



Zonta Club of Perth Northern Suburbs Inc.
Member of Zonta International

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**ADVANCING THE STATUS OF WOMEN
WORLDWIDE THROUGH SERVICE AND
ADVOCACY**

- > Be effective advocates and opinion leaders on women's issues.**
- > Provide mission-focused service, locally and globally, in order to improve women's legal rights, health, education and economic status, and to prevent violence against women.**
- > Combine service with advocacy to enhance the effects of our work.**

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OFFICE BEARERS 2007-2008

PRESIDENT	PALMA PHIPPS
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STATUS OF WOMEN, SERVICE & ADVOCACY	DR DANIELLE GALLEGOS / MARGARET FIELD / KAY POUSTIE OAM
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P R E S I D E N T ' S R E P O R T

I have pleasure in presenting the 27th Annual Report of the Zonta Club of Perth Northern Suburbs Inc.

The last year of my Presidency has been very rewarding—I can't believe the year has passed so quickly. I would encourage those of you who have not taken up office bearer positions to do so in the future. Thank you all for your support throughout my term of office.

We have had a very successful year with great events. A big thank you to all our dedicated members who have contributed to the club and its events.

To my Board members—Anastasia Maslij, Kerry Coyle, Letitia Depiazzi, Vicki Moir and Mary Leonard my thanks for your support. Vice-President Anastasia, many thanks for coordinating the mentoring program and the Amelia Earhart functions. Our Treasurer, Kath Snashall, who for four years has kept our books in order, my grateful thanks. Marie Santa Maria our Secretary who took over the position mid term at short notice; how would I have managed without you. We have worked well together and I will miss our monthly meetings, especially the fellowship.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to our Chairmen and committee members for their commitment and time to the various Club projects.

Danielle Gallegos who led our Status of Women, Service and Advocacy Committee up until her departure to Queensland. This Committee did a wonderful job organising a most successful Young Women in Public Affairs Gala Dinner in conjunction with the Public Relations & Communications Committee and for sourcing our very deserving recipient of the Lucy Bohan Nursing Bursary. Mention must also be made of our Birthing Kit Workshop assembly day at the Claremont Primary School and also the Aboriginal Girls' Development Day at Balga High School. Kay Poustie, thank you for taking over the chairmanship of this Committee in November when Danielle moved to Queensland.

Our Programme Committee has once again sourced many diverse and inspirational guest speakers. This is very important as prospective members are impressed at how interesting our general meetings are. Thank you Judy and Kay.

Our membership is at a healthy 37. Two new members will be inducted in May. Thanks again to our dedicated Membership Committee lead by Beth Daebritz. Our grateful thanks go to them for following up potential members and for making them, and our guests, welcome at monthly meetings.

Our Public Relations & Communications Committee lead by Linda Tinning has worked tirelessly over the year, supporting events, organising publicity, producing great posters, maintaining the Club's scrap book, preparing media releases and entries to District and International public relations competitions. Our monthly "Zontapreneur" has been a great success. Other clubs in District 23 have commented on how much they enjoy the publication. The very polished production of our handbook is due to this Committee's professionalism and hard work.

The Plates and Platters Auction was a huge success due to the great input and dedication of Leanne Sultan and her Committee. The function resulted in a large amount of money being raised for the Patricia Giles Centre. The input by all members was massive. It took a lot of organisation over a long period of time which culminated in a very successful day.

Mary Leonard and her fundraising team over the past year have provided a huge array of diverse and enjoyable events. The mystery dinners are a favourite, as are the theatre nights and car rallies... for those who don't get lost! The garage sales are a great fundraiser as well. The clean skin wine sales and breakfast at Dagmar's too, remain favourites. Kaye Metaxas, thank you for taking over the coordinator role for the Entertainment Books.

We have had a wonderful and fulfilling year. Some members were able to attend the District Conference in Hobart. There were some very interesting speakers who uphold the biennial goals of Zonta. Sgt Andrea Humphries and her team from the Australian Federal Police Force spoke on Transnational Sexual Exploitation and Trafficking. Anne Hamilton, Team Leader of Settlement Services,

Migrant Resource Centre, Hobart, spoke about the differences between asylum seekers, refugees and migrants. Wanda Buza, Director of Women Tasmania, has been instrumental in establishing a Women in Business Micro-credit Program for the disadvantaged. All of these inspirational speakers have made a positive difference to the lives of people in Tasmania.

