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### Club Meetings

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## Hats off to the 'Luck o' the Irish!'

What a day! Horse racing, couture millinery, fine food...this all added up to a day of fun, frolics and feasting for those that were lucky enough to get tickets to this wonderful event that raised over \$7,500 for Zonta projects.

They say that 'prior planning prevents poor performance' and the intense planning involved with this event ensured that everything ran smoothly to the running sheet.

Judy Tennant was the MC extraordinaire for the day, looking particularly elegant in her exquisite hat as she introduced the program for the afternoon. Guests quickly got into the spirit of the day and placed their bets using the conveniently located in-room totes for the first race.

Club President, Lori Grech welcomed guests including, Mrs Van Heemst, (wife of chairman of WA Turf Club) and her fellow guests from Perth racing, Adrian Jones from Adrian Jones Racing in Melbourne, Rob Slade from Slade Bloodstock in Melbourne, Professor Rae Weston from Sydney and Darren McAullay well known racing tipster.

Lori acknowledged the wonderful generosity of sponsors including Miranda Green Millinery for the parade of couture millinery, Adrian Jones for the magnificent staging of the Zonta Sweepstake Cup, Forum Florist for the table arrangements, Wilder Bunch for Miranda's bouquet, Slade Bloodstock for the Sweepstake race programs and tipster's advice as well as Mundella Foods, Forum Florist, PKF Corporate Accountants, Veale Auto Parts and AM Dental Care for their donations to the auction.



Top: Great view of racing, Centre: L) Judy Tennant—MC extraordinaire R) Miranda Green—Milliner extraordinaire  
Bottom: great food and company

The day evolved around the lunch with events between courses. As Marilyn Rainer put it, "It's been a long time since I've eaten for five hours non-stop, yet my bathroom scale didn't register one gram of it. Extraordinary. Just another bit of Zonta magic, I reckon!"

So what did guests eat? The breads, olives, dips and dukkah were followed by a tasting plate designed to tease the taste



## Luck o' the Irish Lunch

buds... Prawn and scallop mousse with fennel jelly, spiced lamb kofta with minted yoghurt and ratatouille tartlet with pine nut skordalia... delightful!

Adrian Jones called on Darren McAullay to provide an insight into the day's racing, giving background on form and his 'tips' for the day.



Trainer Trevor Andrews and Rob Slade from Slade Bloodstock also added their input – it was great to have the professionals providing the behind-the-scenes information about the racing at Ascot that afternoon. The day's races were shown throughout the day on the big screen and could also be followed live out of the panoramic window

Guests used this advice when placing their bets for the second race



of the day. The weather was perfect and the view from the Committee Room was magnificent – the bright colours of the jockeys prepared guests for the bright colours of the hats to come!

Judy Tennant reminded everyone of the purpose of the day and played a DVD through the big screen television so guests could appreciate where their money would be going and what it would be used for.

The main course of pancetta wrapped salmon fillet, saffron potato mash and tomato and chive salsa contrasted well with the accompanying panzanella salad. This was enjoyed before and during the running of the third race.

Soon, the volunteer models were being prepared by Miranda to 'strut their stuff' and show the world the latest range of Miranda Green's couture millinery.

Marilyn Rainier described how she persuaded Glen Wilson to volunteer with her... "at the Christmas dinner Glen and I spoke about how much we would like to do some more hands on work for Zonta - something where we really felt we were contributing our time and some sort of elbow grease to a great



organisation that is doing such amazing work for women. A few weeks later, you asked for volunteers to model hats at Ascot and I thought, "This is it! A golden opportunity!" I therefore volunteered - and I also 'volunteered' on behalf of an absent Glen. Glen's first words to me at Ascot were, "I shall have to kill



you!" but my, didn't she look stunning in those hats! I can't remember when I last had so much fun - and I know everyone else who had the opportunity to join the modelling team felt the same. Our ages ranged from 62 - me! - to Judy's daughter, Leah, who must be all of 21



and drop-dead gorgeous with it! But age simply was not an issue, the hats spoke for themselves. The tragedy was having to leave behind both those gorgeous hats and Miranda, an amazing human being who never stopped smiling yet organised the whole team and put us all at ease."



