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### Club Meetings

Second Thursday of the  
month, 6.00pm for 6.30pm at  
St Catherine's College, UWA.

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## District 23 Conference

*Judy Tennant*



*Nine members of the Zonta Club of Perth attended the District 23 Conference in Hobart in September—the problem was finding a photo of them all together!*

*L-R: Refat Murshed, Lennie McCall, Judy Tennant, Margaret Medcalf, Fiona Crowe, Sciona Browne. Inset: Karen Groves, 'Tricia Summerfield and Lori Grech*



The 9<sup>th</sup> Biennial District 23 Conference of Zonta International was held in Hobart, Tasmania on the 14 to 16 September 2007.

The setting for the Conference was the Wrest Point Casino Hotel and Zontians from Area 5 provided a great variety of activities and events as well as fantastic weather. (However, Judy Tennant wore her overcoat all the way to Tasmania and didn't put it on until the night she arrived home at Perth airport!)

Conference sessions as well as the Conference Dinner were all held at the Hotel. The setting was stunning with most

rooms looking out across the water.

The Perth Club was well represented by President Lori, (our delegate), 'Tricia (our alternate delegate), Karen, Sciona, Fiona, Margaret, Lennie, Judy and Refat. Fiona, Sciona, Lori and Refat were all 'first timers'.

Karen and Judy arrived in Hobart on Wednesday in readiness for the Board meeting prior to Conference. Sciona and Fiona had arrived early to prepare for the Yarri Wadda Project Presentation, and so were on hand to welcome them both with a gin and tonic and some nibbles.

Being a Casino Hotel (the first purpose built casino in Australia), there was always lots to see and lots happening.

The Conference dinner was a great hit with great entertainment by 'Dolly Putin'. All of us were up on the dance floor and danced well into the night.





### ***District 23 Conference continued...***



Karen's sister, Georgie, is a Tasmanian Zontian and had been involved in the planning of the Conference. She compered the dinner with grace and style.

Fiona and Sciona were ready and rearing to go on the morning of the presentation of the Yarri Wadda Puppet Project presentation. What a show it was.

Fiona had 3 minutes to present and the delegates to Conference were enthralled. At the conclusion of the



presentation Fiona was given a standing ovation. We were all so proud.

It was not surprising that the delegates voted in favour of the project as a new District Project.

People loved it and I note that Zonta Club of Swan Hills have already forwarded a cheque for \$500 to purchase a puppet.

Special congratulations to 'Tricia who received a certificate to mark her 30 years in Zonta! Our Club also received two PR awards.

Judy presented her Nominating Committee report and read out the Slate of Candidates. This was followed by a presentation by each of the nominees who were given two minutes to speak.

The presentations were excellent and all candidates were well prepared. Delegates were given overnight to discuss each of the candidates and make their selection.

As there were no nominations for the position of Area 3 Director, Judy Tennant was nominated from the floor by the Perth Club and seconded by Nan Martella of Zonta Club of Bunbury. Judy was then called on to speak.

The following day delegates were invited to cast their vote, the results of which were presented later that morning.

Alison Martin of Perth Northern Suburbs was voted in as the Governor elect and Jane Smith from Port Lincoln was voted in as the Lt Governor.

Judy Tennant was voted in as the Area 3 Director. Karen's sister Georgie Hutchinson will be the new Area 5 Director.

Newly elected officers will take up their positions in July 2008 at the close of Convention in Rotterdam.

Governor elect Alison has already approached Carole to be the editor of the District newsletter. Great representation all round for Area 3.

Lennie was the presenter of the flag installation ceremony the opening event of Conference and Karen Groves carried one of the flags.

The next Conference will be in Ballarat and on all accounts a great program is anticipated—so plan to attend in September 2009.



District 23 team for 2008-2010 includes Alison Martin on left, Georgie (Karen's sister, (7th from left), and Judy (9th from left).

