



Ballarat Dinner Meetings
are held the fourth Thursday of the month 6.30pm
for 7.00pm at The Barkly Motel, Main St., Ballarat.
~~~~~ Phone Pat Fraser on 03 5332 2995 ~~~~~



**PRESIDENT Stella Coffey**



### From the President's desk.

It's hard to believe that it's only a few short weeks to Christmas – where has the year gone? As Zontians I feel that we can look back on our year with some feeling of achievement – we've done some fundraising, gained some fabulous new members, had a great Young Women in Public Affairs evening, a highly successful International Women's Day dinner and made 1000 Birthing Kits – not a bad record for a fairly small club! We've also enjoyed each others company at dinners and other events and been stimulated by some excellent guest speakers. So now it's time to take a short break, to enjoy Christmas and the summer break with our families and friends, and to come back refreshed in the New Year. I sincerely hope that you will be able to bring your energy and ideas to the planning day on Saturday 21 January.

I'll be sending out more information about this after Christmas – for the moment please just note the date in your diary – thanks!

It is with some sadness that we have to say goodbye to two wonderful members this month – Carole Norton is leaving Ballarat to take up a new posting interstate with her husband, and Jayne is returning to live in Hamilton as she has a new job in Ararat. Both of these members will be very much missed – they have both made a great contribution to the life of our club. I'm glad to report that Jayne will keep in touch and would like to come to any functions we have at the weekend as that is when she can be in Ballarat – great news Jayne! Maybe Carole will find a Zonta club where she's moving? Past member Carolyn McMickan is visiting Ballarat and is coming to our dinner this week – it will be great to see her again and to hear about her life and Zonta in Perth.

I've been doing a bit of travelling lately – I was in Hobart a couple of weeks ago for their 40<sup>th</sup> Birthday Dinner – a lovely occasion! The guest speaker was Fiona, a young police inspector – apparently one of only two women inspectors in the State! – her mother was a Zontian and her talk was partly about her memories of growing up with Zonta. She remembered being dragooned into modelling in a Zonta fashion parade whilst in her teens – imagine her horror when, whilst looking through the various photo albums brought out of the archives for the evening, she found a photo of herself at the said fashion parade!

Hilary and I have also been over to Maryborough again for another information evening – I'm pleased to report that there is increasing interest in forming a new Zonta club there – we have received the required approval from Zonta International to organise a new club, and at this stage we can anticipate the new club chartering in June or July – very exciting!

I was able to do some valuable networking at the Ballarat Foundation lunch last week – as a result there may be a new service project opportunity in the wind for us – I'll keep you informed.

My thanks go to the few hardworking members who sold Rotary Raffle tickets outside Spotlight last week – they had a good day and raised nearly \$200 on the day – please look out for requests from Judy Snowden for help at future days, Tuesday 20 December and Saturday 14 January.

We are all aware that this week is White Ribbon Day – the Ballarat Committee has again been working hard to raise awareness of this important topic –

please take every opportunity to support them and to spread the news among your friends – especially the blokes! I've included a short piece in this edition, taken from a newspaper story, which reminds us that we can not as yet drop our guard on Domestic Violence.

On a happier note I'd like, in closing, to wish all members and friends a wonderful Christmas season with families and friends, and a very happy and successful 2012.

Yours in Zonta,

*Stellbell*

## October Birthday Dinner



President Stella with our Birthday Dinner guest speaker, Bonnie Fagan.

## BIRTHDAYS:

### November:

Carol Norton 5<sup>th</sup>  
Stella Coffey 7<sup>th</sup>

### December:

Greta Christie 6<sup>th</sup>  
Gillian Canavan 10<sup>th</sup>  
Judy Snowden 12<sup>th</sup>

### January: Pat Fraser 30<sup>th</sup>



## ZONTA AROUND THE WORLD

News from ZI Jill Gehring

We no longer have any clubs in the country of Mexico.  
We now have Zonta clubs in 63 countries.

*Jill Gehring, Member Services Manager*  
**ZONTA INTERNATIONAL**

## PRAM Report

PRAM stands for **PR**, **Adv**ocacy and **Arch**ive, and **Mem**bership.



Committee Chair – Val Sarah

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

Members and our special guests were delighted to receive a birthday 'cupcake' complete with candle at our 33<sup>rd</sup> Birthday Dinner in October – **thank you, Pat**, for thinking of such a generous gesture!

This month we offer congratulations to our December and January birthday girls – Greta, Gillian, Judy and Pat – and read with interest the profile of our youngest member, Janelle.

