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Welcome home to Alison Martin and Anastasia Maslij, our representatives at the recent Zonta International Convention in San Antonio, and congratulations to Alison who was elected onto the ZI Nominating Committee.

The latest 'Zontian' magazine is now to hand with news and information about the 2010-2012 Biennium. I hope you have all managed to find some time to read this, especially the Message from our new President—Dianne K. Curtis. She talks about getting back to basics, to increase and maintain membership and says—*"It seems strange to me that at a time when Zonta is being called upon more and more to help women, we do so in the face of a stagnant membership. Membership must be a high priority!"* I concur heartily with Dianne's sentiments.



The magazine also introduces us to the new ZI Committee Chairmen and most importantly the Goals for the Biennium that our committees need to align themselves with (see p.16). Next comes the very worthy and interesting International Service Programs to which we will be contributing funds. Last, but certainly not least, all the District Governors including our District 23 Governor, Jane Smith from the Port Lincoln Club in South Australia.

So we need to do some strategic planning ourselves. First on my list is to attend the 2012 Convention in Torino, Italy. Hopefully we can have a large contingent there if we make a commitment and plan ahead.

It was very pleasing to receive \$7000 this month as Mary Leonard would say of "other peoples money", ie.

- \$3000 through the *WA Grants for Women Program* for art and craft supplies for the indigenous women at the Elizabeth Hansen Autumn Centre. (By the way, the women had a wonderful time at the NAIDOC celebrations including the Ball, and they thank you all for your support.)
- \$2000 in sponsorships for the Young

Women in Public Affairs Award Night.

- \$2000 from the Bunnings' Sausage Sizzle fundraiser.

So well done to all those involved. This wonderful boost to our coffers means "our" funds can go that much further.

I hope you are all inviting your friends and relatives to our next meeting, the YWPA Award night, which is one of the highlights on our calendar, and a showcase to raise awareness for Zonta whilst recognizing the wonderful calibre of our finalists. We are really privileged that Bishop Kay Goldsworthy has agreed to be our MC again this year. *Please give Marie plenty of notice of intended guests.*

Also, how easy is it to invite friends and colleagues for a pleasant Sunday morning walk? Get in early, as our **24 October UN Women Walk at Star Swamp** (about 5 kms, the same distance many women have to walk for water in some countries) will soon come around. The walk will be led by Ugandan Dr Barbara Nattabi who will also be speaking at our October meeting, so I'm looking forward to everyone supporting this special UN event.

Jean Wyder, President

YWPA AWARD NIGHT—4 AUGUST



encompass each of the girl's personal goals, future course

of study and plans to continue an active role in volunteer work.

Rachel Hunter, our 2009 Awardee, will speak about her year at uni. Has she followed her interest in science and taken up a course in chemistry and human biology? Find out at the dinner!

Someone who has followed her dream into science is *Dr Demelza Ireland* (nee Needham) who won our club award in 1996. Demelza works in UWA's School of Biomedical, Bio-molecular and Chemical Sciences and is researching an exciting new use for tea-tree oil. What a thrill it has been to make contact with Demelza again and to learn about her career achievements.

Did you know that these awards were established in 1990 by past International President, Leneen Forde, and that our club has presented 18 of them since 1992 when we first became involved?

Since inception, 474 young women in 49 countries have received awards.

The Young Women in Public Affairs Program operates at the club, district and international levels. Zonta clubs provide awards for club recipients, and district and international awards are funded by the Zonta International Foundation. District recipients receive US\$1,000, and five international awardees are selected from these young women to receive US\$3,000 each.

Our Award Presentation Night is a very special event in our calendar and one not to be missed. It is an evening when we are able to recognize the achievements of these and other young women and applaud their sense of community.

It's not too late to book you and your guests in.

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Who will be the lucky recipient of our Young Women in Public Affairs Award this year?

Once again, the calibre of applicant was very high creating a dilemma—albeit a nice one—for our judges. At the presentation evening on 4 August we will be entertained by the three finalists who will speak on the topic *"Where do you see yourself in the future?"* This will



WELCOME NEWCOMER

Brigitte or 'Gitta' (as she prefers to be known) Costello, is a Technical

Librarian with Paladin Energy, a Mining and Exploration Company with two operating uranium mines in Africa (Namibia and Malawi) and various exploration projects in Australia.

