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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

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Inspirational Women acknowledged at Founders Day Dinner in Dunsborough



Picturesque Lamont's Restaurant on the water's edge at sunset

About 80 Zontians and friends celebrated Founders Day Dinner 2010 with superb food at the picturesque setting of Lamont's Restaurant near Margaret River. Area 3 Director Leanne Sultan and the Zonta Club of Dunsborough co-hosted this successful event that not only celebrated the 91st birthday of Zonta, but also acknowledged the finalists for the Area 3 Woman of Achievement Award and the Area 3 Jane M Klausman Women in Business Award.

The Women of Achievement included *Susanne Hunter* who was nominated by the Bunbury Club. Susanne had established a relationship with an orphanage in Bali soon after the bombings and has arranged fundraising to support the orphanage and the wider community for over six years. Many of the 'orphans' do have parents, but they are so poor they cannot support their children – however, thanks to Susanne's work over 25 orphans have now received tertiary training and have the skills to support their families. Susanne's WA team has expanded and with trips twice a year to Bali she and her colleague have been dubbed 'Strong Angel 1 and 2' by the local community.



*Inspirational women of achievement
L-R: Di Annear, Nicola Hair, Irina Norris and Susanne Hunter*

Nicola Hair was nominated by the Zonta Club of Dunsborough and we all wondered when she would find time to sleep. Nicola is a specialist music teacher at Busselton Senior High School who goes above and beyond her day-to-day job, working tirelessly to provide opportunities for young people to expand their talents through a range of choirs, bands, concerts and musical events that not only provide thoughtfulness and joy throughout her community but also enhance future career choices.

Irina Norris was nominated by the Zonta Club of Swan Hills and inspired everyone with her elegance and commitment to dance. She had trained literally thousands of young women over a fifty year career, always providing dancing appropriate to the age group and teaching disciplines that would last a lifetime such as making and keeping commitments, timekeeping, teamwork, consideration of others and healthy lifestyles. A fantastic role model to the young and not-so-young.



Area 3 Woman of Achievement 2010 receives her award from Area 3 Director, Leanne Sultan

Di Annear was nominated by the Zonta Club of Perth Northern Suburbs and is well known to many of our club members for her unstinting work to help women who have been the victims of domestic violence. She worked in a number of refuges and through her determination was able to fill a gap in the refuge world by establishing the Zonta House Refuge that provided help for women that did not have dependent children. More recently she established the Women's Legal Referral Service that now has three solicitor's working part time to help women victims of violence regain their assets to help them rebuild their lives.

Lesley Reynolds who was nominated by the Zonta Club of Peel Region could not attend the event, but she sounded one impressive lady! She had volunteered countless years to supporting women's refuges in the Mandurah region and in recent years Lesley has established a WA support group for people suffering from a disease called benign essential blepharospasm (BEB), that causes uncontrollable blinking of the eyes. Lesley is currently the national coordinator of this international organization and you

can find out more at www.bebaustalia.org.au.

It must have been a most difficult task to nominate the overall winner of winners but Susanne Hunter was overjoyed to receive her Area 3 Woman of Achievement 2010 certificate and individually designed pearl and gold Linney's brooch.

At the event, our own Karen Groves, District 23 Jane M Klausman (JMK) Women in Business Scholarship Coordinator, read out the citation for Holly Ransom, the Area 3 JMK winner who is also the recipient of the District 23 JMK Award. Holly is a third year student studying law, political science, international relations, economics and social policy at UWA and has a passion for not-for-profit work. Besides her studies, Holly is currently also a committee member of the Brand Advisory Committee for Healthway, a UWA Campus Ambassador, a legal assistant at the Francis Burt Legal Centre, Chair of Young UNIFEM in Perth, Director of Women Who Lead and a Youth Advisory Council Member for Red Cross. Holly is also on the organizing team for the UNIFEM International Women's Day breakfast on 11 March 2011. Sadly, as Holly was in Japan she was unable to receive her certificates that go with the \$2,500 for the awards— but we hope to meet her at another significant Zonta event in the not too distant future!

Congratulations to all of these inspirational women!



Holly Ransom, Area 3 and District 23 Jane M Klausman Women in Business Scholarship

Mary's Blog

Our Club President, Mary Gurgone and her husband, Aldo, are currently 'travelling' and some of the highlights gleaned from her blog at <http://maryandaldo.blogspot.com> are included here.

From our arrival in LA on 25 July till our flight out of San Francisco to Calgary in Canada on 7 August, we made our way around on a 25 foot motor home! Can you imagine us driving around Hollywood, Beverly Hills and to Disneyland with such a monstrosity? We loved the Grand Canyon with its breathtaking size, age, colour and magnificence. Yosemite was nice, Las Vegas glitzy, San Francisco interesting but the Grand Canyon was what blew us away.

