

ZONTA ON THE ROCKS

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AREA 4 - DISTRICT 24.

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NOTICES.

If you are
unable to attend
the dinner meeting,
please advise
Anna Tempest
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by 10 am
on the Monday
before the meeting.

**Failure to
apologize will
incur payment
of \$25.00.**



Area 4 Workshop:
20-21 May 2006
Emerald

**International
Convention:**
24 – 29 June
2006
Melbourne



President's Message:

Dear Fellow Zontians

It sure is hard to believe we are into January 2006 already. I do hope that 2006 will be kind to all our members and their loved ones. We certainly had a very busy Zonta year last year. There were so many successful events. Members must have been tired towards the end of the year. There were many world events during 2005 that were very different. Some of the events are likely to have had an impact on our members as well. It is just one year since we lost our member Clair.

Do hope you have all had a chance to rest and are refreshed and ready for a great 2006. Perhaps we should think about the number of functions (for which we are becoming favourably known, I hope) and consolidate the fundraising, and other activities (breast cushions) that have proved to be so successful. Focus on these may help reduce the stress of trying new ventures. It would not be good to lose any one of our most active and

precious members because we have relied too heavily on their commitment. It is not until one actually has to do some particular activity oneself that one comes to realise how much our members have contributed in the past.

Berenice continues to do a wonderful job with our newsletter. Other members continue to contribute year after year towards our Rockhampton Zonta. Your efforts are very much appreciated. It would be good if you are able to say when you would like a change and a break. I would like to think that one of my new year resolutions would be to be more aware if and when members are feeling exhausted. Thank you for your support in 2005 and all the best for the new year.

Yours in Zonta,
Glenys



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Zontian. Record-breaking aviator. Women's rights advocate.

Zonta is proud to honour the extraordinary achievements and uncompromising spirit of

Amelia Earhart

Through out the month of January, celebrate the trailblazing spirit of Amelia and inspire young women to continue breaking gender barriers.

11 January is Amelia Earhart Day



Zonta on the Rocks – Advancing the Status of Women Worldwide

MEETINGS.

Board:

6.30pm:

2nd Tuesday
of the month

Venue:

Rockhampton Plaza
Hotel.

Dinner:

6.00 pm for 6.30pm

3rd Tuesday
of the month

Venue:

Rockhampton Plaza
Hotel.

Committee

Meetings.

OMC/PR/UN

Program:

Venue:

Rockhampton Plaza
Hotel

5.30 pm—

2nd Tuesday
of the month.

Finance and

Fundraising:

Venue:

Rockhampton Plaza
Hotel.

5.30 pm—

2nd Tuesday
of the month.

Status of Women:

Venue:

Rockhampton Plaza
Hotel.

5.30pm—

2nd Tuesday
of the month.

Calendar:



JANUARY:

17 Dinner Meeting

FEBRUARY:

14 Committee meetings/
Board Meeting

21 Dinner Meeting

MARCH:

08 International Women's Day
Breakfast – R'ton Plaza Hotel
Zonta Rose Day

**Special United Nations Observances
and Other Significant Days.**

January:

11 Amelia Earhart Day

***"It is not enough to have a good mind;
the main thing is to use it well."
Descartes***

Dinner Raffle.

The supply of gifts for the
Dinner Raffle follows the listing
in the Members Directory.

January	Diane H
February	Marie K
March	Jan L
April	Mary L

Please give your
raffle prize to
Elizabeth to co-ordinate.



HIV/AIDS:

How big is the problem?

According to the United Nations, AIDS is now the number one overall cause of death in Africa and is fourth among all causes of death worldwide. More than 40 million people are infected with HIV/AIDS.

An estimated 40 million people are infected with HIV; 25 million in sub-Saharan Africa.

Worldwide, half of all persons living with HIV/AIDS are women; in sub-Saharan Africa, the figure is 58 percent.

The majority of those infected with HIV/AIDS are working age (15 to 49), the mainstay of families, communities, enterprises and economies.

The gender differential in HIV infection is especially wide with respect to young men and women aged 15 to 24; two-thirds of infections are among young women.

There is ample evidence that the high and increasing vulnerability of women to HIV in Africa is due to:

Gender-based economic inequalities;

Sexual violence in homes, the workplace and other social spheres, including schools; and

Lack of access to prevention, education and training, and care.

(From the Zonta International Website).

***Happy Birthday
and
Best Wishes***

16 Marie K



**If you would like to contribute to your Newsletter
please forward articles to Berenice Payne
either by**

**Fax: 4921 3441 or Email to
berenice.a.payne@bigpond.com**

Deadline: First Tuesday of the month.

Mark Your Calendar.

2006 - Area 4 Workshop
20-21 May Emerald

2006 - International Convention.
24 – 29 June: Melbourne.

The following is information taken from the Zonta International Website which gives members an insight into the work of Zonta on the International front.

Our own Zonta Club donates on average Au\$2000 to Zonta International Foundation each year which is approximately one third of the club's yearly fundraising.

District 24 ranks No 5 on the list tabled by Zonta International Foundation (01 June 2004 – 30 November 2005) in terms of dollars donated by Zonta Districts around the world.

International Service

Helping women in developing countries has been a passion of Zontians since the organization was founded in 1919. From 1923 when Zontians aided relief efforts for women and children in Turkey to 2001, when Zontians urged support of projects to benefit women in Afghanistan, more than US\$6 million has been disseminated to projects in countries as far reaching as Afghanistan, Argentina, Bangladesh, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Chile, Colombia, Comoros Islands, Egypt, Ghana, Guatemala, India, Mexico, Nepal, Niger, Nigeria, Philippines, Senegal, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Togo, Uruguay and Zimbabwe.

