



**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 Stella Coffey**



**From the President's desk.**

Welcome to another Zonta year! I should like to start by thanking and commending Past President Lee Belcher on her fantastic 2 years of leading the Club - her warm personality and wonderful wit will be very sorely missed, and I'm sure that we all look forward to catching up with her when she attends our next fundraising event. Thanks Lee for your friendship and service!

It is my pleasure and privilege to serve as President of the club for the coming year. I am very excited about the possibilities and challenges that lie ahead of us, and I know that together we can meet them all. As I am only too well aware, we are currently a small club, so it is more important than ever to work harmoniously together and to help each other reach our Zonta objectives. Besides which it's always so much more fun when we get together and work on combined projects.

I was especially reminded of this at the recent Birthing Kits Assembly Day – we had such a great afternoon and found that by working cooperatively with Zontians, friends and students from Ballarat Grammar, we put together 1000 kits in no time flat!



**Ballarat Grammar Students busy with birthing kits**

Some of us have attended some Area and other club functions recently and I can't stress too much the benefit of attending events outside of our own club – whether it's a workshop or training type of event, a conference or convention, or a social or fundraising event, you can always be sure of meeting interesting people, of making new friends and catching up with old ones. For many Zontians, myself included, this is one of the best things about belonging to this great organisation! Thank you Rachael, Leesa and Pat for accompanying me to the "Building Better Boards" day at Kyneton recently – I'm sure that you gained valuable knowledge and helpful tips for performing your Zonta duties and I hope you got to meet some new people. Special congratulations and thanks to Hilary for working on the committee from the Past Presidents Group which put the day together – it was a very good day!

You will all have received the latest District Newsflash – please be sure to read this as there is always interesting news from the District and other clubs. Also don't forget that the District Conference is in October – less than 4 months away – it's in Melbourne so really easy for us to attend. The registration form is out – let me know if you've mislaid it and I'll send you another one.

The program looks good – having attended every District Conference since 1995 I can really recommend this as a weekend full of stimulating speakers, interesting Zonta business, motivating workshops and fun social events.

Our June meeting will be hosted by the IWD and Fundraising Committee – no guest speaker but we will be showing a short film on the origins of International Women's Day – so plenty of time to catch up with fellow members over dinner. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Yours in Zonta,

*Stellbell*

## Zonta Club of Ballarat Board 2011 -2012

We look forward to working with our new board and wish them lots of joy and success in their roles.



Gillian Canavan (Director), Rachael Nuttall (Secretary), Hilary Pope (Treasurer), Stella Coffey (President)

## A MAN'S LOGIC

*This is a short story which is perfectly logical to all males:*

A wife asks her husband, "Could you please go shopping for me and buy one carton of milk,

and if they have eggs, get 6."

A short time later the husband comes back with 6 cartons of milk.

The wife asks him, "Why the hell did you buy 6 cartons of milk?"

He replied, "They had eggs."

## PRAM Report

PRAM stands for **PR**, **Adv**ocacy and **Ar**chive, and **M**embership.



### Committee Chair – Val Sarah

**Committee:** Greta Christie, Sandy Harbison, Jayne Stinton, Janelle Yates

Committee members for 2011-2012 are Greta Christie, Sandy Harbison, Jayne Stinton, Janelle Yates and Val Sarah. We meet at Craig's Coffee Shop on the first Thursday of the month, from 12.30 to 1.30 p.m.

We're off and running in the new Zonta year, with 2 brand new members on our team: Jayne Stinton and Janelle Yates. What a breath of fresh air they will be, and we hope they will enjoy working alongside some tried and true Zontians!

### PR

We were very pleased that our Changeover Dinner received coverage in The Courier's People and Places page shortly after the event. We'd like to thank Area Director Margaret Hinks, outgoing President Lee Belcher and incoming President Stella Coffey for graciously allowing us to have their photo taken, together with our 3 new members, and Guest Speakers Vicki Colman of Lead On Ballarat, and Fr. Peter Kunen of the Sudanese community.

