



WY-D-ER VISION

As you know, **White Ribbon Day** is on **November 25th** and the wearing of a white ribbon is a personal pledge that the wearer does not excuse violence against women and is committed to supporting community action to stop violence by men against women. I was asked by Annamarie Perlesz, our District 23 Co-ordinator of ZISVAW (Zonta International Strategies to end Violence Against Women), what our club might be doing on that day or whether we had any programs to prevent violence against women so she could report to the District Board.

I informed Annamarie that our club did not do anything specifically on that day, but throughout the year we did a number of things all associated with eliminating violence against women, such as:

- Gave financial support to the Zonta Women's Refuge, provided residents with toiletries and other personal needs and have a member sitting on their Board.
- Through receipt of a grant, we have been able to provide a number of seminars throughout the year (two in November) in association with the Western Australian police force, for migrant and refugee women. These have focussed on safety and security and have included issues about domestic violence.
- Each meeting we have a 'Zonta Awareness' segment where this topic is brought up.
- We arranged for young Ugandan—Dr Barbara Nattabi, to speak to us in October about her experiences working in a conflict zone for the United Nations and the violence against women in that situation. Dr Nattabi also lead our UN Women Spring Walk.
- For the Area 3 Woman of Achievement Award, we put forward Di Annear in recognition of her

enormous contribution over many years to supporting women who have experienced domestic violence.

- We made our usual annual contribution to Project Respect, an advocacy organisation concerned about the trafficking of women and girls.
- We also donated funds to the Women's Legal Referral Service which supports women experiencing domestic violence and assists with their subsequent property disputes.

In last weekend's paper I read about a 10-year-old girl in Uganda who had been sold to a War Lord and had just been rescued after 12 months. I also watched recently the film 'Taken' involving the drugging and trafficking of young women. Then locally a young child was returned to the care of a father who repeatedly assaulted the mother who eventually committed suicide. This man has had restraining orders against him by six different women, some assaulted even whilst pregnant! So we still have a long way to go, and a lot of work to do.

As you can see from the above points, our whole year has been devoted to the aims of Zonta and specifically ZISVAW. This makes me proud to be a member and proud of our club's achievements, so a fitting note to end the year. **Well done to everyone**—we have good reason to celebrate at our Christmas Party, not forgetting those less fortunate than ourselves. So let's enjoy our

TRUE BLUE Aussie CHRISTMAS	
\$30 PER HEAD.	EVENT DETAILS
	WHEN: 1st December, 2010
PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN	WHERE: Vicki & David Moir's Home 55 Newry Street, Floreat
	TIME: 6:30pm for 7pm start
	RSVP & APOLOGY DETAILS
	BY: 5pm on 21st November, 2010
	WHO: ANASTASIA MARILL
	BY EMAIL: anastasiams810@gmail.com
	BY MOBILE: 0414 909 839.

I hope you have read and responded to Anastasia's recent email reminding you to RSVP (which means apologies too), by 21 November! A bit late now but not too late, I'm sure!

And if you really want to make it a fun night, why not come theme dressed like these gals?



Please also remember to bring along:

- Whatever you wish to drink.
- If you're averse to drinking from plastic, bring a glass.
- A seat if you feel like sitting for a bit.
- A wrapped pamper-style gift for the Women's Refuge.

I'm sure you are all looking forward to a break, as I am, and to winding down, or up as the case may be!



See you there!

Jean Wyder, President

STUDENT NURSE AWARDED

Sarah Rounsevell was overjoyed at receiving our Lucy Bohan Nursing Bursary last month. Sarah, mother of three, has a very supportive husband and parents who have played a great part in looking after the children when she is on prac. Sarah left school at 16 and is doing really well with her studies gaining a number of distinctions. She plans to specialise in neonatal care and buy a computer with her \$1000 Award. We wish Sarah all the best for the future and know she will achieve her goals.



REMINDER !

Don't forget to bring to our Xmas windup a wrapped pamper-style gift (ie hand cream, luxury soap, etc.) which will be gifted to the women at the Zonta Refuge.



WHITE RIBBON DAY
25 November



White Ribbon Day was begun by a group of Canadian men in 1991 on the anniversary of one man's massacre of 14 women in Montreal—they began the White Ribbon Campaign to urge men to speak out about violence against women.

