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Club Meetings

- o Second Thursday of the month (except January)
- o 6.15pm for 6.45pm
- o St Catherine's College, UWA

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Board members proudly display Yarri Wada presentation packs.



D23 Yarri Wada Puppet Project Co-ordinators are Fiona Crowe (left) and Sciona Browne.



Lennie McCall (right) shows Alison Martin the D23 Governor's gavel and trophy



Perth Zontians, outgoing Area 3 Director, Karen Groves (right), passes the 'Area 3 Director pin' to incoming Area 3 Director, Judy Tennant.

1. Yarri Wada launch and meet the D23 Board

At the recent first meeting of the District 23 Board in Perth, our Club's 'baby' – the Yarri Wada Puppet Project – formally came of age and left home! The Yarri Wada Puppet Project is now an official District 23 Project for the 2008-2010 biennium.

At the Board meeting, Fiona Crowe, one of the two project co-ordinators, provided an overview of the project and gave an update of the many recent activities. One of the aims of the project is to empower women of the Kimberley region to take ownership of the project so that it may be sustainable beyond the biennium. Great progress is being made in this regard with young, vibrant Kimberley women already taking leading roles in local project management. The women have many great ideas that they would like to feed into the project, including establishing a 'Club' for young women in a safe house one night a fortnight. The Club gathering will bring together local community leaders and health professionals so that young women may learn about health and life issues and be better prepared to control their own lives. The Club will link with other community initiatives so that if any issues arise in the Club, people with suitable skills may be approached to provide advice and support to young women.

The project co-ordinators, Fiona Crowe and Sciona Browne are to be congratulated for their leadership, inspiration ongoing commitment to the project. Their efforts to turn the senior law-women's dreams into reality, by firstly securing sponsorship with the EON Foundation in stage one to make and display puppets, and then packaging the puppet dream as a project that could harness the imagination and support of Zonta Clubs in District 23, have been exemplary. Well done! We look forward to following the progress of the project via the Club's website at www.zontaperth.org.au and the Yarri Wada Newsletters throughout the biennium.

The Zonta Club of Perth was well represented at the Board meeting, with presentations to the Board being made by Tricia Summerfield, the incoming D23 Archivist, Lennie McCall Chair of the D23 History and Archives Committee, Carole Theobald, the D23 newsletter editor, Judy Tennant, Area 3 Director and of course, Fiona Crowe, Yarri Wada Puppet Project co-ordinator.

Lennie and Margaret Medcalf had discovered the Governor's gavel and trophy in the archives and Lennie presented this to Alison Martin, the new Governor of D23, at the meeting.

After the formal meetings, Zontians from Area 3 were invited to meet the Board and the platters of exquisite food that Zontians produced were delicious. During the evening Karen Groves, outgoing Area 3 Director, who has recently returned from an extensive camping trip in Central Australia, caught up with Judy Tennant to officially 'pass the Director's pin' – and were 'snapped' in the process!

A special welcome was given to visiting Zontian, Anna Marie Jenkins, from the Zonta Club of Everett in Washington State USA with Alison Martin giving her some Wandjina cards and a Yarri Wada Presentation Pack as souvenirs of her time with us.



The Troopie heads up North with boat on top!



Some of the Fremantle Challenger TAFE boat building students who helped to construct the boat.



Up she goes!

2. Women's vehicle and boat set off for the Kimberley

You never know what is going to happen next in the Zonta Club of Perth! The Ngarinyin Committee reported at the last Club meeting that they had recently negotiated the 'peppercorn purchase' of a 'Troopie' (4 wheel drive people carrier) for the Ngarinyin women in the Gibb River Community. The vehicle was serviced by the team at Ultratune in Claremont, who declared, that although the vehicle was old, it still had lots of life in it and was in very good condition.

This was very reassuring to Kathy Charlesworth, our Club's 2006 Woman of Achievement nominee, who was to drive it to the Kimberley!

To literally 'top it off' Kathy was delighted to report that lecturers and students at Challenger TAFE in Fremantle, had made a boat that was ideal for use on the Kimberley rivers. Many thanks to Jean Menzies from the Maritime Skills Training Centre at Challenger TAFE for making the project possible.

The vehicle and boat will be used by the senior law women in the community to access fishing and hunting areas and also undertake cultural activities at sacred sites. Given that the Gibb River Road is impassable for three months of the year due to the high water levels in local rivers – the vehicle and boat will shorten the period of inaccessibility.