### Membership

We caught up by email with Judith Coull, who has not been at all well and has not renewed her membership of Zonta. Judith will be remembered for her outstanding devotion to the YWPA program, and we thank her for her years of contribution to the Club. Needless to say, we welcome her to our growing family of FOZ!



### May induction

President Stella with new members, Jayne Stinton Janelle Yates and Rachael Nuttall. Area Director Margaret Hinks, (centre of photo) came from Melton to inducted our new members.

Our three new members have already made their mark. Rachael has not only accepted the pivotal role of Secretary this year, but has also suggested a prospective member for follow-up. Janelle participated in the leadership day "Building Better Boards" on June 5 in Kyneton, while Jayne brought a friend and prospective member to the Changeover Dinner. Way to go!

### A Message to all members

Patty Kinnersly and Emma Mahony of Women's Health Grampians are happy to receive Nominations now, for Ballarat's Great Women 2012. So put on your thinking caps, and let us know who you would like to see added to this 'honour roll' of women nominated by their peers who have made a significant contribution to the life of our city!

Val Sarah, Chairman

### GUEST SPEAKERS AT MAY MEETING



Vicki Coltman and Father Peter Kunen

Vicki Coltman is involved in the Lead On Program in Ballarat which is focussed on young people between 12-25 of age working with professionals. They have six different programs ranging from film projects to Drive On which adults donate 1 hour a week to assist learner drivers get their 120 hours of experience. A film produced through the Lead On program was shown called 'Beyond Borders' about Sudanese girls in Ballarat. The war in Sudan described between the south (Christian) and the north (Muslim) and how many southern Sudanese had to flee their homes during this period.

Father Peter Kunen, (ACKAPA) who was also featured on the film, described some of his experiences, including recently reuniting with his mother in Sudan after no contact for 18 years. He briefly described some of the many community projects he is involved in.

## Members Moments

### Profile –

### Our New President, Stella Coffey

Born in London in 1946, I moved at the age of 5 to the historic town of Sandwich, in East Kent, where I lived until I left home at 16. I attended secondary school in Dover, then after some office jobs locally and later in London, I felt the first tugs of the travel bug that has never left me – I applied for and was accepted into Aer Lingus, the Irish Airline, in their telephone reservations department. Of course reservations was only a stepping stone to what I really wanted to do – since childhood I'd longed to be an Air Hostess, (the term "flight attendant" was unheard of in the late 60s) and my dream came true at the beginning of 1970 when I joined British United Airways, based at Gatwick Airport in Surrey.

There followed nearly four happy years of flying for BUA, then Laker Airways and eventually working on check in for British Caledonian. I flew a lot of European and African routes, with frequent charter flights to the US and Canada during the summer. I shared houses with some great girls and life really was one long party. During 1973 word went around Gatwick that Gulf Air were expanding and looking for trained cabin staff – I applied and soon found myself heading off to live and work in Bahrain. Life was made up of more busy flying and parties, and before long I met a certain Captain; after a few months we were living together, then engaged and married.

I was able to keep flying for a few more months, but stopped when I became pregnant. Our daughter Vicki was born in July 1975 – I went home to my parents to have her, and her first flight was at the age of 6 weeks in a VC10 back to Bahrain, flown by her father!

Life in Bahrain was good - my very blonde baby daughter was the object of much interest amongst the local people when we went shopping, and we had an Indian houseboy who absolutely adored her. Towards the end of 1976 however, my husband Derek was taken suddenly ill and we had to return to England for him to undergo treatment. We never returned to Bahrain and in May 1977 Derek died. Vicki, now 2, and I moved into a new house in Reading, about 40 miles west of London; although I didn't need to work, I needed adult company and made some good friends among the other young families. In 1978 I met Brian and we married in 1979 – I still marvel at his readiness to take on a 3 year old daughter, and he has been a wonderful father to Vicki – the only Dad she's ever known.

Brian, Vicki and I moved to another new house, and in October 1980 Richard was born. Life seemed secure and we had no idea of the economic upheaval ahead – recession hit Britain and Brian lost his job – we could afford to live, but he had always wanted to emigrate so this seemed like the right time to do it. We tossed up between Canada and Australia and eventually opted for Australia as it seemed the furthest possible distance from the nuclear conflict that we all feared at that time.

