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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

**Apologies**

- o By 12 noon previous Monday
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*Yvonne Roberts*

## 1. Farewell to a fine Zontian

It was with great sadness that we learned in January of the death of Yvonne Roberts. Yvonne was a charter and current member of the Zonta Club of Perth, 'mother' to the Zonta Club of Perth Northern Suburbs, co-founder of the present clubs in Bunbury and Dunsborough and previous clubs in South of Perth and Darling Range.

She was a 'quiet achiever', just getting on with tasks as required. She was formerly the Executive Director of the YWCA in Perth - so in both her professional and private life she was committed to helping others.

Yvonne lived in Mandurah and up until the last year, regularly attended club meetings. Many members will remember her sharp wit, (she didn't miss much!) and the fact that she worked tirelessly to help establish Zonta throughout WA. She was proud to belong to a truly international organisation and through her efforts in establishing clubs, hundreds of women in WA have had the benefit of Zonta membership and through them, thousands of women at home and abroad have had their lives touched by Zonta.

Condolences have been received from many Zontians, including D23 Governor, Alison Martin. Many have commented that Yvonne was a wonderful ambassador and tireless worker for Zonta and she was held in high regard by all who knew her. Death notices appeared in the West Australian on Saturday 16 January.

A beautiful, friendly memorial 'service' to celebrate her life was held at the Mandurah Gardens Estate where she had lived since the late 90s. Her friends from the Estate laid on a magnificent sit down morning tea and the room was packed with friends whose lives had been touched by Yvonne.

Yvonne's cousin and husband from South Australia provided a background of Yvonne's early life in South Australia. Yvonne was a very private person and we were all surprised to learn that she had been an air hostess for the maximum of five years permitted at the time, a PA to Keith Murdoch (Rupert's father) and, at one time, had commenced nursing training.



*L-R: D23 Governor, Alison Martin with Marg Giles*



*Some of the current and former Perth Zontians*



*L-R: Zontians from Perth Northern Suburbs and Dunsborough*



*L-R: Yvonne with her mother, Stella; as an air hostess and commencing nursing training*

Yvonne was very independent and 'did not want to put anyone out'. Freda Jacob spoke warmly of her magnificent contribution to Zonta and painted a gorgeous picture of her coming to Perth for meetings complete with bag packed with sheets, towel and soap!

Various friends enlightened us to various parts of her life - Yvonne was 'head hunted' to be Chief Executive of the YWCA in Perth and worked tirelessly to help the homeless and build communities. She also worked and volunteered with SPELD helping people



Yvonne's Zonta rose that will be planted at the Estate in her memory.

with specific learning difficulties such as dyslexia. She was well liked and a friend to many in the Estate. Yvonne's neatness was legendary!

Yvonne lived through some pioneering times, made a great contribution to so many people's lives in WA and will be sadly missed. The club has donated a rose to the Estate to plant in her memory.

**ROBERTS (Yvonne):**  
Farewell to a remarkable quiet achiever who devoted her life to helping women at home and abroad through the YWCA and Zonta International. Charter and current member of the Zonta Club of Perth, co-organiser of the present Zonta Clubs in Perth Northern Suburbs, Dunsborough and Bunbury and also of the former South of Perth club. Her contribution will be remembered by all.

**ROBERTS (Yvonne):**  
A wonderful Member whose 39 year service to Zonta International will be missed. Farewell to our Club Mother. Zonta Club of Perth's Northern Suburbs.

**ROBERTS (Yvonne):**  
Respected and long time Zontian. Our condolences to the Roberts family. From members of the Zonta Club of Swan Hills.

## 2. From The President

*Carole Theobald*



Many thanks to everyone for contributing to all the activities in the club this past year - together we are making a difference to so many women's lives both at home and abroad. When I see the challenges that face so many women, it makes me appreciate just how lucky we are to have so much and live in a 'stable' country.

Looking forward to seeing you in 2010, all refreshed and ready to go again!

Our International Fundraising night at Karen's house is on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February and members are reminded to bring their 'dishes' as arranged with each team.

