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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

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1. Founders' Day Celebrations

Carole Theobald



L-R: Our club President, 'Tricia Summerfield, D23 Lt Governor, Judy Gorton and President of Swan Hills, Faith O'Brien enjoy a pre-dinner drink in the gardens

On 8 November 1919, the first Zonta club was chartered in Buffalo, New York and in Area 3, the 'birth of Zonta' is celebrated through the Founders' Day Dinner. The dinner is now held once a biennium and this year was co-hosted by the Area 3 Director, Jane Moulden and the Zonta Club of Swan Hills. The Founders' Day Dinner (FDD) is also the time to celebrate the Area 3 Women of Achievement (WoA) and the winner of the Area 3 Jane M Klausman (JMK) Women in Business Scholarship. Many thanks to Dawn Newman from Perth Northern Suburbs for sharing her photos from the event.

The Mallard Duck Restaurant in Henley Brook provided a superb venue for this year's celebrations and members and guests enjoyed sunset pre-dinner drinks on the deck beside the lake amongst very sociable ducks and geese. Members from all six clubs in WA mingled with the District 23 Governor, Erica Majba, who had flown over from Adelaide for the event.

Founders' Day Dinner



Some of the banners making a Zonta statement on the balcony.

The dining room had been beautifully decorated for the event, with large white swan centerpieces on each table and the club and area banners forming a dramatic 'Zonta statement' on the balcony. The menu provided variety in every course with the entrée trio of pate, deep fried camembert and prawn and melon cocktail getting the evening off to an excellent gastronomic start – and the standard was maintained throughout the rest of the meal.

Swan Hills President Faith O'Brien welcomed everyone and Nerrida Porteous presented a pictorial 'welcome to country'. To reflect the 'area' nature of the event, all club Presidents take a role in the proceedings through the toasts to the Queen and People of Australia, Zonta International and Absent friends, Zonta thanks and thanks to the host club.

Over dinner guests caught up with each other and there was much 'visiting' between tables. The atmosphere was friendly and celebratory. There was much discussion about the JMK award winner and who the Woman of Achievement would be for the 2014-2016 biennium...

Jane M Klausman Woman in Business Scholarship



L-R: Area 3 Director, Jane Moulden and JMK winner Lori-Ann Shibish

The winner of the \$1500 Area 3 JMK Scholarship for 2014 is Lori-Ann Shibish. Originally from Canada, Lori-Ann is an impressive Masters of Tourism student. In her acceptance speech Lori-Ann passionately described the role that parks play not only in providing a 'breathing space' for the environment but also for providing a place for people to reconnect with nature and maintain their mental health. Her talk was well received and Lori-Ann's energy and drive auger well for a bright future – we will watch that space with interest! Lori-Ann was delighted to meet Ellen Cox from the Bunbury Club who knew Jane M Klausman after whom the scholarship is named.

Woman of Achievement 2014-2016



L-R: Ellen Cox from ZC Bunbury (who knew Jane M Klausman) with Lori-Ann Shibish.

The District 23, Area 3, Woman of Achievement Award was first presented in 1985 and recognizes and honours a woman who personifies the spirit and humanitarianism of the founders of Zonta International. Each club in Area 3 may nominate a previously-unrecognised woman who exhibits commitment through service or advocacy to the



District 23 officers at FDD L-R: 'Tricia Summerfield, Carole Theobald, Erica Majba (D23 Governor), Judy Gorton (D23 Lt Governor), Jane Moulden (A3 Director), Jo Wittorff and Tyril Houghton.



One of the houses built through Lia Comben's Coralia Charity in Bali



Betty McCleary – community builder



L-R: Edna Riley with her 'sister' Angie



Erica Majba and Judy Gorton (standing) with Rabia Siddique



L-R: Rabia Siddique, Edna Riley and Betty McCleary – Women of Achievement!

areas in which Zonta works to improve the legal, political, economic, educational, health and professional status of women.

Nominations are forwarded to a selection panel that traditionally is chaired by the immediate past Area 3 Director. This year's panel was chaired by Carole Theobald and consisted of:

- Dr Penny Flett who is CEO of the Brightwater Group one of the largest aged-care providers in WA and Pro-Chancellor of the University of WA. She was West Australian of the Year in 2009 and was herself a former Zontian, and
- Anne Banks McAllister, who for the last seven years has been a Board Member of UN Women Australia and who has over 30 years' experience working in state and local government in WA at an executive level.

