Cost \$26 pp  
RSVP by Friday 30 May

## AWARENESS CAMBODIA INC.

Dr Gary Hewett, CEO of this organisation will be the guest speaker at our June meeting. Gary will tell us about his Sunshine House project and ACI's plans for the future care of a group of discarded Cambodian children.

Gary's story of how he and a number of other caring people have achieved so much in such a short time, is truly amazing. You won't want to miss his talk!



## MIGRANT SEMINAR TOPS



Sgt Garry Tuffin with some Sudanese women.



Left: Interpreters Samia Mustafa and Fadumo Aden with Sarah Mills (right), 'Reel Connections' Project Officer



Right: Question time

This two-hour seminar, arranged by Margaret Field (with help on the day from Dagmar Barnes, Marion Brown, Di Bryant, Letitia Depiazzi, Dawn Newman, Kay Poustie, Judy Rossi and Anita Sutton), was held at the Edmund Rice Centre in Mirrabooka on 21 May.

Sgt Garry Tuffin from the West Metro Community Police, gave an excellent talk about police operations. Particular emphasis was made on how contact should be made in case of need. Whilst most of the women could understand some English, the help of two interpreters ensured Garry's message was clearly understood. Sarah Mills, Project Officer for the City of Stirling's 'Reel Connections' program, handed out pamphlets and spoke to the women about other available services. 'Reel Connections' is a community partnership project that aims to promote:

- *intercultural understanding and the celebration of diversity*
- *alternative skills development, training and employment opportunities*
- *awareness of rights and responsibilities, and*
- *community and personal safety messages through the production of multimedia resources.*

'Reel Connections' programs feature workshops with professional artists in a variety of art forms including drama, music, photography, drawing, urban art, music, short film and animation.

## 'AU REVOIR' Observation City

During the year our Club received notification from the Hotel Rendezvous management that due to a planned major refurbishment of the building, they would be unable to continue to cater for our monthly meetings. We have met at Observation City since November 1986, so the news rather rocked our members, particularly the long standing ones, who could remember years of silver service dining at a minimum price. "Ob City" had become our home-from-home, and a place where we could proudly take our visitors for a meeting, or on occasions, hold a gala function.

Such a major upheaval in the Club's history cannot pass unheeded so it was decided that a glimpse into the archives may help us appreciate the wonderful period of fine eating, dining room service and hospitality we have enjoyed over the past almost 22 years.

Writing in the April 1988 edition of the 'Zontapreneur', Past President Lucy Bohan reflected on the early problems experienced by the fledgling club ...

*"The early years were not without problems. These included stabilising and improving membership figures (and thus our strength), and finding a suitable venue for meetings and fellowship. The Club has met in at least seven hotels and restaurants and several private homes, before arriving at our present (and it is hoped) permanent venue: Observation City. The Club is flourishing and functioning at a high level, with all committees infected with verve and determination to succeed. The future looks bright indeed!"*

From the Club history book more on Observation City can be read ...

*"The Hotel management was keen to have a trial run of the Ball Room and its associated catering facilities and the Zonta Club of Perth Northern Suburbs was asked to host a free luncheon for 350 Senior Citizens in October 1986. What a day! The Senior Citizens arrived in taxis, buses, private cars and wheelchairs, all eager to see the new establishment and taste the much-talked-about cuisine. After lots of bustling the group settled and a magical scene was set when two Catholic nuns from an Italian Retirement Hostel sang Grace, unaccompanied, in Italian."*

The use of Observation City as a meeting place seemed to be a turning point for the young club, and enabled the Zonta Club of Perth Northern Suburbs to gain wider acceptance in the community. Lucy died two years later, but her words were indeed prophetic as our Club has continued to thrive and the future still looks bright!

We have reached the end of an era and must look afield for a suitable meeting venue. One has been found locally and our July 2, 2008 meeting will be held at Café Spiaggia, corner of the Esplanade and Manning Street, Scarborough. Who knows, when the alterations at Hotel Rendezvous are complete, we may be able to return. May our good fortune continue!

Margaret Field  
Club Archivist

(thank you Margaret for researching this - Ed.)



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## HOLLAND HERE WE COME!

After our June meeting we won't see much of Alison, Anastasia, Kath or Leanne until around mid July as they are all flitting off to represent us at Convention. What an exciting time for them, especially Alison who will be inducted as our new D23 Governor. What a lot of chit chat there will be when they return. Have fun ladies and stay safe during your travels!



KITS GET  
\$200 000  
BOOST

Confirmation has just been received by Julie Monis-Ivett our D23 Birthing Kit Project Co-ordinator and Chairman of the BKF, that AusAID will inject another \$200 000 into our Birthing Kit Project. Along with other funding, this will enable the distribution of 150 000 kits and fund midwifery training programs in Ethiopia, Kenya, Tibet and Vietnam.

This is music to Mandy Ewers' ears as our May kit day had to be postponed pending this outcome. Another assembly day, with a 6-8 week lead-in, needs to be scheduled, so thinking caps on everyone!

I'm not sure where this came from but it rather epitomizes our work with the kits:

'When women get together in numbers, their strength compounds and is seen and felt by themselves and others.'

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