



NEWS

Zonta Club of Caboolture Inc
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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Do hope everyone had an enjoyable festive season and have been recharged for another busy Zonta year ahead. Welcome to 2014 with an exciting time for the next few months. We are looking at making a few changes this coming year. Be prepared to learn from past good and not so good experiences, but also to move forward with the ability to accomplish great things. Our fund raising effort with the selling of Glowies for the local council, Carol's by Candlelight and the Morayfield Shopping Centre gift wrapping has put a healthy balance in our bank account. Please convey my gratitude to all who volunteered for these events.

Our Dinner Meeting venue will be Soul Food and Coffee Shop, 22 King Street, Caboolture. You can find the café next to Breast Screening in the Lakes Centre.

President Carole

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR THE TREASURER!!!

Treasurer's report should have been received by now.

Please note the **new venue** for dinner meetings: *Soul Food and Coffee Shop (near the Breast Screen place; a couple of shops behind where Jade Jewellers used to be) 22 King Street, Caboolture Phone 5309 4714*

The cost per member for our dinner meetings is \$30. The club charges us \$25 per meal with the other \$5.00 being for club expenses ie guest speakers dinner, guest speakers gift, stamps etc

If you miss a meeting regardless of apology, you need to pay \$5.00 at the next meeting you attend.

If you are **unable to attend a meeting** please on this occasion Sandra a call. If she **doesn't hear from you by midday Monday PRIOR** to the meeting she will presume that you are attending. If you then unable to attend after this time **you will be liable for the cost of the meal - \$30.00.**

Treasurer, Karen McNab



BIRTHDAYS for February

Glenda - 14 February
Cecil - 23 February



No Report

Edith Fogg
Chairman



Cecil and Sandra met Wednesday morning, 22 January 2014 Happy New Year to all Zonta Club members.

Matters discussed were:

Membership Resources - Committee studied resources handed over by Chris

Member Report Forms - Form for resignation of Chris Ellis and Susan Shield has been prepared.

Birthday Cards - Membership Committee will keep up to date at this stage, but there may be members who would like to take on this fellowship role.

Prospective New Members - Making contacts with three women who have shown interest. As yet there has been no response. The Membership Committee is not planning any special events to attract members, but will respond to expressions of interest from women when received.

Outcomes from Membership Survey - Need for our club members to consider the positive suggestions given, and how to address the areas of concern, at future meetings and on Planning Day.

Fellowship - Committee members decided that they would not organise a December Fellowship Lunch/Dinner for 2014 as there are too many activities and events happening October to December. Membership Committee will still hold the luncheon in August for our birthday on or close to 03 August.

Summary Brochure - A draft brochure summarising our Club's interests to hand out at functions, Charity Days, Sausage Sizzles, other fund-raising events has been produced with Glenda's assistance, and with club approval from 2013. This was based on Cairns Zonta Club's brochure and with their permission.

However, a brochure from Redcliffe Zonta Club seems to be more succinct. Need to discuss this at a club meeting.

Also, the brochure should come under Publicity/Communications Committee.

Cecil Nielson
Acting Chairman

Advocacy Report

No Report
Chairman position to be filled.



FINANCE AND FUND RAISING

Thank you to all who were able to help on the Christmas gift wrapping roster - looks like we made almost \$9,000 so well done to you all plus the many friends of Zonta.

Our IWD luncheon is on Friday 7th March and Glenda has produced a wonderful flyer to be circulated to your contacts. Indications are it should be a successful event again especially with Professor Ian Frazer as our guest speaker. We will have less prizes and will only run the multi-draw raffle this year, possibly bundling the smaller items together into a larger prize. We do not expect members to go out and buy anything but if you have any new and unwanted items at home you'd like to donate please bring them to either the January or February meeting at the latest so we can collate the prizes. I have applied for a \$3,500 grant from Our Village Foundation but won't know until end of February if we are successful. An application for \$500 to The Community Chest (Caboolture Sports Club) will also be made.

Our club is hosting the Areas 1 & 3 meeting on Saturday 22nd March and we have ordered 120 eco Rose bags for the attendees and will provide a notebook, pen and bottle of water. Patricia sourced a sponsor for this event - John Page Motors - total cost approx \$300 to cover the above items. An invite will be made to all clubs wanting to sell goods on the day and we will also have a couple of other stalls who will provide a raffle prize to us, The Trading Circle also paying a \$75 fee. Our club will have about 6 raffles on the day - all proceeds going to us.