This vehicle will make such a difference to the lives of so many people. Many thanks to all Zontians and friends who worked together to make it happen!

3 Nicole's efforts rewarded with Education Award

This year it was our enormous pleasure to present the \$2000 Education Award to an applicant who takes challenge in her stride on a daily basis. As an indication of her highly motivated approach to her studies, Nicole Banks travels by train from her home in Gosnells all the way to Edith Cowan University at Joondalup. This journey would be time-consuming and tiring for a single person with no responsibilities but Nicole is a single mother with two small children, a son of seven and a daughter of four. She also works in a voluntary capacity at her children's school.

Nicole, who hails from Tasmania, told us her real education began when, armed with only a backpack, she began travelling around the world. That was in 1996. She met her Egyptian husband during her travels and they later moved together to live in Perth. Originally an optical dispenser with OPSM, Nicole moved on to manage several OPSM stores, where she also trained staff. Her decision to become a Home Economics teacher led to her enrolment at Edith Cowan University, where she is studying for her Bachelor of Education degree, majoring in Home Economics. A very positive offshoot of this decision was that she then had to choose a study Minor, which led her to take up Visual Arts. This was a subject about which she knew nothing but which she says she loves as it has given her life an added dimension.

Nicole is a practising Moslem, so the relief on her face was palpable when the soup placed before her at St Catherine's turned out to be vegetarian minestrone! Apart from the strength she derives from her strong religious faith, she finds peace in her hobbies – reading, gardening, and sewing. On the educational front, Nicole believes that education is a life-long process, that in fact we never stop learning, and she is very much looking forward to starting her teaching career so she can impart to others the skills she is now acquiring.

Carole Theobald offered our congratulations when she presented Nicole with her cheque, while other members of Zonta Club Perth expressed their pleasure at meeting her and listening to her talk.



Nicole Banks (left) receives the Award from Helen Margaria, Chair of Education Award Selection Panel.

4 Sue Murphy, water supplies and climate change



Sue Murphy (left) receives a Vote of Thanks for her presentation from Marilyn Rainier.

There is a saying that goes “Some people dream of success...while others wake up and work hard at it.” From what we heard from our guest speaker at the club meeting at St Catherine’s College on 10th July, Sue Murphy is one of the latter. Telstra obviously knew what they were doing when they gave her the Telstra Businesswoman of the Year award in the year 2000. Sue, who has been the General Manager of Infrastructure at the Water Corporation since 2004, is also Deputy Chairman of the Rottneest Board, thus it can be seen how integral this one woman’s input is at this particular time in Perth’s history when ‘revisioning’ is the word on everyone’s lips.

In opening, Sue pointed out that the problem we have in Western Australia is that climate change has hit us harder and faster than anywhere else on earth – much faster than was originally anticipated. This unexpected acceleration of the situation has meant that changes have had to be made in planning regarding future water supplies, because the original long-term plans soon had to be viewed as short-term instead. This need for new long-term planning then led to the development of what the Water Corporation have titled the Water Forever Project.

Sue explained that public opinion has been a guiding factor in the creation of this project. The Corporation therefore worked with a futurist to address community concerns and the constraints that prevent us from moving forward. As research showed that an overwhelming number of West Australians are interested in the environment and how they can make a difference, the Water Corporation’s theme for the project then became, “Persuading others to share your vision works best when you issue an invitation.” In short, this means that if we want to change things, we all need to work together; that is, we must stop talking and start doing. Given its environment, Western Australia has to be a leader in water efficiency. The key to this is that we need to move beyond seeing ourselves as part of the problem and start focusing, instead, on seeing ourselves as part of the solution. As an example of this, Sue pointed out that our seawater desalination plant has been a huge success and we led the way in Australia in this regard.

Sue walked us through a suite of schemes, the underlying message being that of security through diversity. These schemes are divided into seven systems: groundwater; desalination; water reuse; smarter use of water; surface water; government catchment management; and pipeline water. Her clear and highly illustrative PowerPoint emphasized the viability of these systems and the part we can play in their input.

Being informed and educated on a topic is, of course, empowering. Sue Murphy certainly empowered us with her highly accessible presentation and we look forward to participating in her vision in the vital years ahead.

