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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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Club Meetings

- o Second Thursday of the month (except January)
- o 6.00pm for 6.30pm
- o St Catherine's College, UWA

Apologies

- o By 12 noon previous Monday
- o To Marg Giles
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1. New Look Inzert

Ever feel it is time for a change? The old style Inzert, may have won many awards, but the skills required to produce it were becoming a huge barrier to sharing the editing task. So, the PR committee agreed to produce and trial a simpler format so that potentially any member could take on (and enjoy) performing the editing role.

Being the Inzert Editor is very interesting as you get to find out what is happening in our Club and in the wider Zonta world. Hopefully, the simpler format will encourage more members to think seriously about editing our newsletter.

What is special about this design?

- o The new Inzert is designed to be read on screen – hopefully saving paper and ink! The articles may be scrolled down without having to navigate around the page, as you have to do with a multi-column format.
- o The newsletter contains hyperlinks, to encourage on screen reading, so you have the option of going quickly to the appropriate web page to find out more about a topic.
- o Articles are numbered, not pages, so you can find your way through the document easily without having to search for page numbers at the top or bottom of the page!
- o The design may be printed out and still look attractive and inviting to read when it is in our archives.
- o The format does not require the editor to have special design and layout skills – it is created in Word from a specially designed template, so articles may be copied and pasted from contributor's emails directly into the newsletter. If an article finishes half way down a page, the editor is not expected to find 'fillers' to complete the page – the newsletter will stop at the end of the story!

We hope you enjoy reading the new format and if you have any suggestions on how to improve it, please email zontaperth@yahoo.com.au. We want to know if it works for you! Please let Carole know if you are interested in becoming a future editor...

2. Founders' Day Dinner

Founders' Day Dinner is an Area 3 special occasion that celebrates the birth of Zonta on the 8th November 1919. The Zonta Club of Bunbury hosted this year's 'black and white' event that was a great success.

Members and guests were welcomed with drinks and canapés on the lawn beside the water – a very picturesque setting especially at sunset. The Area 3 Woman of Achievement is traditionally announced and awarded at the event that involves all six Zonta Clubs in WA.

Club Presidents all took a role in the formal proceedings and it was with great delight that the Area 3 Woman of Achievement was announced to be our own Club's nominee, Martha Teshome. Martha attended the event with her husband, who has been a strong supporter of Martha's commitment to raise awareness of female genital mutilation and reduce the incidence of this painful practice. Martha is currently the FGM Community



*Karen Groves, Area 3 Director,
presents Martha with the Area 3
Woman of Achievement certificate
and brooch*



Martha and her husband

Education Officer, Women's and Children's Health Service, Child and Community Health Directorate, Department of Health. She is committed to raising awareness of FGM as a human rights issue and is seen as a leading advocate in seeking to make FGM illegal. She migrated to Australia 18 years ago from Ethiopia and has committed her professional and voluntary life to improving the health of communities and the rights of women and children through education and advocacy.

Karen Groves, Area 3 Director, presented Martha with a specially designed gold and pearl brooch (crafted by Linney's the jewelers) and a certificate. Martha was delighted to receive the award and in her speech described her work and thanked Zontians for their recognition and support.

The Zonta Club of Bunbury is to be congratulated for hosting such an enjoyable evening of good food, good wine and great company.

3. Message from Martha

I thought I should share the sad information with you and through you all other Zontians I know and whom I do not know. Let us stand together and fight for the right of the 19 year old from Qatif. Thank you again to you and to all Zontians who voted for me for Zonta's Woman of Achievement Award for 2007.

*Kind regards
Martha Teshome*

EQUALITY NOW CONDEMNS SAUDI ARABIAN COURT RULING SENTENCING RAPE VICTIM TO 200 LASHES AND 6 MONTHS' IMPRISONMENT

A 19-year-old woman from Qatif, Saudi Arabia, was brutally attacked and gang raped by 7 men approximately 18 months ago, according to media reports. While seeking justice in her case, the woman was herself sentenced in October 2006 to 90 lashes for being in the company of an unrelated man at the time of the attack. She appealed this decision to a higher court, and the Qatif General Court announced on Wednesday November 14, 2007, that the victim's sentence had been more than doubled to 200 lashes and 6 months in prison, a gross violation of human rights including the right to be free from discrimination and from torture and other cruel, degrading and inhuman treatment. Following this decision the rape victim's lawyer had his license to practice revoked. While the courts have not clarified why the sentence was increased, media reports suggest that the harsher sentence for the rape victim and the confiscation of her lawyer's license were directly related to their decision to speak with Saudi Arabian media about the injustice in this case. If true, this retaliation clearly violates the fundamental human right to freedom of expression.



