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Outstanding Guide Leader Awarded

The following media release from Guides Australia summarises the achievements of Dr Emma Lalor, recipient of the 2005 Zonta Club of Perth's Guide Leader Award—Ed.

The Zonta Club of Perth has honoured Bull Creek Guide Leader, Dr. Emma Lalor, in a presentation by the State Commissioner, Guides Western Australia, Janet Garcia-Webb, at the Guides WA State Convention. Zonta's Guiding WA Award for Inspirational Leadership recognises outstanding, individual contribution to Guiding and the community.

In accordance with Zonta's philosophy and objectives of helping advance the status of women, and recognising significant contributions by women in the community, Emma was cited for her dedication and commitment to Guiding during the past 11 years. In that time she has been the inaugural Chair of the Guides Western Australia Olave Program Committee and subsequent member, member of Guides WA Executive Committee and has participated in national Guiding events. Emma is currently a Leader of Youth at Bull Creek Guides and edits a monthly Regional newsletter.

In the citation, Guides Australia National Olave Program Committee Chair, Catherine McKinnon, noted:

"Emma is an amazing Leader who brings out the best in every girl...with an exciting and varied program. As a member of WA Olave (Program Committee), Emma has been an important part of establishing Olave as an important part of Guiding showing exceptional leadership skills for young adults."

Guides WA is part of a worldwide voluntary organisation that promotes and encourages the development of girls and women



L-R: Dr Emma Lalor with Lennie McCall after the award presentation.

as responsible community members. It has over 10 million members in 140 countries throughout the world. Guiding offers all women and girls a range of experiences which can be invaluable throughout personal and professional life journeys.

Guides Australia is a member of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts. Its mission is: 'Helping girls and young women grow into confident, self-respecting, responsible community members'. In Western Australia there are over 2,000 guides. For more information about this organisation visit www.guidesaus.org.au

Zonta House Refuge Association— rebuilding lives, shaping futures

The Zonta Club of Perth has a long association with the Zonta House Refuge Association. Many thanks to Gwen Bull, President of the Association, for providing this article describing this valuable community service—Ed.

The mission

Zonta House Refuge is dedicated to provide a safe and supportive environment for women in crisis.

How did it begin?

Zonta House grew from a need which was first recognized by Diane Annear, the inaugural Co-ordinator of the Refuge. After working in the Department for Family and Children's Services for several years, Di changed direction from a government to a non-government environment and worked in a refuge for women and children for 10 years.

During this time Di had many enquiries for accommodation from women who did not have dependent children in their care. In many cases these women had suffered long-term abuse, remaining in the family home only until children were no longer dependent. Lack of alternative accommodation made their position intolerable.

Di kept statistics of the number of women in this situation and as they were significant, she approached the State Government with regard to funding a refuge for this client group. However she was advised that funding would not be made available until the need for such a project had been proven.

At the time Di was a member of the Zonta Club of South Perth and she approached the Club for assistance in supporting a venture to house lone homeless women who were in crisis and who had no alternative options for accommodation.

Development of Zonta House

The Club accepted the challenge and in 1982 the first house was established at Bridgewater opposite Heathcote Hospital. Members gave their services in a voluntary capacity covering 24 hour rosters, shopping and transporting clients to appointments. The Club also contributed financially and in kind (as did members of the community) and Di worked full time in a voluntary capacity for several years. Her contribution of over 20 years cannot be over-estimated.

During the next year there were a number of setbacks but finally government funding was approved and a property at 4 Shirley Avenue, Mount Pleasant was acquired. Despite initial opposition from the local community, permission to establish a Refuge was approved by the then Minister for Local Government.

Zonta House Refuge Inc. was officially established on April 16th 1984. It provides 24 hour crisis care and houses the office for the overall



Di Annear at the 20th Anniversary

administration of the extended Refuge. Services include short-term accommodation offering full board for up to 10 clients, emotional support, financial advice, advocacy, transport, a 'clothes boutique' and assistance in obtaining permanent accommodation.

After crisis care was well-established, it became obvious that longer term accommodation was required by many clients as the limit of a short period at the Refuge was often insufficient to resolve problems.

Hence an expanded service was set up to provide medium to long-term accommodation and also to house clients who have psychiatric problems or who are associated with a drug or alcohol dependency.

Currently through co-operation with the Department of Housing & Works, there are six additional accommodation units and the total number of clients who can be accommodated exceeds 40 women.

Bateman House

This is a unique service set up by Zonta House, the Department for Community Services and the Departments of Health and Housing & Works. It accommodates 5 clients and is supervised by Zonta House staff assisted part-time by a Psychiatric Worker from Fremantle

How can I help the refuge?

Tip 1—Provide wool

If members have any knitting wool that they do not want the refuge has a knitting group which is run by Kath Snashall from Perth Northern Suburbs and they would appreciate any wool.



