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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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1. Holly Ransom – Inspirational Winner of the District 23 2010 Jane M Klausman Women in Business Scholarship

Karen Groves



Holly Ransom, JMK Scholarship winner is also an active member of the organising team for the UNIFEM International Women's Day Breakfast!

The selection process has been completed and I am happy to announce the results. There were 3 nominations received again this year – thank you to the Zonta Club of Bendigo, Area 3 and Area 5 through the Zonta Club of Queenborough for supporting this award.

Holly Ransom, the Area 3 nomination, has been selected as this year's District 23 winner of the Jane M Klausman Women in Business Scholarship. She is currently studying in the third year of a Degree in Arts/Law, majoring in Economics, at the University of WA. Her special subject areas of interest are management, economics and public policy. She has excelled during her tertiary studies, this year being selected to represent UWA at the World Universities Network Enterprises International Student Forum and last year being awarded scholarships to attend the Centre for Independent Studies "Liberty and Society" Conference in Sydney and the History of Economic Thought Association Conference.

Holly stated that she aims "to be an example of the exceptional contribution that women can bring to the decision-making table, and therefore, inspire young girls to be active contributors to social (and economic) reform and to political debates more generally." Her immediate goal is "to advance my studies to the highest level possible to provide myself with the best leverage with which to achieve my social aims." Holly's ultimate aim is to help others who are less fortunate and to provide a voice for those unable to be heard in the public arena. She is undecided whether this will take her into social entrepreneurship, economic and development policy work or not-for-profit management. She does know that she wants to have an impact on governments having a greater understanding of economic policy in development and on corporate organizations having a heightened social conscience in business.

Holly's volunteer and community work is nothing short of amazing – her involvement is at the highest level – as a peer tutor in the Sir Charles Court Young Leaders' Program; a mentor to first year university students at UWA; a member of the Red Cross Youth Advisory Council of WA; the community liaison officer with SIFE (Students in Free Enterprise) UWA, which is an international social entrepreneurship competition in universities in 48 countries; the Director of Young UNIFEM Perth; the executive assistant of Left Right Think Tank (WA), an organization to develop involvement of young people in public policy and debate; the founder and Director of the Women Who Lead Initiative, an organization to foster mentorship for young women with women in leadership positions and an intern with Inspire Foundation (WA), an organization seeking to establish a Youth Engagement Strategy in the West Australian context.

Congratulations to Holly – her application forms will now be sent to Zonta International for consideration for one of the twelve ZI awards. *For more information about the JMK Scholarships, visit the Zonta International website at www.zonta.org*

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PROGRAM'S
INCEPTION, ZONTA
HAS AWARDED 199
SCHOLARSHIPS TO
WOMEN FROM 34
COUNTRIES***



2. Guide Leadership Award 2010

The August meeting also gave us opportunity to present the 2010 Guide Leadership Award to an outstanding guide leader – Sian Hayes.

Sian shared her story of guiding and explained that she was a guide in her youth and came from a guiding background with her parents both being in the guiding/scouting movement. However, she became a leader more by accident than design...

Sian's eldest daughter was not very sporty and needed a hobby so Sian suggested that she give guides a go. After a year the unit helper left and the unit would close if another helper was not found. Seeing how beneficial guiding was to her daughter, Sian volunteered to help and enjoyed the position so much that, after six months, she decided to get her guiding qualifications. Her guiding name is 'Bilby'.

After a while, her youngest daughter joined the guiding movement, and as both girls went through the age levels Sian somehow managed to get involved as a leader of the various units they attended.

As a result she is now the Leader of the Third Thornlie Brownie Guides, First Huntingdale Girl Guides and the Huntingdale Freedom Rangers!

Sian enjoys each and every minute of guiding though she finds it does tend to take up a lot of her spare time. Thankfully she has a very supportive and understanding husband who 'rolls with the punches'.

Sian describes her ambitions for the future as 'to be able to keep watching my guides challenge themselves and grow into confident, self-respecting community members - as is our guiding mission'.

Acting President 'Tricia Summerfield presented Sian with a certificate and a cheque. Congratulations Sian!



Acting President, Tricia Summerfield presenting Sian Hayes with her Guide Award

3. Welcome to new members

At the last two meetings, we have been privileged to welcome two new members: Carolyn McMickan in July and Kate Ellson in August. Welcome to Carolyn and Kate!

