



Zonta Club of Mount Isa

Member of Zonta International

Advancing the Status of Women Worldwide



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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Bonjour Ladies:

The year is flying by, already the elections are upon us. These will be held at our next meeting on the 19th April and I would really like to see most of our members attend. Most of our positions are filled so you don't have to be worried that you may have to take on a role you are not ready for. Also ladies, our FEES are due, so could you please make it easier for our Treasurer, Maria so she doesn't have to chase these up. Remember they can be paid in instalments if you would find this more convenient. Simply let Maria know!

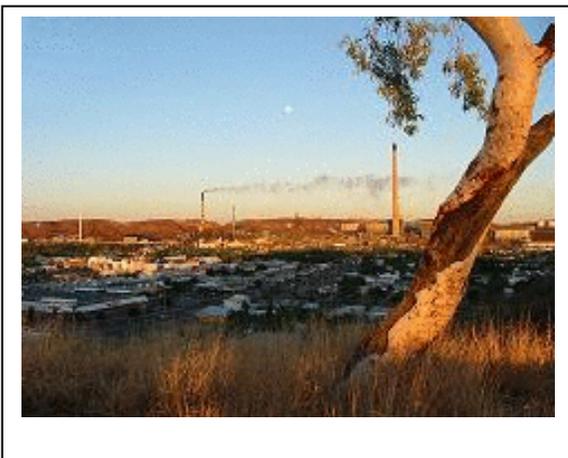
It is a time when some members question their role in Zonta and some feel they are not making a difference. We know that family comes first and then your job but we need you also so remember "small streams make a big river"

Everyone of us does make a difference and collectively we make a huge difference. I have one more year to fill and I can't believe how fast the year has gone. There is so much to do with our next project being the Health Forum maybe in July or September. We already have a small committee of dedicated Zontions working on the forum so it is all positive. Feel free to come and give us your input. The area meeting will be at Southbank Convention Centre in Townsville on 13/14 May. We have had four ladies indicate that they are willing to attend. It would be nice to see a few more put up their hands to experience Zonta fellowship and knowledge. A great time is guaranteed.

Leonie Moore is the only other Zontion from our club apart from me who is attending the Melbourne Convention in June. The club is willing to help financially to enable more members to attend. It is a big expense, however I attended the one in Hawaii and the experience is unforgettable.

There is an old Chinese saying "It takes two hands to clap as clapping with one hand produces no sound" Lets get the whole club clapping!!
Zonta on,
Michele

PS A good book to read is "A thousand pieces of gold" by Adeline Yen Mah.



**The wealth of a community lies within the people who live in it.
Wealth cannot be created without understanding and love for all people
at the grass roots.**

Wealth is an inclusive process.

Wealth does not relate to money - money is only the by-product of new ideas new energy and new inputs.

Wealth is when each and every person is encouraged educated and assisted to reach their full potential.

**Wealth is about the freedom to be who and what you want to be.
May you have a long wealthy healthy and terrific experience in this life.**

Embrace change and enjoy the challenges.

Joy Engelman

Member Profile: Kerry O'Conner

Kerry was born in Yeppoon, she has three brothers who she loved to be with.

Her fondest childhood memory is when she was 7 riding with her oldest brother and some of his friends to a mine nearby (42km) needless to say they never made it but Kerry remembers the boys taking it in turns to double up with her and they did get her home safely.

Kerry completed year 12 and then went to TAFE to study Hospitality and Business. She then saw the light and went to CQU to study Nursing, she now works as the Nursing Unit Manager of the Medical ward at Mt Isa Base Hospital.



Kerry is currently re-evaluating her life as she reached her 45year goal 10 years early.

Kerry belongs to the service and status of women committee. She obviously has a kind and caring heart for people as the most worthwhile thing she has ever done is be a foster parent which she finds challenging and rewarding.

To relax Kerry likes to Quilt and also does scrap booking.

Favourite travel destination is Ireland although she hasn't been there yet.

Anne Neilson is her closest friend and would probably say that Kerry is an over-achiever and doesn't know it and is a good friend.

Kerry, thank-you for your time with this profile it's great to know a bit more about you.

A friendly reminder from our Treasurer

It's the time of year you do not like, of that I know is true, but to continue our good work, your membership fees are due!



Reminders!

Ladies, don't forget to collect your Brumby's stamps.





**Birthday
Girls for
April:**
8th Carmen
Wood
29th Dee
Wilburn



Inside every older
person is a younger
person -- wondering
what the hell
happened.
-Cora Harvey
Armstrong

AGM 2006

Our AGM will be held in the
May dinner meeting.
All board positions will remain
the same.
If you wish to broaden your
experience and change
committees now is the time
to do it.

Apologies

If you can't attend the next
meeting please phone
apologies before Monday to
Margot Dunstan
PH: 4743 5718

A family of three tomatoes were walking downtown one day when the little baby tomato started lagging behind. The big father tomato walks back to the baby tomato, stomps on her, squashing her into a red paste, and says, "Ketchup!"

Activities around the World

Zonta Club Aschaffenburg Area (Germany) provides two young women with a job as cooks as well as food for about 25 elderly people on a daily basis.

Moldova is the poorhouse of Europe. Clamped between Romania's Carpathian Mountains and the vast fields of Ukraine most people overlook the tiny country and its 4.5 million inhabitants. Despite the small size of Moldova the country's problems are huge. Three quarter of its population live below the poverty line. Especially old people are fighting for survival, because their pension is less than the minimum of \$US40 needed to survive. Meanwhile many often young and well-educated people have left the country in search for a better life.

Unfortunately, the new life all too often turns out to be worse than the old one. Especially women and teenagers often fall prey to criminals and end up as slave laborers or prostitutes. Although it is difficult to find exact numbers the German embassy in Chisinau, Moldova's capital, and the International Organization for Migration (IOM) have confirmed that trafficking business in Moldova is booming.

To help young women in Moldova to find a job Zonta Club Aschaffenburg Area, Germany decided in 2004 to sponsor a soup kitchen in the Moldovan village Costesti. About 25 elderly people receive a free lunch there daily. The food is being cooked by two Moldovan women in their early 20s. Since Spring 2005 Zonta is not only paying the women's monthly pay, but also financing the food.

"This initiative is only a small step toward solving the immense problems of the people and especially women in Moldova," wrote Zontian Inken Heeb. "Therefore getting involved in Moldova in different projects or expanding Zonta's anti-trafficking program to Moldova could not only be rewarding but also a truly Zontian challenge."

If you need more information about Moldova or our project contact:
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I don't want to get to the end of my life and find that I lived just the length of it. I want to have lived the width of it as well. Diane Ackerman

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