We arrived in Melbourne in September 1981 – after a few weeks travelling and nearly a year in Tasmania where Brian managed a department store, we returned to Victoria in August 1982 as Brian was by now working for Myer, and was appointed to the Ballarat store. By 1984 Brian had decided that he'd like to run his own business and with his background in both retail and joinery, we were able to set up a successful kitchen business, which soon outgrew the garage of our Delacombe house, so we bought 2 acres on a crossroads at Smythes Creek and built a new house and a factory. Over the decade from 1984 to 1994, our business grew, became very successful and then fell victim to high interest rates and bad debts. Although I toyed with the idea of training for a new career during this time, the business and the family always came first and despite undertaking some study I never actually gained any qualifications.

When the business closed at the end of 1994, I looked around for work and was fortunate to gain a position at NRMA Insurance, which was then in Central Square. I learned a great deal in the next few years and with NRMA's support gained a Graduate Certificate of Business from the University of Ballarat. When NRMA merged their insurance operations with RACV in 2000, I decided to work in Melbourne and started commuting. I loved my job at RACV's main city branch on the corner of Bourke and Elizabeth Streets – a bit like flying I suppose – no two days were ever the same! Late in 2001, RACV were offering voluntary departure packages, so thinking I'd have a break from commuting I took one and started working at BEST Employment in Ballarat. I performed a few different roles there until I was made redundant in May 2005. A month later I started work on the afternoon shift at the Telstra Contact Centre in Wendouree where I worked for nearly 2 years until starting my current job at the Australian Taxation Office in Moonee Ponds in April 2007 – back to commuting!

The closure of the business in 1994 brought with it a great deal of stress and our marriage did not survive, although Brian and I are still good friends. I am blessed with 2 wonderful children, a very special son-in-law Gav, and four beautiful grandchildren, Oliver who is 12, Ned who is 10, Scarlett, 8 and little Clementine who is 3. I am so fortunate to be able to live so close to them. My son Richard has been working in London for over 5 years now and has recently moved in with his girlfriend – thankfully she's an Aussie girl from Portland so I guess they'll move back here sometime – meanwhile it's nice to have an excuse to go travelling to London!

I had a very special surprise about three years ago when, thanks to the Internet, I was reunited with my oldest daughter Emma who I'd given up for adoption as a baby – she was born when I was single and 19 – those were very different times! I feel humble that she searched and searched for me over a period of 20 years, until she found me. Naturally the times that I can spend with her are very precious as, like Richard, she's in England. She has two teenage daughters, Evelyn who is 18 and Tiffany, 17. They are gorgeous girls and Tiff is the image of my mother! Both Vicki and Richard have become good friends with their newly found older sister; Vicki, Emma and I had a great mother and daughters shopping and sight seeing week in Hong Kong a couple of years ago – Emma grew up in Hong Kong where her adopted father worked for the British Government, so she was a great guide.



**Stella, following her induction as President for the 2011 - 2012 Zonta Year**

I have been a member of the Zonta Club of Ballarat since 1989 and have met some of my best friends through Zonta. Membership of this amazing organisation has opened my eyes to so many issues and ideas, and I know that I have grown as a person as a direct result of my membership. I have served in all Club positions and also had the honour of serving as Area 4 Director during the 2006 – 08 biennium. Zonta has also given me some great excuses to travel and I now build my holidays around Zonta District Conferences and International Conventions. When asked when I might retire from work, I usually respond that I can't afford to yet as I have a very expensive travel habit to support! I also enjoy going to the theatre, cinema, ballet and opera, and to some art exhibitions, although I still find some modern art rather a challenge. I have a passion for history – I love to ponder the "what ifs" and to look at how the big events of history have impacted on ordinary people's lives. Although I've had a varied and interesting life so far I still look forward to continuing to grow and learn in Zonta, to meeting many more wonderful people, to seeing my grandchildren grow into young adults and to seeing a lot more parts of the world that are still waiting to be explored.

**TRAFFICKING VICTIMS SHOULD HAVE LEGAL REDRESS AND COMPENSATION – UN RIGHTS EXPERT** New York, Jun 1 2011

Victims of human trafficking have the right to seek legal redress and compensation for the violation of their rights.