David Theobald, official photographer for the day, recalled that Judy Tennant was superb as she described each hat as the models appeared and, if she ever wants to give up her day job, there may be a future for her in this field...!

It was soon time for race 4 on the card and then in came the dessert - a luscious preparation of honey roasted pear frangipane, verjuice syrup and praline ice cream.

Miranda Green emerged from behind-the-scenes to thank the models and describe the amazing



activities of the Miranda Green Foundation that works to improve women's lives in India.

Guests then had time to mingle, look more closely at the displayed hats, browse through Miranda's colourful book of her designer millinery and place their bids for the tabled silent auction items. The silent auction included wines, jewellery, cheeses, perfumes, scarf, painting, beauty products and chocolates.

## Luck o' the Irish Lunch

The Zonta Sweepstake Cup provided lively entertainment after the formal fifth race of the day, with guests purchasing tickets to win a horse in this special televised race... Tickets were placed in a barrel and 24 tickets were drawn by Mrs Van Heemst (wife of the Chairman of the WA Turf Club) and horses allocated to them.



After race 6, Adrian Jones took to the stage to auction three hats that Miranda had kindly donated for the 'live auction'. It is lovely that the hats have names and Couture, Ava and Madison now have new loving homes... Guests were reminded to put in their bids for the final round of the silent auction, the results of which were announced after race 7.

The door prize was a copy of Miranda's book that she had generously donated and each table had a special seat prize of the beautiful table decorations...

This special race was put together by Adrian Jones and contained many familiar Zonta-style names for horses and jockeys. The race, shown on the big screen, was called by Dan Milecki, who did an excellent job with the unfamiliar names! Dan has called over 10 Melbourne Cup races for Channel 10 and we felt privileged to have the 'real thing' at our event!



With the close of race 8, it was left to Judy Tennant to wrap up the event and thank all the teams of people that had contributed. This truly was a club effort and the Finance and Fundraising committee are to be congratulated on leading the teams from concept to execution. Marilyn Rainier observed, "Since

*the day I first attended a Zonta meeting I have been blown away by Sciona's talent and energy and I saw this again on Saturday. Sciona, Wendy and Fiona simply never stopped and the day went without a single hiccup. So many others, too, were working flat out."*

Shirley Lantze was the lucky winner of the Zonta Sweepstake Cup with the horse called Summer T (named after 'Tricia Summerfield no doubt) ridden by T Winter - Rae Weston had the dubious honour of having the horse that came last...Mac's Hack ridden by Little High!

Will we do it again next year? You bet we will!!!!



### Hats off to a good cause

THE Zonta Club of Perth is gearing up for a stylish St Patrick's Day lunch this Saturday, March 17, at Ascot Racecourse. As well as a full day of racing, lunch, auction and raffles, the event will feature the world premiere of milliner Miranda Green's latest collection of couture hats. Her creations were recently on show at New York Fashion Week and the famous Kentucky Derby in the US. Club vice-president Mary Gurgone said Green shared many principles with the Zonta Club, whose members volunteer on a range of projects to improve the status of women. "Miranda's typical 'fair go' attitude reflects in her establishing a workshop in India, providing opportunities for local women to gain skills and experience in the industry," she said. The St Patrick's Day lunch will raise funds for initiatives such as birthing kits, breast cancer cushions, education awards, respite holidays and women's refuge support. **Kaye Martin and Anne-Marie McNaughton model haute couture hats.** Picture: Marcella Davis 0256626

## What people said....

Well – what can I say!!! What a sensational day and what a sensational team effort!

You all have truly made the Club the proud – it was a great team effort and the feedback so far has been overwhelmingly positive - everyone enjoyed themselves, the event was run with panache and professionalism and if there were lessons to be learned for next year and if put into action, the next event will be awesome!

