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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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1. International Women's Day 2012

Carole Theobald

After the memorable Centenary of International Women's Day events in 2011, eight key women's service organisations decided to consolidate their good working relationships and form the WA IWD Collaboration to:

- a) raise the profile of IWD through the WA Women's Hall of Fame; and
- b) raise lots of money for UN Women projects through the UN Women IWD Breakfast.

The Collaboration Committee includes members from the Australian Local Government Women's Association, Business and Professional Women, Country Women's Association, Graduate Women, Soroptimist International, UN Women Perth, Women's Health and Family Services and of course Zonta International.

I had the privilege of being the Zonta representative on the Collaboration Committee overseeing the Hall of Fame and IWD breakfast projects and was also the Chair of the Breakfast Sub-Committee. So, how did things go?

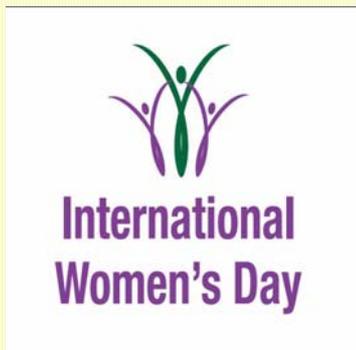
IWD Hall of Fame – Freda Jacob Honoured

Last year, the Hall of Fame was launched with a bang with 100 women being inducted by the Governor and celebrated at a wonderful 'show' complete with historical re-enactments, Jessica Mauboy singing "I am woman", cannons firing confetti - all followed by a cocktail party...what a night! So how could we follow that in a sustainable way?

A lot of thought went into this year's Hall of Fame. It was decided that in future we would induct 10 women each year and establish within the Hall of Fame a Roll of Honour to acknowledge a further 5 women posthumously – with all women having to demonstrate how they had contributed to the advancement of women in WA.

Our Club is particularly proud that our Charter Member, **Freda Jacob** was proudly inducted into the Hall of Fame by the Governor on 8th March at a moving ceremony in the Ballroom at Government House. Videos were shown of some of the recipients and as each inductee was presented with her certificate and brooch, her achievements were read out by Meri Fatin, the MC for the morning.

The crowning moment was when a piper from the WA Police Pipe Band played the first verse of 'Amazing Grace' from the balcony of the ballroom with the skirl of his bagpipes being joined by more pipers and drummers entering from the back of the room and marching towards the stage for the remaining verses. I don't think there was a dry eye in the house – it was a morning of celebration and acknowledgement of some amazing women. Freda's achievements are well known to members, but were summarized in the West Australian's special IWD liftout as follows:



Freda Jacob with her certificate of induction into the WA Women's Hall of Fame



The Inductees with the Governor



The audience is awe inspired as they listen to the achievements of the inductees



The pipes and drums of the WA Police Pipe Band



Freda is congratulated by Hal (second left), her niece former member Sandy McGregor (third left) and other friends and family...



...and also congratulated by her fellow Zontians!
L-R: Wendy Atherden, Carole Theobald, Freda Jacob, Lennie McCall and Mary Gurgone.

Ninety-two-year-old Freda Jacob says she's always been a driven woman. She was just the second occupational therapist in the State and began her career after World War II. Much of her early work was with people who had been left crippled by polio epidemics. She went on to found the Independent Living Centre WA in the late 1970s and helped establish the State's first School of Occupational Therapy. She was born into a farming family in the small Wheatbelt town of Shackleton. During the war she helped her younger brother run the farm before joining the Women's Auxiliary Australian Air Force for a year.

At the end of the war she came home to find her brother had married so she had to leave the farm and find a job. Deciding on OT, she set off to study in Sydney.

"I felt these people needed a chance to get back to normal lives," she said of her career choice. She worked at the Society for Crippled Children and Princess Margaret Hospital for Children, later becoming the head of the OT department at Royal Perth Hospital.

Ms Jacob was involved with the World Federation of Occupational Therapists and travelled the world attending conferences.

She was also a charter member of the Zonta Club of Perth, part of a worldwide organisation of professionals working together to advance the status of women. She led a team to establish six other Zonta clubs in WA, retiring from the club last year after 39 years.