Joy Ngozi Ezeilo, the UN Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons, especially women and children said: "Trafficked persons are rarely known to have received compensation, as they are often not provided with the information, legal and other assistance and residence status necessary to access it,"

In her report, Ms. Ezeilo recommends that States "ensure that adequate procedures are in place to enable quick and accurate identification of trafficked persons" to prevent any misidentification of trafficked persons as irregular migrants, which often leads to detention and deportation, effectively precluding a chance to seek compensation.

"States should ensure that trafficked persons are equipped with access to information, free legal aid and other necessary assistance such as interpretation services, and regular residence status during the duration of any legal proceedings," Ms. Ezeilo recommended.

She also advised States to provide trafficked persons with temporary or permanent residence permits "where a safe return to the country of origin is not guaranteed or a return would not otherwise be in the best interests of the trafficked person for reasons related to his or her personal circumstances, such as the loss of citizenship or cultural and social identity in the country of origin."

*For more details go to UN News Centre at <http://www.un.org/news>*

## **SCHOOL DAYS**

For homework, a class in QLD were asked to draw their parents at work. **This is Jessica's drawing:**



Here's the letter the teacher received the next day:

Dear Mrs. J#####,

I wish to clarify that I am not now, nor have I ever been, an exotic dancer. I work at Bunnings and I told my daughter how hectic it was last week after the floods hit. I told her we sold out every single shovel we had and then I found one more in stock and several people were fighting over who would get it. Her picture doesn't show me dancing around a pole. It's supposed to depict me selling the last shovel we had in the store. From now on I will remember to check her homework before she hands it in!

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*Do some of your old clothes need a new home? Somewhere they will be cherished and given a new lease of life, while raising funds for deserving causes?*



**Vintage—A—Fair** is a vintage clothing and accessories sale being held in Ballarat, on the 20th of August 2011 in the Brown Hill Community Hall Humffray St. Nth. Ballarat. Funds raised through the entry fee of \$2.00 will go to CAFS (Child and Family Services) and the RSPCA. CAFS through their Wozzles network of opportunity shops will also have one of the stalls selling vintage and designer clothing, accessories, buttons, jewellery and all things fashion and vintage. If you have items that you wish to donate to the sale they can be left at any of the Wozzles shops or at CAFS 115 Lydiard St. Nth. Ballarat. All donated items will be sold to raise funds for CAFS or the RSPCA.

Call 5331 9130 or 5333 5077 for further information regarding the sale.

# August 20th 2011 10am - 2.30pm

## Brown Hill Hall Humffray St. North, Ballarat

# Vintage—A—Fair

**AN A—FAIR TO REMEMBER.**

Aug 20th 2011

10am—2.30pm Vintage clothing fair. Cost \$2.00

*A fair with a variety of stalls selling Vintage and Designer clothing & accessories. Entry is \$2.00 with proceeds to go to the Child and Family Services (CAFS) and the RSPCA.*

10am—2.30pm Expert appraisals by Nicole Jenkins Cost \$5.00 per clothing item

3.00pm Clothing of the 20th Century Cost \$10.00 \*

*Nicole Jenkins author of "LOVE VINTAGE" and owner of CIRCA VINTAGE CLOTHING will present a talk on 20th Century fashion and show some of her collection.*

*\*Bookings for Nicole's talk are essential. phone: 5331 9130 or 0409 335072.*

UN LAUNCHES NEW INITIATIVE TO PROMOTE RIGHTS OF WORLD'S INDIGENOUS PEOPLES  
New York, May 20 2011

Four United Nations entities today launched a new initiative to promote and protect the rights of indigenous peoples, aiming to strengthen their institutions and ability to fully participate in governance and policy processes at the local and national levels.

The initiative, to be known as the UN Indigenous Peoples' Partnership (UNIPP), was launched on the sidelines of the 10th Session of the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues under way at UN Headquarters.

Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon welcomed the initiative and urged all countries to support it "so that it can fulfil its potential to turn the declaration's principles into reality." He noted that "indigenous people suffered centuries of oppression, and continue to lose their lands, their languages and their resources at an alarming rate."

