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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

- o By 12 noon previous Monday
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SOROPTIMIST EVENT



Melissa Parke will be the guest speaker at the Soroptimist breakfast at Burswood on Swan

UNIFEM WA LAUNCH



UNIFEM will launch a WA branch at the Perth Town Hall Breakfast. ALGAWA, BPW and the National Council of Women are co-hosting the UNIFEM event

BUNBURY BREAKFAST



Asst Comm Barbara Etter will be the guest speaker at the Zonta Club of Bunbury's event

WORLDLY WOMEN EVENT



**Zonta Club
of Perth Inc**
Member of Zonta International
Four inspirational young women will present at the Worldly Women Event at Perth Convention Centre
Our club will have a stand at the event's Careers Expo

1. International Women's Day Events

March 8 is celebrated across the world as International Women's Day (IWD) and provides an opportunity to recognise the achievements of women and their contribution to society. On this day, women can celebrate the progress that has been made but also contemplate those areas of women's lives where more can be done. Women's access to education, health care and paid labour has improved, and legislation that promises equal opportunities for women and respect for their human rights has been adopted in many countries.

However, nowhere in the world can women claim to have all the same rights and opportunities as men, and until we all work together to secure the rights and full potential of women, lasting solutions to social, economic and political problems are unlikely to be found. This year, as IWD falls on a Saturday, most IWD events will be held on Friday 7th March. Be aware of these three Perth-based events!

Traditionally, many of our members attend the **Soroptimists' breakfast** at Burswood on Swan. This event will be opened by Mrs Julie Jeffery, wife of the WA Governor and guest speaker will be Melissa Parkes, Federal Member for Fremantle who In November 1999, accepted a job with the UN Mission in Kosovo. Since that time Melissa has also worked for the UN in Gaza, Beirut, Cyprus, and New York, and her varied roles have encompassed the investigation of terrorist crimes in the Middle East and the establishment of a UN Ethics Office.

Of special significance is the **launching of UNIFEM WA** at a breakfast event being held at Perth Town Hall from 7am to 9am. The event will be opened by the Lord Mayor of Perth, Lisa Scaffidi with guest speakers Milena Pires, the Civil Society Development Specialist for the East Timor Justice Sector Support Facility and possibly also Bob McMullen, the Parliamentary Secretary for AusAID. This event is organized by UNIFEM Australia, Australian Local Government Women's Association, Business and Professional Women's Association and the National Council of Women. Proceeds from the event will go to UNIFEM.

If you will be in Bunbury, go to Bunbury Cathedral Grammar School and support the Zonta Club of Bunbury's IWD breakfast with guest speaker Barbara Etter.

If you want to make a day of it, why not go along to the Perth Convention Exhibition Centre where there will be a special Lunch Box Lunch List, **Worldly Women Event?** This event usually attracts over 600 women – three quarters of whom are high school students. The event begins with 10.30am with a Careers Expo, where our Club will have a stand, and continue with presentations by four inspirational young women: Sam Johnson was the 2005 WA Young Office Professional of the Year, Jade Lewis is an author, youth mentor and State Drug Summit 2001 co-chair, Caty Price is a Network Ten sports journalist and Ren Balakrishnan is a tax advisor, women's rights advocate and university academic. The tickets are usually \$88 but our Club members may attend for \$55. Please let Carole know if you would like to help out on the stand.

Make plans to participate and join in the celebrations of IWD 2008!



York Residency Museum – definitely worth a visit!



Agnes Vacca – first female partner at PKF



OAM to Kaye Poustie from Perth Northern Suburbs Club



Rachel Thomson – UWA scholarship



Joy Merigan - resignation



Glen Wilson – new 'Nanna'



2. York Residency Museum Display

Are you planning a trip to York soon? Then why not pop in to the York Residency Museum to see the eye-opening 'Four Women's Stories' that explores what life in the bush was REALLY like for women from 1870 to the present day. This exhibition really gives an unusual insight into the home, leisure time and personal lives of four very different women who were and are part of the fabric of York.

The Museum is open from 1-3pm on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays and 11am-3.30pm at weekends. Other attractions in York can be found through the York Visitor Centre tel 9641 1301 e info@yorkwa.org or www.yorkwa.org.