Welcome to Carolyn McMickan

Carolyn recently moved to Perth from Victoria where she had been a member of the Zonta Club of Ballarat for about a year. Though a relatively new Zontian, Carolyn was on the board and was an active member of that club's PR, Advocacy and Membership committee headed by former ZI International President, Val Sarah. Nothing like learning from such an experienced Zontian!

Carolyn was born in Sydney and spent her childhood in Maroubra. She studied radiography and worked at Prince Henry Hospital. She met her husband Peter whilst on a 'Top Deck' tour of Europe! This was a taste of things to come as Peter is a geologist and this led to many moves around Australia and abroad.

Carolyn returned to her studies after she was married and has a BA in Aboriginal / Intercultural Studies and a Graduate Diploma of Education specializing in English as a second language and history of teaching. Interestingly, at one stage, she taught at a high school in Fremantle with my next door neighbour – isn't it a small world?

Two years ago she moved to Ballarat to run the family farm, where they have 1300 acres in crop and breed "Done" (South African Merinos), as well as cattle. Carolyn's move to Perth will result in her taking more responsibility for the farm as Peter and his peers have gained advanced exploration tenements in Ghana, West Africa and floated "Viking Ashanti" on the ASX in May.

What a 'global' team – managing businesses based in Victoria and Ghana from the 'mid point' of Perth!



President, Mary Gurgone, welcomes Carolyn McMickan



Acting President, Tricia Summerfield, welcomes Kate Ellson

Welcome to Kate Ellson

Kate was born and raised in Perth and graduated with a Bachelor of Commerce from Murdoch University. She moved to Sydney to pursue a career in industrial relations and one of her first jobs involved assisting Counsel Assisting the NSW Pay Equity Inquiry, something which gave rise to Australia's first Equal Remuneration Principle.

While working there, she finished a Masters in Labour Law and Relations at Sydney University, but, having developed a passion for the law, she went on to complete a law degree, graduating with honours. She worked in several locations within New South Wales before her work took her to Darwin and then on to Alice Springs.

In her spare (?) time, Kate likes to travel – far and wide. So far, her favourite city is Paris – and her favourite countries are Cuba and Vanuatu – because time seems to have no meaning in either of them. Initially introduced to Zonta by a very close friend, she is particularly attracted to the objects of Zonta which involve advocating for the improved health, education, and legal status of women. Through her work, she has seen all too often what happens in life when women are denied such things.

5. Catherine's Gift – Book Review

Carole Theobald

Inside the world of Dr Catherine Hamlin by John Little. (2008, Pan books)

The whole topic of obstetric fistula can be quite confronting – confronting enough for people not to want to read about it! However this book focuses on the people not the condition and it was a book that I found hard to put down.

The author had written previous books about Dr Catherine Hamlin and this was a follow up. I hadn't read the previous books, but that didn't matter. I liked this book as it followed people on their journeys:

- the injured women on their journey to the hospital (which in some cases takes women years to save the bus fare);
- the doctors from around the world who are touched by the difference that fistula operations make to people's lives and who seek out the hospital for training;
- the treated women who continue to work at the hospital as nursing aides and, of course,
- Dr Hamlin's journey that has inspired everyone to lend a hand!

Dr Hamlin is in her eighties and continues to operate, administrate and contribute to the physical, emotional and social wellbeing of so many. Whilst I felt I already had an understanding of the medical condition, this book helped me understand the cultural context in an easy to read way.

I am so proud that through the support of the Zonta International Foundation, we are all part of the story, as part of the funds we raise go towards the ZI service projects that include helping to reduce obstetric fistula. In addition, I was doubly proud to learn that Dr Catherine Hamlin was made a Zonta International Honorary Member in 1996!

I strongly urge all Zontians to learn more about Dr Catherine Hamlin either through this book or the many others that have been written about her.

6. UN Women

The United Nations General Assembly unanimously decided to establish UN Women, the UN Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women.

For those of you who were able to attend the Zonta International Convention in San Antonio, you heard firsthand from Keynote Speaker Carolyn Hannan, former Director of the Division for the Advancement of Women at the United Nations, how critical it is to combine the efforts of the four UN organizations working on gender issues – the

- United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM),
- Division for the Advancement of Women (DAW),



The book is available to loan from Margaret Medcalf.

