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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. The Centenary of International Women's Day 2011**

*Carole Theobald Zonta representative on UN Women IWD breakfast team*



Zonta is committed to advancing the status of women and this year we have a magnificent opportunity to do this on a state-wide basis. Lotterywest has donated \$550,000 to the Perth Chapter of UN Women (formerly UNIFEM) to coordinate celebrations for the Centenary of International Women's Day on 8 March 2011. Zonta is represented on the IWD Steering Committee organizing state-wide events and on the committee organizing the flagship UN Women breakfast.

Professional event organizers have been engaged for the state-wide celebrations and preparations are well advanced. The special web page at [www.powerof100.com.au](http://www.powerof100.com.au) will be the connection point for activities that include:

- *Women's Hall of Fame* – into which 100 women will be inducted at a gala event on Monday 7 March at the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre Theatre. Nominations will be made via the website. Initially this will be a virtual Women's Hall of Fame on a website, but it is hoped this will develop into a permanent installation in 2012.
- *Community Patrons* – who will also nominate women for the Hall of Fame, give their opinions freely on topical issues via the website, attend the event launch and forward three emails to market the Hall of Fame and website to ten people of influence in the WA community.
- *Community portal (website)* – community groups can upload information about their IWD event and seek mentoring assistance. Stories of Hall of Fame nominees will be profiled on the site and linked to wider community through a variety of mediums including Face Book, Twitter and YouTube.
- *One Moment in Time* – during the 24 hour period of Tuesday 8 March, women across WA will be asked to write a paragraph to describe their location and what they are doing at a significant moment during the day. The information will be uploaded to the IWD website and 100 representative paragraphs selected to comprise a virtual time capsule that will be retained by the State Library.
- *Blokes Morning Tea* - where men will be encouraged to participate in IWD through a workplace morning tea event.
- *Schools initiative* – special kits are being distributed nationally by UN Women. Activities may include Bring your Favourite Woman to Morning Tea and a competition encouraging students to interview a woman in their lives.

A regional strategy includes an IWD promotional flyer and sponsorship arrangements with the West Australian and Channel 7. There is even the possibility of a special multipage IWD wrap around of the West Australian on 8 March.

The IWD Steering Committee includes Anne Banks-McAllister, Convenor UN Women Australia (Perth Chapter), Dawn Butterworth, National Council of Women, Sandra Cook, National Policy Director BPW Australia, Janet Davidson JP, Councillor City of Perth, Maggie Donaldson, President Country Women's Association (WA), Prof Colleen Hayward, Head Kurungkurl Katitjin Centre for Indigenous Australian Education and Research Edith Cowan University, Vicky Kelly, Senior Policy Advisory Office for Women's Interests in Dept of Communities, Jasmyn Mumme, WA State President BPW Australia, Holly Ransom, Convenor Young UN Women Perth, Fiona Reid, Program



*L-R Judy Tennant, Lennie McCall, Leanne Sultan (A3 Director), Alison Martyn (ZI Foundation Ambassador), Anne banks McAlister (UNIFEM Perth), Holly Ransom (Young UNIFEM Perth) and Carole Theobald*



*Carole gets up close and personal with over half a million dollars!*



*L-R Hon Robyn McSweeney (Minister for Women's Interests) and Maria Saraceni (Chair of Women's Advisory Committee)*

Manager Women's Health Service, Maria Saracini, Chair Minister's Women's Advisory Council, Kerry Stopher Committee Member UN Women Australia (Perth Chapter), Disability Services Commission and Carole Theobald, Imm Past President Zonta Club of Perth Inc

The flagship event for the week will be the UN Women breakfast on Friday 11 March at the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre from 7am to 9am.

The President of UN Women Australia, Sue Conde, will be formally launching UN Women at this event which is also its major fundraiser for the year. Guest speaker is Manal Omar, Director of Iraq Programs at the United States Institute for Peace. Omar, a former journalist who has worked throughout the Middle East, is on the board of directors of Women Without Borders and founder of muslims-vote.org an online community empowering American Muslims to exercise the right to vote.

So book today for this historic event! You can register and pay online for the breakfast at [www.internationalwomensday.org.au](http://www.internationalwomensday.org.au) or download a registration flyer. The flyer is also available from our club website at [www.zontaperth.org.au](http://www.zontaperth.org.au).

It is so pleasing to see so many service organizations getting behind the IWD breakfast with the Australian Federation of University Women, Australian Local Government Women's Association, BPW, Soroptimists and Zonta being on the breakfast organizing team with UN Women.