At the moment members from our Club are preparing for their trip to Zonta International's Convention which will take place in Rotterdam in June/July 2008. I look forward to their reports and experiences, upon their return. Alison Martin will return as our newly sworn in District 23 Governor.

I congratulate our incoming President Anastasia Maslij and new Office Bearers. I hope Anastasia, that you enjoy your Presidency of this vibrant and supportive club as much as I have.

Palma Phipps

President

INTER-CITY REPORT

Meetings were held in November 2007 and February 2008. All clubs in Area 3 were represented and participated in the discussions.

Our meetings were chaired by Area 3 Director Karen Groves who provided a good forum for the exchange of ideas and information. Office Bearers from the District have attended meetings from time to time, sharing information.

The Area 3 Workshop was hosted by the Zonta Club of Peel Region with the theme “Grow with Zonta”. The day was planned to enable members to gain from their membership of Zonta.

The Zonta Club of Bunbury organised the Founders’ Day Dinner, a Gala Night held at the Power Boat Club. This was a wonderful evening, enjoyed by all who attended.

The District 23 Conference in Hobart, Tasmania, was well attended. The vote was unanimous to adopt a new District project—the “Yarri Wada: Strong for Country Puppet Project”, proposed by the Zonta Club of Perth.

We all look forward to the 2009 District 23 Conference being hosted by Area 4 in Ballarat, Victoria.

Palma Phipps
President

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

We have inducted three new members this year and two ex-members will rejoin our ranks this month. Unfortunately three members have resigned and two are on Leave of Absence.

Our membership now stands at 37 with several guests expressing a keen interest in the Club. This will be followed up with an invitation to attend the next dinner meeting.

Many thanks to those members who assist our Committee by pursuing prospective members as it is important that we endeavour to keep our membership tally at not less than forty. It may be possible to inject an interest in our Club by contacting the local newspapers when we have a project they may wish to report on.

Special thanks to Kaye Metaxas who organises the place cards for our meetings and to Anita Sutton for sending out invitations.

Beth Daebritz
Chairman

PROGRAMME REPORT

A varied programme of speakers was offered during the year, as follows:

February	Planning Meeting (no guest speaker)
March	Janet Powell, Community Liaison Officer, Australian Red Cross
April	Beryl McMillan, District 23 Governor
May	Helen Rowe, Director of Development, Lions Eye Institute
June	Neil Hansen, Actor and Landscape Garden Designer
July	Lynette Ellard, Nurse at Fremantle Hospital & Co-Founder with Valerie Bird of Peduli Bali (Inc), a children's charity group
August	Young Women in Public Affairs Award - Gala Dinner
September	Karen Groves, Area 3 Director and Member of the Zonta Club of Perth Inc.
October	Kaye Metaxas, Club Member – to mark United Nations celebrations, Kaye spoke about her Greek heritage
November	Jenny Davis, Actor and Director

Judith Rossi and Kay Poustie OAM

PUBLIC RELATIONS & COMMUNICATIONS REPORT

2007 was a successful year for the Committee in the following areas:

Publicity

The Committee was active in providing publicity for the Celebrity Platters and Plates project, Young Women in Public Affairs Award and worked to get information into the Community Newspapers to promote Club dinner meetings and where possible the guest speakers.

It is at times difficult to get our Club message across in the media but the Committee consistently pursued all avenues to advance the cause of the Club. Kerry Coyle does a wonderful job with the publicity.

Jodie Sanders has taken special responsibility for keeping up to date news items etc. in a scrap book. Club members are being urged to give to Jodie any news items relating to the club that they come across in newspapers or magazines.

Also Jodie Sanders and Dawn Newman worked at preparing the Club's entry in the PR Awards at the Hobart Conference.

Young Women in Public Affairs' Gala Dinner

This was another successful evening carried out in collaboration with the SOWSA Committee. Whilst this Committee is responsible for sourcing candidates, interviewing and selecting finalists, the PR&C Committee arrange sponsorship, publicity and overall co-ordination of the dinner.

"The Zontapreneur"

The regular production of "The Zontapreneur" just prior to each meeting, is very well received. Special thanks to Dawn Newman for the great job that she does producing this each month.