The judges were all very impressed by the four worthy nominees and had great difficulties in separating them to find an overall 'Woman of Achievement'. Citations were read for the four nominees by members of their nominating clubs and certificates and Zonta rose pins presented to the nominees present. This is how the nominees were summarized by Carole at the dinner:

"Lia Comben – nominated by the Zonta Club of Peel, has had a forty year relationship with Bali and is definitely not a tourist. Through her charity, Coralia, she successfully bridges cultures and transforms lives through a wide range of social, educational and microfinance initiatives. She translates local effort in Mandurah and beyond into improved health, education and economic outcomes for hundreds of people in Bali. Her selflessness is mind-blowing. (Lia sadly could not attend the event, but see www.caroliacharity.com for more about her marvelous work.)

"Betty McCleary – nominated by the Zonta Club of Bunbury – is a real community builder. For half a century, wherever there's been a need, she has put up her hand to help things move along. She has helped with Guides, Red Cross, Sea Rangers, Afternoon School Care, Parkinson's disease and a host of other causes and has even been a Fairy Godmother reading stories to children in libraries. You name it, she's helped with it! Betty is resourceful and energetic and an inspiration to us all.

"Edna Riley – nominated by the Zonta Club of Swan Hills – has given a lifetime of service to others. Initially this was as unpaid domestic service when she left the mission she was raised on and worked as a carer for a number of families. For over twenty years Edna, a Noongar elder, has worked in refuges and written and used her poetry to heal her community. She walks the talk of 'Zonta says no to violence against women'. She has overcome an horrific start in life, seized every opportunity, put herself out of her comfort zone and now uses her wisdom and optimism to help others overcome adversity. She is a true healer of communities.

"Rabia Siddique – nominated by the Zonta Club of Perth Northern Suburbs – is a successful human rights lawyer and a strong advocate for women in leadership. Whilst serving in the British Army she was deployed to Iraq and chosen, along with a male colleague, to rescue two Special Forces soldiers held hostage by Iraqi insurgents. After the successful rescue, Rabia's male colleague was awarded a medal and Rabia's part was covered up by the British Army and Government. In a fight for justice she brought a landmark discrimination case against the UK Ministry of Defence and won. She has literally written women back into history and is an inspirational role model on the world stage.

"Four wonderful women who lead by example and who are all Women of Achievement."

In an 'Oscar' moment, Jane Moulden opened an envelope to reveal the overall Woman of Achievement for 2014-2016 wasEdna Riley. There was much cheering and the applause from everyone was deafening. Edna, a very quiet, humble woman was quite overcome. She was delighted with the award that consists of a specially designed pendant made by a Dunsborough based jeweler as well as a framed certificate.

The next Founders' Day Dinner will be held in November 2016 and will be hosted by the Zonta Club of Bunbury. Congratulations to Jane Moulden and the Zonta Club of Swan Hills for hosting a memorable event.



L-R: Rod West, White Ribbon Ambassador and Sandra Burns



The new D23 Zonta Says NO bookmarks are 'eye catching' and contain valuable contact information...

Zonta International District 23 Inc
Advancing the Status of Women Worldwide

Zonta Says No
 is a campaign to raise awareness of violence against women and girls around the world.
 Over 30,000 Zonta members in 67 countries are committed to this cause.

Join us
www.zonta.org
www.zontadistrict23.org.au
www.zontasaysno.com

You are Not Alone
 1 in 3 women in Australia experience some form of abuse.
 1 in 5 women in Australia experience sexual abuse.

IMPORTANT CONTACTS
 National Sexual Assault, Domestic and Family Violence Counselling Service
 Support 24/7
 Call 1800 737 732
 For online counselling
www.1800respect.org.au
 In an emergency phone 000



16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence. See www.amnesty.org/en/womens-rights/16-days

2. Towards Ending Violence Against Women

November is a key month in the Zonta calendar as it is a time to shout from the rooftops that 'Zonta Says NO to violence against women'. Here's what we are up to:

White Ribbon Ambassador – Rod West

At the November dinner meeting the club welcomed Rod West a White Ribbon Ambassador who is a member of the Zonta House Refuge Board and who is currently the Executive Manager at Centrecare. Rod described how men often receive accolades when they do something to stop violence against women, but that it was organisations such as Zonta that do most of the work.

Rod has been a social worker for about 15 years and during that time has worked in child protection and on programs aimed at perpetrators of violence. He described how often it was the women and children that were forced to leave the family home to escape violence and how programs such as 'Breathing Space' reverse that by providing a men's residential service for the perpetrator. He described the challenges of working on the Breathing Space program and dealing with men who were used to using violence to get their own way as both interesting and frightening. He notes that perpetrators are not monsters – they are fathers and brothers with abhorrent behaviors – and that our society too often enables men to get away with poor behavior.