Sara Allard
Chairman

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

No report
Sandra Cooke (Chairman)



PUBLICITY

The article regarding Banksia Award recipient Ellie Buchan from Tullawong State High School was finally published. Rebecca, the journalist gave Zonta a plug which was a bonus. I have been in touch with Rebecca again about a feature article for IWD and she is happy to give us some space in the paper to publicise this.

Sue is absent, so there hasn't been a radio broadcast recently.

The District website is being updated to show Patricia's name as Secretary and a contact for information. Past newsletters need to be uploaded for archives, which I still have to do.

We need to think about what we can showcase at the Area Meeting. As the host club, we have been given 15 minutes to showcase something from Advocacy or Service perhaps. Any ideas? (a ZI project)

Thank you to the members who help with publicity: especially Waltraud for always being there with camera in hand ready to capture the day, Jo (Facebook), Sue (Radio), Patricia (who never misses the opportunity to give Zonta a mention) and others who promote Zonta wherever they go.

Patricia has sent many email to a number of schools and community members in and around the Moreton Bay Regions inviting them to the IWD Luncheon.

Tuesday 18 February is our next Charity Day. We could sell tickets in our Quilt and promote our International Women's Day Luncheon. Who is available from 8.30 am to 5.30pm to help on the day?

We are needing more of our glossy brochures as our stocks are extremely low.

Glenda Moor
Chairperson

ARCHIVES

Brief Club History Report

No Report

Sandra Cooke Coordinator.

UNITED NATIONS REPORT

[Lighting the villages: Grandmother solar engineers at work](#)

Posted by unw.waro in 08. Aug, 2013



Photo Credits: UN Women

28 June 2013, Bahr's Town, Liberia - It was a moment to watch and a memory to keep as non-literate elderly women solar engineers worked together to install solar light in Barh's Town, a village which has been in darkness since it was established. Harnessing the energy of the sun, women solar engineers can build and maintain small units which provide households with light and which can provide health centers and other community infrastructures with lighting. "I am glad that we can have light because light is life. When light is somewhere, there is no darkness", Wilmont Sackie George, Bahr's Town Community Chief.

There were cheers and applause all around, yet others stood in disbelief as they watched the older women confidently mount the panels on the roof, studying the sun's direction and positioning the panels, using their tools to test the panel and connecting the wires to the bulbs. Bahr's Town is one of the communities selected for the pilot phase of the rural electrification initiative being supported by UN Women for women in rural communities in Liberia.

In 2011, eight rural women from four communities across Liberia were provided an opportunity to travel to India to learn how to

build, install and operate a solar light system. As a result of the training, the women are now play this critical role in their communities. During the six months course at Barefoot College in India, they and other rural women from Africa, Asia and Latin America took part in a hands-on training which focused on building their skills and knowledge in this area, through watching and doing.



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As a result of the training, women and men in Barh's Town, Juah's Town, Bambala and Salayea will begin to have solar light. In most rural towns in Liberia, there is no access to electricity; women and their families depend on candles, kerosene lights and in some cases the burning embers of a cooking fire as sources of lights. In addition to the risks of these means of lighting, the high cost of kerosene as well as the cost of candles represents a significant financial burden on already overstretched household budgets.

"The solar panel light will really do well for us, it will help us save our small small money. The money we suppose to use to buy kerosene to put in the lantern for us to see and for our children to study can be given to the children the next day for their recess in school", said Ma Momo of Bahr's Town.

The women are proud even though they cannot read and write, they are engineers with knowledge and skills which can serve their communities. They are particularly proud because they also know that most engineers are men and most times literate.



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Working with the Ministry of Gender and Development, Bindu Sackie, Betty Cooper, Marie Weeks, Musu Junius, Massa Madave, Mama Bawor, Yassa Gbomelee and Garmai Yakpazuo were brought together in Bahr's Town for a week long refresher training in their skills which they will now be put to use in their respective villages. Upon arrival, they welcomed one another warmly with a smile and saying "Namaste" which in Hindi means "you are welcome". Over the next few months, more households in three other towns in rural Liberia will have light. With solar light at nighttime, children will be able to study and mothers will feel more secure, knowing that they can go to sleep without having to worry about risk.

The Ministry of Gender and Development and UN Women will continue to support them in putting their skills to use while also encouraging other rural women to pursue training as barefoot solar engineers as well as to encourage other young women to pursue higher degrees in the sciences.

Bringing light to rural communities, helping women to gain confidence in themselves and become role models for other women in their communities, are important steps in empowering women and in transforming a nation. As Chief Wilmont Sackie George had said, where there is light there is life.

Lorraine Samaraweera
Chairman