Hospital. It has been identified by the Mental Health Service as the preferred accommodation service within Western Australia.

Cloverdale House

Accommodates four women who have had some contact with drug or alcohol dependency and who are re-establishing their independence and future.

Shelley Houses

Two units both of which will accommodate 4 clients for a medium term prior to the clients moving on to independent living.

THE VILLAGE

In 1995 Zonta House received Government funding to build 5 x two-bedroom units to accommodate women over 55 years on a permanent basis. These units are now well-established and are sought after by former clients.

THE COTTAGES

Completed in 2004 as a joint venture between the Zonta House Inc. Association Committee of Management and the Department of Housing & Works. The two units each accommodate 2 clients on a medium-term basis.

Wongabeena

A block of 10 government owned bed-sitters most of which are occupied by Zonta House clients.

How can I help the refuge?
Tip 2—Provide toiletries
Donate toiletries (incl. combs and toothbrushes), pyjamas and nighties

The people that make it work

Since its inception, Zonta House Refuge has accommodated more than 6000 women many of whom have moved on to independent living.

Its reputation as a preferred service within the community is due largely to the vision and commitment of Di Annear who retired in July 2004, to the efforts of members of the Committee of Management and to a very dedicated staff.

Zonta House is staffed by a Manager (Ms Annette Chivers was appointed in January 2005), a Social Worker and support workers working mainly from the Crisis Centre. Former clients are often welcomed back to Zonta House and are invited to join in social functions.

Zonta House provides outreach services to clients which are not covered by government funding. Hence additional assistance is necessary to maintain our level of commitment towards the welfare of women in crisis.

Strong on-going support is received from the Zonta Clubs of Western Australia, from agencies and businesses within the community, from volunteers and through fund-raising

A voluntary recycled clothing boutique was an important project organized by Zonta House during the period 1996 – 2004. Its purposes were to provide opportunities for clients and to raise funds. Many volunteers made a significant contribution to its success.

Future direction

In July 2005 the members of the Committee of Management and the staff held a series of Strategic Planning Meetings to establish a list of Key Objectives and to develop an Action Plan for the years 2006-08.

This is an on-going process and will herald a new and exciting phase in the development of Zonta House Refuge.



The cottages

How can I help the refuge?
Tip 3—Get involved!
Attend the AGM on Monday 17th October at 5pm at 4 Shirley Ave, Mt Pleasant.

If you would like to know more about the Zonta House Refuge Association, contact Lori Grech or Marg Giles.

Members can bring donations of wool or toiletries to any club meeting. The club also provide new gifts for women at the refuge over Christmas. These are collected at the Club's Christmas party.—Ed.

District 23 Conference—Adelaide

Margaret Medcalf



L-R: Karen Groves and Judy Tennant are congratulated by International PR Chair, Dawn Newman.

Congratulations to Karen Groves and Judy Tennant, our newly elected District officers.

At the 8th District 23 Conference held in Adelaide from 1-3 October 2005 Karen was elected Area 3 Director for the 2006-2008 biennium and Judy was elected Chairman of the Nominating Committee for 2005-2007.

The District Governor for the next biennium will be Beryl McMillan and the Lieut Governor Pauline Glover.

The Conference was attended by five members of the Zonta Club of Perth and had approximately 200 attendees. Lennie McCall was our delegate and Marilyn Piper the alternate delegate.



Margaret Medcalf (left standing) and Lennie McCall (third from left standing) catch up with friends at the District 23 Conference.

Highlights included winning two first prizes in the PR categories of the best website and our newsletter *InZert*. Congratulations to Carole.

The workshop, led by Karen, on Partnerships with Special Communities was well attended and there was considerable interest generated from members who participated. Also Marilyn's advice on advocacy given in workshops on Saturday and Sunday was greatly appreciated.

An important motion, moved by our delegate and passed by the Conference, called on the District Governor to write to the Federal Government supporting increased funding for research into gynaecological cancers. Strong support was given to this motion by the Conference.

The next District Conference will be held in Hobart in 2007 but before that will be the Zonta International Convention in 2006 in Melbourne.

As many members as possible should take the opportunity of attending as a Convention really highlights the internationality of Zonta and demonstrates the wonderful work done by this organization. Check out the webpage on www.zonta2006.com

Wandjina Cards

The blank Wandjina greetings cards were back from the printers just in time for display at the District 23 Conference. The cards are printed on high quality card and individually wrapped. They are perfect for any occasion!

Do they take long to pack? No, just one bottle of wine per five hundred cards!

If you would like to help pack a few cards, contact Carole or Sciona.

The cards will be on display at the October club meeting.





Zonta TAFE Education Award Winner

Marilyn Piper

Local Zonta International Club of Perth is pleased to announce the Zonta TAFE Education Award winner for 2005.

The recipient for 2005 is Ms Loretta Hynes of Bassendean. Loretta is studying Certificate 1V in Community Services, Mental Health Non Clinical at Central TAFE in Mount Lawley.