5 Welcome to Karina Moore

At the meeting on 10 July, Carole Theobald inducted Karina Moore as a member of Zonta. Karina was born in Collie, typically a coal miner’s daughter. She remembers long forest walks and sumptuous community picnics that usually included sing-alongs and games. Sadly, her father died in a mining accident when Karina was ten years old. This led to a move to Busselton and upon her mother remarrying many other moves to various country towns in the south and mid-west of WA, with her lovingly coined ‘gypsy’ parents.

After a short career in retail Karina attended the West Australian School of Nursing (WASON). Upon completing her training, Karina worked for Geraldton Regional Hospital and St John of God Hospital (Bunbury), prior to entering nursing studies to Post Graduate Diploma level at Edith Cowan University. She majored in research and human sciences.

Karina’s clinical nursing experience has been predominantly at Royal Perth Hospital - surgical and hospital-in-the-home domains – and at Busselton District Hospital - emergency department, disaster preparedness and pre-anaesthetic admission units.

Karina’s first introduction to project development and implementation came as a



The Water Forever messages are Conserve, Create and Connect...



Club President, Carole Theobald (left), inducts Karina Moore at the July Club meeting.

founding member of the hospital-in-the-home program at Royal Perth Hospital. The experience of being part of a team that nurtured a concept to blossom from the page into a tangible and successful service for patients sparked an interest in project management as a science. Therefore, in pursuit of more experience in this area, Karina's health administration career commenced as project officer for the National Demonstration Hospital Program – phase 3. This consortium of 36 hospitals across Australia trialed projects that improved integration of services and better utilisation of in-patient beds. Karina developed and implemented the Emergency Department Aboriginal Liaison Service, collected data relating to hospital utilisation that contributed to a national data base, and was instrumental in the development of the Australian Resource Centre for Hospital Innovation (ARCHI), an on-line clearing house for National Demonstration Hospital projects. The outcomes for the Aboriginal Liaison Service were so successful that it became a flagship project and Royal Perth Hospital achieved a notable improvement in acute bed utilisation when compared to the other demonstration hospitals. Both the Aboriginal Liaison Service and ARCHI remain operational today.

The next major project for Karina was to develop the East Metropolitan Ambulatory Care Service, which was to become part of a metropolitan wide ambulatory care division. This encounter with a Department of Health coordinated project led to an ongoing interest in departmental activities, and subsequent secondment to the Health Network Branch, where Karina continues to work today as a Senior Development Officer. Her primary function in this role is to facilitate clinicians, non-government organisations, the private sector and consumers to work collaboratively in the development of state-wide policy aimed at improving the health of West Australians. Current projects include working with Prof Fiona Wood and Prof Jeff Hamdorf, who are leading the development of a state-wide Model of Care for Burn Injury and, Dr John van der Post, who is leading development of a model of service delivery that supports clinical management and transfer of patients between health sites.

Karina has not been blessed with children of her own to date, which is fortunate for the nieces and nephews she spends much of her spare time spoiling. Her other favourite thing to do is spend time at her beach house in Busselton, enjoying beach-side activities such as yoga, reading, crochet and dining with friends.

As a member of Zonta, Karina looks forward to the fellowship of clever and compassionate women. She also wants to contribute to the community by sharing her career and life skills in order to assist in the progression of the valuable work undertaken by the Zonta organisation. Welcome to Zonta, Karina!

6. Hats off to Miranda's 'lion heart'...

Do you remember the wonderful hats that were modeled at last year's Luck of the Irish Lunch? Well, their talented creator, Miranda Green would like your support for an important project that aims to help Tibetan refugees.



Miranda Green's haute couture hats were a big hit at our Luck of the Irish Lunch

The vision of the Lionheart Project is to transform sweatshop mindsets, by reinvigorating the manufacturing environment one workshop at a time. Lionheart will empower disadvantaged women in developing countries by establishing sustainable, non-exploitive manufacturing workshops then providing ethical Australian fashion designers access to them. It will:

- use the 'living bequest' of Miranda Green's "Green Girl Fashion House" in its entirety to financially support and inform Lionheart's aims and to retail its products with integrity
- establish ethical workshops employing and empowering disadvantaged women in developing countries creating long term employment opportunities that are non exploitive and life affirming
- provide Australian designers with working links to developing country makers that employ Lionheart's Ethical Workshop Model
- facilitate business partnerships that are equitable and which build strong global relationships that honour the individual as well as the community's of which they are a part
- create low capital small scale workshops that employ intermediate technology with an appropriate development model so that these can become micro enterprises for the local workers
- support existing women's handcraft co-operatives and enterprise in the developing world and search for markets for their goods.