Born on 22 March 1954, Gitta grew up in Dusseldorf, Germany on the Rhine River (where she never quite liked the cold and wet climate). She was educated at the Theodor-Fliedner-College, a private Lutheran School and after graduating, studied biology at the "Heinrich Heine University" in Dusseldorf. Gitta also holds a Bachelor of Science Degree, majoring in Library & Information Science and Anthropology from Curtin University. She is a member of the Australian Library & Information Association.

Gitta has over 30 years experience in Information and Records Management developing and managing technical libraries and information services for legal, engineering, mining and resource companies in Germany and Australia.

At Paladin, Gitta is a founding member of Friends & Employees of Paladin for African Children (FEPAC). The aim of this charity is to seek projects with a focus on helping children. Since 2008 over \$100,000 has been raised through various initiatives such as selling chocolates, raffles, Christmas and Easter hampers, donations and a Quiz Night.

After meeting her future husband Michael Costello (an Australian from Perth working in Germany) in 1978, they decided to travel the "long way" to Australia overland by car through Europe, part of the Middle East, Iran, Afghanistan, Pakistan and India down to Sri Lanka where they finally jumped on a plane for Perth to start a life together in Australia.

Member Robbie Hearse met Gitta in 1985 through their husbands working on the same mining projects and became best of friends when Gitta visited Darwin for a library conference. When the Hearse family moved from Darwin to Perth in the summer of 1987, they stayed with the Costellos for the first few days until settling into their own place, complete with poodle 'Doug', Siamese cat and the parrot,

complementing the Costello's pets of a Labrador dog and three cats! Gitta was pregnant at the time and in July 1987 son Daniel was born. Gitta now lives in Duncraig with him, three cats and a dog.

With her professional background, expertise in charity work and sense of humour, Gitta will be a great asset to our Club. So **WELCOME** Gitta. We look forward to your friendship and to working with you to *advance the status of women worldwide.*

(PS She makes a mean orange cake too! Ed.)



FIORI—First in Coffee!

Wow—what a morning! We had such a good time and learnt so much about coffee and coffee beans.

Did you know there are only two main varieties of coffee beans grown around the world—*Arabica and Robusta*? Fiori choose only to use Arabica because they feel the depth of flavour and aromatic nuances found in quality Arabica are far superior. They also prefer to use beans produced by single estates as these are not blended with coffees from other plantations.

So what makes Fiori coffee so special? It's the quality of the raw beans and the care in roasting that makes all the difference. We sampled at least four types, but the best of all was the *affogato* (Italian 'drowned')—usually a scoop of gelato or vanilla icecream topped with a shot of hot espresso. Yummm! A fitting finale to the morning's tastings as you can see from the grins above.

Thank you Leanne for arranging this very interesting and different event.

(By the way, we were informed that if you have one of those fancy coffee making machines, throw it away and buy yourself an expensive bean grinder and old-fashioned stove-top coffee pot! Then you will really appreciate the taste of good coffee, but don't boil it.)

"Having just returned from Melbourne where I attended the first District Board meeting, I can tell you what a thrill it was to meet and sit down with the rest of the Team and discuss our 2010-2012 goals. There was so much energy and drive—it was such an exhilarating experience and a whole new Zonta dimension for me. I'm looking forward very much to the next two years, to meeting more Zontians, particularly across the six clubs here in Western Australia, and to working with everyone in a positive and collaborative way."



Leanne Sultan, Area 3 Director

NEW CLUB LEADERS



Jean Wyder
President



Letitia Depiazzi
Vice-President



Anastasia Maslij
Treasurer



Margaret Field
Director



Anita Sutton
Director



Linda Tinning
Director



Alison Martin
Secretary



Kaye Metaxas
Assistant Secretary

Members should also be aware of the following appointments—

Alison Martin—Zonta International Nominating Committee 2010-2012

Anastasia Maslij—District 23 United Nations Chairman

Leanne Sultan—District 23 Area 3 Director

Congratulations to you all and thank you for 'Stepping up for Zonta'. It is very pleasing to know that our club has members who are willing to take up these roles. Also, having representatives at International, District and Area levels keeps our club strong and vibrant and augers well for the future.

Our next District Conference will be in Melbourne in October 2011. Why not give some thought to taking on a leadership role and expanding your Zonta experience as the above members have.