As circumstance has it, Mr Right only came along very early and then very late in her life. She married her childhood sweetheart, Hal Finkelstein, 10 years ago after first meeting him as a child in Shackleton.

They lost touch for decades until they met again in 1999. "The years didn't make any difference when we saw each other again," she said.

It was great that Hal was also at the induction! Club members were delighted to welcome Freda to the March meeting that evening and hear all about the ceremony first hand! Congratulations Freda – we are all so proud of you.

Freda is in very impressive company as the other inductees in the Hall of Fame in 2012 are:

- **Jahna Cedar**, the youngest inductee, who works with indigenous jobseekers in the Pilbara
- **Linda Fistonich** an inspiring woman who despite being totally blind and with severe hearing loss has a degree in psychology, works part time at Community Newspapers and does voluntary work with migrants and the unemployed.
- **Professor Colleen Hayward** who is head of Kurongkurl Katitjin Centre for Indigenous Australian Education and Research at Edith Cowan University and a marvelous advocate and educator
- **Annette Howard**, an impressive pig farmer from Wannamal who contributes so much to her community via CWA and Scouts. (Her three sons accepted her award on her behalf!)
- **The Honourable Antoinette Kennedy AO**, the first woman appointed as a chief judge of the District Court and one of only three women to have headed up a court in Australia (also a charter member of the Zonta Club of Perth!!!)
- **Kerry Newick**, a foster mother of 52 children with a heart as big as the sky
- **Dr Casta Tungaraza**, who co-founded the African Women's Council of Australia with the biggest smile you have ever seen
- **Linda Wayman**, the general manager of Southern Cross Austereo Perth
- **Professor Samina Yasmeen**, director of the Centre for Muslim States and Societies at the University of WA (who members may remember as she has spoken at our Area 3 workshops).

The women inducted into the Roll of Honour in 2012 are:

- **Susan Adelaide Casson MBE JP**, who dedicated much of her life to helping people affected by mental illness

- **Dr Roberta Jull**, who was the first woman to practise medicine in WA.
- **Dame Annie Florence Gillies Cardell-Oliver**, who became Australia's first female full Cabinet member in 1949.
- **Florence Hummerston** who was the first woman elected to Perth City Council, instigated the founding of Wanslea Hostel and was foundation President of the League of Home Help the forerunner to Meals on Wheels.
- **Isabel Johnston** who started the Western Australian Women's Parliament in 1946 to teach women how to formulate, research, prepare, present and debate material.

Visit www.powerof100.com.au to learn more about these amazing inductees!

IWD UN Women Breakfast –Zontians on the team

Having been on the Breakfast Sub-Committee for the last two years, I knew what would be involved as its Chair – a prospect I found a little daunting...however, Anne Banks-McAllister the Chair of UN Women Perth Chapter and National Board Member of UN Women Australia, provided great mentorship at every step and I was surrounded by a wonderful team of positive women.

I was so pleased this year to have two fellow Zontians on the Breakfast Team – Wendy Atherden and Kate Ellson – and the three of us worked our little hearts out on this event along with all other team members!

Our Breakfast Team consisted of 9 women: we 3 Zontians, Colette O'Hara and Margaret Nowak from UN Women, Tegan Smith from Young UN Women, Julie Ham from Soroptimist International, Margaret Giles from Graduate Women and Susan Kurtjak from the Public Service Commission (PSC). In previous years the PSC had hosted its own event but this year decided to combine with the UN Women breakfast – which proved to be a great benefit to us all!

What was the outcome? A sell out event with 1050 tickets sold and between \$45,000 and \$50,000 raised for UN Women's Partners Improving Markets program in the Pacific. A fantastic result!

We had a very steep, but enjoyable learning curve. Planning started in earnest last November. So many contributed to make this event so successful: Prof Colleen Hayward who gave a 'welcome to country' that was educational and memorable, the guest speaker Sally Sara – the courageous ABC Afghanistan correspondent - who awed the room with stories of the women who inspired her (who mostly lived in some of the most dangerous places in the world), MC Babs McHugh the witty ABC Resources reporter who kept us to time with some quick thinking, Donelle Wheeler the Chair of UN Women Australia who flew to Perth for the event and Minister Robyn McSweeney who has been a great supporter and who officially opened the breakfast. In addition there was the five piece group 'Tendera' who donated their talents for the morning and uplifted our spirits with their singing.