"Despite these obstacles, indigenous people make an enormous contribution to our world, including through their spiritual relationship with the Earth. By helping indigenous peoples regain their rights, we will also protect our shared environment for the benefit of all."

# Status of Women and Service Committee Report



**Committee Chair: Leesa Myers**

**Committee:** Pat Fraser, Carole Norton, Rachael Nuttall, Judy Snowden.

## Birthing Kit Report from Pat Fraser Committee Chair 2010-2011

In this, my last report as Chair of the Service and Status of Women Committee, I am pleased to report that on Saturday 21 May we successfully assembled 1000 Birthing Kits which have been forwarded to Papua New Guinea.



Ballarat Grammar School provided House Mistress and Art teacher Sue Sedgwick and 12 students to assist a number of Zontians to complete the task.



Judging by the laughter and chatter around the tables everyone had a good time, and the girls commented that they were happy to assist as they found it a worthwhile activity.



A donation of \$260, the proceeds of a coffee morning which the students had organised at school, was presented to President Lee – this was greatly appreciated as a boost to the funding of the Birthing Kits.



On the following Monday Leesa took the 5 very heavy bags of kits to the Post Office en route to Papua New Guinea.

The next call to members will be to bring non-perishable food stuffs and winter woolies for the Christmas in July (Winter Relief) Appeal.

To Lee, I would like to thank you for your membership and presidency in Zonta – you will be missed.

Thank you to the members of my Committee and I wish all members many good years in Zonta.

Pat Fraser – Chair, 2009 - 2011



**Committee Chair: Hilary Pope**

**Committee:** Eileen Anderson, Gillian Canavan, Helen Eyres, Helen Weadon

We hope you have noted our next IWD dinner in your diaries - Thursday 8 March 2012. Venues are being investigated. Last month I asked for your suggestions for an inspiring speaker and sponsors, but there has been silence so far. You don't have to make the approach, just give me the information and contact details and we will do the rest.

We are also looking at a fundraising event for the period between now and Conference, possibly a trivia night. Look out for the details in the near future.

A fashion show by Harvest Threads is being planned for next April and we will advise when arrangements are in place – this is just an early warning!

We have not yet heard from Ballarat National Theatre about possibilities for a theatre matinee, but will pass on the information when we can arrange an event.

The Club has booked a table at the market place for District Conference and will be looking to all Club members to be on the roster to run the stall during the times the market place will be open, which will not include any business sessions. We are confirming the possible items for sale. We have wine glasses and pens in stock, but will need to purchase mugs and other items prior to Conference.

**Hilary Pope**  
**IWD/Fundraising Committee Chairman**

## Dedication of a Wife

A woman's husband had been slipping in and out of a coma for several months yet she had stayed by his bedside every single day.

One day, when he came to, he motioned for her to come nearer. As she sat by him, he whispered, eyes full of tears, 'You know what? You have been with me all through the bad times.'

When I got fired, you were there to support me.  
When my business failed, you were there.  
When I got shot, you were by my side.  
When we lost the house, you stayed right here.  
When my health started failing, you were still by my side.

You know what Martha?'

'What dear?' she gently asked, smiling as her heart began to fill with warmth.

'I'm beginning to think you're bad luck....' "

## DATES TO REMEMBER

June 23	Dinner meeting
July 14	Board meeting
July 15	Early bird registration for District Conference closes
July 28	Dinner meeting
August 11	Board meeting
August 14	Past Presidents Group meeting
August 21	Lunch for Melbourne's West's
30 <sup>th</sup> birthday	
August 25	Dinner meeting (YWPA presentation)
September 8	Board meeting
September 22	Dinner meeting
24 September	Registrations close for District Conference
October 7 – 9	District 23 Conference, Melbourne
October 9	Melbourne on Yarra's Fran
Quinn Awards	
October 13	Board meeting
October 24	UN Day
	Our Club chartered 1978
October 27	Dinner meeting (birthday)
November 8	Zonta founded 1919
November 10	Board meeting
November 24	Dinner meeting (Christmas)
November 25	White Ribbon Day (International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women)