Then there were the Canadian Rockies! They take your breath away in all their grandeur and beauty, as I'm sure that Tricia and any other members who've been there will agree. I was glad to enjoy summer walks to glacier water falls at 5°C (better than in winter at -30-50°C!). We experienced a most spectacular train ride from Banff to Vancouver and enjoyed beautiful Montreal with its fantastic hospitality. In Ottawa we saw Parliament House with its quaint changing of the guard. Then Niagara. Wow! What a force of nature. A long drive to New York... How do you describe New York? Crazy? Frantic? Over-crowded? Multicultural? It's all of those and more, as I'm sure those of you who have been there could add lots. The UN was fascinating with the amazing work being done for women and children. We saw extremes of opulence and poverty within a street of each other. We left NY for a day and night in Washington filled with touring the clean, impressive city.

Our arrival in Mexico was dramatic. It was 1am; we were to be met by our tour rep. None to be seen, nearly all the airport closed, mobiles wouldn't work, all in a city of high crime where tourists are fair game. We managed to get local cash, buy a phone card and arrived at our hotel at 3.30am using our shaky Spanish, our persistence and keeping our wits about us.

Mexico was amazing! The greater city has more people than the whole of Australia. We travelled to the south east of Mexico with its beauty, in pelting rain, among avalanches and falling trees. We saw people living in abject poverty but with pride, selling their products rather than begging. They had a mixture of Catholicism with their local beliefs. We saw a church where people sacrificing hens (smoked and killed in the Catholic church)!

The ruins left by the Aztecs and the Mayas were astounding; civilisations that were so cruel in their human sacrifices and self mutilation but amazing in the development of astronomy, construction materials, art and writing. All set among canyons and waterfalls so beautiful but covered in appalling litter at key points. The beach area frequented by the Americans near Cancun is where commercialism suddenly takes over.

We left Mexico having seen a lot, travelled a lot and slept very little to meet the child we sponsor through World Vision. We arrived in San Pedro Sula, Honduras, after travelling all day by car and plane and were met by our kind gentle World Vision rep who brought



Inside the Chamber of the United Nations



Listening to a presentation by women, men and children on local enterprise projects with Reymundo and his parents.



Cusco's Plaza de Armas by night



The inevitable spot of rain



The long climb to the top of Machu Picchu where the perfect sundial is



Machu Picchu and Aldo is happy



Aguas Caliente main plaza

us to our hotel surrounded by armed guards! Again another night on little or no sleep and off at 5am to travel to a small place close to the border of El Salvador to meet Reymundo (our sponsored child) and his parents and be shown around some of the World Vision projects.

The roads were shocking, the rain and mud were overpowering but what we experienced made it all worthwhile. Leoncio (our World Vision rep) was the only English speaking person so our Spanish came in handy. It was such an emotional moment to meet Reymundo and his parents. They gave us coffee and homemade biscuits inside beautifully woven baskets made by Reymundo's mother. Reymundo had so many questions about Australia and was so keen to tell us how he hoped to study and make things better in his community.

Then we saw the World Vision project to teach the women about health, hygiene and nutrition by involving them in cooking classes where all their local products are used. The project has had fantastic results in terms of reduced child malnutrition and illness as well as giving women self respect and pride. The women gave us food they prepared and explained how they balance the nutritional value.

We saw the enterprises introduced by World Vision in the schools (making school bags) and the community (weaving products and growing plants in hot houses). The School was opened by World Vision and the Government has now started to provide teachers. The kids can't manage to go to school without sponsorship. It is so good to see how World Vision has created community leadership and know-how for cooperatives to make and sell their goods and produce. It is worrying that once World Vision leaves in 2012, the community will need to find the funding to continue the work on their own

We took Reymundo and his parents to a very basic supermarket one in the nearest town. Reymundo was so excited when I said to him he could choose his favourite foods. His eyes shone as he got spaghetti (enough for his family of nine) and chocolate biscuits. Then he looked at me with his big brown eyes and asked if he could get some soap too! Wow! A 15 year old for whom real soap is a treat... Meanwhile his Mum got powdered milk and laundry soap etc. She cried on my shoulder as she said she wanted to see us again but she knew that we lived so far away.

Reymundo and his parents would have to carry all the shopping in packed cartons on their shoulders walking through watery sludge for 1.5 hours to bring it all home. Reymundo's father shook our hands and said that he was so proud that his son had such good sponsors. How hard it must have been for all of them to somehow manage to get into clean nice clothes to meet us.