Member Handbook

The member handbook was distributed electronically as was the successful A5 "No Fuss " list with handy access to members' telephone numbers and e-mail addresses.

Website

Work on the website is progressing and it is hoped by mid 2008 to have a very good Club website up and running. Dawn Newman and Kerry Coyle are working with Carole Theobald from the Zonta Club of Perth Inc. to set this up.

Special thanks to the Committee - Di Bryant for her great knowledge and support, Kerry Coyle, Anne Markey (Minute Secretary), Dawn Newman and Jodie Sanders for their wonderful work on the Committee.

Linda Tinning

Chairman

STATUS OF WOMEN, SERVICE & ADVOCACY REPORT

Members of this Committee in 2007 included Antoinette Allison, Laurel Coyle, Mandy Ewers, Margaret Field, Danielle Gallegos (Chairman), Vicki Moir, Sue Pertile and Liz Wason. We bade farewell to our Chairman Danielle Gallegos in November and Kay Poustie assumed this role. In February 2008, Miriam Blake-more was welcomed to the Committee. Fun and fellowship was enjoyed by all.

Balga High School Aboriginal Girls' Development Days

This program, organised by Margaret Field, in liaison with Rusty Hazel (school coordinator), was conducted over two days, 2-3 July 2007. About 15 girls participated and the focus was on personal care, deportment, confidence building activities and healthy eating, all integrated with jewellery making sessions. Specialists were engaged or volunteered to facilitate the activities. This was a labour intensive program and many club members gave of their time and expertise, especially Mary Leonard, Anne Markey, Anita Sutton and Beth Daebritz who managed the catering, Alma Dempsey who offered pastoral care and Dawn Newman who photographed the girls and made up their certificates for presentation. The program was held over two years, and although generally successful, members decided to discontinue it, as despite the hard work, the desired outcomes were not fully achieved.

Young Women in Public Affairs Award

Many hours of preparation went into this award as we contacted over 40 high schools in the northern suburbs. The winner for 2007 was Georgina Fraser, Head Girl, Mount Lawley Senior High School. Georgina was presented with her award of \$1000 at a Gala Evening held on 1 August, celebrating the achievements of young women in our community. This was organised by the combined efforts of the SOWSA and the PR&C Committees. The four finalists all impressed us with their speeches, as did Caitlyn Rice, the 2006 winner.

Birthing Kits

New member Mandy Ewers, assisted by Vicki Moir, organised this assembly morning which was held at the East Claremont Primary School on 18 August, 2007.

There was a great turnout of 47 helpers, including 16 members and 31 volunteers. A total of 997 kits was assembled, packed, and sent to Myanmar (Burma.) This was an opportunity for great fellowship and a scrumptious morning tea was supplied by Club members.

Spring Walk

The Spring Walk for UNIFEM was held at Star Swamp, Watermans Bay on 23 September. Unfortunately it was poorly attended as many members were still returning from District Conference in Hobart. However, at the October meeting, many members contributed to the cause and a sizeable cheque was sent to UNIFEM.

Lucy Bohan Nursing Bursary

This award is named after Lucy Bohan who was President of the Zonta Club of Perth Northern Suburbs from 1982 to 1984. Lucy held the position of Principal Director of Nursing with the WA Health Department. Interviewing for the year's award was held at Edith Cowan University on 19 October, 2007. Zontian Laurel Coyle met with two representatives from the university and selected Noelene Costello as a most worthy recipient. Noelene spoke at our November meeting. She is a single mother of two and intended to use the \$1000 award for both education expenses and to support her children while she is on clinical rotation.

Suzanne Bigelow Award

The Club initiated this award in memory of our past member, Sue Bigelow, who passed away in 2005. Sue was a Special Education Teacher at Newman College and for over 20 years she held executive positions in professional organisations at both state and national levels. The award is made annually to a secondary school student with special needs. In 2007 the award went to Justin Vittiglia.

Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarship

After trying unsuccessfully to find a recipient for this award, our Club joined with other Area 3 clubs to establish an Area 3 Award. Danielle Gallegos represented the Zonta Club of Perth Northern Suburbs on an Area Committee and Rachel Thomson was the successful recipient. Rachel received \$1000 and went on to become the District 23 Awardee.