On 2 February a special reception was held at Council House to launch all the Centenary Celebrations. Event patrons, organizers and special guests enjoyed delicious canapés while sipping purple cocktails. Lord Mayor Lisa Scaffidi and Minister McSweeney provided some great information in their speeches and we all viewed the new television adverts for the first time. It's not everyday you get to meet Nobel laureates, state cricketers, Chief Scientists – and sing along to a jazz rendition of "I am woman!". Have a look at the adverts on [www.powerof100.com.au](http://www.powerof100.com.au) website – and don't forget to make your Nominations for the Hall of Fame – nominations close 25 February.



*L-R Anne Banks McAlister (UNIFEM Perth) receives cheque from Hon Robyn McSweeney (Minister of Women's Interests)*



*L-R: Sandy Cook (BPW), Julie Ham (Soroptimists), Carole, Mary and Leanne Sultan (Area 3 Director)*

## 2. Christmas Party December 2010

Our annual Club Christmas party was held on a lovely balmy evening at St Catherine's College. Tables were beautifully decorated with a holly and the ivy theme, celebratory crackers and festive place cards (produced by Val Gandossini). Members and guests were welcomed with a glass of bubbly and placed their gifts for the Zonta House refuge under the Christmas tree before enjoying canapés on the terrace followed by a sumptuous smorgasbord.

A special feature of the evening was the impromptu presentation to District 23 and Area 3 Jane M Klausmann Women in Business Scholarship winner, Holly Ransom. Karen Groves (District 23 JMK Coordinator) presented Holly with a certificate and a cheque that had arrived the previous day from Zonta International. Holly is the Convenor of Young UNIFEM in Perth and had been invited to the evening by Carole Theobald as they have been working closely together on committees organizing events for the forthcoming Centenary of International Women's Day. Holly is an inspiring young woman and was very appreciative for the award.

The entertainment for the evening was home-grown with tables being asked to provide 'alternative words' to well known Christmas carols. This year, three judges were 'chosen' to score the very entertaining carol presentations: Annette Chivers, Manager of the Zonta House Refuge, Agnes Vacca and guest Laurel Coyle! Needless to say, the renditions were hilarious.

The evening was capped by the handing over of gifts to the refuge which were gratefully received by Annette.



*L-R Denise Hamilton, Betty, Finlay, Carolyn McMickan and Lauren Coyle enjoy bubbly on the terrace*



*Karen Groves (D23 JMK Coordinator), Holly Ransom and Mary Gurgone (Club President)*



Mary Gurgone and Annette Chivers collect gifts for the refuge from under the Christmas Tree



Lorraine McLean tries to control her spirited group of Choristers



Woman of Achievement...



Woman of Laughter....



L-R Lennie McCall, Mary Gurgone, Karen Groves, Margaret Medcalf and Carole Theobald were among the Zontians who attended Kathy's funeral.

### 3. Farewell Kathy Charlesworth

Carole Theobald

It was with great sadness that the Club heard of the death after a long illness, of our special friend, Kathy Charlesworth. Kathy was a strong advocate for Aboriginal people and had been the catalyst for our friendship with the Ngarinyin women that led to the Yarri Wada project and now to the Ilerla project. She was also our Club's nominee for Woman of Achievement in 2006.

An Aboriginal flag draped Kathy's coffin which was adorned with a display of specially selected wildflowers and, of course, her distinctive bush hat. Over 100 people attended her funeral at Bowra and O'Dea in Hilton to celebrate her life, including Zontians Lennie McCall, Mary Gurgone, Karen Groves, Margaret Medcalf, Fiona Crowe, Wendy MacGibbon, Carole Theobald and Sciona Browne.

Sciona provided a moving eulogy complete with a rolling PowerPoint slide show of our times together in the Kimberley. We were also able to catch up with Kathy's son, daughter and other relatives as well as Sister Frances who, as many will remember, provided the moving story introduction at Yvonne Burgu's Art Show.

Kathy was a woman of passion, spirit and laughter. Her home was open to Aboriginal people from the Kimberley, young and old, as they came to Perth for school breaks, visiting relatives in hospital or other business. Kathy's connection with the Kimberley lasted over 30 years - she lived with the communities for a few months each year and bridged the gap between cultures being a 'sister' to both Ngarinyin and Zonta mob. She did more than walk the talk with her commitment to social justice, she raised awareness and challenged thinking to effect change.

After the funeral, a wake was held at the Tradewinds Hotel in Fremantle so we could share our stories of this wonderful woman and send her off in a style she would have liked. She will be very sadly missed and more than fondly remembered. Thank you Kathy.

### 4. District Governors Past and Present

Margaret Medcalf

Over the Christmas period Perth has had visits from two District Governors, one past and one present. The past one was Susan Laidlaw from Christchurch, New Zealand who was our District XVI Governor 1989-91 when we were part of that District. The other was our present District 23 Governor Jane Smith.

