ZONTA International



ZONTA CLUB OF PERTH NORTHERN SUBURBS

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PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT 1985-86 "GROWTH AND PROGRESS THROUGH PERSONAL INVOLVEMENT"

MEMBERSHIP

As at 1.4.86 our membership was 25 with two new members being processed who will take their place in the club at the beginning of June 1986. The work of Chairman Margaret Field and her Membership Committee in this area has been excellent. The Zonta handbook for inductees who need to be familiar with the workings of our particular club has been most useful and I thank Margaret Field and Kaye Metaxas in compiling such an informative booklet on the club.

Unfortunately, we have lost some members through their resignation and the club is continually looking at ways and means by which we can retain these members and at the same time increase new membership.

I feel this is one area where all members can take a more responsible and active part within the club, i.e. continually providing names to Membership Committee as prospective members or inviting guests with the view of future membership.

The "What is Zonta" meetings have been most worthwhile, in particular for new and prospective members and I feel should be continued.

SERVICE PROJECTS

Hilary Lane as Chairman and her committee deserve praise for their efforts in this area. This is a major function of Zonta and requires much time, initiative, thought and effort and I thank all those members who contributed to the service projects throughout the year. Some of the activities covered were:

(a) LOCAL:

> City of Stirling Playground Red Cross Riding for the Disabled Meath Homes

Our on-going project Books on Wheels continued during 1985-86 year where members serviced the Libraries within the City of Stiring.

Many of our members supported the South of Perth Coub's project Zonta House, by assisting with their membership and sending clothing and crockery for the Refuge.

The Sunshine Singers were again assisted with their T-Shirts.

A Christmas Hamper was donated to a needy family. My thanks to former member Georgie Jansen for organising the distribution.

(b) INTERNATIONAL:
Amelia Earhart Fellowship Fund
Sri Lanka Water Wheel Project
Marian de Forest Fund
Columbia Urban Slum Project
Eva Mowbray Hostess Fund

FUND-RAISING

The Service Committee also undertook fundraising for the club and some of the activities have been:

- . A Trash and Treasure stall at the Karrinyup Shopping Centre
- Diary/Recipe Book
- . Colour Coding
- Chocolate sales
- . A Theatre Evening with the Stirling Players
- A Lamington and Sausage Roll Drive
- · Various small fund raisers within the club members

AMELIA EARHART FELLOWSHIP FUND

The Service Committee has responsibility for the Amelia Earhart Fellowship Fund. A special evening was held at a member's private home with a Guest Speaker Jenny Houghton. Jenny, a Youth Education Officer at a local High School, has a pilot licence and is grand-niece of Sir Norman Brearley. Funds raised were donated to the Fellowship Fund at the District Conference in New Zealand in September 1985.

Members also attended a combined club Amelia Earhart Day on 11th January 1986 at Jandakot Aerodrome and from all reports an enjoyable time was had by all. I certainly would like to see more of this type of fellowship between our Perth clubs.

INTERCITY

The two mini-workshops held have been attended by our membeers with very worthwhile feedback.

Members of our club have attended dinner meetings of the Perth Club and combined with other Western Australian clubs for the Amelia Earhart Day Celebrations.

Lucy Bohan, Chairman of the Intercity Committee, also attended the Adelaide Workshop.

The Presidents met informally over lunch with Sue Jarvis during the year.

My thanks to Lucy Bohan for Chairing this committee and keeping up the goodwill and communications between our Western Australian clubs.

STATUS OF WOMEN/PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Chairman Maria Cuscuna has been very energetic with her committee in improving the Status of Women and dealing with public affairs, and I commend them on their progress so far.

Maria organised members to complete the Status of Women Study Questionnaire which was subsequently sent to headquarters. It was pleasing to read of the International President's response as "an overwhelming success" and nice to know our club has contributed to that success.

A file has been kept displaying cuttings and articles on the advancement and achievements of women in Western Australia.

The Founders Award which was presented at the International Birthday Dinner was well organised by the Status of Women Committee.