## 3. FILM FUNDRAISER – THE BOYS ARE BACK

*Marg. Giles*



Windsor Cinema Nedlands

This movie function was held on Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> November, 2009 at the Windsor Cinema. Lois Joll was the top ticket seller. Members did a great job in selling cinema and raffle tickets. Many thanks to members who contributed gourmet items for the food hampers used as raffle prizes. These were beautifully packaged by Helen Margaria.

On behalf of the Membership and Program Team I am happy to advise that we raised \$1,945.00. Thanks to all members for your support. (*Fantastic result! Editor*)



Lorraine and friends



Film Goers in the foyer of Windsor Cinema



## 4. ZI Convention – San Antonio, Texas

The 60th Zonta International Convention will be held from 25-30 June 2010 in San Antonio, Texas, USA. The 'Call to Convention' has been posted on the Convention website, and online registration is now open.

Register online now on the Convention website at <http://www.zonta2010.org/CalltoConvention.htm!>



## 5. Christmas Party

What a fabulous time we had at the Christmas party at St Catherine's. The evening commenced with canapés on the terrace followed by a sumptuous buffet feast! Many thanks to all those that worked so hard to make the evening run smoothly and to everyone for entering into the spirit of the night.



A huge thank you for all the gifts that were donated for the ladies at the refuge. During the evening, member Mary Gurgone, who is also on the board of the Zonta House Refuge Association, 'pulled a cracker' with Carole to reveal the club's donation of a cheque for \$1,000 for the refuge.

The evening's entertainment exercised mind and body – the table mat 'Christmas carol quiz' (donated by the Bunbury club) got members' and guests' brains into gear and then they had chance to apply their talents to 'modifying and performing' well known Christmas Carols – but with a twist! We will all have fond memories of those Christmas carol presentations!!!

By popular request, here are the carols as 'adapted' and sung by each table!



Table 1

### Table 1

To the tune of:-

**While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night**

*While Carole watched her flock by night,  
All seated at St.Caths.  
They plotted and they schemed,  
Until they added up the maths.*

*Fear not said she with furrowed brow,  
We're in a crisis now.  
But given time we'll rally round,  
And find the Zonta cash,  
And find the Zonta cash.*



Table 2

### Table 3

To the tune of  
**Deck the Halls**

*Deck the stall for a sausage sizzle  
Fa La La la lah la la la lah  
'Twas at Bunnings in cold and drizzle  
Fa La etc....  
Butter buns, add sauce and mustard  
Fa La etc....  
Worked so hard that we're all busted*

*To the Windsor we all go-eth (Fa, la etc)  
Friends and family all in tow-eth (Fa, la etc)  
Earning quids and bringing smiles (Fa, la etc)  
Thanks to hampers and Marg Giles. (Fa, la etc)*

*Here we are at Zonta Christmas (Fa, la etc)  
Giving, cheer and Carole's business (Fa, la etc)*

*Singing carols, eating, drinking (Fa, la etc)  
Here's to next year and re-linking (Fa, la etc)*



Table 3



Table 4

### Table 2

To the tune of

**Away in a Manger**

*Away in Australia.  
A swag for a bed.  
The 'gap year' Lord Jesus,  
Lays down his sore head*

*The stars in the Southern Sky  
Shine down on the roos  
- that Jesus sleeps soundly  
Is down to the booze!*

*The galahs start screeching.  
Poor Jesus awakes.  
His head is a pounding.  
He cries how it aches!*

*Those Zontians are crazy.  
They led me astray.  
They stripped me quite naked,  
And left me this way.*



Many thanks to Bunbury Club for sharing their challenging Christmas Carol pictogram quiz!

### Table 4

To the tune of

**We Wish You a Merry Christmas**

*We wish you a merry Christmas,  
We wish you a merry Christmas.  
We wish you a merry Christmas.  
And a happy New Year.*

*Please bring us some Aussie damper.  
Please bring us some Aussie damper.  
Please bring us some Aussie damper.  
And bring it right here*

*We Zontians are all very well fed.  
We Zontians are all very well fed.  
We Zontians are all very well fed.  
So thanks to the chef.*

*Glad tiding we bring to Zontians and kin.  
Glad tidings for Christmas.  
And a happy New Year.*



Table 5



Table 6

**Table 5**  
**To the tune of**  
*Silent Night*

**SING SILENTLY – This was mimed energetically!**

*Silent Night! Holy Night!*  
*All is calm, All is bright.*  
*'Round yon virgin mother and child!*  
*Holy Infant, so tender and mild,*  
*Sleep in heavenly peace,*  
*Sleep in heavenly peace,*