As a White Ribbon Ambassador it is Rod's role to be consistent at work and home and speak out as a man against violence against women. He sees it as important that language is not played down to lessen violence and that men are made more accountable for their actions in the justice system. For example, if a man asks for a letter of support/attendance from a counsellor or men's program from service providers the letters clearly outline that attendance in a program does not mean that behavior has changed and that it is recommended that the person should receive full justice from the system. After seeing the letters, some men prefer not to use the letters at all!

Rod believes that some men can change their behavior especially if they have *chosen* to use violence and abuse - as they can choose not to behave in that way. However others will never change. He notes that behavior change is a long road and that it is hard to gauge success with some men needing to repeat programs a few times. However, the programs are worthwhile and more research is needed to make them more successful.

24th Annual Silent Domestic Violence Memorial March on 21 November

On Friday 21 November the Women's Council for Domestic and Family Violence Services (WA) will be 'hosting' the Silent March through the city. Our club will share a stall with the Zonta House Refuge in Stirling Gardens featuring our *Zonta Says No to Violence Against Women* banner and bookmarks. The event will commence with a rally 10.30 am and a speech by the Hon Helen Morton, Minister for Child Protection. Attendees will then proceed from noon on a Silent March through the city. If you can help out on the stand, please contact Sandra Burns. (Many thanks to Wendy Atherden and Sandra Burns who helped to 'rattled tins' in the City and raised over \$1,000 for the refuge.)

White Ribbon Day – 25 November

White Ribbon day is on 25 November and men are encouraged to swear an oath on the website at www.whiteribbon.org.au. The oath is: *I swear never to commit, excuse or remain silent about violence against women.* Zontians are encouraged to ask their friends, family and workmates to take the oath and wear a white ribbon or wristband to promote the cause.

16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence – 25 November to 10 December

The 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence is an international campaign coordinated through Amnesty International, that starts on 25 November, International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women and ends on 10 December, Human Rights Day. The campaign hopes to raise awareness about gender-based violence as a human rights issue at the local, national, regional and international level. This year's theme is "Let's challenge militarism and end violence against women". See www.amnesty.org/en/womens-rights/16-days

Wear your Zonta badge with your white ribbon from 25 November to 10 December!

3. Collaborate WA



L-R: Anne Banks-McAllister and Davina Hunter

At the October club meeting, members welcomed Anne Banks-McAllister who gave a presentation on an idea being developed by the WA International Women's Day Collaboration. Anne has been a member of the IWD Collaboration since it began in 2010. The Collaboration initially brought together ten women's service organizations, including Zonta, to coordinate celebrations to mark the centenary of IWD in 2011. This included establishing a 'peak event' - the WA Women's Hall of Fame. This was designed to be a lasting memorial to the women (past and present) who had made a significant contribution to WA and started out with an initial 100 inductees.

Since its inception in 2011, the Hall of Fame has relied on Lotterywest funding but now the Collaboration is faced with the challenge of finding a way to make the WA IWD Women's Hall of Fame self-sustaining.

Anne explained that the Collaboration has developed a concept paper for a possible way forward. She stressed that the concept is being discussed with Lotterywest with a view to obtaining funding to engage a consultant to objectively see if it will 'have legs'.

The Concept describes establishing an entity that is notionally called 'Collaborate WA' and which would be a collaboration of people and organisations committed to achieving gender equality in WA – very much in line with Zonta's own mission and objectives.

Anne detailed a concept of Collaboration that has five key objectives to:

- Collaborate to achieve gender equality
- Celebrate the achievements of women
- Communicate about issues that impede gender equality and identify solutions
- Empower women to achieve their potential and
- Sustain the collaboration through social enterprise activities.

The Collaboration would work to achieve gender equality by involving men and women, government, corporates and civil society. It would not represent itself as a peak body and would not seek to achieve consensus on issues across the Collaboration. The Collaboration is all about bringing people together for the common purpose of achieving gender equality and synergizing their efforts. The time is right for this initiative with Beijing +20 being reviewed in 2015.

Anne went on to give some examples of how Collaborate WA could work in practice through:

- harnessing the talents of the women in the Hall of Fame to hold events to raise awareness and raise money through social enterprise activities;
- advertising members' events, awards and scholarships via links on a website;
- being a centre for discussion and debate so that issues and potential solutions can be identified;
- providing mentorship and opportunities for disadvantaged women to access education – the list of possibilities is endless.

The club members fully supported the initiative presented and will continue to work with the Collaboration to progress the concept.

Anne also introduced Davina Hunter who is the current Chair of the UN Women IWD Breakfast committee. Davina is looking for volunteers to help with the 2015 breakfast that will be held on 5 March, so please email the club if you are able to help out.