Our November meeting is always special, as we celebrate the festive season with all the trimmings! We're overjoyed to be welcoming a number of guests including former member Carolyn McMickan who is 'on loan' to the ZC Perth, prospective members who came to our Birthday Meeting including Christina Fay and Catherine Taylor, and newcomers Janelle's Mum Anne-Marie Yates and Sarah Knowles. How marvellous to meet such exciting women from our local community!

Thanks to Gillian Canavan (our representative on the Ballarat White Ribbon Day Committee) our Guest Speaker will be local WRD Committee Chairman Graeme Hoad. As it happens, our meeting falls on the eve of IDEVAW, the International Day of action to Eradicate Violence Against Women, on Friday November 25. Our role in local activities reflects Zonta's advocacy on this issue.

A note for our Archives: the recipient of the Zonta Encouragement Award in memory of our own Maureen Christie for the Speech and Drama section of the Royal South Street Competitions this year was 16-year-old Ballarat girl, Claudia Douglas.

Our new promotional piece in the local Community News columns should appear any day now, and progress continues on our new postcard, revitalised website and preparations for social media.

We have circulated a copy of *Coming Events* with details as we know them through to the Changover Dinner in May, and look forward eagerly to our 'Blue Ribbon' Event, the International Women's Day Dinner in March. Hilary and I have been meeting with Women's Health Grampians with respect to the honour roll of Ballarat's Great Women and with The Courier on plans for their special publication "Woman 2012". WIN-TV's weather forecaster and presenter Jane Bunn is now confirmed as our Guest Speaker for the March Dinner Meeting.

We wish all members and prospective members a safe and happy festive season, and hope to see a full house for the members-only Planning Day on Saturday January 21, which will feature a very special presentation on – what else – membership!

Sadly, we'll be saying goodbye to Jayne Stinton, who has endeared herself to us in so many ways during her time as a member of the club. She has accepted a position in Ararat. However, she assures us that she and Lloyd will be coming to Ballarat on occasional weekends and she'll be happy to assist us in working bees or assembly days – so, Jayne, we'll be keeping in touch, and wish you and Lloyd all the best!

Val Sarah, chairman

### **Zonta Award - Royal South Street Society Competition**

The winner of the Zonta Encouragement Award in the Speech and Drama Section was Claudia Douglas who is 16 years old and come from Ballarat.

We have received a special thank you from Emma Sbardella, Marketing Manager, Royal South Street Society for our continued support of the competition.

### **Prospective Members at our October Birthday Dinner**



L-R - Christina Fay, Catherine Taylor, Louise Vine and Julia Ballinger



## **Fundraising & IWD**



**Committee Chair: Hilary Pope**

**Members:** Gillian Canavan, Eileen Anderson, Judy Snowden and Helen Weadon.

I was invited to Creswick Woollen Mills to collect our cheque for the proceeds of Charity Tuesday. A representative from the Creswick Men's Shed was there at the same time and they did rather better than us because one of the touring car clubs visited the Mills on their day. However, we received \$60.75 for just providing some brochures for display and will receive continuing support from the Mills



Receiving our cheque from the Assistant Manager of the Mills shop, another Hilary!

Our 2011 bus trip will be held on 27 November, so we hope you all have your bookings in to secure a seat. The proceeds from the day will support the Ballarat White Ribbon Day Committee and, in addition, the Creswick Woollen Mills have agreed to give 5% of sales to the WRD Committee. It will be a most enjoyable day out with an opportunity for Christmas shopping in addition to some good food and fellowship.



Quoin Hill Vineyard – out lunch stop

Rotary community raffle tickets have been issued to members and we have had one selling day outside of Spotlight (my first sunburn of the summer!). We were not rushed, but selling was steady. Please contact Judy Snowden if you can volunteer for one of the two days we have booked for Bridge Mall. Remember, the Club retains \$1.60 from every ticket sold and if we sell the winning ticket there is a \$1,000 prize. Judy Snowden has now taken over distribution of the tickets, so please contact her if you need more to sell and return your ticket stubs and money to Judy before the Club planning day.

Work continues on plans for our IWD dinner (8 March 2012), a fashion show by Harvest Threads (April) and a theatre fundraiser with the Ballarat National Theatre.

And please don't forget the shrapnel jar at dinner meetings for your 5 cent pieces in support of the Birthing Kit project. It takes 40 coins to purchase the makings of a birthing kit, so keep them coming.

**Hilary Pope**  
**Chair, IWD/Fundraising Committee**

## Members Moments

### Member Profile – Janelle Yates

It is amazing how as a writer I can waffle on about most topics quite easily, however when it came to writing about myself it took about 4 weeks and 5 drafts, before I was happy!

