



Flinders Facts

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President's Report

I am looking forward to this month's meeting to hear what our Area Director Nan Berrett has to share with us about the media. Nan has a wealth of knowledge and expertise in this area. One of our club aims this year is to improve and extend our media profile and I know Nan will give us many useful strategies to achieve this.

We are also presenting for discussion and ratification at the meeting a draft proposal of Adelaide Flinders Goals and Strategies for 2015-2016. This has been compiled with considerable and considered input from members through individual committee discussions and from discussions at Board level. I hope members will find this document a useful source of reference to enable us to maintain our focus.

I am pleased to report that I received notification this week that our Birthing Kits assembled at St Josephs in May have arrived in Lubumbashi in DR Congo and are being distributed through World Vision for use by traditional birth attendants.

I will be travelling in Europe for 6 weeks from 27 August and will leave the club in the very capable hands of the Board members who have volunteered to take on extra tasks in my absence. Please contact your committee chair or any other board member if you have questions or need help. The next time I see many of you will be at the District Conference from 16-18 October. I know several members have already registered and hope others will do so soon. It promises to be a valuable conference with some inspiring speakers.

See you in October.

Yours in Zonta

Sue

AUGUST DINNER MEETING

6:15 for 6:45 pm
Wednesday
19th August 2015

Dinner Meeting

OBJECTS & THANKS

Rochelle Woodley-Baker

GUEST SPEAKER:

Area 2 Director - Nan Berrett

VOTE OF THANKS

Public Schools Club
207 East Terrace
Adelaide

MAKING THE MOST OF SOCIAL MEDIA Eronwy Edwards

Apologies and guests to Isobel at ismcfarlane@gmail.com or 0418 953 648 by Monday noon before the meeting.



**Board left holding the bag
instead of carrying the
suitcase!**

Happy **AUGUST** Birthdays



13th Tania Kinal
14th Margaret Rowland
15th Marie Beardsley
23rd Helen Cawley

Enjoy your day of fun and celebrations

JULY GUEST SPEAKER - JULIE MONIS IVETT

Julie Monis-Ivett spoke at the July club meeting about the Birthing Kit Foundation and informed members on the history of the Birthing Kit Foundation which is funded by the Government (AusAID) in partnership with Zonta who funds 50% of costs and the rest of the organisation is funded by donations.

The Birthing Kit foundation is involved in making and sending birthing kits to developing countries who lack the sanitation and vital needs for child birth.

The Birthing Kit Foundation (Australia) works with organisations and communities to provide a clean birthing environment for women in developing countries in order to reduce the incidence of infant and maternal mortality. Adelaide Flinders Zonta Club conduct birthing kit days to assemble the kits, the last one being conducted in conjunction with St Joseph's Education Centre Enfield.

Birthing Kit Foundation also provides education to the communities where the birthing kits are donated to and train local women to use and distribute them.

Members learned more from the short video Julie showed, which showed how much the birthing kits are improving the lives of the women in developing countries.

Cathy Pettinger



17 August
CLUB DINNER MEETING
Public Schools Club

19 August
CHARTER OF A NEW Z CLUB
Zonta Club of Hobart Derwent will charter of the first Tasmanian Z Club, the Z Club of Ogilvie High School

22 August
PARA DISTRICTS QUIZ NIGHT
See Flyer for details

29 August
COMBINED ADVOCACY GROUP

16 September
CLUB DINNER MEETING
Public Schools Club

18 September
CHARTER CELEBRATION
ZONTA CLUB OF LOWER EYRE

16 - 18 October
DISTRICT 23 CONFERENCE
Grand Chancellor Hotel, Adelaide

21 October
CLUB DINNER MEETING
Public Schools Club

7 November
COMBINED ADVOCACY GROUP

25 November
ADELAIDE WHITE RIBBON
BREAKFAST
Adelaide Convention Centre

2 - 6 July 2016
INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION
Nice, France



President Sue with July Guest Speaker Julie Monis -Ivett. and Secretary Margaret. (L to R). Julie's talk and video was enthusiastically received by all members.

TOILETRY OF THE MONTH

Bring to the meeting and give to Isobel

CONDITIONER



NEXT MONTH:

**Ladies Cotton Briefs
size 14, 16, or 18**

NEWEST Z CLUB

On 19th August 2015 , Area 5 will charter
the **fourth** Z club in our District.

The Zonta Club of Hobart Derwent on their charter of their
first Tasmanian Z Club, the **Z Club of Ogilvie High School.**

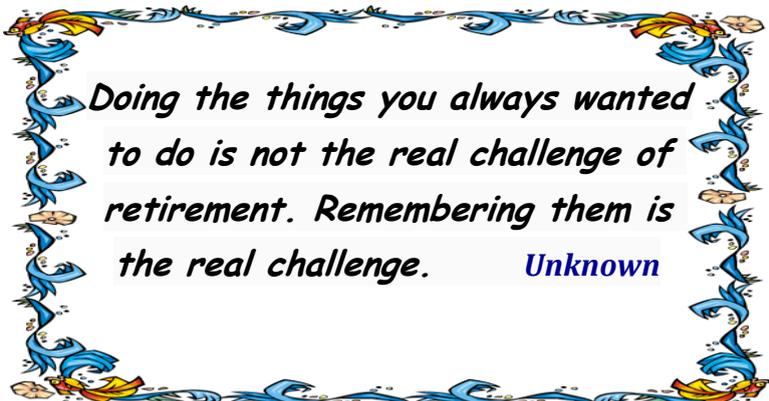
OUR NEWEST AREA 2 CLUB WILL CHARTER IN CUMMINS!