Trafficking of Women

The SOWSA Committee investigated ways of better informing our members on issues related to the trafficking of women. As an initial response, it was decided that we become members of Project Respect, a non-government organisation which challenges exploitation of and violence against women in the sex industry. Kay Poustie led a workshop on the issue at the Hobart Conference in September and an education program for our Club will follow.

Woman of Achievement

In 2007 the nominee was sourced by Kerry Coyle who used her considerable journalistic skills to compile our nomination of Diane Annear, past CEO of the Zonta House Refuge. Diane now leads the Women's Legal Referral Service. Unfortunately our submission was unsuccessful.

Margaret Field

on behalf of

Danielle Gallegos and Kay Poustie OAM

FUNDRAISING REPORT

After a number of years of very successfully chairing this Committee, Jean Wyder 'passed the baton' to Mary Leonard this year. We welcomed Leanne Sultan back after her year as President, as well as new club member Jill Proctor. Our other committee stalwarts, Alma Dempsey, Dagmar Barnes, Letitia Depiazzi, Marion Brown and Ninder Kaur, continued to help with all our dreaming, scheming, fun and hard work. A special thanks to Dagmar for conscientiously recording minutes at every meeting, and to Letitia, Alma and Dagmar for hosting meetings in their homes.

Having made a conscious decision to concentrate on fewer but larger fundraising projects this year, we found that feedback from members indicated they quite enjoyed the fellowship opportunities provided by some of the less financially lucrative events, so some of these were returned to the calendar.

Cleanskin wine sales in alternate months have been steady, with a few people choosing to stop by Ultimo and purchase / collect their own supplies. Interestingly, the Club has collected over \$1500 in 'commissions' since starting this programme 18 months ago.

The *Mystery Dinner* in July was a roaring success, in terms of both fellowship and profits. Marion did an excellent job of coordinating guests with hosts, and as they say in the classics - 'a good time was had by all'. Palma, who was unavailable on the allocated evening, organised her own dinner party for friends, charged them, and donated the proceeds to ZPNS.

On a rainy Sunday morning in August, Dagmar and Peter once again opened their lovely home for *Breakfast at Dagmar's*. Although the inclement weather may have deterred some from coming, it added to the cosy atmosphere by the fire, and being serenaded by Dagmar on her piano was just the 'icing on the cake'.

Theatre outings continue to be popular, and this year included *Respect the Musical*, *Irene* (starring Debbie Reynolds) and *Miss Saigon*. Another group will shortly be attending and enjoying the *Bollywood Show*.

Thanks to Vicki Moir and family for mapping out a fun route for us to navigate on the ***Car Rally***. Having been instructed to drive safely and not rush, one group became so engrossed in answering the quiz over coffee in Mundaring, they almost missed the barbecue at the finish line.

The '2nd Annual Zonta ***Garage Sale***' was even bigger and better this year, with customers already diarising March of next year to clean out their cupboards and donate goods. Not only has this proven to be an excellent fundraiser for the Club, but is an outstanding public relations exercise for Zonta as well.

A big thank you must go to Kaye Metaxas for offering to organise the sale of ***Entertainment Books*** again this year. This is a great opportunity for members to save money while fundraising for the Club as well as seeking OPM (Other People's Money).

Monthly raffles at meetings continue to be popular and steadily add to our fundraising accounts. Thanks to our Treasurer Kath Snashall for organising these.

Despite our merciless teasing of Dawn Newman about the sale of ***shoe bags***, we are pleased to have now reached a point where all proceeds are pure profit—so far around \$1500. Thanks, Dawn, for your vision and tenacity for this project.

And of course, the outstanding work of the ***Platters and Plates*** Committee (reported in more detail elsewhere) must be acknowledged with a heartfelt thank you for the phenomenal success of this project.

Although members of the committee take responsibility for planning and organising events, it is the support of the membership, including their 'spreading the word' for OPM which makes them successful, and for this we are truly appreciative.

Mary Leonard
Chairman

Footnote:

Many thanks to organiser Mary Leonard, who not only coordinated collection, pricing and display of donated goods for the garage sale at her home, but also slept in a caravan on her front lawn to guard the "treasures"!