She also has a copy of the History of Zonta International 1919-1999 that was printed for the 80th Anniversary of Zonta International. (This is where I read about Dr Hamlin's Honorary Member status...)

**A MESSAGE FROM DIANNE K
CURTIS**

**ZONTA INTERNATIONAL
PRESIDENT**

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United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women >>

- o Office of the Special Adviser on Gender Issues and Advancement of Women (OSAGI) and
- o UN International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (INSTRAW).

The creation of a single entity with adequate resources will focus and enhance efforts to promote and advance the rights of women and girls around the world. This announcement is an historic one, and I wanted to share this news with all of you. Inés Alberdi, Executive Director of UNIFEM, has issued a statement which I encourage you all to read.

TOILETRIES WANTED



7. Clothing Collection for the Zonta House Refuge

Karen Groves, Acting Coordinator Service and Advocacy team

Your hand-me-downs are someone else's comfort! At the August Club Meeting, members were advised that the ladies who arrive at the Refuge in winter are in great need of cosy pyjamas, warm underwear, thick socks and any items of clothing to keep out the winter chill. Of course, the need is always there for toiletries.

So, as you are discarding your pre-loved clothes or if you are able to donate new items as mentioned, please bring them along to the September Meeting and they will be collected and taken to the Refuge.



8. Women's Services Directory

Karen Groves, Acting Coordinator Service and Advocacy Team

The Department for Communities has recently produced the "Women's Services Directory" – a wonderful source of information on all things related to women's interests.

Copies were distributed at the August Club Meeting to some members.

Secretary Bec Christou and the Service and Advocacy Team have more copies, so if any members wish to view this book or acquire a copy, please contact us.



9. Men's Shed, Girrawheen, Need Used Computers

Men's Shed is a community organisation which aims to promote positive mental and physical health of men in the community. The program is run by City of Wanneroo and located in Girrawheen. Their current project is to refurbish old computers so they can then on-sell them to people in the community who are low income-earners (need to be on Centrelink payments) for a low cost. The aim of this project is to promote social networks and skill development, whilst providing a beneficial service to the community.

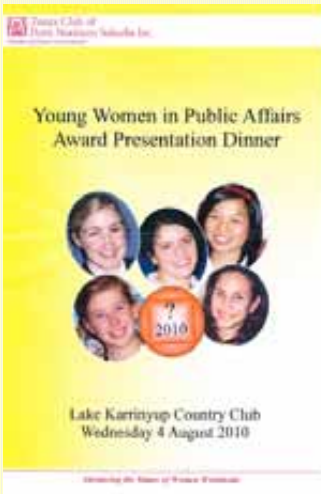
Please contact Graeme at Men's Shed if you are able to donate any computers (contact 0457 199 131 or wcmenshed@hotmail.com). It is preferred that they are max. 3-4 years old and are a legal version (with the Microsoft sticker on it).

10. Perth Northern Suburbs YWPA Presentation Dinner

Carole Theobald

Lorraine McLean and I were delighted to represent our club at the Zonta Club of Perth Northern Suburbs special Young Woman in Public Affairs Presentation dinner held at the Lake Karrinyup Country Club in early August. Full marks go to Perth NS for organizing such a prestigious event. Club President Jean Wyder welcomed many guests including sponsors, local members of parliament and councillors from local governments before she handed over to the Right Reverend Kay Goldsworthy (the first female Anglican bishop in Australia), who was to be the MC for the evening and who Jean described as 'fast becoming an old friend'.

The evening was a celebration of service to the community with the three inspirational young finalists for the 2010 YWPA awards, Tenniele Carroll, Rachel Martial and Rosalinda Wren providing great speeches that their families and school principals (who were sitting next to them) would be proud. There was the 'Oscar winning' moment when the overall winner, Rosalinda Wren was announced – and she was visibly moved!





Ditza Teng and Dr Demelza Ireland – YWPA winners in 2009 and 1996 – (Joondalup times 11 May 2010 <http://www.inmycommunity.com.au/news-and-views/local-heroes/Zonta-Club-winners-pursue-similar-careers/7556172/>)

What was good about the evening was the involvement of former winners of the award and it was great to hear the 2009 winner Rachel Hunter describing the impact of the award. She described how with a group of people behind her she realized she could make something of herself and got the confidence not to shy away from hurdles in her way – and she thanked everyone for giving her that belief. Two former winners Dr Demelza Ireland (1996) and Ditza Teng featured in a lead up article in the Joondalup Times in May. Interestingly, they have both gone into medical careers at the UWA. Demelza had recently been acknowledged for her work on a team investigating the potential of tea-tree oil as an anti-cancer agent and the immune response to tumours during cancer development. Many members will remember Ditza from the District 23 Conference last year as she went on to be a D23 YWPA winner!