Mission

The mission of the Zonta International Foundation is to support the charitable and educational programs of Zonta International through effective fundraising, investment of funds, and the distribution of proceeds. Through its financial support of Zonta International programs, the Foundation becomes the catalyst for greater service to women throughout the world.

Opportunities to Give

The Foundation Annual Funds are the primary source of support for the international service programs of Zonta International. These funds support programs that make a difference in the lives of women in more than 75 countries around the world.

International Service Fund

In 2004-2006 the International Service Fund is providing support to four projects in Afghanistan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, and Niger. Your contribution to the International Service Fund will help improve the lives of HIV/AIDS-affected women in Niger, provide access to education and healthcare to women and girls in Afghanistan, and prevent the trafficking of women and girls in Bosnia and Herzegovina.



2004 – 2006 Biennium / through to 30 November 2005			
Funds	Goal	Received	Balance
Rose Fund, the Foundation Annual Operating and Program Support Fund	US\$600,000	US\$443,557	US\$156,443
Amelia Earhart Fellowship Fund	US\$650,000	US\$360,488	US\$289,512
Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarship Fund	US\$150,000	US\$43,732	US\$106,268
Young Women in Public Affairs (YWPA) Fund	US\$125,000	US\$91,326	US\$33,674
International Service Fund	US\$850,000	US\$748,246	US\$101,754
ZISVAW Fund	US\$425,000	US\$281,208	US\$143,792
WHPPI Fund	US\$ 20,000	US\$11,400	US\$8,600
Annual Funds Total	US\$2,820,000	US\$1,979,957	US\$840,043
Endowment Fund	US\$800,000	US\$261,860	US\$538,140
Grand Total	US\$3,620,000	US\$2,241,817	US\$1,378,183

Operating Funds	Program Funds	<p style="text-align: center;">Contribution Reports District Summary – Annual Funds Of the US\$2,241,817 raised through 30 November 2005:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Individual Zontians or friends of Zonta have contributed 30 percent or US\$666,337 ❑ Clubs, Areas and Districts have contributed 70 percent or US\$1,575,480 ❑ US\$2,241,817 is 39 percent more than the total raised at the same point last Biennium ❑ US\$2,241,817 represents 62 percent of our goal at 75 percent of the Biennium
<p>Rose Fund, <i>The Foundation Annual Operating and Program Support Fund</i></p> <p>WHPPI Fund The World Headquarters Property Preservation and Improvement Fund</p>	<p>Education, Leadership & Youth Development</p> <p>Amelia Earhart Fellowship Fund</p> <p>Women in Business Scholarship Fund</p> <p>YWPA Fund Young Women in Public Affairs Fund</p> <p>International Service</p> <p>International Service Fund</p> <p>Preventing Violence Against Women</p> <p>ZISVAW Fund ZI Strategies to Prevent Violence Against Women Fund</p>	

Human Trafficking Quiz
How much do criminals make every year by selling women and girls?

- US\$8.4 million
- US\$3.6 billion
- US\$9.5 billion



The reality is

- ❑ Human trafficking is a **\$9.5 billion** a year business.
- ❑ The U.S. government estimates, each year, **up to 800,000 people** are taken from their homes and families and forced across international borders. Millions are trafficked within their own countries.
- ❑ **80% are women and girls.**
- ❑ Nearly **20,000 people** are trafficked into the United States alone each year.
- ❑ The UN Population Fund estimates that globally **2 million girls** between the ages of 5 and 15 years are trafficked, sold or coerced into prostitution annually.

08 March is International Women's Day & Zonta Rose Day

One day each year, women and Zontians from around the world have a very special reason to celebrate: International Women's Day and Zonta Rose Day on 08 March.

The United Nations established International Women's Day in 1977 to celebrate the rights of women and international peace. However, the history of the day stretches back to the early 1900s, when women around the world were fighting for their rights. Women's organizations used the day to rally support for their causes: from the universal suffrage movement, to the protest of poor working conditions.

Today, women and men spend the day reflecting on women's progress in many ways.

In the months leading up to March, Zonta Clubs are encouraged to create annual events that will:

- ❑ Celebrate progress made and outline future steps to improve women's equality;
 - ❑ Unite women's organizations to encourage collaboration;
- ❑ Generate contributions for the Zonta International Foundation Rose Fund;
 - ❑ Create visibility for the organization.

Zonta has received great publicity for the Breast Care Cushion Project in the New Idea.

Today the Local News in Rockhampton has featured the Breast care Cushion Project also.

The following letters have been received from recent recipients of Breast Care Cushions.

Several weeks ago, as I was recovering from breast surgery, I had a visit from Carmel Ebb, a volunteer from Queensland Cancer Fund, Breast Cancer Support Service.

Among other things she gave me a pillow donated by the members of Zonta.

Thank you so very, very much. It has indeed been well used.

I really wonder what I would have done without it!

I've been told that the loving hands of your members shared in the making of this pillow.

No wonder it has been such a comfort!

I thank them for their wonderful work and generosity.

Best wishes for all your endeavours.

Kindest regards



I have recently become the owner of two of your amazing cushions. They have been a godsend to me.

Keep up your good work and please accept our small donation to allow you to continue to provide comfort to women like me.

With heartfelt thanks.