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS - GENERAL ACCOUNT

For the period 24 March 2007 to 29 February 2008 (11 months only)

Opening Balance as at 24 March 2007 **\$6499.76**

INCOME

Monthly Dinner Fees	8295.00
Membership Fees	6280.00
Area 3 Workshop	1741.00
Xmas Function	2056.00
Miscellaneous Donations	25.00
Bank Interest	.38

TOTAL INCOME **\$18397.38**

EXPENDITURE

Dinner Account	8676.00
Postage	151.05
Club Pull-up Banner	330.00
Area 3 Workshop	4634.80
Membership Fees	4410.00
Xmas Function	2479.82
Membership Badges	94.70
Miscellaneous (gifts, flowers, subscriptions)	572.54

TOTAL EXPENDITURE **\$21348.91**

Balance (excess of payments over receipts) **(\$2951.53)**

CLOSING BALANCE as at 29 FEBRUARY 2008 **\$3548.23**

Kath Snashall
Treasurer

Auditor's Report

I certify that I have examined the General Account of the Zonta Club of Perth Northern Suburbs Inc, together with receipts and payment records for the period from 24 March 2007 to 29 February 2008, and find them to be a true and fair record of the transactions.

J W Thornton ASA
Auditor

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS - FUNDRAISING ACCOUNT
For the period 24 March 2007 to 29 February 2008 (11 months only)

Opening Balance as at 24 March 2007 **\$5570.72**

INCOME

Theatre Tickets	835.40
Shoe Bags	1450.00
Amelia Earhart Function	1048.00
Entertainment Books	9240.00
Breakfast at Dagmar Barnes	340.00
Mystery Dinner	1550.00
UNIFEM Spring Walk	380.00
Raffle—dinner meetings	283.00
Wine Sales	670.00
Plates and Platters Project	13477.00
YWPA donation and raffle	586.00
Garage Sale 2007	1453.95
Car Rally	312.00
Miscellaneous donations	280.00
Bank Interest	.91

TOTAL INCOME **\$31906.26**

EXPENDITURE—Fundraising

Miscellaneous	35.00
Plates and Platters Project	1499.18
Shoe Bags	2800.00
Entertainment Books	7584.00
Amelia Earhart Function	757.50
YWPA Awards	213.25
Breakfast at Dagmar Barnes	43.00

Total Expenditure—Fundraising **\$12931.93**

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Fundraising Account continued

Opening Balance Brought Forward		\$5570.72
Total Income Brought Forward	\$31906.26	

EXPENDITURE—Donations

Women's Legal Referral Service	500.00
Operation Rainbow	500.00
The Cancer Council of WA (Craft Fair)	50.00
Jane M. Klausman Business Scholarship	500.00
Patricia Giles Centre	9300.00
Birthing Kit Fund	800.00
Zonta House Refuge	1500.00
YWPA Award 2007	1000.00
Lucy Bohan Nursing Bursary	1000.00
Balga SHS Personal Development Program	497.98
Sue Bigelow Award	18.95
UNIFEM—Spring Walk	366.50
Project Five-O	500.00
Project Respect	100.00
Zonta International Foundation Donation	3123.45

Total Expenditure—Donations	\$19756.88
Add Fundraising Total	<u>\$12931.93</u>

TOTAL EXPENDITURE	\$32688.81
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Balance (excess of payments over receipts)	(\$782.55)
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CLOSING BALANCE as at 29 FEBRUARY 2008	\$4788.17
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Kath Snashall
Treasurer

Auditor's Report

I certify that I have examined the Fundraising Account of the Zonta Club of Perth Northern Suburbs Inc. together with receipts and payment records for the period from 24 March 2007 to 29 February 2008, and find them to be a true and fair record of the transactions.

J W Thornton ASA
Auditor

2007-2008 AWARD RECIPIENTS

JANE M. KLAUSMAN WOMEN
IN BUSINESS SCHOLARSHIP (AREA 3)
Rachel Thomson

LUCY BOHAN NURSING BURSARY (PNS)
Noelene Costello
Edith Cowan University

SUZANNE BIGELOW AWARD (PNS)
Justin Vittiglia
Newman College

WOMAN OF ACHIEVEMENT AWARD (AREA 3)
Martha Teshome
State Coordinator FGM Education Program

YOUNG WOMEN IN PUBLIC AFFAIRS AWARD (PNS)
Georgina Fraser
Mt Lawley Senior High School

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