**District 23 PR Awards...**

Sciona Browne



Guess what! Zonta Club of Perth picked up TWO awards and a special commendation at the District Conference for:

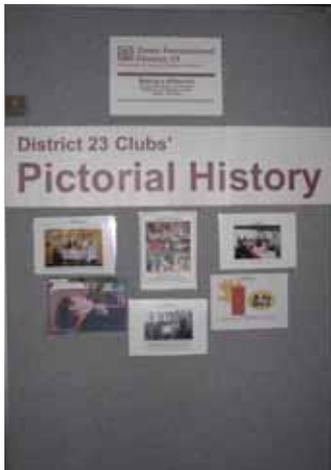
- (i) Category 4: Website and
  - (ii) Category 1.3: Zonta Information Brochure for Members AND
- the judge gave Carole Theobald a special commendation for the quality and breadth of the material she has developed for the Zonta Club of Perth.

Congratulations Carole. And well done too!  
*(Thanks for emailing me Sciona—I couldn't go to the Conference as I was at a family wedding in the UK—so I appreciated hearing the news— Ed)*

*'Tricia (second from right) receives the two PR Awards on behalf of the Club. (Tricia also received a certificate to acknowledge her 30 years of membership and contribution to Zonta—Well done 'Tricia!)*

**District 23 Pictorial History display...**

Lennie McCall and Margaret Medcalf were part of the team that put together the District 23 Clubs' Pictorial History display. Clubs submitted one poster for a project held during each decade of a club's existence. As can be seen from the photos below, they covered events held from the 1960s through to the present day. Well done!



**Conference Photos**

Many thanks to Sciona Browne for taking and forwarding photos from the conference!

For more conference news and photos visit the District 23 website at:  
[www.zontadistrict23.org.au](http://www.zontadistrict23.org.au)



*L-R: Lennie and Margaret enjoy the conference hospitality*



## Lesley Parker addresses October's meeting...

*Marilyn Ranier*

*In our quest to advance the status of women, it behoves us to remember not to fall into the trap of self-deprecation when we stand up to give a talk and to be aware of our tendency to be perfectionistic when preparing a job application, as the deadline may well pass while we are dotting our 'i's and crossing our 't's.*

These were only two of the many useful tips for professional women given by our guest speaker, Emeritus Professor Lesley Parker, at the Zonta dinner meeting held at St Catherine's on 11 October.

As we soon found, Lesley speaks from a wealth of knowledge and experience. Now an Educational Consultant, with a strong commitment to Mathematics and Science, she was Foundation Director of the Carrick Institute for Learning and Teaching in Higher Education from 2004 and prior to that was Deputy Vice-Chancellor at Curtin for seven years. She was also the Founding Chair of the WA Curriculum Council. After the death of her first husband, her career became even more vital with the need to raise four sons on her own.

Lesley began her talk by making reference to the different degrees of discomfort faced by both men and women in the workplace, then highlighted the fact that, despite the best efforts of the various feminist movements, the throw-away line 'Women in Leadership' remains an oxymoron. She then framed her topic, *How to survive the challenges facing women in the professional world and how to overcome them*, in terms of four focus questions – questions she has been asked herself by aspiring leaders in various fields.

The first of these questions referred to her leadership role as Deputy Vice-Chancellor at Curtin: "What's it like?" Her response to this was, "A little uncomfortable." Curtin in 1997, Lesley explained, was an incredibly masculinist institution, thinly disguised

by paternalistic behaviour and a facade of democracy, a place where she was regarded as "A threat, a nuisance, a politically correct anomaly, and a passing phase." The male academics, she found, "Had a real problem with some upstart woman coming into their terrain."

Fortunately for Lesley, the then Vice Chancellor, Lance Twomey, was very supportive of women in leadership and, despite the many attempts to undermine her, he remained a stalwart. Lesley pointed out that a supportive male is a very important survival tool for a woman in this type of situation but that the support of women, both at home and in the workplace, is crucial.