At the Founder's Day Dinner, Martha is congratulated by 2004 Woman of Achievement, Kath Mazzella founder of the Gynaecological Awareness Information Network (GAIN)

Equality Now is calling on the Ministry of Justice of Saudi Arabia to immediately revoke this sentence of lashing and imprisonment of the rape victim, which is a travesty of justice. Equality Now is also calling on the Ministry to restore her legal representation by rescinding its decision to revoke the license of her lawyer. Taina Bien-Aimé, Executive Director stated,

"This verdict by the Saudi Arabian court is blatantly discriminatory and violates several fundamental rights of the victim as well as her lawyer. We urge the Saudi Arabian authorities to undo this injustice immediately. They need to ensure that the victim is treated as a victim and not as a criminal. The international human rights community will continue to closely monitor the case and provide solidarity to advocates on the ground until the victim is safe from state sponsored violence and discrimination."

ACTION -Please contact the Saudi Arabian embassy in your country, as well as your country's Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Call on these officials to convey your concern over this injustice and to take whatever action is in their power to protect this Saudi rape victim from lashing and imprisonment.

Equality Now is an international human rights organization based in New York, Nairobi and London that works to protect and promote the civil, political, economic and social rights of girls and women. Equality Now's Women's Action Network comprises 30,000 groups and individual members in over 160 countries. For more information please visit www.equalitynow.org



Triphine is congratulated by her fiancé Jacob.

4. Triphine's bright future

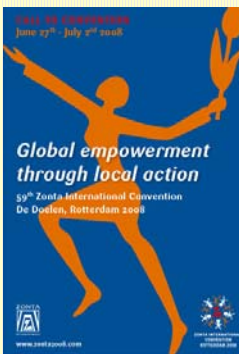
Mukashema Triphine (first name Triphine) is the 2007 winner of the ZCP TAFE Award. She attended the meeting with her fiancé Jacob. Triphine was born in Rwanda, her two sisters and one brother are also living in Australia. Her other five siblings and her parents "passed away" in the genocide of 1994. Triphine currently lives in Bayswater with her uncle.

Triphine is studying Certificate IV Community Services at Central TAFE and plans to go on to do a diploma and then to university. She hopes to use her qualifications to help refugees who have suffered trauma, domestic violence and financial problems. In the African refugee camps she was aware that many children died because of lack of treatment and shortage of drugs.

Triphine is confident of succeeding in her studies as she is keen and attentive and attributes this in part to her fantastic teachers.

Triphine and Jacob are both studying community service subjects and would eventually, after university, like to become social workers. Our sincere congratulations go to Triphine for not only winning the Award, but also on her wedding next month to Jacob.

We wish you every happiness in your future lives together. What a team you will make!



5. Call to Convention

The 2008 Zonta International Convention is being held in Rotterdam from June 27th to July 2nd. Have you made plans to go yet?

The Call to Convention for 2008 is now on the ZI web page and may be downloaded directly from www.zonta2008.com. It will also be included in the October/November Zontian.

It is intriguing to read that

Rotterdam, pre-eminently a masculine city, is to be 'La City '08' for one month in 2008. From 14 June to 12 July 2008 inclusive, the city is going to focus on its feminine aspects. For a whole month, Rotterdam will present its feminine, seductive, intellectual, intercultural and hospitable side....



Zontians and guests mingling before the performance

6. A Golden Afternoon with Elizabeth

About 120 people enjoyed Elizabeth the Golden Age, the Club's movie fundraising event at the Astor Cinema in Mt Lawley. Many members brought a variety of tempting platters that were passed around by Zontians and friends before the show began. The bar staff 'volunteers' (Kevin and Judy Tennant, and Rob Vacca) worked really hard to keep everyone hydrated on the warm afternoon and the level of laughter slowly rose as the champagne levels began to sink!



Agnes shows the raffle prizes

Guests were also able to view a new Club display that outlined projects and featured photos of a wide range of activities. The aim of the display was to encourage everyone to purchase lots of raffle tickets as they could see the valuable causes the proceeds support. There were five raffle prizes – ranging from a variety of hampers to a 'money tree' of instant lottery tickets.