On behalf of Club members a very special thank you

*Lori Grech, President*

PR Committee did an absolutely brilliant job publicising the Luck O' the Irish Lunch Event and our Club. The DVD, flyers and tickets were a stand-out. Models pitched in, arrived early, rehearsed and 'strutted their stuff' like true professionals.

Two newspaper articles, one a front page—thanks to Mary's lead with Community Newspapers. Two radio spots... one led by Glen on her community radio program and also a reference on 6PR morning radio about the gorgeous and very elegantly dressed Zonta ladies!!!! How good is that!

Donations in kind and cash have come in from everywhere. Membership and Support members were superb doing the 'meet and greet' on the day. My own Committee members have worked tirelessly and given their all. The team work has been the best.

Special thanks must go to Emma Powell (Event Sales Coordinator) and all the staff at Perth Racing for their contribution to the success of the day. They were the behind-the-scene 'dream team'.... without exception generous, hard working and highly professional. It's been so good working together on this project. And the result has been outstanding - **\$7544 net profit!!**

Thank you, all, for all your support and help. It's truly been a marvellous effort. Just goes to show, Zonta women can be gorgeous, elegant and brilliant!

*Sciona Browne,  
Chair Finance/Fundraising*



## International Women's Day—8th March 2007

Club members celebrated International Women's Day at a number of Perth events including a Soroptomists' Breakfast at Burswood on Swan for UNIFEM, a breakfast at the Perth Convention Centre with a keynote address by Dr Fiona Stanley, a special Lunch Box List Event at the Hyatt Hotel where our club had a display and, of course, our own club meeting.

### IWD Lunch Box List Event —Hyatt Hotel

Mary Gurgone

Mary Gurgone was the sole club representative at the this event, but did a fantastic job of promoting our club. Carole interviewed her from Indonesia to find out what she had missed...

#### Did you enjoy the event?

The IWD Lunchbox List Event was a most enjoyable event. It was the best attended event for IWD in WA with over 650 participants included both school and professional women. The youth focus of both the participants and speakers was fantastic to see: most IWD events attract baby boomers and older. Some indigenous young women had been flown in from the north of our State: a positive gesture by Rio Tinto.

The speakers were inspirational and included a refugee who became a lawyer and Human Rights activist, a profoundly deaf young woman as well as two mainstream young women who were all high achievers. The newly installed Minister for Women's Interests spoke in her new role for the first time and she spoke well.

#### How about the display stand?

The display stand was in the Careers Expo part of the event. Despite the fact that it was the first time that I had put up the display, it went very well indeed. Partly because I was ably assisted in the complex task of putting up the banners by the friendly neighbours from the Job Network—the banners are a feat of engineering!

The stand was very popular with masses of students and some professional women coming to ask about Zonta. The school girls were most interested in the awards and the international components of our activities. We may get a new member as one of the professional women wants to be invited to our next new members' event. Many other professional women came to ask about Zonta and took away our brochure.

#### Who did you talk to?

The students were fascinated with the Birthing Kits and the Indigenous programs.

One of the business women I met was from a corporate body that gives money to different voluntary organisations each month and would like us to provide information so that they may consider us for that purpose! Have we ever had an offer like that from a stranger?

Another most fascinating young woman from the ANZ is interested in contributing to the community while she takes some time off work and would like to know more about us.

The Indigenous girls from the north were quiet but most interested in hearing of the Indigenous programs we run.



Mary Gurgone sets up the Club's display stand at the Hyatt Hotel.

What was the mini careers expo like? UWA, Murdoch and the Employment Network were in the same area that I was. Curtin Uni was in the next bay and I noticed that most girls were carrying the Curtin Uni bags and picking up information from the other Universities.

The Employment Network seemed to gather the largest crowd of girls wanting to have a chat. The two women at that stand were run off their feet.

Interestingly the Office for Women's Policy publications (many of which I had a key role in developing) went like hot cakes so that they ran out completely. So who said that young women are not interested in women's issues?

#### Would you do it again?

I believe that it was worthwhile for the Club to get exposure and possible new members. The information about the option for getting sponsorship support and good contacts were a bonus beyond the expected marketing opportunity for Zonta.