In 1999 the UN General Assembly declared 25 Nov the "International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women", and the White Ribbon has become the symbol for the day.

Since 2000 the Federal Government's Office for Women has run awareness activities. The campaign has gone from strength to strength with white ribbons being distributed throughout the country on White Ribbon Day.



The 16 Days of Activism against Gender Violence Campaign was begun in 1991. The dates chosen—25 November (*International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women*) to 10 December (*International Human Rights Day*)—were selected to reinforce that violence against women is a human rights issue and a human rights violation.

This is central to Zonta's mission. The 16 Days Campaign is one that has been taken up by women's groups around the world in order to shed light on the problem and to make people aware that **"Violence against women is perhaps the most shameful human rights violation."** (former UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan).

And as our Zonta International United Nations Committee Chairman Mary Ann Tarantula reported recently—*".....we need to assist our local communities to understand that all women are vulnerable to violence no matter their socio-economic status. We need to be a voice for those who cannot be heard."*

APOLOGY

Last month's issue of *The Zontapreneur* carried a photograph of Lake Eyre. Whilst the photo artist, Mr Peter Elfes, was acknowledged, prior permission was not sought to use his picture. We sincerely apologise for this oversight.

ZONTA INTERNATIONAL
91st Birthday Celebration
Including the Area 3 Woman of Achievement Award
and the
Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarship

What a great show it was on Saturday 6 November when around 90 people were treated to a wonderful celebration at Lamont's Restaurant, Margaret River co-hosted by our own Leanne Sultan (Area 3 Director) and members of the Zonta Club of Dunsborough.

Celebrating the Founders of Zonta in this way is a wonderful opportunity to mix with other Area 3 Zontians, their partners and guests and to meet the inspirational nominees for the *Woman of Achievement Award*.

- **Susanne Hunter**—nominated by the ZC of Bunbury. Susanne has been supporting an orphanage in Bali following the bombings there.
- **Nicola Hair**—nominated by the ZC of Dunsborough. Nicola is a specialist music teacher at Busselton SHS and provides opportunities for young people to expand their talents and career choices.
- **Irina Norris**—nominated by the ZC of Swan Hills. Irina has been teaching dance to women over a 50-year period providing them with lifestyle disciplines.
- **Di Annear**—nominated by our club. Di has been involved for almost 30 years with women victims of domestic violence and over the past few years has set up the Women's Legal Referral Service to assist these women in the courts.



Leanne Sultan and Di

- **Lesley Reynolds**—nominated by the ZC of Peel Region. Like Di Annear, Lesley has supported women's refuges but more recently established a support group for people suffering benign essential blepharospasm (uncontrollable blinking). Lesley was unable to be present.

Susanne Hunter was announced our Woman of Achievement for 2010.

Unfortunately, the Jane M. Klausman Scholarship winner, Holly Ransom, was also unable to attend the dinner. Karen Groves, D23 JMK Co-ordinator read her citation. Holly is the recipient of both Area and District awards and it is hoped we will have an opportunity to meet her next year.

Priscilla Perfect's MEMBER ETIQUETTE



As we all know, Christmas will be here soon—a time to relax and enjoy the offerings of the season and to spend time with family and friends. As with all manner of holidays, there are certain points of etiquette to observe during this time that may well save you from embarrassment.

- Do not e-mail friends and/or family your Christmas wish list if you are over the age of 10. Keep in mind that it's a season for giving not receiving!
- When you receive gifts from people during this time, please show your gratitude. Someone obviously thought enough of you to get you something, no matter how big or small, ugly or insignificant it may seem.
- When attending Christmas parties, by all means take advantage of the ever-pouring drinks and plentiful free food—remember your own limitations. Dresses over heads, dancing on tables and swinging from chandeliers should be reserved for the privacy of your own bedroom, ladies!!
- Remember, Christmas is supposed to be a fun season. So if you don't agree with the sentiments of others you may meet—just smile, nod politely and pretend to enjoy their company. In your mind, just tap your ruby slippers together and repeat the words *"There's no place like home, there's no place like home."* Just make sure to keep it in your mind!!

And finally, my No. 1 tip for the season—*Everyone's definition of a perfect Christmas is different, so get over yourself and enjoy!!*

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MEMBERSHIP BOOST



Two bright new members have joined our ranks in time for partying next week! Both have attended a number of club meetings and have obviously decided we're not too bad after all!