UNITED NATIONS UN Women

In July this year, the United Nations General Assembly created **UN Women**, the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women. In doing so, UN Member States took an historic step in accelerating the Organization's goals on gender equality and the empowerment of women. It will merge and build on the important work of four previously distinct parts of the UN system which focus exclusively on gender equality and women's empowerment—

- Division for the Advancement of Women (DAW)
- International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (INSTRAW)
- Office of the Special Adviser on Gender Issues and Advancement of Women (OSAGI)
- United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM)

Inés Alberdi UNIFEM Executive Director, said in a statement—

“For many years, we have effectively worked with national, regional and global partners to generate a stronger public policy response to previously under-recognized women's rights issues, such as ending violence against women, increasing women's political participation, and prioritizing women's leadership in forging peace and security.



Over the past decades, there have been many achievements in advancing the women's rights and gender equality agenda, yet much still needs to be done. We now know that we will be stronger in pursuing our joint efforts for women and girls globally. Let's seize this moment, and the momentum, and work with renewed energy and enthusiasm.”

Anastasia, in her new role as D23 UN Chairman, will keep us informed of news and developments that relate to these and other issues aligned with Zonta's Objects.

NEW D23 GOVERNOR & HER TEAM

One of the things Jane will be focusing on is increasing the



Jane Smith

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visibility of Zonta as an international organization and implementing development programs aimed at encouraging members to take on leadership roles.

- Lt. Governor – Cintra Amos
- Treasurer – Carolyn Colquhoun
- Secretary – Nan Martella
- Area 1 Director – Robyn Scholes
- Area 2 Director – Erica Majba
- Area 2 Vice Director – Anna Siebert
- Area 3 Director - Leanne Sultan
- Area 4 Director – Margaret Hinks
- Area 5 Director – Carol Fuller

Priscilla Perfect's MEMBER ETIQUETTE



Yes ladies, I'm back, and as you will find, I can be very finicky when it comes to the question of etiquette.

In this electronic age, it is important that we do not lose our manners from traditional methods of communication. **Just simple niceties, such as sending a read receipt to acknowledge that you actually received an e-mail, should always be observed.**

As I receive many e-mails a day, it always pains me when someone uses the "Reply All" feature. **You should only use this feature when your answer is important to all of the recipients in the original e-mail.** If the sender has asked you for feedback, or a simple 'yes' or 'no' response—the rest of those people in the 'To:' or 'CC:' fields **DO NOT** need to know your response. You are not respecting their time if you send them an e-mail that does not concern them.

There are more etiquette points regarding e-mails that I will continue discussing over the coming months. However, if there are specific issues that you would like guidance on, please write to me C/- The Editor.

GREEN CORNER

By Dawn

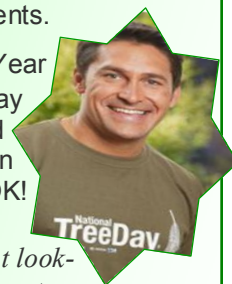


Did you know 2010 was the UN's International Year of Biodiversity?

It is a celebration of life on earth and of the value of biodiversity for our lives. The world has been invited to take action in 2010 to safeguard the variety of life on earth: biodiversity.

It's amazing what you can find when you Google, eg **Sunday 1 August is National Tree Day.** National Tree Day has been promoting planting trees and caring for native trees and plants in Australia since 1996. Over the years, this initiative co-founded by Olivia Newton-John and Planet Ark, has grown into one of Australia's biggest nature protection events.

Jamie Durie (10th Year as National Tree Day Ambassador), had this to say in an interview with OK! Magazine—



“I'm passionate about looking after the environment— for us and for future generations I don't think you can work with plants and gardens and not feel the intrinsic and natural connection we have to the environment. We are part of nature, so looking after the environment is really looking after ourselves as well.”

If you would like to help plant trees on Sunday 1 August, go to this site—

<http://www.treeday.planetark.org/find-a-site/search.cfm>

and find an area near where you live that is involved. It's really easy!

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- July 27 Film Club
- July 29 Migrant Women's Seminar
- Aug 4 YWPA Presentation Night
- Aug 28 Birthing Kit Assembly Day
- Sept 4 King's Park Fashion Show
- Sept 8 'The Removalist'
- Sept 24 Film Club

“I don't want to brag or make anybody jealous or anything, but I can still fit into the earrings I wore in high school!”



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Did you know we now have 66 Zonta countries with the British Virgin Islands having joined our ranks this year?