#### What information may help for next year?

I think it would attract more girls if we had the actual application forms for the Education Awards. It would be good to have the information for the Indigenous young women, including a flyer about the mentoring scheme. It's rare that we have access to so many young Indigenous women from our north.

I'm not sure if it's appropriate to print of some forms about Zonta's next information evening, but that would attract the young professional women.

*Fantastic work Mary, thanks for the feedback—Ed.*

## International Women's Day—8th March 2007

### March Meeting —Education Award Presentations

*Margaret Medcalf*

The meeting was efficiently chaired by Ros Budd in the absence of the President. Unfortunately there were a lot of members unable to come to the meeting due to other commitments but this was compensated by the fact that there were 11 visitors. Among the guests it was good to see two previous members in Wendy Alford and Virginia Bristowe.

The Education Award had been augmented and split into two this year and Tricia Summerfield presented certificates and cheques to Dawn Cullen and Jantina Van Der Jagt.

The awardees each responded telling us about themselves and their future plans.



*Tricia Summerfield presents Education Award certificates to Dawn Cullen (left) and Jantina Van Der Jagt (right)*

The guest speaker was Dr Mary-Anne Jebb who gave a personal glimpse into her work with the Ngarinyin women while living in Derby in the 1990s.

She particularly talked about her personal friendship with one of them which gave an insight into the Ngarinyin way of life and thinking. She used this as an example of the women, some of whom we as a Club have befriended, who are a strength in the group.

Her talk was particularly appropriate for this International Women's Day.



*Dr Mary-Anne Jebb (file photo)*

### UNIFEM Breakfast —Burswood on Swan

The Soroptomist International UNIFEM Breakfast was officially opened by Barbara Etter, Assistant Commissioner, WA Police. The guest speaker was Allison Whitelaw who was nominated for Young Western Australian 2006.

Proceeds from the breakfast went to UNIFEM to support a major UNIFEM Pacific project to assist members of regional networks and other selected organisations in their work to End Violence Against Women.

The project will offer leadership training, and build the capacity of women's organisations across all Pacific nations to initiate, design and conduct projects and strategies through the UN Trust Fund to Eliminate Violence Against Women. The project will involve focused training for NGO leaders in an extended regional workshop in mid 2007, with mentoring and practical on the ground project support.

UNIFEM Australia will also continue to contribute to the global UN Trust Fund to end Violence Against Women.

The Trust Fund became operational 10 years ago and has so far awarded some \$13 million to 226 initiatives in more than 100 countries.

Recently the Government of Spain pledged Euro 3 million (\$3.9 million) to the United Nations Trust Fund to End Violence against Women. It is the largest contribution ever made to the UNIFEM-managed Trust Fund since its establishment through the UN General Assembly in 1996.

Besides the Government of Spain, recent donors to the Trust Fund have included: the Governments of Austria, Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Ireland, Norway, Slovenia, Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, USA; UNIFEM National Committees; NGOs such as **Zonta International**; and the private sector: Johnson & Johnson, Macy's, Omega, TAG Heuer. For more information on the Trust Fund, see [http://www.unifem.org/gender\\_issues/violence\\_against\\_women/trust\\_fund.php](http://www.unifem.org/gender_issues/violence_against_women/trust_fund.php)



*UNIFEM Goodwill Ambassador Nicole Kidman addresses the assembly through a live fibre-optic link – Commemoration of the 10th Anniversary of the UN Trust Fund to End Violence against Women, 16 February 2007. (Photo: UNIFEM/Joseph Viles.)*



## New women's consultative body announced

Women's Interests Minister Sue Ellery has announced the establishment of a 14-member peak consultative network to better represent the views and interests of Western Australian women in State policy and decision-making.

Ms Ellery, already well-known for her energy and strong commitment to social justice and human rights, said the new Women's Advisory Network of WA (WANWA) would be set up through the Office for Women's Policy (OWP) as part of an overarching community engagement framework, to involve and encourage all women in raising their status and value in this State.

"The status of women in WA is a real mixed bag," the Minister said.

