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Area 4 District 23

Ballarat Dinner Meetings

are held the fourth Thursday of the month 6.30pm for 7.00pm at The Barkly Motel, Main St., Ballarat.
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PRESIDENT Lee Belcher



From the President's desk.....

Was anyone else as startled as I was to see the Christmas tree at our dinner meeting last week? All I could think was that I must be behind with my Christmas card writing!! Then the light dawned and I realized we were celebrating the rather weird tradition (to a Pom!) of enjoying Christmas in the middle of the year! July for me is cricket, strawberries and Wimbledon still after all these years.... Give me a sunburnt Santa and Boxing Day on the beach every time. I thoroughly enjoyed Andrew Byrne's revelations about potential post mortem pecuniary predicaments- if anyone needs to update/write their will I am sure Margaret would organize mates rates with her firm!

I can see from the minutes of the monthly Committee meetings that Thunderbirds Are Go! The activities evolving even at this early stage of the Zonta year are a testament to the time and effort of all members. The "request for funds" application form devised by Hilary and the IWD/Fundraising team is a great innovation, and will at last allow us to allocate our precious resources on an equitable, auditable basis. If you know someone/an organization that may require funds and could fulfil our criteria, send them a form or direct them to our new smart website www.zontaballarat.com to download the form. Applications will be actively sought via an advert in "The Courier". Talking of which, hardly a publication passes over our coffee table that doesn't contain a Zonta promo thanks to Val and the PRAM team! (Well, except Horse and Hound and Anglers Monthly but I wouldn't put that past Val given the time...).

I hope by now everyone has supported Pat and the Service/SOW team by providing truck loads of food items and woollies ready for the big handover at Pat's house on August 8th. If not – still plenty of time to do a drop off – let's make a big Zonta splash on the night.

It was good to welcome Margaret back from her trip and I would like to thank Judy for stepping in as Treasurer during her absence.

See you on Thursday 27th August for the YWIPA night, when once again we can be amazed by the talents of some very special Ballarat young ladies.

Lee Belcher
President,
Zonta Club of Ballarat

SOCIAL OUTINGS WHICH MAY APPEAL TO YOU!
Suggestions from the PRAM Committee

May we suggest a range of options for Sunday afternoons? It's a time when members are most likely to be available, with partners most welcome.

Can we tempt you to the Movies?

The Regent introduces a season of The World's Greatest Ballets from July 2009 to March 2010.

Sources: La Scala, Kirov, Bolshoi. Tickets: Standard \$20, Concession: \$18, Movie Club \$16.50

See productions listed below in bold.

Or an afternoon browsing at the Art Gallery of Ballarat?

9.00-5.00 (Guided tour Sun at 2 p.m.) Charges apply to special exhibitions

- Hans Heysen exhibition now showing through to Sunday 4 October.
- Great Collections showing from Saturday 25 July to Sunday 30 August.

or Kirrit Barreet 403 Main Road

- Diana Nikkelson "new works" now showing until August 31 (will check if need to book)

Or an elegant High Tea, perhaps?

Sunday outing to "The Vintage Garden", 409 Warrenheip Street, Buninyong. (Ph. 5341 8085.)

Would need to book - 'a treasure trove of beautiful things for the home and garden'.

Thinking November - Christmas gift possibilities? High Tea at the adjoining 'Cupcake Cafe'.

Forthcoming Movies at The Regent

JULY

Sunday 26 Bolshoi production of Pugnì's "The Pharaoh's Daughter" 1 p.m.

Interested? suggest we meet in the Foyer at 12.40, maybe have a cuppa afterwards

AUGUST

Sunday 30 "Swan Lake"

August 13 Release, "Coco Avant Chanel" Biography/Drama. Showtimes are issued on Thursdays)

SEPTEMBER

Sunday 27 (relaxation after the District Conference!!) "Bolt"

OCTOBER

Sunday 25 "Mediterranea"

October 1 Release "Mao's Last Dancer" Autobiography by Li Cunxin/Drama. Will advise times

October 15 Release "Balibo" Thriller/investigating the murders of the Balibo Five in 1975

NOVEMBER

Sunday 29 "Don Quixote"

DECEMBER

Sunday 13 "The Ballet Russes"

MARCH 2010

March 28 "Nutcracker"

These are just a few thoughts. We could discuss on a monthly basis at dinner meetings, for events coming up prior to the next dinner meeting, if you like.