*Silent night! Holy Night!*  
*Shepherds quake at the sight!*  
*Glories stream from heaven afar,*  
*Heav'nly hosts sing, "Alleluia!"*  
*Christ, the Saviour, is born!*  
*Christ, the Saviour, is born!*

*Silent Night! Holy Night!*  
*Son of God, love's pure light*  
*Radiant beams from Thy holy face,*  
*With the dawn of redeeming grace,*  
*Je - sus, Lord at Thy birth,*  
*Je - sus, Lord at Thy birth.*

**Table 6**  
**To the tune of**  
*Good King Wenceslas*

*Wicked Queen Wency Lass look'd down*  
*On the chest of Kevin,*  
*When they both lay round about,*  
*Deep and wet and steemin;*  
*Brightly shone their eyes that night,*  
*Tho' the cost was cruel,*  
*When a better man came in sight,*  
*Riding on a mule*

*"Hither, page and stan by me,*  
*If thou know'st it, telling;*  
*Yonder Zontian who is she?*  
*Where, and what her dwelling?"*  
*"Sire, she lives a good league hence,*  
*Underneath the mountain;*  
*Right against the forest fence,*  
*By Saint Catherine's fountain.*

*"Bring me flesh, and bring me wine,*  
*Bring me pinelogs hither,*  
*Thou and I will see him dine*  
*When we bear them thither."*  
*Page and monarch forth they went,*  
*Forth they went together;*  
*Thro' the rude wind's wild lament.*  
*And the bitter weather.*

**6. Elizabeth Blackburn – Nobel Laureate and Companion of the Order of Australia 2010 -**



*Elizabeth Blackburn receiving the 2009 Nobel Laureate from Swedish King Carl XVI Gustaf in December 2009*

December marked the month when Australian-born scientist, Elizabeth Blackburn received her Nobel Prize from Swedish King Carl XVI Gustaf. She shared the Nobel Prize for Physiology or Medicine 2009 with her colleagues from the USA, Carole W Greider and Jack W Szostak *"for the discovery of how chromosomes are protected by telomeres and the enzyme telomerase"*.

Elizabeth is a dual citizen of Australia and the US, and works as a professor of biology and physiology at the University of California, San Francisco. The Tasmanian-born molecular biologist graduated with degrees from Melbourne University before moving to study at Cambridge to complete her doctorate. Blackburn and her colleagues were recognised for their major breakthrough in discovering an enzyme that helps chromosomes in cells to stay eternally young.

A record five women were awarded 'Nobels' last year - nearly one-eighth of the 41 awards to female recipients in the 108-year history of the prize.

In addition, in this year's Australia Day Awards, Elizabeth Blackburn also was awarded the Companion of the Order of Australia for *"eminent service to science as a leader in the field of biomedical research, particularly through the discovery of telomerase and its role in the development of cancer and aging of cells and through contributions as an international adviser in Bioethics."*

She is among four Australians named a Companion of the Order of Australia (AC).

Although she lives in the United States, she has many family members still living in Australia. She stated that she still has real ties here and this award gives her a nice connected feeling. Congratulations!



Professor Elizabeth Blackburn has been named a Companion of the Order of Australia. (Reuters: Kim White)

*Professor Blackburn celebrating her Australia Day 2010 award*



## 7. Zonta International website – big changes are coming!

The ZI website at [www.zonta.org](http://www.zonta.org) will have a new look and new features making Zonta International more visible to the public around the world and better serve members' needs! If you have not done so already, follow this link for a 'teaser'

[http://www.zonta.org/site/PageServer?pagename=New\\_website\\_teaser&autologin=true](http://www.zonta.org/site/PageServer?pagename=New_website_teaser&autologin=true)

With user friendly navigation, well organised and easy to use member resources, improved member profile update facilities and simple online donation forms – the new design is sure to impress all current and future members.

We'll keep you posted on its progress!