The organisations involved so far with the WA IWD Collaboration



L-R: Gillian Palmer thanks Anne Banks-McAllister for her presentation.

4. A few words from the Governor

The club welcomed our 2014-2016 District 23 Governor, Erica Majba to the November meeting. Erica has taken on the mission to meet every club and member in the District during the biennium and is well on her way to achieving this by attending the Founders' Day Dinner, Area 3 Presidents' meeting and club meetings, so far, at Dunsborough, Peel and Perth.

Erica outlined her vision for the biennium. She explained the first task is to make sure that Zonta International's goals were translated into appropriate actions at the District

New branding....

ZONTA SAYS NO

The 2013 logo above has been revised to that below....

ZONTA SAYS NO TO VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

New branding has more words in white...



L-R: Club President, Tricia Summerfield, D23 Governor, Erica Majba and D23 Lt Governor Judy Gorton

and Club levels and described how she is working with the Board to achieve this. She noted that ZI is making a concerted effort to address the root causes of issues through its service projects and how every opportunity is made to advocate for the issue through the projects.

Collaboration is seen as a way of being more effective and ZI has an affiliations policy to guide clubs and districts when joining with other organisations. For example, District 23, District 24 (NSW and ACT) and District 22 (Qld) have recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding so that together they may become a 'national' member of the Equality Rights Alliance. Erica would like to see this spirit of collaboration extend to clubs so they may work more closely together to share ideas and also be more effective.

Erica advised that the District 23 website is about to be modernized and there will be more training to help Zonta leaders 'be the best they can be'. She also showed the slightly changed Zonta says NO branding and the new District 23 bookmarks. (See new materials on the ZI website at <http://zontasaysno.com/advocacy-tools/>)

Erica encouraged members to commit today to going to the Area 3 Workshop on 28 March and the District 23 Conference from 16-18 October. She explained that it is only by attending such events that members learn more about Zonta, make friends from other clubs and improve their 'stickability' in our organization!

Many thanks to Erica for visiting us – and we hope your stay in WA has not been all Zonta work and you've had time to have some fun too! – Editor.

5. Diary Dates

Friday 21 November: 24th Annual Silent Domestic Violence Memorial March

Zonta Stall being set up at Stirling Gardens (Cnr of St Georges Terrace and Barrack St, Perth) from 8.30 am. Rally starts from the gardens at 10.30 am and the march through the city commences at noon. Please let Sandra Burns know if you will be able to participate for some/all of the time.

Tuesday 25 November: White Ribbon Day

Wear your white ribbon and Zonta badge to highlight that Zonta says NO to violence against women.

Tuesday 25 November to Wednesday 10 November: 16 Days of Activism against Gender Based Violence.

Keep wearing your white ribbon and Zonta badge....

Thursday 11 December: Christmas Cocktail Party, 6.30 pm to 8.30 pm, St Catherine's College

Bring your partners and friends to this event to celebrate the festive season. The event will be in the new Wisteria Courtyard at the College. **Please bring a gift of toiletries for the Zonta House refuge.** See flyer overleaf for details and book today!

Thursday 12 February: International Fundraising Dinner, Dalkeith

We don't have a meeting in January, as too many members are away, but we will kick off the new calendar year with a fundraising dinner in February at Jill Anderson's home. Put the date in your diary and start asking your friends to come along. More information will be sent out closer to the date.

Thursday 5 March: International Women's Day Breakfast, Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre

The theme is "Let's not wait another 20 years for Gender Equality". Earlybird tickets are \$75 and available until 30 January from <https://unwomen.org.au/>

Saturday 28 March: Area 3 Workshop, Bunbury

Put the date in your diary today and aim to be there!

16-18 October 2015 13th Biennial District 23 Conference, Grand Chancellor Hotel, Adelaide

See the latest conference newsletter at www.zontadistrict23.org.au

2016 Zonta International Convention, Nice, France

2018 Zonta International Convention, Yokohama, Japan



WISHING ALL MEMBERS A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!



ZONTA CLUB OF PERTH CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

MEMBERS, PARTNERS AND FRIENDS

are warmly invited to the

CHRISTMAS COCKTAIL PARTY

on

THURSDAY 11 DECEMBER 2014

at

6.30 – 8.30pm

at

ST. CATHERINE'S COLLEGE, NEDLANDS

in the Wisteria Courtyard in the new building
(park and enter off Park Road)

COST: \$50 PER PERSON

Please make "Christmas" payments into the Club account:

BSB 036 038 Account # 154 851

RSVP: no later than 8 December to Roslyn Budd on

Roslynb2010@hotmail.com or Karen Groves on

grovesbk@bigpond.com

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HOUSE REFUGE**