AUGUST MEETING

NAN BERRETT—MAKING THE MOST OF MEDIA

Bring your iPads and/or computers along to the meeting (with your own internet connection as the Public Schools Club one is not that wonderful in the room we usually occupy) for Nan's talk at our meeting.



HOW CAN WOMEN LEAVE WHEN THEY HAVE NOWHERE TO GO?

By **JANE CARO**



Jane Caro is a novelist, author, columnist and award winning advertising writer. She appears regularly on Weekend Sunrise, Channel 9 Mornings and Gruen Planet.

There is nothing new about domestic violence. Back in the late '90s, when I was writing ads for the NSW Police, I was shocked when my client told me it was the biggest single reason police got called. Violence in the home, they told me, had led call-outs for car theft, street crime and drug offences as far back as any copper could remember.

That's why the NSW Police Service (it's now called Force) was so keen to brief us to write some community-service commercials to raise awareness about the prevalence of domestic violence.

One was so successful I remember a newspaper reporting that magistrates were complaining that applications for Apprehended Violence Orders were clogging up the courts.

That complaint is interesting because it reveals how domestic violence was seen 20 years ago, even by our justice system. Instead of celebrating that women were standing up to brutal relationships, their courage was dismissed. Women escaping violence at home were seen as irritating, time-wasting and inconvenient. Given the statistics, I suppose some of them may have ended up dead.

A few years ago, feminist organisation Destroy the Joint began keeping a grim record of the number of women murdered annually in Australia. Midway through 2015, 45 women have died violently, the majority of them at the hands of their male partner. In 2014, the number was 84. That's a rate of almost two women a week.

This new focus on the human toll of domestic violence has been very powerful. It is wonderful to see how it has changed attitudes to intimate-partner violence and it is feminist organisations such as Destroy the Joint, and feminists such as Rosie Batty, who deserve the credit for that change.

They have called it what it is - a gender issue, and symptomatic of a society that still tolerates the view that women are the possessions of men. This change of attitude has been remarkably rapid and has mirrored the speed at which feminism has been brought roaring back onto the agenda by the unmediated access women now have to the public conversation.

Thanks to the internet, no one can gate-keep women's concerns any more. What they care about gains audiences and that brings power. A reason there is such vitriol aimed at women online is precisely because they have become such a powerful presence.

Domestic violence is private no more. It is firmly on the public agenda and organisations that have toiled doggedly in this space for decades suddenly find themselves hailed as champions and able to raise funds in ways they never dreamt of.

As a result, women in violent relationships are being encouraged (literally given the courage) to leave. Which is great – but also high risk.

People who work in this area know that women in abusive relationships are at greatest risk when they finally pluck up the courage to get away. Many of those who have been murdered had left or were attempting to leave when their partner struck.

Women like Comrie Cullen, killed by her estranged husband on January 22, who left him in October 2013 but could not escape his desire for revenge. Or Lisa Harnum, thrown over a 15th-floor balcony in 2011 when her fiancée discovered she was leaving.

If we are going to encourage women to leave abusive partners - as we should - it is imperative we give them somewhere safe to go, and this is where we are failing horribly. Funding for women's refuges is being cut, many are closing, and there are reports of terrified women being turned away. Like those women "clogging up the courts" back in the '90s, some of them may also end up dead.

It is another form of abuse to turn society into a cheer squad noisily exhorting women to leave violent partners and then, when they do, to fall silent when it comes to finding them safe places to go.

This story was found at: <http://www.dailylife.com.au/news-and-views/dl-opinion/how-can-women-leave-when-they-have-nowhere-to-go-20150710-gi9e5k.html>

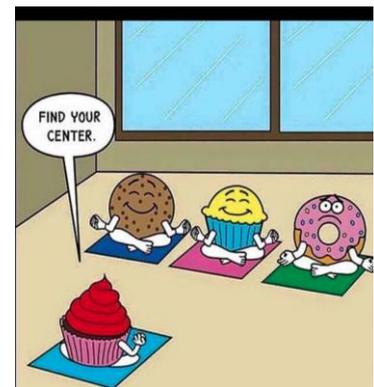
Published: July 12, 2015 – Thanks to Area Director Nan Berrett for forwarding this on.

Earhart 'died a POW' Tokyo

Two pieces of bent and corroded metal are evidence that Amelia Earhart crash-landed on the remote Mili atoll, part of the Marshall Islands in the Pacific in 1937. Researchers claim she and her navigator Fred Noonan died as prisoners of the Japanese.

After World War 2, there were several reports claiming the two had been captured by the Japanese after landing in Mili. Accused of being spies, Mr Noonan and Ms Earhart died of dysentery, it is claimed.

This article was sent to me by former Governor Alison Martin. It was published in the West Australian newspaper on 29th June 2015-



CONGRATULATIONS!

Marisa's daughter Rebecca presented her with a Grandson – Thomas John Fletcher on 16th July 2015.