3. Zontians and friends in the news

Congratulations go to **Agnes Vacca** who was recently appointed as a partner with PKF, Chartered Accountants and Business Advisors – the first female partner in the Perth office. "My philosophy is to understand and care about our clients' businesses as if they were my own. I enjoy working with clients to meet their financial and business succession objectives." Well done Agnes, your philosophy is obviously paying off!

Kay Poustie of the Zonta Club of Perth Northern Suburbs was recently awarded an a Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) in recognition of her outstanding contribution to the library service and Zonta International. All members that know Kaye will be in total agreement with this PNS newsletter description– 'Kaye has a fantastic sense of community, is always generous with her time and is a wonderful role model to all Zontians'.

Rachel Thomson (Area 3 winner of the Jane M Klausman Scholarship 2007) has recently been awarded the UWA Centenary Trust for Women's Marita Trezise Memorial Scholarship. She says that this 'has allowed me to dedicate myself to my studies, without having to work long hours during semester or choose between paying the rent and buying textbooks. It also gave me a confidence boost which helped me go after (and get) the job of my dreams...now that I've finished by Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor or Economics, things won't slow down – in 2008 I am getting married, going overseas to work and travel for a year, and then returning to Australia in 2009 to take up a position as a Business Analyst with McKinsey and Compay with the hope of one day working as a business ethicist

It is with much regret that the Board recently received **Joy Merigan's** resignation from the Club. Joy took a leave of absence last year as she was going through a hectic time with family, work and travel commitments – and as things are just as busy now, she doesn't have the time to properly participate and contribute to the goals of Zonta. Joy was a valuable Zontian and, since 2001, made a great contribution to the Club, taking on many roles and facing new challenges with a smile! We wish Joy well with her future endeavours and thank her for her active involvement with the Club.

Stop press....Congratulations also go to new 'Nanna' – **Glen Wilson!** A delighted Glen reports that first grandson Jack Thompson was born on 2nd February.

4. Convention notes

Contemplating Rotterdam? We have been told about another hotel not too far from the De Doelen Convention Centre that is not on the Call to Conference hotels list. It is the Hotel Breitner. www.hotelbreitner.nl or email hotelbreitner@planet.nl. Prices per night are double room Euro 100, triple room Euro 135, single room Euro 80 or Euro 85 for a single room with a big bed. All prices include breakfast. If you want to make a reservation please give your credit card number and expiry date to Meta at the hotel.

If you want to share a room with another Zontian, please let Lori know as we have details of a couple of Zontians from other Clubs in D23 that have 'spare beds' in their hotel rooms.

Note that the District meetings will be held on the afternoon of the 27th June.

Please be aware that there was a printing error with the IBAN code as stated in Zontian hard copy of Call to Conference. The correct IBAN code on page 21 should be: NL24ABNA0567051943. On page 17 the IBAN bank code is correct. The BIC code is correct on both pages: ABNANL2A. The Internet registration form at www.zonta2008.com has the correct code. This site is updated regularly – so check it regularly if you are going to Rotterdam!

5. Hot February Rock 'n' Roll Night on Swan

The Zonta Club of Swan Hills is kicking off the year on Saturday 16th February with a **Twilight Family Picnic of 50s & 60s rocking, rolling fun** at 21 Swan St, Henley Brook. Enjoy 'Off The Record' - a total entertainment experience with music, impersonations, comedy and much more...

Tickets: \$18 each, \$35/couple, \$50/Family. BYO PICNIC & DRINKS. Tea & coffee available. Gates open: 6:00pm, Show begins: 7:30pm. For tickets please phone Nancy 9298 9228 / 0409 684 902 .

Bring your shade umbrella (if hot) and a warm jacket for later. It can get cold by the river. The show will go on, regardless of weather conditions. All funds raised support Zonta service projects.

6. Food for thought

At our monthly dinner meetings, the Zonta grace reminds us to *'think of those that have no food today, not with guilt that we have so much, but with hope that they too may share the same in peace and harmony.'* Just how much do people eat? Take a good look at the family size and diet of each country, and the availability and cost of what is eaten in one week.



