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Anastasia's Musings!

Hi all,

CELEBRATING 28 YEARS!



This month PNS celebrates 28 years of community service. We were chartered on 22 June 1981 in Area 3, District 16, as Club No. 979. In those days our District encompassed New Zealand and the whole of Australia.

Zonta came to Australia in 1929 with the establishment of a club in Sydney. In 1931 Dorothea Mackellar, whose poem 'My Country' was known by every Australian schoolchild, became its President. However, the club appeared to go out of existence from 1935.

Thirty years elapsed before Zontian Dorothy Thompson made the first of her epic visits to New Zealand and Australia. On this and on later visits between 1969 and 1971 she set up clubs in all the capital cities of Australia and in five cities in New Zealand—12 clubs in all. The Zonta Club of Perth was one of those.



"Dorothy Thompson should glow with pride at the achievements that developed from the seeds she sowed in 1965", as one of the early Governor's reported.

However these clubs, originally called 'non-districted' Clubs, were classified as Area III, then Region III. It wasn't until the International Board meeting on 2 July 1972 that: *'Region III be granted the status of District to be effective as of the 1974-76 biennium'*.

Since then there have been a number of changes. NZ remained District 16, WA,

SA/NT, Victoria and Tasmania, became District 23, NSW and the ACT District 24 and Queensland District 22.

Much of this story has been extracted from—'Zonta in the Antipodes—A Short History of Zonta International District XVI'.

Amazingly, Dorothy Avery Thompson only passed away in September 1998 at the ripe old age of 103 having been a Zontian for almost 70 years! For more than forty years—well past her 70th birthday—Dorothy devoted herself to spreading the ideals of Zonta around the world. She was a member of the ZC of Toronto 1 Canada, obviously travelled extensively and was instrumental in starting clubs in England, Hong Kong, New Zealand, Australia, Thailand and Africa. What a gal!

As well as our own birthday, let us also celebrate the life of this wonderful Zontian without whose enthusiasm and drive, we would probably not exist!

Copies of *'Zonta in the Antipodes....'* and *'A History of Zonta International 1919-1999'* are available for the asking if members are interested in reading more about our beginnings.

In the meantime, let's CELEBRATE!

Yours in Zonta service,

Anastasia



IT'S ALL GOOD NEWS for NARELDA JACOBS

Narelda Jacobs graduated from the WA Academy of Performing Arts and began her career at GWN in Bunbury. She joined Ten News in Perth in 2000, becoming their court reporter, and also filling in as weather presenter over the summer.

In 2008, after the sudden death of news anchor Charmaine Dragan, Ten announced that production of their Perth news bulletin would return to Perth from Sydney and chose Narelda as the new anchor.

When Narelda was promoted to her current position, Ten Perth news director Chris Hunt said: "Narelda is very much part of the fabric of Ten News in Perth and has made a major contribution as a senior reporter. We are looking forward to her joining Tim Gossage and Michael Schultz on air later in the year."

For those of you who watch Channel Ten, you will know that Narelda is an accomplished news reader. She will tell us about her journalism career and what is entailed in her role as the local weeknight presenter of *News at Five*.

DON'T FORGET IF YOU ARE BRINGING A GUEST(S), RING BETH ON 9284 0517 or 0408 474 189 BY FRIDAY 29 MAY.

SPEAKERS COMING UP

July—Lesley Hammersley
*Director of Horticulture & Conservation,
Kings Park Authority*

August—YWPA Finalists

September—Miranda Green
*Miranda Green Millinery and
The Lionheart Project*

October—Louise Ford from ASeTTS
*(Association for Services to Trauma and
Torture Survivors)*

Zonta International
District 23
Advancing the Status of Women Worldwide

Area 3 Workshop

Mandurah Country Club
May 2009



Workshop attendees preparing answers to the 'think-tank' questionnaire.

2000 KITS ASSEMBLED



Students (l to r) - Camille Nota, Kathryn Malanczak, Louise-anne Cavanagh and Rachel Anderson from the Churchlands SH School—looking well pleased with their efforts. Some thirty-six helpers, including Elyse Phillips and Claire Tull from St Mary's Anglican Girls' School, Karrinyup, spent four hours at the East Claremont PS on 16 May assembling the kits—possibly for Afghanistan.

Hats off to Laurel Coyle, who arranged the workshop, shown below packing the



last of the consignment into her son's ute. Thanks again too to Vicki Moir for the venue and to everyone who helped. We said we would finish on time and 'quality controller' Marion Brown saw to that as she snatched up the last bunch of kits right on the stroke of 1pm!

Have you joined the Birthing Kit Foundation? All it costs is \$25 per annum for personal membership or \$50 for corporates. To obtain/retain their tax deductibility status through OAGDS (Overseas Aid Gift Deduction Scheme), the BKF need to maintain over 100 members. If you haven't already joined, think about it—read their newsletters, check the latest developments and learn how valuable these kits are in the remote regions being serviced. Visit—

www.birthingkitfoundation.org.au

where you will find lots of information and membership application forms. We must be nearing 500,000 kits made by now. Isn't it amazing what a bunch of Zontians can achieve?

SAFETY IN ASeTTS*

The second of our safety seminars on 8 May for the *Association for Services to Trauma and Torture Survivors, as with the first, was very well received. The women came from The Congo, Iran, Iraq, Kenya, Palestine, Ethiopia, Sudan, Burundi and Eritrea. Needless to say, four interpreters were required. Shown here, one of the attendees from The Congo—Eunice Safi Mutambala.



RESPECT FOR THE PROJECT



Margaret Field, Kay Poustie and Club President Anastasia Maslij looking very happy with Kathleen Maltzahn from Project Respect, following the recent successful event held at the Alexander Library. Congratulations and thanks to our Service Committee who arranged this free evening for members and the public. Some 150 very attentive people came along—you could have heard a pin drop in the auditorium. It was also encouraging to see a number of human rights studies students in attendance. After her talk, Kathleen had approaches from several people and was kept busy signing her book 'Trafficked'.



Some literature about Project Respect will be available at our meeting so please make sure you pick this up as it will give you a good overview of the organisation that we are supporting.

AWARENESS SLOT

Members who did not attend the recent Area Workshop will receive one of these new booklets at the next meeting. Thanks to Kay Poustie (D23 Legislative Awareness and Advocacy Chairman), and her production team, we now have an up-to-date edition of this handy kit that will tell you all you ever wanted to know about the tricky topic of advocating. After all, as members of Zonta International, *we are all advocates for women.*

What is advocacy anyway? A useful definition is 'to plead the cause of another'. In February 2002, Zonta adopted the following definition—

"Advocacy is the expression of support for or opposition to a cause, argument or proposal. Advocacy may include influencing laws, legislation or attitudes."

An important guideline for members when wishing to advocate is that—

- Zonta clubs may express their opinion on issues only as clubs.
- Districts may express their opinion as districts only.
- *Individuals may express their opinions privately only, but may not attribute them to a Zonta club, district or to Zonta International.*

Members are urged to take time to read through this booklet—as Zontians, it is our responsibility to know what we are about!



Former member Judy Drazevic is also celebrating! She and Gerry married on 1 May and are currently enjoying a four-week cruise.

DIARY DATES

- June 3 Club Meeting—28th Birthday Celebration
- June 20 'Mystery Dinner' (ref Marion)
- Sept 25-27 D23 Conference, Ballarat

Refer also to the DRAFT Club Calendar just released by the Fundraising Committee.

"Did you know that Kermit has Swine flu? I wonder how he contracted that?"



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