• Miranda Green is tipping her hats to Tibetan refugees. Photo by Jeremy Dixon

Remember how Miranda helped us – now it's our chance to help Miranda!

The Lionheart project aims to establish, ethical sustainable workshops in India employing Tibetan refugee workers to produce the Green Girl Fashion Houses various Millinery and Accessory lines. The ethical workshop model and proceeds of the sale of the Green Girl products will provide the resource and ongoing funding source to facilitate and assist small business Australian craftswoman and designers to set up ethically modelled workshops with artisans and makers in developing countries.

If you would like to find out more about this worthwhile project, why not support a special silent auction and information evening?

THE LIONHEART PROJECT

Creating employment opportunities for female Tibetan refugees

Geraldine Mellet from ABC radio will MC the evening

Father Frank Sheehan will present.

Silent Charity Auction Bidding begins 6th August @
mirandagreenmillinery.com.au
Winners announced on the night

Gold coin Donation

20th August 7.30 – 9.00pm Wed

Senior Common Room

CENTRE OF ETHICS

Christ Church Grammar School

RSVP lionheart@mirandagreenmillinery.com.au

7. Company Director's Course...



Department for Communities
Government of Western Australia

Company Directors Course Scholarship for Women

The West Australian Government is committed to increasing the number of women on Government Boards and Committees.

Western Australian women interested in serving on Government Boards and Committees are invited to nominate for one of ten Scholarships to undertake the Company Directors Course (CDC).

Applicants must be:

- a resident of Western Australia for at least two years
- involved in the community with experience as a member of an unpaid community board or committee
- an aspiring director
- interested in attaining the qualification as a company director
- able to complete the nomination form

If you are selected you will gain:

- a recognised qualification
- a detailed understanding of duties and responsibilities as a director
- ability to demonstrate the added value women can bring to a board
- increased confidence in the boardroom

The course can be offered in a range of study options (i.e. five or six days full-time or part-time over a twelve week period)

Nomination forms are available from the Department for Communities by telephoning (08) 6217 8230, free call 1800 199 174 (regional) or via download from www.communities.wa.gov.au.

Alternatively you can request a nomination form by emailing your name, address and phone number to owp@communities.wa.gov.au.

Nominations close 5.00pm Monday 1 September 2008.

*Do you know
someone that could
benefit from this
course?*

8. Diary Dates

Coming to the Birthing Kit Assembly Day on 31st August?

See the latest newsletter from the Birthing Kit Foundation (Australia) that is on our Club's website
www.zontaperth.org.au

- **14th August 2008 – Club Business Meeting, St Catherine's College, 6.15pm for 6.30pm.**
This meeting will feature the Club's electronic tools. If you have not registered on the Zonta International website, this will be your chance to do so...
- **20th August 2008 – Lionheart Project Information evening and Silent Auction**
See advert above...
- **31st August 2008 – Birthing kit assembly day, St Catherine's College.**
Details to be confirmed...
- **10th September 2008 – International Gynaecological Awareness Day**
Well, it's not been promulgated yet, but we hope it will be one day!!!
- **11th September 2008 – Bring a Friend Club Dinner Meeting, St Catherin'es College, UWA, 6.15pm for 6.30pm.**
This special meeting will feature guest speaker Sarah Bright from BreastScreen WA and a showcase of the District 23 Zonta Breast Cushion project. In addition, members are asked to bring-a-bra for the Fiji Uplift project to provide comfort for women in the Pacific region.
- **15-17th September 2008 – Sexual Health Conference, Perth Convention Centre.**
For more information visit: <http://www.sexualhealthconference.com.au/>
- **27th September 2008 – Australian Girls Choir, ~~Winthrop Hall, UWA.~~****
Details are being finalised for our Club's major fundraising event. More information will be provided at the August Club meeting.
- **23rd October 2008 – UWA Women's Health Forum, 6.30pm to 9pm**
As part of the UWA's Extension Winter School. Tickets \$29 from www.extension.uwa.edu.au
- **8th November 2008 – Founder's Day Dinner.** Venue, Methodist Ladies College, Stirling Highway Claremont, 7pm. Mark the date in your diary today.
- **25-27 September 2009 – District 23 Conference, Ballarat.**

Want to know what is happening in your club? Visit www.zontaperth.org.au

****Please note that the Australian Girls' Choir event will now be held at Hale School, Hale Road, Wembley Downs**