Rob Vacca, Anne Marie and Kevin Tennant behind the bar

Before the film commenced, President Lori provided a succinct overview of Zonta activities and drew the raffle prizes. The film provided a fascinating insight into history, though a few members reported that they would be on the internet to 'Google' the accuracy of some of the events... The costumes were out of this world and Elizabeth's wigs had to be seen to be believed.

Congratulations go to Agnes and her Finance and Fundraising team for their efforts in organizing this successful event and many thanks go to all Zontians, who sold tickets, provided platters and donated raffle prizes.



Got any surplus household items that could help set up a home for someone?



Wandjina Cards



Zonta shoe bags

These items are on our Club's web site at www.zontaperth.org.au?

Just follow the links to Publications/Archives from the home page

- Latest Birthing Kit Foundation Newsletter
- D23 Newsflash
- Perth Northern Suburbs newsletter
- Bunbury newsletter
- Peel Golf day flyer and nomination form
- Ballarat Newsletter

Follow these links to find out more about:

- Call to ZI Rotterdam Convention
<http://www.zonta2008.com/>
- UNIMA World Puppetry Festival -
<http://www.unima2008.com/go/unima-2008>

7. Remember the Refuge

If you have any furniture, rugs or household items that you no longer need – consider passing them on to the refuge. Many of the ladies have to start from scratch when setting up a new home...your items could help.... Just describe the items you have in an email to our club address at zontaperth@yahoo.com.au and we will put the refuge in touch with you.

At Christmas time, members traditionally bring an unwrapped gift for the ladies at the refuge. The gifts are sorted and wrapped by refuge staff members to suit individual clients. Gifts usually are personal items such as toiletries, underwear and nightwear. Remember that the ladies at the refuge are all shapes and sizes!

8. Wandjina Cards and Zonta Shoe Bags

Don't forget that our Club has beautiful blank greeting cards that are ideal for writing those thank you notes for your Christmas presents. The cards feature the original painting by Yvonne Burgu, painted to thank the club for the hospitality shown to her during a visit to Perth. Packs of 5 cards are \$10, single cards \$2.50. All packs are cellophane wrapped and proceeds go to the Ngarinyin Friendship Project.

Many thanks go to the Zonta Club of Perth Northern Suburbs for selling the Wandjina cards on their stall at the recent Craft Fair held in Nedlands. Great work ladies!

The Zonta Club of Perth Northern Suburbs has special shoe bags that make super stocking fillers and are also good for filling with goodies for that 'present with a difference'. They are used not just for shoes, but underwear when traveling, wool when knitting to stop it knotting up, carry bags for lego, bottles of wine – you name it, the shoe bag can be used for it.

Order forms for cards and shoe bags can be downloaded from the home page of our Club's web site at www.zontaperth.org.au.

9. Diary Dates

- **13th December—Club Christmas Party, 6.30 for 7pm.** Celebrate Christmas at our St Catherine's 'home'! This will be an evening to have fun and make merry! Tickets \$50 include canapés, sumptuous Christmas Fayre and a bottle of red and white on each table. Tickets may be purchased by sending cheques made payable to Zonta Club of Perth Inc, 1 Salisbury St, Cottesloe, WA 6011. Don't forget to bring an unwrapped gift for the ladies at the refuge!
- **No club meeting in January**
- **14th February 2008—Club Dinner meeting 6.00 for 6.30pm, St Catherine's College**
This will be the first meeting for the new year.
- **17th February 2008—Zonta Club of Peel 15th Annual Golf and Auction Day.**
This event is great fun and a great fundraiser for the Peel Club. Tickets are \$25 each that include the golf and a light luncheon. Download the registration form and flyer by clicking the link in the margin.
- **2nd to 12th April 2008, 20th UNIMA Congress and World Puppetry Festival.**
This is the World Event for puppeteers and it is being hosted in Fremantle—what an opportunity for exposure of the puppet project on the world stage...
- **28th June-3rd July—Zonta International Convention 2008, Rotterdam.**
Download your call to Convention today.

There will also be an event in January hosted by the Zonta Club of Perth Northern Suburbs to celebrate Amelia Earhart Day – details will be circulated when they have been finalized.

Want to know what is happening in your club? Visit www.zontaperth.org.au