The community and family touched us. We can't forget their work, their pride, their gorgeous kids. At the World Vision project we were received so warmly by very hardworking, poor, honest, proud people. By contrast in the city we had to be protected by armed guards.

Now it's our turn to stop travelling and do some volunteering work in Peru! I'll tell you about that next Inzert, perhaps

3. Soiree at Samson's Cellars

Wendy Atherton

On Sunday 17 October our club held a fundraising Soiree at the Lionel Samson's Cellar at 31 Cliff Street in Fremantle. This fund-raising event was organised by the Service and Advocacy and the Membership and Program team members. Our Zontian, Jill Anderson, was kind enough to offer this historic family business venue.

Inevitably the evening involved a lot of organisation and work both in the preceding weeks and on the weekend. All the catering was done by these Committees. It was wonderful to see the enthusiasm and hard work and especially gratifying to witness the input from our newer members like Jill Anderson, Val Gandossini, Carolyn McMickan and Kate Ellson.

On the Saturday, Jill Anderson, Marg Giles, Karen Groves and Wendy Atherden arranged tables, decorated with an Italian theme and transformed the atmospheric Cellar into a striking restaurant.

On the Sunday evening the 74 guests enjoyed a wonderful Italian buffet.



The Historic Samson's Cellar



L-R Kate Ellson and Bec Christou



L-R Marg Giles, Freda Jacobs and Karen Groves serving cassata and strawberries

The meal was preceded by a welcoming address from Richard Erskine, the Managing Director of the Samson Group of companies and a talk on wine, given by the Plantagenet Winery winemaker, John Durham. This was accompanied by wine tasting and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Jill Anderson then gave the guests an outline of the history of the Lionel Samson family and their fascinating and long standing business ventures in Western Australia. Throughout the evening, many of the guests went upstairs to see the Samson historical museum.

The efficient "behind the scenes" organisation was aided by Gerry and Jeremy Atherden, who busied themselves at the sinks all evening.

It is anticipated the event should yield approximately \$3,600!

Many thanks Wendy for all your hard work.



4. A Grandma Again

Congratulations to Judy Tennant on becoming a grandma for the second time.

Mason John arrived on 13th August 2010 .
Birth Weight: 4.5kg or 9lb.

Right - Aiden holds his new brother Mason



Sharron Hickey

5. Sharron Hickey Wins A WA Nursing and Midwifery Excellence Award

Sharron Hickey, has recently been awarded a WA Nursing and Midwifery Excellence Award. The WA Nursing and Midwifery Excellence Awards is the highlight event of the year as these prestigious awards recognise nurses and midwives from public, private or Commonwealth health services within our state.

Sharron Hickey, the best of 3 finalists, is a Registered Nurse at Hollywood Private Hospital and was nominated for the 23 years of dedicated service she has given to urological nursing. Sharron demonstrates passion and great commitment in promotion of urology nursing in her current role as Clinical Nurse – a leadership which acknowledges her advanced skills as a Continence Advisor.

Sharron is the treasurer of the Australian New Zealand Urology Nurses Society and secretary of the Continence Foundation of Australia.

Congratulations!

6. Did you know? A Snippet from our Club History

Our club celebrates the 40th anniversary of its Charter night on 5 April 2012 and Carole Theobald has started the mammoth task of wading through the archives to put together a book of our club's history. Here is a snippet from the Annual Report of 1974-1975:



The commencement of the International Women's Year has brought discussion throughout the world into matters of the strengthening awareness by women of womanpower often not fully utilised, or accepted too often only with condescension. Members of our Club who have been able to attend some of the meetings run by the WA committee for IWY have been disappointed with some of the ideas expressed, and the tone of some of the literature. They feel that some of the more extreme 'women's libbers' are wielding a strong influence in this State. Women should accept their own equality, take politics responsibly, solve their own problems, and continue to press to improve occupational opportunity and for greater representation on official Boards and Commissions etc.



7. Christmas Items for the Women's refuge

DON'T FORGET TO BRING TOILETRY ITEMS TO OUR CHRISTMAS DINNER MEETING ON THURSDAY DECEMBER 8TH AT ST CATHERINE'S COLLEGE.



*Michelle Bachelet
Former President of Chile*

8. UNIFEM Australia Welcomes UN Women Under Secretary General – Michelle Bachelet

UNIFEM Australia is pleased to announce that United Nations Secretary General, Ban Ki-Moon has appointed Michelle Bachelet, former President of Chile, to be the first Under-Secretary-General of UN Women. Ms. Bachelet, Chile's first female President who prioritised women's issues throughout her tenure and since leaving office has been working with UNIFEM to advocate for the needs of Haitian women following January's devastating earthquake, was chosen over two other candidates.