Behind the scenes the Breakfast Team and a host of volunteers learned new skills as we sourced donors of prizes, encouraged the uptake of corporate tables (had 28!!), advertised the event through our networks, developed letters, programs, PowerPoint presentations and signage, created Facebook pages and media releases and even the risk management plan. The Team and volunteers spent a day stuffing bags and working out the seating plan - and a couple more days refining the seating plan with 101 changes to try and get as many people sitting near their friends as possible...not an easy task!

There were many people that helped in countless ways. A special thank you to Katie Parsons at St Catherine's College, who, when a printer broke down just as the A3 table lists for the pinboards were being printed the night before the breakfast – came to the rescue, printed off the sheets and had them all ready for me to collect at the Zonta meeting an hour later – magnificent support! And then there were Dawn and Elaine Newman who arranged, set up and manned



Some of the volunteers on 'bag stuffing day'



1050 people attended the breakfast to hear Sally Sara speak!



Tendera singers



L-R: Julie Ham (Soroptimists) Sally Sara and Carole Theobald



The first wave of volunteers look quite perky considering it is 5am!!



Dawn Newman extolling the virtues of Zonta to attendees!

a super Zonta stand.

On the day, there were 2 waves of volunteers – the 14 that started at 5am and another wave of a further 20 that started the 6am shift. We could not access the room until the morning of the breakfast so there was a lot to do on the day – setting up banners, setting up the raffles and donation boxes on the tables, arranging the reception area, the corporate reception, the visitors reception, the A-V liaison, the MC liaison, the hosting of official guests, national sponsors and corporate tables and making sure the photographer was briefed.

I reckon we all had our moments when we neared meltdown as we tested ourselves to the limit – after all this breakfast for over 1000 was additional to our work and family commitments. However, the motto for the project was ‘keep breathing, keep smiling and have fun’ – and, it was amazing how just saying those words would remove the stress and lift our spirits.

Yes, the breakfast may have involved a lot of long days, yes it was a huge challenge and yes, it was well worth every minute of effort – what a ride!

2. 40under40 for 2012 – Agnes Vacca honoured

Congratulations to Agnes Vacca on being chosen as a winner of the Perth Business News WA 40 under 40 Award for 2012. The 40under40 Awards are designed to celebrate the ‘best of the best’ and commemorate those within Western Australia who have proven to be the top 40 entrepreneurs under 40 years of age.

The award is in recognition of the significant risks the winners have taken to pursue their entrepreneurial endeavours.

All winners receive placement in the special celebratory 2012 40under40 edition of WA Business News and receive permission to publish the 40under40 Alumni logo on material such as their website, email signatures and company publications.

Agnes is the third member of Zonta Club of Perth to receive this award, following in the footsteps of Fiona Crowe and Diana Rigg who were both recognized in the 2011 awards. A magnificent achievement.



Agnes Vacca
KPMG
Partner

3. Congratulations to Josephine Spaul OAM

Congratulations to Josephine Spaul from the Zonta Club of Bunbury on being awarded an OAM in the Australian Day Honours for service to the performing arts particularly dance, as a teacher and administrator.

Josephine was also honoured last year when she was inducted into the WA’s Women’s Hall of Fame.

Josephine Spaul’s response to Lennie McCall’s letter of congratulations stated:

“How wonderful to be rewarded with such an honour for my passion to give the opportunity to learn dance and the performing arts to young people in so very many isolated country places as well as those in the city. I brought the country and city children together to learn and perform in special classes and ballet workshops, and whenever possible for them to attend the visiting professional ballet companies and orchestral performances.

In the sixties, I saw a need to expand the love of dance and performing arts in country WA, so I started with ballet workshops and the rest followed, with too many endeavours, events and adventures to write about.”

Well done Josephine!



Josephine Spaul, now in her 80s, is still involved in ballet and dance in Bridgetown. She ran a dance school from the 1960s to the 80s, travelling long distances to give young people access to ballet and other forms of dance.



Ros West receiving her Foundation Day Award from President Mary Gurgone

4. Ros West – Woman of Achievement Award

Members would remember that Ros West was our club's nominee for the Area 3 Woman of Achievement Award in 2011. Ros inspired the club with the work she has been undertaking in the sensitive area of Post Natal Depression.