A Sign Recently Spotted in the UK



Status of Women and Service Committee Meeting 7 July 2009



Committee Chair: Pat Fraser

Committee Members: Pat Fraser (Chair), Judith Coull, Judy Snowden, Gillian Canavan (scribe)
Apology: Helen Eyres

Updates and Future Actions:

YWIPA:

- Members of SSoW Committee received their 2009 YWIPA - Process Checklist for this forthcoming event.
- All relevant Schools have been contacted and the application forms have been sent out.
- A draft budget of expenses is being prepared for ZB - Board approval.
- Possible guest speaker for the August dinner is Donna Lorenz, Associate Director - Climate Change at AECOM. (Note that the latter has been involved in previous Zonta Conventions held in Singapore). JC to advise.
- Panel Members and Meet 'n' Greeters for the YWIPA interviews still being finalised. The interview venue will be the YHQ of the YMCA.
- ZB Members to be made aware that ZB holds the YWIPA presentation in August of each year, whilst other Zonta Clubs hold this event in the following February of each year. The dead-line for posting all winners applications/documentation to the District Level/Contact person is by the 1st of April each year.

White Ribbon Day Campaign:

- The WRD June, 2009 Committee Meeting minutes tabled and also to be tabled at the July ZB - Board Meeting by the ZB Representative (GC).
- The format for the WRD - Ballarat Launch Day on the 25th of November, 2009 and the WRD - Ballarat web-site are being finalised.
- Zonta Ballarat will be promoted, via our support of WRD, in forth coming Ballarat Football League publications.

- Michael Brandenburg, Chair of the WRD – Ballarat Committee is confirmed as the guest speaker for the ZB September dinner meeting. (Scheduled for 17/09/09)

Birthing Kit Campaign:

- Letter tabled by PF from the Birthing Kit Foundation of Australia. The approval of their funding for 20 Assembling Days per year will not be known till November, 2009.
- General discussions held on their funding issue and the viability of SSoW/ZB being able to coordinate an Assembling Day, together with, the option of ZB just donating funds directly to BKFA.
- Proposal of our Committee was to await the outcome of the BKFA November funding date. ZB Board also to discuss this matter.

Toiletry Bags and Breast Cushions:

- Note that from now on 'zip-lock toiletry bags' will be utilised/purchased not the hand-sewn variety.
- Hilton Fabrics has verbally confirmed to PF that for only a small charge/reduced rate ZB can still purchase material for the Breast Cushion productions.
- There are 18 breast cushions in stock and between 30-40 to be completed.
- This Committee acknowledges the sewing efforts of Val Jamieson.

Christmas in July Winter Appeal:

- The SSoW Committee seeks the approval of the ZB Board for a presentation to be held at Pat Fraser's residence at which ZB donations of groceries, winter clothing/blankets and cash donations will be handed over to Peter Caligari (Uniting Care).

Nominations for 2010 additions in 'Among Ballarat's Finest' to Women's Health Grampians:

- The SSoW Committee to request ZB Board have additional nominations of Judith Coull and Maureen Christie. A copy of the CV for the former will be presented at the July ZB Board Meeting and verbal recommendations will be provided in regard to a vale nomination for Maureen.

General Business:

- The SSoW Committee is not in agreement with the PRAM Committee concept of a \$300.00 "kitty" (refer to PRAM Committee July, 2009 meeting minutes), and awaits further discussions at the ZB July Board meeting.
- For the record and in reference to the ZB October Birthday Dinner, 2009 note that Pat Fraser has been a ZB member since 1982 i.e., 27 years.
- In order to complete the name tags for ZB monthly dinner guests PF has requested ZB members contact her *prior to*, not at the said Thursday dinner evening.

- Judy Snowden will be on leave from 9/7/09 until mid-September, 2009.
- Gillian Canavan will be on leave from 6/8/09 until/to be advised asap.