My name is Janelle Yates and I believe I am Zonta Ballarat's only Gen Y member. I live in Ballarat, with my partner of 11 and half years Damian and my Cavoodle (dog) Minnie.



Janelle & Damian

I grew up in Ballarat, a proud Loreto College student and since graduating in 2002, I have lived and worked in Melbourne and London for a total of 5 years before returning home to Ballarat.

During my time in London between 2007 and 2009, I worked as freelance Communications Director, spending more time travelling and learning about myself than learning about PR, however in this time I managed to pick up some great skills in my industry and meet some interesting people the likes of Dawn French and Gordon Ramsay.

## Status of Women and Service Committee Report



Janelle in London with a friendly squirrel

Upon returning to Australia from the UK in 2009, I started my own freelance PR business called The Little PR Company, specialising in communications needs for not-for-profit and charitable clients.

Since returning to Ballarat I have had the pleasure of working as the Development and Communications Manager at Ballarat Cancer Research Centre, while still running my business and following my departure from there, I have realised my dream of running my own creative agency.

After meeting a wonderful and talented graphic artist named Kate Vale, mini MAMMOTH – Inc. The Little PR Company and Tiny Agency was born and has been steadily running since May 2011.

As a business owner and someone who has been blessed with opportunities in my life, I see it as extremely important that I give back to both my community and society in general and I am very pleased to offer my time voluntary to various service groups and NFP's – focusing on causes such as homelessness, youth services and women's rights.

In my spare time I like to attend music festivals and live music events, travel, read fashion mags and write my blog, all of which are very well accompanied by red wine!



Committee Chair: Leesa Myers

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

Carole has kindly, heroically, and unaided, cut out another 27 breast cushions.... WELL DONE CAROLE.

We are still looking for people who can sew... we are managing to keep ahead with the cutting, it's the sewing now that is presenting the problem.

We discussed a possible local link for funding, could help us with for our Service projects.. more on this later.

CALLING FOR CHILDRENS TOYS AND BOOKS ... Please bring these to our next meeting 24th Nov. unwrapped, for donation to Centre-care.

Many thanks... Leesa Myers.

### KEEPING IN TOUCH WITH OUR PAST MEMBERS

#### Note from Carol-Lynn Bond

I have a couple of bits of news. Firstly, the owners of this unit have decided not to move into it, so I can stay indefinitely, which makes me feel very settled. My bearded irises have been blooming already and I expect a few more before the summer is too far along. Secondly, my boss won an award at the Austin a few weeks ago, and I was thrilled as I had nominated him for it – "Distinguished Scientist of the Year". I was very chuffed.

I've been writing my last essay for the year today and plan to do some painting over the next three months during my hols from university before I start my second year of the Bachelor of Arts degree.

Lots of good wishes to you all  
Carol-Lynn

### A Quote sent from Anne Smail.

Quote: "May today there be peace within. May you trust that you are exactly where you are meant to be. May you not forget the infinite possibilities that are born of faith in yourself and others. May you use the gifts that you have received, and pass on the love that has been given to you. May you be content with yourself just the way you are. Let this knowledge settle into your bones, and allow your soul the freedom to sing, dance, praise and love. It is there for each and every one of us."

### News from Kate Owen

Some of you may be aware that I have a new job - I am still in the NT government Department of Children and Families but moved sideways from Office of Women's Policy into the Domestic Family Violence Policy Unit.

I am commencing my second week, and really enjoying it - especially given that this is a field I have worked in for several years in Victoria.

There are 3 of us new with a total of 5 in our team. And most of these positions will be made permanent - which I think we will have to apply for, but initial 6 months contract, and then possibility of ongoing work, so will see what happens.

### Did you know that it's Beautiful Women Month?

Below is a wonderful poem **Audrey Hepburn** wrote when asked to share her 'beauty tips.'

It was read at her funeral years later.



For attractive lips, speak words of kindness. For lovely eyes, seek out the good in people. For a slim figure, share your food with the hungry. For beautiful hair, let a child run his/her fingers through it once a day. For poise, walk with the knowledge that you never walk alone. People, even more than things, have to be restored, renewed, revived, reclaimed, and redeemed;

never throw out anyone. Remember, if you ever need a helping hand, you will find one at the end of each of your arms. As you grow older, you will discover that you have two hands; one for helping yourself, and the other for helping others.