"We have had some wins, but they are never quite enough and we are constantly needing to push harder: it is a typical two steps forward, one step back scenario."

Ms Ellery said the current statistics for women in WA reflected that:

- they still only earned 75 per cent of men's average weekly earnings;
- more than half (59.4 per cent) were in the labour force;
- they represented 23.9 per cent of senior executive service positions in the public sector, 29 per cent of local government councillors, 30 per cent of board and committee members and 35 per cent of union delegates;
- 11.5 per cent of all apprenticeships and 49.4 per cent of all traineeships were female;
- participation rates for women in senior positions in public authorities ranged from 2.8 per cent in tier one local government management to 35.6 per cent in tier three university management;
- 34.7 per cent of WA small business owners were women;
- 77.5 per cent of girls completed Year 12 at school; and although Australia had the highest rate in history of female participation in the labour market, employment standards for women were rapidly slipping under the new Work Choices regime.

"WANWA has been set up with a clear purpose to improve the status of women in WA through sound strategic policy advice and to represent the perspectives of key peak non-Government organisations in the area of women's interests," the Minister said.

"In addition to WANWA, other key elements of OWP's new community engagement framework include planning for a Women's Summit, Indigenous Women's Congress, State Indigenous Women's Gathering and Regional Women's Forums.

"The network members will largely be representatives of peak women's groups and community which can encompass and contribute the broader views and concerns of women across the State."

Ms Ellery said prospective candidates needed to have previous experience in developing policy or providing services relevant to WA women and, most importantly, have a good grasp and understanding of contemporary women's issues.

"There is a huge diversity of women which needs to be encompassed through WANWA," she said.

"This includes young women, women with disabilities, indigenous women, lesbian women, women on low incomes, women from culturally and linguistically diverse communities, women living in rural, regional and remote areas and women working within predominantly male environments."

Calls for nominations will be widely advertised through State and metropolitan community newspapers during the next month and promoted through OWP's website and mail-outs to peak community groups and not-for-profit organisations associated with women's interests.

Further information about the work of the Office for Women's Policy and International Women's Day events can be found at <http://www.women.wa.gov.au/> or by ringing the Women's Information Service on 6217 8230 or country freecall 1800 199 174.

*Our Club's Board is investigating involvement in this initiative, possibly at an Area level... watch this space...Ed.*

## Lend a hand to the Birthing Kit Foundation...

The Zonta Birthing Kit Project has received another \$200,000 from AusAID to continue the project in 2007.

Costs have risen dramatically and are now \$2.40 a kit. The price rises have been caused by Australia Post discontinuing economy air and materials cost increases. Therefore, clubs are now being asked to contribute \$800 for 1000 kits with AusAID donating \$1600 to achieve the total of \$2400 for 1,000 kits.

You can really make a difference to this project by becoming a member of the Birthing Kit Foundation.

If there are 100 members in the Foundation, it will be eligible to participate in the Overseas Aid Gift Deductibility Scheme (OAGDS). This will enable tax deductibility of donations to the Foundation from individual and companies.

It only costs \$25 for the calendar year annual membership...why not



complete the application form and send off your cheque today!

The application form can be downloaded from our Club's website at [www.zontaperth.org.au](http://www.zontaperth.org.au)

## Celebrity Platters

Do you know a Perth:

- celebrity?
- sporting identity?
- politician?
- media personality?
- craftsperson?
- artist?

If so, the Zonta Club of Perth would like to hear from you!

Celebrities are being asked to paint and decorate a range of ceramic platters before August 31st with a choice of paints for the PNS latest fundraising project.

The platters will be sold/auctioned at an exhibition on Sunday 28th October.

If you know someone who could make their mark on a platter please contact Leanne Sultan at

[Leanne.Sultan@health.wa.gov.au](mailto:Leanne.Sultan@health.wa.gov.au) or telephone 9445 2859 (H)

Leanne will check that the person has not already been approached and arrange to contact the person and send a selection package to them. This will include



a brochure that lists all the available paint colours, outliners and pens, and sets out instructions for the "artist".