Next Meeting of SSoW Committee:

- **Tuesday, 4th August, 2009 at 425 Cobden Street @ 5.30pm.**

Who is doing what when?

June to October Meetings will be hosted by the following Committees –

August. SOW/Service. YWPA Presentation. Speaker TBA

September. Board. Speaker TBA

October. Birthday Dinner. PRAM. Speaker TBA

PRAM Report for BAZ July 2009

PR - promotions and public relations A - Advocacy and Archive M - Membership



Committee Chair – Val Sarah

Committee: Eileen Anderson, Sandy Harbison, Anne Smail

PR

We completed our Club entry for the District PR Competition; Judith Coull's article on YWPA appeared in The Courier; Gillian Canavan negotiated a Zonta Page in this year's White Ribbon Day campaign promotion; Sandy produced a 5-page June issue of our newsletter, BAZ; an item on Zonta Birthing Kits will appear in the premier issue of the 'Ballarat Lifestyle' magazine in September; our Zonta logo appears on promotion for the travelling exhibition

'Blueprint for a Better World' in Ballarat this November; Gavin Nash has our new website up, www.zontaballarat.com;

ADVOCACY

We have outlined the step-by-step process for our voice to be heard from Club level through to the United Nations, through our membership of such organizations of The Victorian Women's Trust, UNIFEM Australia, and – through District 23 - the Australian Women's Coalition (AWC).

The AWC reports to Government, whose representative presents the Australian 'Member State' Report to the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) at the UN in March each year. Zonta International has a presence at the CSW, and the power to seek an 'intervention' to advocate on issues which may arise as the result of our local and international service programs. Zontians attending International Conventions can vote for Resolutions on major issues concerning women.

Locally we are involved in organizing two events in November: the exhibition *Blueprint for a Better World* addressing the 8 Millennium Development Goals (Nov 4-18), and the *White Ribbon Day* campaign addressing Violence Against Women (WRD, Nov 25)

MEMBERSHIP

Stella circulated an updated Member Contact List and Sandy delivered a card and small gift to Janine; Member 'Affiliation' forms have been returned, several members attended the Charity Home Open Day on Dyson Drive, and we presented a list of 'tempters' for Social Get-Togethers;

Anne has made contact with 6 prospective members and Carolyn McMickan was able to join us for her second Dinner Meeting.

Our next meeting is on Thursday August 6, 12 noon-1.00 p.m. BB's Café, Central Square.

Members Brag Moment

My daughter has just had her book published

"Ella the real story of an ordinary mother's journey with her extraordinary child" by Madeleine Witham

Available at all good book shops!

Editor Sandy

A Recent Zonta Social Outing

A small Zonta group interested in reducing the carbon footprint visited the 7-star low-energy Charity Home at the corner of Dyson Drive and The Chase in Alfredton on its first Open Day. Although it was dull outside, *inside* we were warmly welcomed by Noel Trengove, CEO of The Ballarat Foundation, initiator of the project. We loved the spacious layout and comfortable interiors, and learned some valuable tips about conserving energy in the future.

Seen here checking on specifications are Greta Christie, Hilary Pope and Gillian Canavan



IS THIS YOU?

If you can start the day without caffeine,

If you can always be cheerful, ignoring aches and pains,

If you can resist complaining and boring people with your troubles,

If you can eat the same food every day and be grateful for it,

If you can understand when your loved ones are too busy to give you any time,

If you can take criticism and blame without resentment,

If you can conquer tension without medical help,

If you can relax without liquor,

If you can sleep without the aid of drugs.

...Then You Are Probably The Family Dog!



IWD/FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE REPORT – JULY 2009

The Committee has now met twice and is planning our major function as a dinner to mark International Women's Day on 11 March. We will keep you posted about the venue and guests speaker etc as items are confirmed. At the last dinner meeting the Club agreed that proceeds of the evening be divided three ways:

- ZI International Projects,
- UNIFEM Australia,
- Club projects.

