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What a huge success our Young Women in Public Affairs Award evening was—congratulations to all involved! It was inspiring to hear the three worthy finalists speak and to hear the progress of last year's winner—Rachel Hunter. It was very pleasing to have almost 90 people attend including politicians, councillors and sponsors, and of course, our MC, Bishop Kay Goldsworthy.

To top it all off, we received a thank you letter from the Hon Liz Behjat MLC informing us that she had made a speech about it in Parliament which is now recorded in Hansard. I take the liberty of quoting some of this here—

"This evening I rise to speak about a function that I attended in my electorate on Wednesday, 4 August. It was the Zonta Club of Perth Northern Suburbs Young Women in Public Affairs Award presentation dinner. For members who may not know what Zonta is, let me enlighten them. Zonta International is a global organisation of

The mission statement of Zonta is fantastic. It states—Zonta International envisions a future in which women's rights are recognised as human rights and every woman is able to achieve her full potential. In such a world, every woman is literate and has access to education, health care, legal and economic resources on an equal basis with men. In such a world, no woman lives in fear of violence. I am sure honourable members on both sides of this house would agree with those sentiments. Zonta is a fantastic organisation that is well worthy of support from women throughout Australia and worldwide.

The finalists for this year were Tenniele Carroll from John Septimus Roe Anglican Community School, Rachel Martial from Mater Dei College, and Rosalinda Wren from Churchlands Senior High School, which I am very proud to say is my old

school. It was really wonderful to be there to listen to these young women speaking about the topic that was given to them which was where do they see themselves in the future. Just listening to these three young women, who are all in year 12, talk about what is in their future was really inspiring for all of us.

I just want to take this opportunity to congratulate Zonta for their wonderful work that it does throughout Western Australia and Australia and in other projects that it is doing around the world. We should all be very proud of its commitment to volunteerism, volunteer leadership achievements and its dedication to the advancement of the status of women. I will certainly be supportive of everything that it may do in the future. I thank honourable members for their time this evening and encourage any of them who may be invited to future events through Zonta to attend. Women and men members of this house would be welcomed by Zonta."

So, we should all be very proud of the work we do and not be shy about promoting our ideals, functions, fundraisers and meetings and encourage as many guests as possible to our events. You don't know where it may lead—we certainly didn't envisage being promoted in the Legislative Council of the WA Parliament!

Jean Wyder, President

YOUNG WOMEN WOW US!



These Award nights just seem to get better and better and as Jean has reported, this time we've hit the jackpot with a report in Hansard! What a

coup—thanks to the Hon Liz Behjat MLC, Member for North Metropolitan Region, Zonta and particularly our club, has been promoted widely. Liz will also be including an article in her next 'Behjat Bulletin'.



LtoR—Dr Demelza Ireland (YWPA Awardee 1996), Rachel Martial, Rosalinda Wren, Liz Behjat MLC, Tenniele Carroll and Rachel Hunter (YWPA Awardee 2009).

Another politician most impressed with the evening was the **Hon. Michael Mischin MLC** who spoke at length with the three finalists, their parents and previous awardees who attended.

We were privileged to have the evening emceed for a second year by the **Right Reverend Bishop Kay Goldsworthy** who obviously enjoys this role immensely.



All three finalists were, once again, exceptional young women which made the task of the judges very difficult when there can be only one awardee. That person was **Rosalinda Wren from Churchlands Senior High School** who was quite overwhelmed when her name was announced 'Logie' style! And how proud were her parents? Did we see a tear or two?

In fact, we can all be proud of what these young women have achieved, especially their parents, their schools and mentors. We congratulate them and wish them well for their studies and future careers.

SEPTEMBER SPEAKER - One of Ours!

"Good Morning Gorgeous Children"

This is the title of member Sue Pertilé's book which is blazing a trail when it comes to changing attitudes. Read more about this and Sue on page 2.



Our club is full of talented women—we just don't realise who they are!

Sue Pertile has always been passionate about teaching. Having gained her qualifications, she found herself in a tough position at a Melbourne school in a lower socio-economic area. Subsequently, she chose to teach at an inner-city school, before gaining a special education qualification for teaching children with learning difficulties and establishing herself in that area of expertise.

According to Sue, the way in which we handle children and their behaviour is critical to their development and so she decided to put her skills to the test and write **Good Morning, Gorgeous Children!**

“They do not have a ‘layer of life’ to protect their spirit from harm but will unknowingly absorb our responses in one way or another.”