Germany: The Melander family of Bargteheide
Food expenditure for 1 week:
375.39 Euros or Aus\$613



United States:
The Revis family of North Carolina
Food expenditure for 1 week
US\$341.98 or Aus\$377



Italy:
The Manzo family of Sicily
Food expenditure for 1 week:
Euros 214.36 or Aus\$350



Mexico: The Casales family of Cuernavaca
Food expenditure for 1 week:
1,862.78 Mex Pesos or Aus\$208



Poland: The Sobczynscy family of Konstancin-Jeziorna
Food expenditure for one week:
582.48 Zlotys or Aus\$166



Egypt:
The Ahmed family of Cairo
Food expenditure for one week: 387.85
Egyptian Pounds or Aus\$75



Ecuador:
The Ayme family of Tingo
Food expenditure for one week:
Aus\$35



Bhutan:
The Namgay family of Shingkey Village
Food expenditure for one week:
224.93 ngultrum or Aus\$5.54



Chad:
The Aboubakar family of Breidjing Camp
Food expenditure for one week: 685 CFA
Francs or Aus\$1.35

Where would your weekly food expenditure fit? Many thanks to Melinda Young from the Zonta



Committee Chairs need to be thinking about the Annual Report...

These items are on our Club's web site at www.zontaperth.org.au. See publications/archives to access:

- o Latest Birthing Kit Foundation Newsletter
- o D23 Newsflash
- o Newsletters, flyers, forms from other clubs

Click on these links to find out more about:

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

Club of Melbourne on Yarra for forwarding this fascinating information (currencies have been converted to Australian dollars)

7. Club Notes

Fellowship breakfast. Mark the 19th March in your diary for the next fellowship breakfast. The event will be held in Subiaco – the venue will be confirmed in the next Inzert.

Annual Report. Committee Chairs – yes we are coming up to that time of year again! Please start thinking about your committee reports now, so they may be finalized and emailed before 31st March to zontaperth@yahoo.com.au.

Movie Afternoon – Approximately \$1400 were raised at the 'Elizabeth' film afternoon. Well done to Agnes and the Finance and Fundraising team, Club members and friends for making this such an enjoyable and profitable event!

8. Diary Dates

- o **14th February 2008–Club Dinner meeting 6.15 for 6.45pm, St Catherine's College** This will be the first meeting for the new year please note start time!
- o **16th February 2008–Swan Hills Rock and Roll night on Swan** See article above
- o **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. See www.zontaperth.org.au
- o **7th March 2008 – International Women's Day Events**
Follow the links for further information
 - o *Soroptimist Breakfast – Burswood on Swan*, julie.ham@bigpond.com
 - o *Breakfast launch of UNIFEM WA – Perth Town Hall*, wmcallister@melville.wa.gov.au
 - o *Worldly Women Lunch Event – Perth Convention Exhibition Centre*, www.zontaperth.org.au
 - o *Bunbury IWD Breakfast -B'bury Cathedral Grammar School*, martella@bigpond.net.au
- o **13th March 2008 – Dinner meeting.** Guest speaker will be Di Annear, Program Manager, Womens' Legal Referral Service.
- o **15th March 2008 – Beauty of Africa Ball, Burswood Hotel.** Tickets \$180. Three course meal and drinks included. Proceeds to street kids training and education in Tanzania. Black tie or traditional African dress. African fashion parade, music and dance. <http://www.africaneducationsociety.org.au/beautyofafrica.html>
- o **19th March 2008 – Fellowship Breakfast.** Make a note in your diary for a social breakfast in Subiaco – venue to be confirmed.
- o **29th March 2008—Pelvic/vulval pain awareness day 9.30 – 12 noon** Gynaecological Awareness Information Network (GAIN) event, to be held at Agnes Walsh House, King Edward Memorial Hospital. Tickets \$15. www.gain.org.au.
- o **5th April 2008 – Area 3 Workshop hosted by Zonta Club of Peel Region.** Fancy a fun day in Mandurah? This is your chance to meet with Zontians from other clubs and learn more about our amazing organisation.
- o **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 Perth—what an opportunity for exposure of our Yarri Wada puppet project on the world stage...
- o **28th June-3rd July—Zonta International Convention 2008, Rotterdam.** Download your call to Convention today.
- o **10th September 2008 – Gynaecological Awareness Day**
- o **28th June-3rd July—Zonta International Convention 2008, Rotterdam.** Download your call to Convention today.

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

Have you registered on the Zonta International Web site?

If not, you are missing out on a wonderful source of members only information!