## Food, fun and fellowship on our bus trip



**Sunday 27 November 2011**

**11.00 am – 5.00 pm**

We will join our Gold Bus at Civic Hall (Mair Street) at 11.00 am and travel to Quoin Hill Winery at Waubra for a wine tasting (yes, you can buy the wine and their delicious preserves) followed by a two course lunch with tea/coffee. Wine by the glass will be available for your lunch.

Refreshed, we will rejoin the bus for the journey to Creswick Woollen Mills, stopping at the wind farm information centre is there is time. At the Mill we will divide into groups so that we all get a tour of the mill, afternoon tea and a chance to shop, including specials they will have for us.

Then it will be "home James" returning to Civic Hall about 5.00 pm.

Join us for a relaxing day out with friends and a chance to do some Christmas shopping.

**\$40 per person**

**including lunch and afternoon tea**



## Proceeds from the day will support the Ballarat White Ribbon Day Committee

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## Techno Woes

As we Silver Surfers know, sometimes we have trouble with our computers.  
 I had a problem yesterday, so I called Eric, the 11 year old next door, whose bedroom looks like Mission Control and asked him to come over. Eric clicked a couple of buttons and solved the problem.  
 As he was walking away, I called after him, 'So, what was wrong?  
 He replied, 'It was an ID ten T error.'  
 I didn't want to appear stupid, but nonetheless enquired,  
 'An, ID ten T error? What's that? In case I need to fix it again'  
 Eric grinned 'Haven't you ever heard of an ID ten T error before?  
 'No,' I replied.  
 'Write it down,' he said, 'and I think you'll figure it out.'  
 So I wrote down:  
  
 I used to like Eric.

## MIGIRO URGES FASTER MOVEMENT OF WOMEN INTO SENIOR UN POSITIONS

New York, Nov 17 2011

Deputy Secretary-General Asha-Rose Migiro today called for greater effort to raise the number of women holding senior positions at the United Nations, saying that the majority of them remain in the lower ranks although more women are now being hired to fill management posts.

Since Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon took office in 2007, he has nearly doubled the number of women at or above the level of Assistant-Secretary-General, including Special Representatives, from 21 to 38, as of September this year, Ms. Migiro pointed out when she addressed a meeting of the Group on Equal Rights for Women at the UN.

Over the same period, the number of women at the level of Under-Secretary-General rose from eight to 19, she said.

The increase of women in the professional or higher categories, overall, averaged only 0.8 per cent each year over the past three years, she pointed out.

"To put that into perspective, at this rate, gender parity would take not months, not years – but decades. There has been real progress in some areas – and near stagnation in others.

"Increases are happening mostly at the junior levels. Women represent more than half of all P2s [professional category level 2]. But bringing more women in at lower levels is not resulting in more women at the top," said Ms. Migiro.

In its efforts to address the gender parity problem, Ms. Migiro suggested that the UN listen to women who have left the Organization before reaching leadership positions. "It is crucial that we hear directly from the affected women – and respond with concrete changes."

She also called for greater attention to making the working environment positive for all staff.

"Outside the United Nations, especially in the private sector, more and more workplaces are recognizing that people need flexibility. Employers are coming to understand they need to focus on what their staff achieve rather than the specific hours they work. Our UN staff handle many outside pressures on top of their official duties," she added.

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

## DATES TO REMEMBER

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|-------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| November 24 | Dinner meeting (Christmas)                                                                         |
| November 25 | White Ribbon Day<br>(International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women)              |
| November 27 | Bus trip to Quoin Hill Winery (lunch) and Creswick Woollen Mill (tour, shopping and afternoon tea) |
| December 7  | Melbourne on Yarra's Barefoot Bowls                                                                |
| December 8  | Board break-up dinner                                                                              |

**2012**

- January 12 Melbourne on Yarra's Ripponlea picnic
- January 15 Amelia Earhart breakfast, Mornington
- January 28 Club Planning Day
- February 9 Board meeting
- February 12 Past Presidents Group meeting, CWA Club
- February 23 Dinner meeting (2012/13 Budget approval)
- March 8 International Women's Day Dinner
- March 15 Board meeting (*note change of date*)
- March 22 Dinner meeting (slate of candidates to be presented)
- April 5 Board meeting
- April ?? Fashion Parade with Harvest Threads
- April ?? Areas 1 and 4 Workshop
- April 26 Dinner meeting (AGM with election of officers)
- May 3 Board meeting
- May 24 Dinner meeting (Changeover)



***Please all enjoy the Christmas festivities and we look forward to getting together again at our February Zonta dinner meeting.***

***Sandy, editor.***