



## BPW Joondalup

Business and Professional Women Australia

*BPW Joondalup invites you to "Think BIG" about...  
our global community*

### You are invited to join us to celebrate our International Night and Annual Candle Lighting Ceremony

This is a very special night on the BPW Calendar where we celebrate the breadth of BPW clubs around the world, our international connections and network, and consider those members who do not have the freedom, comforts and successes which we enjoy.

## Making a difference half a world away

presented by  
Sarah Jayne Flatters



Sarah Jayne Flatters is an 18 year old, second year University Student studying International Business, Japanese (and now Spanish!) and is a former member of the City of Joondalup Youth Advisory Council. In 2003 when she was 15 years old Sarah joined BPW Joondalup and was the youngest member in Australia for quite some time. She recently spent her 3 month University summer vacation volunteering in Peru, South America with an Australian based organisation called World Youth International.

**At the BPW Joondalup International Night Dinner Meeting Sarah Jayne will share with us some of her experiences while working in regional Peru assisting impoverished communities to better their living standards and meeting some wise women along the way**

*We look forward to you joining us –*

- When:** Tuesday 10th April 2007, 6.30pm for a 7pm start.  
**Where:** Joondalup Function Centre, City of Joondalup Buildings, Boas Ave, Joondalup (same level as library). *Map available on our website.*  
**Cost :** \$28 for members, \$30 for guests (2 course dinner and coffee).  
Please note – all bookings for dinner must be paid for.  
**RSVP:** By 5pm on **Wednesday, 4th April** to President Liz Flatters;  
ph: 9300 4511 or 0402 080 710, email [liz@stayingintouch.com.au](mailto:liz@stayingintouch.com.au)

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with  
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2007

BPW is an international organisation that educates and informs women, undertaking research and projects aimed at making a positive difference for women. At a local level BPW offers great opportunities for developing social and professional networks for women of all ages.

To discover more about BPW Joondalup visit <http://stayingintouch.com.au/bpwjoondalup>

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Dear Club Members and Guests

I hope you will find the speakers at your International Night inspiring. BPW WA is currently supporting the Philippines Sewing Project. Please find below detailed information on how you can help in very real terms, whether you are a BPW member or not. Your donations of goods can be brought to the BPW meeting you have been invited to above. Thank you to those who have already embraced this project.

Kind regards

*Michelle Miller*

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## **ORMOC SEWING PROJECT** *(Philippines)*

The aim of the project in Ormoc, Leyte Province in the Philippines is to equip 110 community centres with the means for local women to learn to sew for their families and eventually for their local market to earn extra income as there are few opportunities for employment.

Items required for donation include -

- a) Sewing Machines
- b) Haberdashery Items
- c) Fabric lengths & remnants
- d) Sewing Patterns

(see more detailed list below)

**Buttons, lace and braid trims, zips, hooks 'n' eyes and fabric remnants as well as sewing machines sit idle in the cupboards and garages of women in WA. Although many women work creatively on craft and sewing projects, there are many more who are too time-poor in today's lifestyle and never get around to completing projects even though they have purchased the materials.**

The Project is being co-ordinated by TCFWA in conjunction with BPW WA and has the support of the Rotary Club in Ormoc and Express Link International based in Kewdale which will see transport logistics and costs covered, to send a sea container to Ormoc in April 2007. Please note that sewing machines must have covers securely fastened with a generous amount of masking tape. Haberdashery items and fabric remnants need to be firmly packed into cartons and labelled (see attached).

This project can be hugely successful. When 232 BPW WA women actively support an idea that meets the BPW Aims & Objectives, the synergy is amazing as our WA history shows with the 2002 building of a family house in the Sri Lanka Peace Village, the sponsoring of education for young Mexican nurses and very recently the provision of sewing machines for women in Peru.

In the Ormoc Project we meet the BPW Aims of

- education and training for women and girls
- international understanding between women
- economic empowerment of women
- working with strategic alliances.

As well, there are the intangible benefits of making a difference in the lives of other women, especially when we're doing this by gathering together items that we rarely, if ever, use.