Sounds like fun!

## Zonta International Convention 2010

The 2010 Zonta International Convention has been moved from Bangkok because of concerns about the safety of Zontians attending.

It is proposed to move the convention to America—but submissions are being put to ZI to seek consideration of another Asian venue for the event.

## Women Walking Holidays

An information session about *Women Walking* holidays will be held at St Catherine's College on Saturday 21st April from 2-4pm.

Travelling alone or in a group this company specialises in organising holidays for women on Queensland's Sunshine Coast.

[www.womenwalking.com.au](http://www.womenwalking.com.au)

## What's this?



Got a bit concerned when I first saw this sign...but it's not what it seems...a 'cat oven' in Indonesia is a car spray painter!! Ed

## Great News

The Zonta Club of Peel raised \$13,500 for Breast Cancer Research at its recent Golf Day...

## Kath in the spotlight

Kath Mazzella, our 2004 Area 3 Woman of Achievement and founder of the Gynaecological Awareness Information Network (GAIN), recently performed in the Vagina Monologues at Curtin University.



In April she will be presenting at the International Conference on Sexual Health in Sydney.

Keep spreading the word Kath!

### WANT TO KNOW WHAT IS HAPPENING IN OUR CLUB?

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## District 23 calendar

*Unless you are an office bearer, it is easy to forget the work that is going on behind the scenes at the Area and District levels...take a look at the next few months' dates...*

## Diary Dates

**12th April, AGM Dinner meeting, St Catherine's College, 6.15pm for 6.45pm.**

Our special guest at this special 35th Annual General Meeting of our Club will be District Governor, Beryl McMillan.

**10th September, Gynaecological Awareness Day**

**14-16 September 2007—District 23 Conference, Tasmania**

Have you booked your flight yet? Tasmania will be beautiful at this time of year. Treat yourself to that famous Tasmanian hospitality!

**28 October—Perth Northern Suburbs Celebrity Platter exhibition**

Karrinyup Community Centre, Davenport Street, Karrinyup, 2.30pm to 5pm. See article on page 7 about celebrities needed to paint platters.

**28th June-3rd —Zonta International Convention 2008, Rotterdam**

The theme for the Convention will be global empowerment through local action...make a note in your diary now!.

When	What?	Who?
31 March	Club report #3 due to AD & DG	Club presidents
31 March, 1 April	Area 3 workshop	Area 3 members
1 April	YWPA club award winners to District Coordinator Judy Rothe	Clubs
21 April	Areas 1 & 4 workshop (incorp PPG Training Day)	Area 1, 4 members
30 April	Emma Conlon nominees to ZI & DG	Dist Z & Golden Z Coord Fiona MacDowall
1 May	Club officers 2007-2008 report form due to ZI & District Secretary Ann Horrocks Club annual report due to AD ZI & District dues payment for 2007-2008 due to District Treasurer Jasmine Koch District YWPA candidates due to HQ	Clubs Clubs Clubs Dist YWPA Coordinator Judy Rothe
5 May	Area 5 workshop	Area 5 members
31 May	Nominations for District and International nominations due to District Nominating Committee Chairman Judy Tennant	Clubs, members
1 June	2007-2008 international dues due to HQ	Jasmine Koch
30 June	2007-2008 District Directory form due to District Secretary Ann Horrocks Club report #4 due to AD & DG Proposals for bylaws changes due to DG	Clubs Club presidents Clubs
Aug TBA	Deadline for ZIF contributions to Dist Treasurer Jasmine Koch for presentation at Dist Conference	Clubs
1 July – note new date	Klausman Women in Business Scholarships - club candidates due to Rosalie Lake	Clubs
1 Sept	Jane M Klausman Women in Business Scholarships - district candidates due to HQ	Rosalie Lake
10 Sept	Gynaecological Awareness Day	
13 Sept	District Board meeting, Hobart	Dist Board
14 - 16 Sept	District Conference, Hobart	All members
16 Sept 1-3pm	District Board meeting, Hobart	Dist Boards, 2006-2008 & 2008-2010