The second question in this frame of reference was "Are women leaders different?" Here, Lesley pointed out that male leaders are always promoted in the form of the heroic model, while women are often depicted as more democratic and supportive. This type of gendered stereotyping she says is misleading, as the plain fact is that in both categories "some are and some aren't" and it can be dangerous if women buy into this type of belief system. As Deputy Vice Chancellor, Lesley developed what she titled "a post-heroic model", one that has five elements:

- (1) working to develop the best environment for staff and students;
- (2) developing a culture that supported this;
- (3) developing a "Valuing Curtin staff plan";
- (4) resisting policies that negated this; and
- (5) understanding the slow pace of change.

Lesley then turned to question 3, "How did you get there?" Her response to this was that she was fortunate enough to have been born into a family of professionals with a strong sense of social justice who



*Photo of Lesley Parker when she launched the Parker Cooperative Research Centre for Integrated Hydrometallurgy Solutions at Curtin University in 2005. (From: <http://www.parkercentre.com.au>)*

simply expected her to follow suit. At 20 she married an academic who again supported her aspirations. The fact that she, herself, is an idealist and an optimist was another advantage.

This was a natural lead-in to question 4: "How can you help us to get there?" This question, Lesley told us, has been asked frequently by both men and women. Here, Lesley suggested that women should take a practical stance and maintain, at all times, a sense of humour.

Importantly, we need to be able to deal with trivialisation, particularly in matters of appearance, including dress; and we also need to be prepared, she warned, for attempts at assassination.

In closing, Lesley encouraged her listeners to tell others their own stories of success and failure. Sharing these experiences, she said, is invaluable in helping and strengthening women with leadership aspirations in times that remain challenging, despite the dramatic shift with regard to women's rights that has taken place over the past half century.

**2007 Founders Day Dinner  
...and presentation of the  
2007 Woman of Achievement Award  
Celebrating 88 years of Zonta International**

*Where: Bunbury Power Boat Club, Lyons Cv off Koombana Drive, Bunbury*

*When: Saturday 10th November 2007, 6.30pm for pre dinner drinks and fellowship*

*Dress: Semi formal Black and White attire*

*Theme: Art deco—reflections of the time when Zonta International was first founded*

*Presented by Area 3 Director Karen Groves and hosted by Zonta Club of Bunbury Inc*

*Tickets: \$70 each (includes 3 course meal with limited drinks and pre-dinner drinks)*

*RSVP: By Friday 26th October to irenebell@bigpond.com telephone 9725 8797*

*\*\*\* Registration form available on our club website www.zontaperth.org.au\*\*\**



The  
Membership and Support Committee  
invites you  
to a  
"fellowship" breakfast

to be held on

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> October

at 7.30am

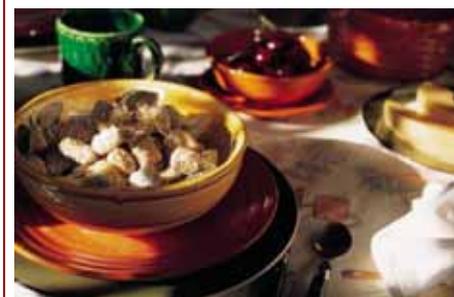
at the Subiaco Hotel,  
on the corner of Rokeby Road  
and Hay Street in Subiaco.

Confirmation of numbers  
is required by  
Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October.

Could you please  
RSVP to Sandy McGregor  
either via email or  
on 0414 336 900

Thank you.

We look forward  
to seeing you there.



**Fiona Stanley  
presentation at  
St Catherine's**

Marilyn, Fiona, Glen, Anne-Marie and Sandy attended a lovely evening at St Catherine's where Dr Fiona Stanley was talking to students of the college about indigenous issues. Glen reports that Zontians were welcomed individually and Dr Stanley's presentation was 'wonderful'. She explained that the issues raised were so much more poignant since she visited the Gibb River Community with other club members recently.

Dr Stanley signed Glen's copy of her latest book "Children of a lucky country" which sounds a very interesting read.

Many thanks to Fiona Crowe for inviting our club members to the event.