Zontians and friends line up to see Jupiter's moons at Perth NS Christmas party

## 8. Social times with Zonta

The theme for the Perth NS Christmas party was a 'night with the stars', and Carole and David Theobald took great delight in taking their Dobsonian telescope down to the event. David gave Zontians and friends an impromptu tour of the night sky and treated them to a viewing of four of Jupiter's moons as well as some 'Moon shots'. The passing overhead of the space station was the cherry on the cake!

In January, Perth NS hosted the Amelia Earhart dinner event at the Royal Aero Club at Jandakot. Zontians and friends from all three metropolitan clubs enjoyed watching the aircraft movements at this busy airport before sitting down to a delicious buffet. The main raffle prize of a flying day trip to Rotto was won by Anne Markey (Perth NS) and Elaine Newman won a hamper that was donated by her own club of Swan Hills!

Members are encouraged to support the events of other clubs – they are great fun! In a couple of weeks on 13 February we have the Swan Hills Hot February Night with a super 'rock n roll' band. Just take your picnic and have a great time. On the 14 February is the Peel Club's Golf Day - their major fundraising event of the year. See our web site for the flyers, get involved and have some fun!



Amelia Earhart Dinner at the Royal Aero Club, Jandakot Airport

## 9. Diary Dates

**February 3 – Board meeting, St Catherine's, 6pm for 6.15.**

**February 11 - International Dinner Meeting, Karen's place, 6.30pm**

Let's kick off our fundraising for the year with our own 'international cuisine' and celebrate our 'Internationalism'. Please bring your \$50 in an envelope with your name on. Check with your team coordinators to confirm what you are bringing and doing!

**February 13 – Hot February Night, Zonta Swan Hills, 21 Swan St, Henley Brook, Gates open 5.30pm, show starts at 7pm**

Bring your own chairs, picnic and drinks and enjoy a twilight picnic on the banks of the Swan River, listen to an excellent rock n roll band and shake those tail feathers! Tickets \$20, \$37 couple, \$50 family. Contact Nancy: 0409 684 902.

**February 14 – Golf Day, Zonta Peel, Pinjarra Golf Club, 8am 'Shotgun Start'.**

Mixed Ambrose competition with teams of 6. Tickets are \$30 and include golf and lunch. Proceeds to Breast Cancer Research. Contact: Sherrel 0408 877 014.

**March 8 – UNIFEM International Women's Day Breakfast, Grand Ballroom, Hyatt Hotel, 7am to 9am**

Book today for this event that Zonta is co-hosting. Tickets \$55. Register online at [www.internationalwomensday.org.au](http://www.internationalwomensday.org.au) or download registration flyer from our web site.

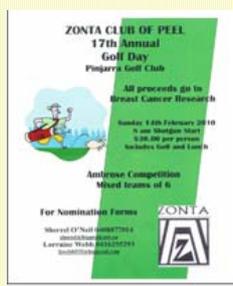
**March 11 Dinner Meeting at St Catherine's College, UWA, 6.15 for 6.45pm**

**March 19 – Quiz Night, Cambridge Bowling Club, 7pm**

Prizes needed for raffles and auction and the more prizes we have the better! Please advertise the event through your networks – we have an experienced quiz master and the night will be very, very entertaining. See flyer over the page and on our website.

**June 25 – 30 Zonta International Convention, San Antonio, Texas.**

Convention Website :- [www.zonta2010.org/CalltoConvention.html](http://www.zonta2010.org/CalltoConvention.html)



Flyers for Events may be downloaded from our website – check them out!



# Zonta Quiz Night

*Here's a few questions to get you in the mood...*

## **When is it?**

Friday 19 March 2010  
7pm for 7.30 start.

## **Where is it?**

Cambridge Bowling Club,  
Cnr Howtree Place & Chandler Ave,  
Floreat (opp Floreat Forum)

## **What's the deal?**

- Tables of 8
- \$20 per person
- Great prizes
- Silent Auction
- BYO nibbles—drinks from bar

## **How do I get a ticket?**

Email [zontaperth@yahoo.com.au](mailto:zontaperth@yahoo.com.au)

**Prizes  
Galore!**

## **Where will proceeds go?**

To Zonta Service projects  
that include life skills training for  
young indigenous women in the  
Kimberley,

breast care cushions,  
birthing kits for women in  
developing countries,  
support of women's refuge,  
education and community  
service awards,

projects to reduce violence  
against women and many more.

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