Spurred on and astonished by what she sees as our inability to emotionally protect the most precious gifts in our society—children—Sue is blazing a trail when it comes to changing the attitudes of parents and educators towards youngsters and their emotional wellbeing.

“I know this book is making a difference,” confirmed Sue. *“If each adult makes just one positive change in how they respond to children, then I have achieved my goal and children will grow up to be more balanced as adults.”*

Before going back to her first love of teaching, Sue had a stint of running a programme for unemployed youth and was the owner of a coffee lounge/ice-cream parlour.

Listening to Sue's story should be a fascinating experience. Make sure you book your guests in by contacting—

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MORE ON YWPA AWARDS

These presentation nights would not happen without the support and hard work of a lot of people. Firstly, there is the Service Committee who get the forms out to the 46 schools in our area, sort the applications, short list the nominees and then interview them to come up with the eventual finalists. During this time the Award Night Committee get cracking on invitation lists, liaising with the venue staff at the Lake Karrinyup Country Club and attending to the logistics of the evening.

As with last year, we were again very lucky to have some much appreciated sponsorships, this time from:

- Silver Trowel Trade Training
- IGA Supermarket Wellington Village
- WACOMM Electrical Contractors



Sponsors L-R
Jon & Anne Skerratt (Silver Trowel Trade Training), Katie Fatouris (IGA) and Anita Sutton representing Adam Sutton (WACOMM)



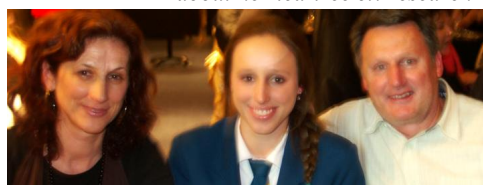
Peter Wyder with one of the raffle prizes donated by the City of Stirling

Ditza Teng (2009 D23 YWPA Awardee)



Area 3 Director Leanne Sultan in party mood!

Dr Demelza Ireland speaking about her tea-tree oil research



Winner Rosalinda Wren with proud parents



All smiles—our President Jean Wyder presenting Rosalinda with her certificate and cheque for \$1000. This news took the whole front page of the school magazine which, we understand, is something that doesn't happen often!

Apart from family members and school representatives, some of the other lucky guests who enjoyed this fabulous event included Councillors Stephanie Proud, Elizabeth Re JP and Bill Stewart from the City of Stirling, Lorraine McLean, Debbie Mason and Carole Theobald from the ZC of Perth, Carla Fasano, Mary Gadsden, Elaine Newman, Ruth Thomas and Sheila Watters from the ZC of Swan Hills and Nerida Jongen and Sherrel O'Neil from the ZC of Peel Region.

Well done everyone—the effort was certainly worth it!

AROUND THE CLUB

It seems life is getting far too hectic for some of our members. **Liz Wason** has taken leave for three months to concentrate on some further ophthalmological studies. Likewise, **Anita Sutton** will be away until January. Another member taking leave for a few months is **Marie Santa-Maria** who is pursuing some business opportunities in Asia.

Being professional career women, it is understandable that Zonta has to take a back seat from time to time. However, sometimes other events can take over as with **Palma Phipps** who has been flying back and forth across the country to rendezvous from time to time with “Cat O' Mine”, a 38' catamaran that David and friends have been sailing from New South Wales. They are currently off the Kimberley Coast and having a wonderful time exploring. Palma will be off again on 6 September to rejoin the crew in Broome. However, I hear she isn't such a good sailor so maybe it's not as romantic as it sounds!



ZONTA INTERNATIONAL
AWARENESS SLOT
 International Service Projects
 2010-2012 Biennium

Helping women in developing countries has been our passion since we were founded in 1919. Through funding from the Zonta International Foundation, the Program has provided training, education, health, sanitation, agricultural and micro-credit assistance to women, primarily through projects implemented by the agencies of the United Nations and other recognized non-governmental organisations.