As requested by the President, the Committee has proposed a process for seeking applications for grants and this has been approved by the Club Board. We are, therefore, arranging for an advertisement to be placed in the Courier seeking applications. A detailed application form has been drafted, based on that used by the Melbourne on Yarra Club and a report form which can be used to provide all members with a summary of applications for discussion at a dinner meeting has been prepared. I will have copies of the application form available at the dinner meeting if members wish to take them for groups they know who could apply for a grant.

We are also planning a program of fundraising event for the rest of the year, although we shall not launch these until after District Conference because of the work load. Plans include:

- Fashion Show at Willabaa on a Saturday afternoon in May. Charge will be \$20 and attendance maximum of 30. We are confirming a date with the owner.
- Trivia Night in early April, possibly at the Old Colonists. We are investigating a company to run the night and the costs involved.
- Theatre night at the National Theatre in November.
- Mystery bus trip in November – we haven't done one of those for a long time. We are investigating bus lines.



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Teamwork
Advocating women's
Rights through
Zonta

If you haven't already done so, please register soon for the 10th District 23 Biennial Conference to be sure you get your choice of workshops.

We shall shortly be circulating the information regarding the Friday evening dineout so that Zontians can make their choice of venue, if they haven't already booked for "Blood on the Southern Cross" on their Conference registration. In fact if you want to attend that venue, it would be wise to book early because we have already had to increase our booking. We would like to ensure that a local Zontians is in each dineout group to ensure arrangements work and that our guests are happy.

We are also circulating a call for volunteers, so please give consideration to what you can offer to do during Conference.

Copies of the Call to Conference will be available at the dinner meeting if you haven't downloaded it.

Hilary Pope

Chairman, District Conference Committee

- Val Jamieson has left suggestions for destinations for lunch and afternoon tea and the Committee is working on those, but don't ask, because you won't be told – it is to be a mystery bus trip.

Hilary Pope
Chair, IWD/Fundraising Committee

ZONTA GUESTS

We have had great pleasure in welcoming Tracy, Carolyn and Carol to our recent meetings.



Guest - Tracy Burns



Guest - Carolyn McMickam

We will “snap” Carole at our August meeting and would welcome Carolyn, Tracy and Carol into the Zonta family.

The Army is better than workin' on the farm

Dear Mum & Dad,

I am well. Hope youse are too. Tell me big brothers Doug and Phil that the Army is better than workin' on the farm - tell them to get in bloody quick smart before the jobs are all gone! I wuz a bit slow in settling down at first, because ya don't hafta get outta bed until 6am. But I like sleeping in now, cuz all ya gotta do before brekky is make ya bed and shine ya boots and clean ya uniform. No bloody cows to milk, no calves to feed, no feed to stack - nothin'!! Ya haz gotta shower though, but its not so bad, coz there's lotsa hot water and even a light to see what ya doing!

At brekky ya get cereal, fruit and eggs but there's no kangaroo steaks or possum stew like wot Mum makes. You don' t get fed again until noon and by that time all the city boys are buggered because we've been on a 'route march' - geez its only just like walking to the windmill in the back paddock!!

This one will kill me brothers Doug and Phil with laughter. I keep getting medals for shootin' - dunno why. The bullseye is as big as a bloody possum's bum and it don't move and it's not firing back at ya like the Johnsons did when our big scrubber bull got into their prize cows before the Ekka last year! All ya gotta do is make yourself comfortable width='100%' and hit the target - it's a piece of piss!! You don't even load your own cartridges, they comes in little boxes, and ya don't have to steady yourself against the rollbar of the roo shooting truck when you reload!

Sometimes ya gotta wrestle with the city boys and I gotta be real careful coz they break easy - it's not like fighting with Doug and Phil and Jack and Boori and Steve and Muzza all at once like we do at home after the muster. Turns out I'm not a bad boxer either and it looks like I'm the best the platoon's got, and I've only been beaten by this one bloke from the Engineers - he's 6 foot 5 and 15 stone and three pick handles across the shoulders and as ya know I'm only 5 foot 7 and eight stone wringin' wet, but I fought him till the other blokes carried me off to the boozer.

I can't complain about the Army - tell the boys to get in quick before word gets around how bloody good it is.

Your loving daughter Sheila.