Susan was very much occupied while here in looking after her three grandchildren. However Lennie McCall and Margaret Medcalf were able to catch up with her one morning.

Jane Smith lives in Port Lincoln in South Australia and was visiting relatives in Perth over the Christmas break. Jane met a number of Zontians while she was here. A group from the Zonta Club of Perth, who hold District 23 positions, had morning coffee with her at Hillary's one day in January and were able to discuss current activities.



Standing L-R: Carole, Mary Gurgone and Lennie McCall.  
Sitting: Tricia Summerfield and Jane Smith D23 Governor

## 5. Amelia Earhart Celebrations



L-R: Carole Theobald, Lauren Burns and Ann Horrocks

On 16 January 2011, the Zonta Clubs of Mornington Peninsula and Frankston, jointly hosted a lovely Amelia Earhart Brunch with guest speaker 2010 Amelia Earhart Fellow, Lauren Burns. About 100 people were at the event that was held at the Mornington Peninsula Golf Club. Perth Zontian, Carole Theobald 2010-2012 D23 AE Coordinator provided an overview of the award and a little about the life of Amelia Earhart and then Ann Horrocks 2008-2010 D23 AE Coordinator, introduced Lauren Burns and presented her with her wings and certificate. Guests had come from far and wide including Alison Martin, ZI Ambassador from Perth.

Lauren gave a very informative presentation about her research that analyses the design of natural tree joints. She explained that trees are natural composite materials that had evolved over millions of years to a very efficient form. She applies the knowledge to improve the joints of modern composite materials that are used to build aircraft such as the new Boeing Dreamliner. Biology/aerospace engineering is a new field of science and there are only about a dozen people in the world researching this area. Lauren described how she had used her US\$10,000 to buy her first laptop computer and also to attend an international conference in Nice, where she won an award for the best student research paper. The AE Fellowship has certainly helped Lauren progress in her chosen field.

After the brunch, attendees 'kicked on' to the nearby McClelland Gallery and spent a delightful afternoon of artistic discovery, walking through an outdoor sculpture exhibition of some huge sculptures in a natural bushland setting. This was a great opportunity for fellowship and fun! Well done to the organizers for putting together a special, memorable event.



Carole 'monkey-ing around with sculpture

On 23 January, the Zonta Club of Perth Northern Suburbs hosted an Amelia Earhart dinner at the Royal Aero Club at Jandakot Airport. This was a casual affair, with guests mixing with the regular clientele of the restaurant. A large Zonta banner and a special Amelia Earhart display raised awareness of the Fellowships among the 40 Zontians and guests as well as the regular clientele. Special guest was Carolina Fasano, a member of the Zonta Club of Swan Hills. Carolina has the distinction of receiving three Amelia Earhart Fellowships in the mid sixties that supported her through her PhD studies in astrophysics. She was also on the ZI Amelia Earhart selection committee in the nineties. The raffle drawn after the event had a first prize of an hour's lesson in a helicopter - this was won by Dee Saunders, from the Swan Hills Club!



Carolina Fasano and Carole Theobald

## 6. Breast Cancer Program in Ghana

Carolyn McMickan

Comment from Carolyn during her recent trip to Ghana:

I was watching the Ghana equivalent of our "Morning Show" today which had a segment on Breast Cancer in Ghana. The guest speakers quoted death from breast cancer in Ghana is currently accounting for forty percent of all cancer deaths. They also highlighted that currently routine mammograms are not part of National Health and only available to people with health insurance. Chemotherapy and radiography are also generally only available for people with health insurance.

They are trying to implement a breast cancer awareness program as many women (particularly the poor) are not aware of the symptoms of breast cancer. They are also lobbying the government for access to treatment for breast cancer for all. Ju Ju is still actively practiced in parts of the country. A widow was recently burnt by two men as they thought she was a witch. There was also a recent court case where a father who sacrificed his son was tried.



Ghana's population hits 24m

## 7. Sausage Sizzle

Many thanks to all the Zontians and friends that made the sausage sizzle so successful. \$1170 profit was raised from the day. Gill, Ron and son Mark Palmer were quite a team on the BBQ – poor Gill's glasses kept greasing up and needing to be cleared with the Spray and Wipe! Deb Mason, David Theobald, Karen Groves and Carole Theobald kept the cooks 'fed' with sausages, rolls, serviettes etc and Wendy MacGibbon and Zontian friend Judy Sakalidis were front and centre on the serving of 'sizzles' and drinks with a smile! The optimum weather conditions meant that the smell from the BBQ travelled far and wide, appetites were whetted, the BBQ was fully loaded and the demand kept coming – so we had to go out for extra supplies! What a laugh! Well done to everyone for making it such a profitable day.