Since 1923, Zonta has provided more than US\$9.8 million to projects benefiting more than 2 million women in 34 countries. During 2010-2012 the three projects being supported are:



Prevention of Mother to Child Transmission of HIV and Gender-Based Violence in Rwanda—US\$500,000

Women and children in Rwanda are still vulnerable to the repercussions of the genocide and war that took place 16 years ago. Treating HIV-positive women, preventing transmission of the virus to their offspring, and ensuring access to health care and reproductive services, as well as preventing and responding to the violence awoken by the brutalization of society during the genocide, are critical issues for the development of Rwanda and the safety of its women and children. Building on the success of the previous biennium, the project will continue to focus on the prevention of mother-to-child transmission of HIV by providing the full range of family package services at 20 UNICEF-supported PMTCT sites throughout Rwanda. In addition, the project will seek to expand holistic care and services at support centres for survivors of domestic and gender-based violence to ensure access to proper medical, legal, psychosocial and police support.

Safe Cities for Women Project in Guatemala City, Guatemala and San Salvador, El Salvador—US\$500,000

In Guatemala and El Salvador, rates of urban violence and violent homicides are above the already high regional average and women are at an even greater risk of violence due to their traditionally subordinate position in society. During the first phase of the project, significant results were achieved in both Guatemala and El Salvador. In Guatemala, women's

organisations submitted proposals to local authorities to improve public spaces and identified insecure spaces which led to the transformation of an abandoned house to a day shelter for people living with HIV/AIDS. In El Salvador, a map of unsafe places perceived by local women was presented to the local authorities who are committed to making these areas safer for women. For the next phase of the project, efforts will be focused on increasing visibility and impact by disseminating information on violence against women in the most violent districts of both cities and replicating the experience in all districts of the capital cities. The project will also expand to incorporate the issue of violence against women in the context of HIV/AIDS.

Elimination of Obstetric Fistula and the Reduction of Maternal and Newborn Mortality and Morbidity in Liberia—US\$500,000

With properly trained surgeons, well-equipped facilities and the necessary aftercare, the treatment of uncomplicated obstetric fistula has a 90% success rate. The cost is a mere US\$300, a small sum to many but well beyond the means of the average woman in Liberia. Building upon the experiences and progress achieved thus far, UNFPA, with Zonta's support, will continue to provide fistula treatment through the proper equipping of health care facilities and the training and capacity strengthening of health care providers to treat fistula. The project will also continue to focus on the reintegration of survivors while raising awareness and conducting outreach among communities and health care providers about the definition, causes and treatment of obstetric fistula.

As is customary, one-third of our club fundraising dollars will go to the Zonta International Foundation to support these and other projects and programs. The ZIF's goal this biennium is to raise US\$3.758M. This is the minimum and should be surpassed if we are to sustain the future of the women we are committed to help. And did you know that member and past District 23 Governor Alison Martin is our District's ZI Foundation Ambassador for 2010-2012? Sooner or later Alison will encourage members to make individual donations to the Foundation and to see whether we can enlarge on our District's contribution.



Priscilla Perfect's MEMBER ETIQUETTE

"I'll be back next month!"



KIT ASSEMBLY ON AGAIN



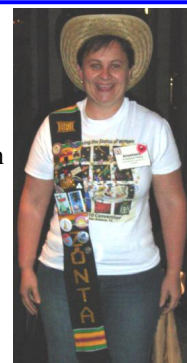
This Saturday 28 August we are planning to assemble 1000 kits. Coordinator Laurel is confident, with all the helpers who have volunteered, that the task will be over in 2 hours!

Members, you are asked to wear your Zonta T-shirts as we will have a photographer from Community Newspapers arriving around noon to take some shots for a follow-up story!



Thanks to Anastasia, those of us unable to attend the San

Antonio Convention certainly had a great insight last meeting into what we missed through her excellent Power-Point presentation. Thanks A!



UTILITY BAGS are going great guns at present. Since April we have raised \$520 with the new price of \$5 each or 6 for \$25 which money will go towards materials for our birthing kits and cushions. See what you can do to promote them!



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- Aug 28 Birthing Kit Assembly Day**
 - Sept 1 Club Dinner Meeting**
 - Sept 4 King's Park Fashion Show**
 - Sept 8 'The Removalist'**
 - Sept 24 Film Club**
 - Oct 6 Club Dinner Meeting**
 - Oct 24 UN Women Spring Walk**
 - Oct 29 Film Club**
- Mad Hatter Month**—this is ongoing. Invite some friends around for tea or coffee, tell them it's a fundraiser, talk about Zonta and charge them \$? for the privilege! They'll see it's for a good cause.

Sometimes I sit and think, other times I just sit!

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