Secretary General Ban Ki-Moon stated "UN Women will promote the interests of women and girls across the globe," Mr. Ban told reporters in announcing the appointment. "Ms. Bachelet brings to this critical position a history of dynamic global leadership, highly honed political skills and uncommon ability to create consensus and focus among UN agencies and many partners in both the public and private sector."

9. QUIZ Night 18 March 2011



Get Ready to Sponsor the Annual Quiz Night

Make a commitment to support the Quiz Night today

Donations of goods and vouchers for services to use as prizes are gratefully received AND if you donate a minimum of \$300 per year for 3 years you will receive the following benefits —

- **Pre-event advertising** on flyers, tickets, club newsletters, club website and media releases
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For more information: email zontaperth@yahoo.com.au or call Deb on 0418 953 415

If you have any donations for the Quiz Night please bring them to a club meeting and give to Deb Mason or Carole Theobald.

10. From The Service and Advocacy Team

The Service and Advocacy Team noted and would like to share with members the current status of ZI projects for the 2010-12 Biennium, detailed in a recent memo from the ZI Board. We encourage members to read the detail so that they are informed about the projects being progressed at the international level of our organisation.

To: All Zontians

After four months in the new biennium, we would like to update you on the status of our international projects and respond to some inquiries about promotional material.

As you remember at the 2010 ZI convention, we agreed to the proposed International Service and ZISVAW projects for the 2010–2012 Biennium. As a result, Zonta International Foundation (ZIF) entered into negotiations with the UN agencies which will manage the projects.





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Children's Fund.
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UNIFEM is transitioning to its new
UN Women logo in 2011
Visit www.unifem.org.au to find out
more about UNIFEM in Australia

ZIF has been negotiating with the three UN agencies concerned and has reached agreement with **UNICEF** for the Prevention of Mother-to-Child Transmission of HIV and Gender-Based Violence in Rwanda project.

The remaining four projects:

- Elimination of Obstetric Fistula and the Reduction of Maternal and Newborn Mortality and Morbidity in Liberia UNFPA
- Safe Cities for Women in Guatemala City, Guatemala and San Salvador, El Salvador UNIFEM part of UN Women
- Comprehensive Strategy to End Burns Violence against Women in Cambodia, Nepal and Uganda UN Trust Fund/UNIFEM part of UN Women
- Security and Empowerment for Women and their Families: Ensuring a Gender-Responsive Humanitarian and Early Recovery Response in Haiti UNIFEM part of UN Women

are to be delivered by UNIFEM part of UN Women and UNFPA. UNIFEM is in the midst of a merger into the new UN Women organization which has delayed negotiations. We are still in negotiations with UNFPA for the obstetric fistula project.

ZIF, exercising its fiduciary responsibility, will not make payments until the contracts have been signed. The ZIF Board recognizes the importance of resolving this issue quickly.

We are committed to keeping you updated on the progress. In the meantime, a PowerPoint presentation on the Rwanda project will be posted on the website by 5 November so you may download these slides and notes and use them for your communications. *(The PowerPoint is now available and well worth a look – Editor)*



Maudie with Lyn McArthur in 2004



Maudie in White Angel in 2007

11. Sorry Business – Vale Maudie White

Yvonne Burgu has called to say that her mother, Maudie White, passed away in Derby on the 3rd of November.

Arrangements are being made to bury Maudie at Gibb River Station in the near future. Sciona Browne plans to head across to the Station to attend her funeral from Halls Creek, subject to roads, etc being passable. She reports that "At this time of the year (wet season) it can be a bit dicey if there's rain and although we've had some early falls, just at the moment it's oppressively hot and the roads are as dry and as dusty as burnt toast!"

Yvonne has asked that 'Zonta mob' be told about Maudie's passing. Sciona said "We're not sure how old she was... ageless really. Maybe no one really knows given she was born in the bush before garda arrived in her country. I think she was well into her nineties, if we have to count."

What an amazing person and how blessed so many of us were to have spent time in her company. Our heartfelt sympathies go to all of her family, especially her daughters Yvonne and Pauline, granddaughter Rachel and great granddaughter Rabecca (Becky Boo).

12. Diary Dates

11 November – Club Dinner Meeting, St Catherine's College, 6.30 for 7pm

9 December – Christmas Party, St Catherine's College, 6.30 for 7pm

Please bring an unwrapped gift for the refuge to this special Christmas celebration – partners and friends welcome.

11 December – St Jude Charity Ball, Rendezvous Hotel, Scarborough.

18 March – Quiz Night, St Catherine's College

7-9 October – 11th Biennial District 23 Conference, Sebel Alfred Park, Melbourne

Put this date in your diary now! See www.zontadistrict23.org.au



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Conference

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