Carole, David, Karen, Debbie, Ron and Gill ready for the day's work

## 8. Congratulations to Lois Joll

Perth Modern School celebrates a 100 years of learning and Lois Joll has recently been appointed as the school's new principal.

It is now six years since the Education Department of WA returned Perth Modern School to its former status as a specialist school for talented students. All students must pass an entrance exam as part of their selection process. This year is special as it is the first time the entire school consists of students that have undertaken the selection process, as well as being the school's centenary.

Lois has had a long-term interest in teaching gifted students and began her career in a private girls' school, where she rose to become head of senior school. Lois held a number of senior positions in the Education Department and in the Curriculum Council. Lois worked on the project to develop Perth Modern School into its current form – so already is very familiar with the workings of the school. Congratulations Lois!



Lois Joll with senior students  
(from WA newspaper)

## 9. New Grandma

**CONGRATULATIONS TO VAL GANDOSSINI ON BECOMING A FIRST TIME GRANDMA.**

Grandson, Jarra was born on January 29<sup>th</sup>. He was 4 weeks premature and weighed a tiny 1960grams! Happily he was healthy enough not to need transferring to KEMH and parents Leah and Matt now have him safely home



Val's daughter, Leah with Jarra

## 10. Quiz Night

Preparations are progressing well for our major fundraiser of the year! Please continue to bring prizes and gourmet foods for the hampers. See if your local shops will provide gift vouchers – it does not harm to ask and this is a great way for shops to get that little bit of extra advertising!

Tickets were handed out at the February meeting and may also be collected at the March meeting. If you want tickets sending out, just email [zontaperth@yahoo.com.au](mailto:zontaperth@yahoo.com.au)

The flyer for the Quiz Night can be downloaded from our website at [www.zontaperth.org.au](http://www.zontaperth.org.au) Email it to your friends or print some off and put them up in your workplace. Every bit of advertising helps!

When: Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March, 7pm for 7.30 start.

Where: St Catherine's College dining room

Tickets: \$20, tables of 8 email [zontaperth@yahoo.com.au](mailto:zontaperth@yahoo.com.au)

A flyer for Zonta Quiz Night. It features a photo of people at a quiz night and text providing details: 'Get set for a great night out!', 'Here's a few questions to get you in the mood...', 'When is it? Friday 18 March 2011 7pm for 7.30 start', 'Where is it? St Catherine's College University of Western Australia Park Road, Nedlands', 'What's the deal? Tables of 8, \$20 per person, Great prizes, Silent Auction, BYO nibbles and drinks', 'How do I get a ticket? Email zontaperth@yahoo.com.au', 'Prizes Galore!', 'Where will proceeds go? To Zonta Service projects that include the early morning for young indigenous women in the community, breast care cashmere, letting kids for women in emergency situations, support of women's refuge, education and community service awards, projects to reduce violence against women and many more. Visit www.zontaperth.org.au', and the Zonta Club of Perth Inc logo.

## 10. Diary Dates

**Saturday 26 February – Hot February Rock n Roll Night on the Swan**, 21 Swan Street, Henley Brook. This annual event by Swan Hills Club is a treat! Gates open 6.00, show begins 7.00pm. BYO chair, picnic and drinks. Tickets \$18 per person, \$35 a couple and \$50 a family from Nancy 0409 684 902.

**Friday 11 March – UN Women Centenary of IWD Breakfast, Perth Convention Centre.** Tickets \$55 from [www.internationalwomensday.org.au](http://www.internationalwomensday.org.au)

**Friday 18 March – Quiz Night, St Catherine's College, 7pm for 7.30 start.** Tickets \$20, tables of 8 from [zontaperth@yahoo.com.au](mailto:zontaperth@yahoo.com.au) Enquiries to Deb Mason or Carole Theobald.

**Saturday 26 March – Area 3 Workshop, Mallard Duck, Henley Brook, 10-5pm** Zonta Club of Swan Hills are co-hosting this year's event with Area 3 Director, Leanne Sultan. Download your registration form and pay the \$40 registration fee by direct deposit or cheque. Bring paper and pen! Enquiries to Sheila Waters 0417 188 382.

A flyer for Zonta Fellowship to Membership. It features a photo of women holding hands in a circle. Text includes: 'Fellowship to Membership', 'ZONTA INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 23', '2011 Area 3 Workshop Leanne Sultan, Director', 'March 26<sup>th</sup> 2011', 'Mallard Duck Restaurant Crn. West Swan Road, 6, Johns Street Henley Brook (Swan Valley)', and 'Registration 10 am - Drinks on the terrace 4-5 pm'.

Want to know what is happening in your club? Visit [www.zontaperth.org.au](http://www.zontaperth.org.au)