Merilyn Ide (above) was referred to us via Millicent Hughes, a member of the ZC of Adelaide for over 30 years who wrote to Alison Martin, saying—*"The wife of a friend of mine is now living in Perth and might be interested in being a Zontian. Her husband Brian is a member of my Low Vision Group."*

Merilyn is a Financial Planner and Brian a retired mining engineer. They have two children—Andrew a pilot and website designer, and Catherine who is a solicitor. Like many engineering couples, they have had an exciting life travelling and working overseas. They love cruises and plan next year to see China's rivers.

Another of Merilyn's passions is her garden, she reads when time permits and enjoys spending time with friends. In the past she was an AFS Exchange student, volunteered with the guides and is well prepared for Zonta through her membership of Rotary.

Sue Taylor on the other hand, is a proud West Australian and has lived here all her life, but like Merilyn, is married with two adult children.



Sue and her husband are small auto accessories business operators and have worked together for six years (a test for any relationship!). They have two retail shops located in the Carousel and Armadale Shopping Centres. Her son helps run the Armadale store and her daughter works part-time whilst studying (keeping it all in the family).

Whilst she is a qualified primary school teacher and has enjoyed many years working with young children, Sue currently works part-time as she helps with the family business.

In her spare time she enjoys making costume jewellery which she sells at craft fairs. She is also a member of a book club.

Bronwyn, who introduced Sue to the club, said of Sue: *".....she is a very happy outgoing person who, in the short time we have known each other,*

has become a generous and very supportive friend. She has a variety of talents, including her teaching and writing skills, her craftwork and her ability to talk about anything! She is always interested in people and is a great listener.

I am very pleased that in June, when I had my desk near hers at work, when she politely asked how my weekend was and I launched into a tirade about how exhausted I was because of the sausage sizzle—she didn't say 'Oh dear', turn on her computer and start work—she asked me more about it!"

Sue says she is ready to give her time to helping others and is looking forward to the path that lies ahead.

We welcome both these lovely ladies to our club and look forward to their contribution and friendship.



Anastasia's house is really taking shape now and looks like it will be a great place for a committee meeting!

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Since we will all be taking a break for the Festive Season soon, let's not forget to promote Zonta during this time. Our Club needs lots more members to stay healthy and vibrant. Wear your pin, keep some brochures handy and don't forget to provide a contact in your club business card!

During your travels over the Christmas and New Year period, when you get out and about and invites to various things, do a bit of analysing and consider whether you could invite someone along to one of our meetings next year. **Let's make March and May Member Months. Let's give this some thought!**



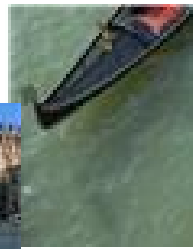
BREKKIE ON THE SWAN

Thank you again to Dagmar Barnes for hosting our club's annual Breakfast. What better way to spend a Sunday morning than relaxing on the waterfront with bacon, eggs, sausages, toast and freshly brewed coffee wafting across one's nostrils!

AROUND THE CLUB

"Two friends and I departed Perth for Italy in early September with the intention of immersing ourselves in the language and culture.

The first four weeks we each had an apartment alongside one another in a town 70 kms north of Venice, Caorle. The fourth apartment on the same floor was taken by a lovely lady from San Diego who joined us for school, meals, excursions, etc. We attended language class four hours a day five days a week. In the afternoons and weekends we visited many interesting and beautiful places such as Venice, Trieste, Treviso, Gorizia, Cividale, etc.



After Caorle we spent a month in Sorrento with a shared apartment in the town centre, once again attending a language school five mornings a week. The school at Sorrento was much larger and we had an interesting mix of nationalities—people from France, Holland, Austria, Switzerland, Ireland, Sweden and the United States, so that when we dined out together, it was necessary to speak Italian!

Before returning home on November 5th, we spent five days in Rome."

Judith Rossi

UTILITY BAGS make great stocking fillers. Why not grab a few at the new low price of **\$5 ea or 6/\$25.**

Let's support our own club fundraising.

See you in the New Year but in the meantime, enjoy the Festive Season. Stay safe and happy!

ON LEAVE !

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