**'Elizabeth' Movie Fundraiser**

**Date:** Sunday 25 Nov 2007 at 2pm  
**Movie:** Elizabeth - The Golden Age  
**Cinema:** Astor - Beaufort Street, Mt Lawley  
**Cost:** \$15, per ticket  
**Includes:** Movie, 2 drinks, food

We will also be raising funds through raffles, including a Xmas food hamper, towards which we are requesting donations. (Donations may be brought to November meeting or collected if required.)

Tickets may be pre-purchased at the November club meeting.

Contact Agnes on agnes.vacca@pkf.com.au or Judy, Anne-Marie, Refat or Sciona for tickets or donations.

## Scuttlebutt..



### Sad news from the Gibb River...

*Kathy Charlesworth reports...*

Nancy White's eldest son was tragically killed 2 weeks ago in a car roll-over on the Dodnun, Mt Elizabeth Road. (*Our Club sends deepest condolences to Nancy and Alfi—Ed*)

Little Deano, Grandson for Alfie and Nancy, was also bitten by a baby, King Brown snake on Tuesday just before sundown on the road near Alfie's house. Fortunately, he was with his brother and Selwyn who got a good look at the snake before it slithered away - they tracked it later.

Deano's mother Daly-Ann, was close by and screamed for help - Yvonne told me that Daly-Ann had the good sense to 'blow wind' into Deano, to get him breathing again, till Mary-Jane (the community nurse) got there with resus equipment. Mary Jane then set up a drip on the roadside whilst Alfi dashed and set-up the landing lights for Royal Flying Doctor plane. Yvonne said everyone was really good and sat around little Deano and quietly prayed together to keep everyone strong and calm, till they heard the Doctor plane overhead. Daly-ann and Deano where then taken into Derby hospital. Yvonne told me, little Deano is doing OK and Nancy briefly spoken to him on the phone yesterday.

If the hospital find any neuro-damage to central nervous system, Deano will be transfered to PMH for further tests and therefore may be requiring some more 'Angel Aunties' ! So standby Zonta mob, your Aunties role maybe required yet again - Yvonne told me that Nancy is beside herself with grief and worry, so they are all taking it in turns to go and sit with Nancy and help with the little kids....

## Diary Dates

### 16th October 2007—Introduction Evening

Please let Sandy McGregor know if you have a friend or colleague who would be interested in learning more about Zonta.

### 22nd October 2007—Pink Ribbon Day

Wear a pink ribbon to help raise awareness of breast cancer in the community.

### 24th October 2007—Fellowship Breakfast

Meet for breakfast at the Subiaco Hotel at 7.30am. See advert on page 5 for details.

### 28th October—Perth Northern Suburbs

**Celebrity Platter exhibition** Karrinyup Community Centre, Davenport Street, Karrinyup, 2-5pm, tickets \$20 from Kaye 9387 4726 or at door.

### 10th November—Founders Day Dinner

This year's event is hosted by the Zonta Club of Bunbury. Please see advert on page 5.

### 25th November—Movie fundraiser 2pm Astor Cinema, Mt Lawley and White Ribbon Day

Wear a white ribbon to the event to mark the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women. The movie is 'Elizabeth—the Golden Age' starring Cate Blanchett and tickets are just \$15 including refreshments. See advert page 5.

### 25th November to 10th December—16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence

Visit <http://www.who.int/gender/violence/sixteendays/en/> to download kits and see how you can participate.

### 1st December—World AIDS Day

### 7th December, Education Award

Closing date for Education Award entries.

### 2nd to 12th April 2008, 20th UNIMA Congress and World Puppetry Festival.

This is the World Event for puppeteers and it is being hosted in Fremantle—what an opportunity for exposure of the puppet project on the world stage...

<http://www.unima2008.com/go/unima-2008>

### 28th June-3rd July—Zonta International Convention 2008, Rotterdam

Have you made plans to go yet?

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## Introduction Evening

The next Introduction Evening will take place on Tuesday October 16th at St Catherine's College.

These evenings give potential members opportunity to learn about Zonta in an informal setting over a glass of wine and a selection of cheeses. If you know of any potential members, please give their details to Sandy McGregor.