**This is a simple opportunity to take something out of your own cupboard (and encourage your family and friends to do the same) and know that without any intervention, the item will arrive in the community centres of Ormoc for local women to learn and develop skills.**

Why not use this 2007 BPW International Candle Lighting Night, to tangibly make a difference? Ask women attending your event, both members and guests to bring along a sewing machine or box of buttons and trims, on the night!

Note: Club coordinators should phone TCF WA Ormoc Project Coordinator Mel Rom Ph (08) 92711670 Mobile 0409 117822 email [mel.rom@tcfwa.com](mailto:mel.rom@tcfwa.com) if more information is required. Label templates are attached. Two copies of the list of carton contents is required.

## **TCF GLOBAL COMMUNITY SEWING PROJECT – ORMOC, LEYTE, PHILIPPINES**

### **Can you help? Donation of sewing machines, fabrics, trims, patterns needed!**

#### **Items required for donation include:-**

**Sewing Machines** - Hand operated machines eg treddle foot operated machine, handle turning types  
Electric domestic portable, straight sewing, zig zag; Overlockers - domestic, industrial  
Industrial machines of any sort – flat bed, zig zag, hemming, buttonhole, Machine spare parts, & attachments  
Sewing machine needles, bobbins, sewing machine manuals, sewing machine oils, sewing threads,

**Finishing Equipment** - Hemming machines, buttonhole machines, eyelet pliers, rivet machines, button making equipment, Irons, ironing boards and covers, Cutting machines, cutting gloves, Millinery Hat Blocks, Shoe Lasts,

**Trims & Sewing Accessories** – any quantities at all – bulk quantities and left overs  
Buttons, zippers, braids, ribbons, elastics, laces, needles, pins, Sewing threads, knitting needles, Knitting wools, tapestry threads, tailors chalks, hangers, dressmaking models, safety pins, cords, Sewing boxes – tape measures – scissors -  
Beads, jewellery items, findings, bag handles, hooks & eyes, embroidery threads, Tapestry threads; pinking shears

**Pattern Dressmaking Patterns** for Mens, Womens, Childrens, Babies, Home Furnishing patterns

**Textiles, Fabrics, Offcuts, Remants** for Men, Women, Children, Babies, Home furnishing  
Fabrics of any type - in any quantity example rolls or sample lengths  
Dress fabrics, Childrens fabrics, Home Furnishing fabrics, vilenes, calico, cottons  
Curtains – New / Used, School Uniform fabrics

**Books & Magazines** - Sewing, Craft & Hobby books, patchwork, quilting books, fashion magazines with patterns

#### **Pre made Sewing Kits and/or Sewing Kits with pre-cut sew outs – bought or made ups**

Sewing Kits, Craft Kits, Croquet Kits, Knitting Kits, Teddy Bear Kits  
Doll Kits, Embroidery Kits, or any other sort of hand-craft or hobby kit.

**Product ideas & sample ideas** for Mens, womens, childrens, babies, accessories, home furnishing  
Cushion, apron, carry bag, home furnishing, baby ideas, patchwork, quilting, any samples with instructions to follow

#### **Background**

The Textile, Clothing, Footwear Resource Centre of Western Australia Inc. (TCFWA), a Belmont based not for profit community organisation established the TCF Global Community Sewing project after Manager Carol Hanlon, Mel & Rhay Rom visited Ormoc, Philippines in January 2007 whilst on holidays. Carol held numerous meetings with community non government organisations (NGO's) and a TCF Ormoc organising committee has now been established with committee members headed by local government councillor Dr Gregorio Yrastorza, Rotary Club of Ormoc City, Pagtinabangay Foundation Inc, and local NGO's ECLIPSE, LEYAN and CSWDO who are all very keen to assist the community with productive micro small business development opportunities for the community.

#### **Packaging of donated items**

All donated items are to be packed in a secure, taped heavy duty carton or wrapped in heavy duty plastic with 2 copies of a packing slip attached to the outside of the carton or parcel. The packing slip must list in detail all items included inside of the carton. This is vital for the goods to be reviewed / released by Customs in Philippines

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