Zonta Club of Perth offers the award each year to an Australian woman who is a resident in Western Australia, and has successfully completed or is completing Certificate III in Community Services in either Community Work or in Mental Health Non-Clinical at Central TAFE.

The \$500 Award is to provide encouragement to women to continue their studies as mature age students.



L-R: Mary Gurgone, Loretta Hynes, Ian Laing and Marilyn Piper.

The Award was presented to Loretta at a special ceremony held at Central TAFE. The award will assist Loretta to complete her studies. She hopes to go on to complete a degree in Psychology at University.

Selections from the Inbox...

This email, from the Sultanate of Oman demonstrates how our club's local actions can touch peoples lives around the world. Ed.

ATTENTION: CLUB PRESIDENT & MEMBERS OF ZONTA CLUB OF PERTH

Just this note to let you know that I learnt about the ZONTA CLUB OF PERTH and the wonderful work your Club is doing only because of **CLAUDIA ROSARIO**.

My wife, Josephine, and I are citizens of India but are working in the Sultanate of Oman for many years now. We are close friends of the Rosario Family as Horace, Claudia's Dad, used to be working here prior to his settling down in Australia. We had the opportunity to meet the whole Rosario Family during our last visit to Perth in December, 2003.

It so happened that I was surfing the net one day and just put the name of Claudia Rosario in the search column. To my surprise I learnt that she was awarded YOUNG WOMAN IN PUBLIC AFFAIRS AWARD. I

then went looking for your site and came upon your newsletter INZERT, Issue No. 53 of May, 2005. The page no. 1 had CLAUDIA'S WORDS OF WISDOM as well as her picture where she was presented her certificate and another picture on page no. 2 with her Mum, Caroline.

Claudia's speech that was reproduced on your newsletter was really very inspiring and I am sure she did deserve the award.

On behalf of Josephine and myself, I wish ZONTA CLUB OF PERTH all



Flashback—Claudia Rosario receiving the YWIPA award at the April meeting.

the very best in whatever you do now and always.

Yours sincerely,
PETER VAZ.

Get packing to save lives!

**22nd October
9am**

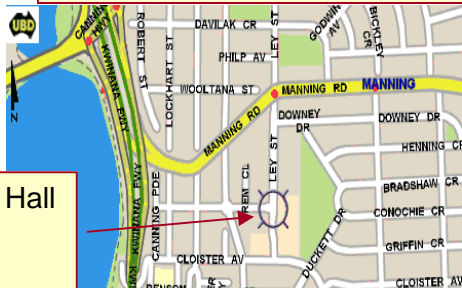
Remember how much fun we had at the last Birthing Kit Assembly day? Bring your friends and help pack more of these life saving kits.



Birthing Kits from the October session will go to Vietnam

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St Pius X Parish Hall
23 Paterson St
Manning



Film Fundraiser

Pride and Prejudice

**13th November, 4pm,
Astor Cinema,
Mt Lawley**



FOUNDERS DAY DINNER 2005

*A Gala Event hosted by Zonta Club of
Perth Northern Suburbs*

Date: 5th November 2005
Venue: Royal Perth Golf Club
Tickets: \$55 from Kath Snashall
Tel: 9245 7790
before 22 October
Dress: Formal/Lounge suit
Partners: Welcome



Diary Dates

13th October 2005, Dinner Meeting, 6.15 for 6.30pm, The University Club.

It is not often that our club is able to celebrate a wedding, so this meeting will include a bridal shower for Sharee Simm.

17th October 2005, 5pm Zonta House Refuge Assoc Annual General Meeting

Get involved with the refuge. Attend the AGM at 4 Shirley Ave, Mt. Pleasant starting at 5 pm. If you want to know more about the refuge contact Marg Giles or Lori Grech.

22nd October—Birthing Kit Workshop

St Pius X Catholic Church Parish Hall, 23 Paterson St, Manning, from 9am. All Zontians and friends are invited. Contact Deb Hegarty or Marilyn Piper.

5th November—Founders Day Dinner, 7 for 7.30pm.

This year's event will be hosted by the Zonta Club of Perth Northern Suburbs and promises to be a special gala occasion. Venue: Royal Perth Golf Club, South Perth. Tickets available from Kath Snasall (T: 9245 7790), \$55. Closing date for tickets 22 October.

13th November—Pride and Prejudice 4pm, Astor, Mt Lawley.

Fundraiser event—great movie to sell tickets for! Please bring finger foods to accompany the champers. Tickets will be distributed at the October meeting.

8th December 2005—Christmas Party

Following last year's successful event, the Club Christmas Party will again be held at Mt Eliza, in King's Park.

24-29 June 2006—International Convention, Melbourne

Georgina Costello will be among the speakers for this not-to-be-missed event.

WANT TO KNOW WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR CLUB? VISIT OUR WEB SITE AT
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