At the March meeting, members were very interested to learn more about her work and to get the opportunity of meeting Ros in person.

Ros is a magnificent example of a 'quiet achiever' in the community and it was with great pleasure that, on behalf of the club, Mary Gurgone, Club President, presented Ros with a framed certificate to acknowledge her contribution to the community.



5. A Second Time Grandma

Gill Palmer became a very proud grandma again on February 17th with the arrival of future Zontian Caitlin Alexandrina Palmer, weighing in at 3.45kg (7lb 10oz).

The first girl on either side of the family for over 30 years - Congratulations!

Big brother, Callum, showing off his sister Caitlin whom he calls 'baby.'



Joy Zec –ready for more cleaning up!

6. Cleaning Up - Joy Zec in the news in Busselton

A few weeks ago Joy Zec moved to the country and members may be interested to know that she recently undertook a clean-up project as part of her final assessment in a Certificate 1 in Leadership Development through Millennium Kids, Challenger TAFE and Clean Up Australia. In just over an hour, she collected two bags of rubbish and two bags of recyclables. Some of the unusual items to be collected were a man's wallet, a football and some human excrement. Cigarette butts and empty beer cans and bottles continued to be making up the bulk of the rubbish collected. *Not for the faint hearted!*

7. 40th Anniversary activities

Next month the club celebrates the 40th anniversary of its charter and preparations are underway for a *civic reception* hosted by Lord Mayor of Perth, Lisa Scaffidi and the City of Perth on 19th April. The program is being fine-tuned and includes participation by the Lord Mayor as well as the Hon Robyn McSweeney, the Minister for Women's Interests and a Welcome to Country by Hall of Fame 2012 inductee Prof Colleen Hayward. Perth Modern School students will provide the music. Guests, including parliamentarians and representatives of service organisations, will be served canapés with a selection of beer, wine and soft drinks... Many thanks to the City of Perth for its generosity in hosting this historic occasion for our club. Invitations are being sent out soon –don't forget to wear your name badge!



8. Quiz Night - May 5th –WE NEED YOU !!!!!

This is the Club's biggest fund raiser for 2012

- Can you obtain SPONSORS for Quiz Night?
- Can you donate gift/s or canvas for gifts?
- Can you make up a table of 8 for the Quiz Night?
- Can you offer to volunteer to assist before/on/after Quiz Night?

Contact Roslyn Budd a/h 9275 4567 or roslyn2010@hotmail.com
Bring gifts to April dinner meeting – April 12th
Need a ticket? Email zontaperth@yahoo.com.au





Palmer's Winery near Dunsborough – venue for the 2012 Area 3 Workshop

9. Area 3 Workshop – Saturday May 19th

Hosts: Zonta Club of Dunsborough

Theme: Passion

Venue: Palmer's Wines, Caves Rd, Dunsborough

Time: 9:30 – 4:30

Dinner: 6.30 – 7.00 Partners and guests welcome

Accommodation: Enquiries about homestay to Jane Moulden, President of

Zonta Club of Dunsborough. Phone: 9756 7752 or Dunsborough Holiday

Homes www.dhh.com.au (share costs) or Dunsborough Lakes Caravan Park

(chalets) 9756 8300 or Best Western Motel www.dunsboroughmotel.com.au.

Costs and program to be advised nearer the date.

The workshop will be followed by an InterCity meeting on Sunday at 9:30,

concluding with a sandwich lunch.

Put the date in your diary and make a weekend of it!

Get your table
together for the
Quiz Night today!

10. Diary Dates

- **Thursday 12 April Club Dinner Meeting, St Catherine's College, 6.15pm for 6.30pm**
- **Thursday 19 April 40th Anniversary Civic Reception, City of Perth**
- **Saturday 5 May Quiz Night, St Catherine's College**
- **Saturday 19 May Area 3 Workshop, Palmer's Wines, Dunsborough**



Get set for
a great night out!

Zonta Quiz Night

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

When is it?

Saturday 5 May 2012

7pm for 7.30 start.

Where is it?

St Catherine's College
University of Western Australia
Park Road, Nedlands

What's the deal?

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

How do I get a ticket?

Email zontaperth@yahoo.com.au



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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