With great speeches, good food, full program and a huge raffle – this really was a gala celebration that showcased some wonderful women who are doing some amazing things in the community.

11. Diary Dates



September 9th – Dinner Meeting, St Catherine’s College UWA, 6.15pm for 6.45pm.

September 11 – “Sex and the Nitty Gritty”, High Tea at the Hilton, 20m to 4.30pm.

Celebrate International Gynaecological Awareness Day with the Lord Mayor Lisa Scaffidi, Prof Jenny McCloskey and Mary-Anne Kenworthy. Fashion, fun and straight talk! (Flyer on our club’s web site)



October 3rd - Spring in the Valley Champagne Breakfast Zonta Club of Swan Hills

8:30am for Champagne 9:00am for breakfast. Mallard Duck Café Cnr West Swan Rd & John St. Henley Brook. (Flyer on our club’s web site)

October 13th - Dinner Meeting, St Catherine’s College UWA, 6.15pm for 6.45pm.

October 16th - Manning Clark House Day of Ideas – The Idea of Refuge University Club Theatre Auditorium U.W.A.

Lunch, refreshments and sundowner are included. Registration by October 11th. Full Fee: \$65 Concession: \$45. To register visit www.ias.uwa.edu.au/conf and follow the links. Registration Deadline: Monday 11 October 2010 (places are limited) www.ias.uwa.edu.au/conf -follow the links. (Flyer on our club’s web site)



October 17th - Zonta Club of Perth Sunday Evening Soiree in Historic Fremantle Cellar, 5pm to 8.30pm

Lionel Samson’s Cellar, 31 Cliff Street, Fremantle. \$60 per person – includes food and wine. Tickets from Bec 0415 682 365 and Val 0419 947 218 or email zontaperth@yahoo.com.au. (See flyer overleaf and on our club’s web site)

November 6th – Area 3 Founders Day Dinner, Lamont’s Gungulgup Drive, Yallingup, 6.30pm for 7.00pm.

Celebrate Zonta’s 91st Birthday in style at this Area 3 event co-hosted by our Area 3 Director Leanne Sultan and the Zonta Club of Dunsborough. Make a weekend of it – see flyer on our web site for registration form and accommodation information.



December 11th St Jude Charity Ball 2010 – A Winter Wonderland, Grand Ballroom, Rendezvous Hotel, Scarborough, 6.30pm til midnight

Do you remember when Gemma Sisia came to our club and spoke of the School of St Jude she established in Tanzania? The charity website is www.schoolofstjude.co.tz If you were not able to sponsor a child, or make a donation, consider getting a table together to help raise funds for the school at this night to remember! Tickets \$145 (See flyer on our club’s web site)

Evening includes

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Antipasta nibbles

Italian buffet with
vegetarian options
Green salads

Desserts

Raffles

An opportunity to
purchase case lots of
wine from Plantagenet
with
15% donated to Zonta

Proceeds from this fundraising event
will go to
Zonta Service projects
that include life skills training for young
Indigenous women in the
Kimberley, breastcare cushions to help
women recovering from breast surgery,
birthing kits for women in developing
countries, support of women's refuge,
education and community service
awards, respite holidays for needy
families and projects to reduce
violence against women.

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Zonta Sunday Evening Soiree in Historic Fremantle Cellar



Sunday 17 October 2010

5.00 pm – 8.30 pm approx

Lionel Samson's Cellar
31 Cliff Street, Fremantle

\$60 per person - includes food and wine

Tickets from Bec (0415 682365) and Val (0419 947218)

Lionel Samson and Son Pty Ltd was originally established in August 1829 when Lionel Samson and his brother William arrived on the Calista and set up as general merchants. The company, celebrating a 181st anniversary this year, is the oldest family business in Australia and operates with diverse interests in wine production, wine wholesales, industrial packaging and local and interstate transport operations.

The cellar has recently undergone extensive conservation work to retain the atmosphere of this unique original space underneath the 19th century building. There will be an opportunity to visit the Fanny Samson Museum on the premises.




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