At present the committee is looking into the feasibility of supporting an Occasional Child Care Centre at Padbury.

My own involvement as a member of the Women's Advisory Council to the Premier has enabled me to monitor developments in this area.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

The Sunshine Singers have been wearing our T-Shirts for performances and thus Zonta has gained publicity and recognition. We also received excellent coverage of the International Birthday Dinner. My thanks to Kaye Metaxas for arranging a press release for this special occasion.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

I had the pleasure of being hosted by Zontians in Paris and the United States and my thanks to Lucy Bohan for hosting a visitor from the United States on behalf of our club.

FINANCE

My thanks to Alma Dempsey for taking over the Treasurer's position mid-term and to Ray Stapledon who volunteered his services to audit our books.

GUEST SPEAKERS

The following individuals made a valuable contribution to our club's activities:

Jenny Houghton - Youth Education Officer - Pilot

Sandra Taylor - Co-ordinator Hugh Elliott Family Day Care

Scheme

Sue Muddle - Health Promotion Services

Karen Milligan - State Co-ordinator International Year of

Youth

Kathy Schmah - Use of computers for handicapped people.

I would like to thank Else Kikiros for organising the Guest Speakers.

BOARD MEETINGS

Board meetings were held regularly, usually on the third Wednesday of the month at the President's home. Meetings were semi-informal where we enjoyed much fellowship. From time to time Chairmen from various Committees were invited to attend and encouraged to have input to the Board meetings and report their Committee's activities.

AREA DIRECTOR

I have kept in contact with our Area Director, Sue Jarvis and I would like to take this opportunity to say many thanks to Sue, not only for help to the club, but also to me personally. Her assistance, patience and advice were very much appreciated and on behalf of our club we thank her for the marvellous job she has done as Area Director for District 6 and we wish her well in future Zonta endeavours.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE

Unfortunately, there were no members representing our club at the District Conference in Rotorua, New Zealand last September. However, Wendy McGibbon acted as our Proxy and we thank her sincerely.

Wendy personally presented US\$175 on our club's behalf towards the Amelia Earhart Fellowship Fund at the Conference. She also took the Club Report to the Conference and copies were distributed to the other 80 clubs in District XVI in the form of a booklet.

ATTENDANCE

Dawn Newman has looked after the meeting attendance and has liaised with the various Restaurants on numbers attending for meal purposes. Her attention to detail with the seating arrangements and table organisation is appreciated and I thank her for her personal touch, particularly when we have had guests at our meetings.

VENUES

It would appear that after many changes, we have finally found a suitable home for our dinner meetings. It is hoped that the venue stability will benefit all members. My thanks to Margaret Field for tireless endeavours to find a suitable meeting place.

ACHIEVEMENT FORM

This has now been completed with our club recording 26 goals. I suggest that the Achievement Form goals be acted upon as soon as possible by the new committee in order that we are able to accomplish a greater number of goals in the next biennium and be eligible for special recognition by Headquarters.

INTERNATIONAL BIRTHDAY DINNER

Our club hosted the International Birthday Dinner in November 1985 with 85 members and friends attending. Four new members were inducted into our club.

The venue was superb and Heather Stewart and her committee must be congratulated on such a successful and enjoyable occasion. Mrs Ruth Reid was a special guest and Karen Milligan, State Co-ordinator of International Year of Youth, our guest speaker.

A special presentation, the Founders Award (Women of Achievement) was made to Deaconness Joyce Polson.

RECOMMENDATIONS

I would recommend the following to the incoming committee:

- 1. Divide the committees
- 2. Hold one major fund raising event
- 3. All members to be encouraged to take responsibility for new members
- 4. An Officer-in-charge be elected to monitor the Achievement Form

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND BOARD MEMBERS

I would like to thank Mary Deschamp, Secretary and all members of the Executive and Board for their consistent and conscientious commitment over the past year. I believe we have made significant progress in establishing a sound and attractive club.

MRS PAMELA H. HATT PRESIDENT