



# NEWS

Zonta Club of Caboolture Inc  
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Club Number 1428

## APRIL 2014

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### FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

At this month's Dinner Meeting we will hold our Annual General Meeting. All positions on the Board will be declared vacant and voting will take place.

A large number of members turned up for the stuffing of breast cushions at Edith's. The result was very favourable with nearly 100 cushions being stuffed and packed ready for distribution. We all enjoyed a most scrumptious meal. Thank you Edith and Peter for opening your house to us for the day.

During the month the Fund raising committee organised an exclusive shopping day at Estee Lauder and I am told was once again quite successful.

Patricia, our Secretary, and myself attended a few meetings for the Combined Services Clubs of Caboolture/Morayfield to finalise the Awards Night, which involves the Apex Club, the Lions and Lioness Clubs, the Rotary Club and our Zonta Club. Please consider attending this function which we hope will be an annual event between the Clubs mention above.

A reminder that our fees for Zonta International are due.

Do hope everyone enjoyed their Easter and Anzac holiday break.

*Just a reminder, could all Committee Chairpersons please forward to me their reports by the Monday before the Dinner Meeting.*

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 centre; a couple of shops behind where Jade Jewellers used to be) 22 King Street, Caboolture and just down from the Police Station and Courthouse. Phone 5309 4714*

The cost per member for our dinner meetings is \$30. They charge 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 call Patricia. 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 MAY

.Happy Anniversary to Deb (31/5)



SERVICE

Edith Fogg  
Chairman



## MEMBERSHIP

Matters discussed included:

- Member Report Forms for Chris Ellis, Susan Shields, Deb Symes will be sent on line.
- Induction for Deb 28 May - Sandra and Cecil will share the preparation tasks for this induction.
  - Cecil to introduce Deb as the new member, and Sandra will be sponsor
  - Sandra will follow up obtaining name badge from Action Trophy, organising new member's booklet
  - Cecil will liaise with Glenda re place card for meetings, and the possibility of obtaining the Zonta Information disk for Deb (to be included in the booklet) and organise the yellow rose.

Information mentioned in the recent Zonta International Newsletter, and available on line, referring to membership matters was also discussed.

- Membership Dialogue Survey Results: The ZI membership Task force Chairperson, Denise Quarries, reported the results of this on-line survey. She stated that *'membership has been declining for several years. In 1994 there were 36,241 Zontians and at the 2013 fiscal year end, we had 30,183. This represents a 17% decline in membership. While we continue to recruit members, more Zontians leave us than join each year. Most of those persons leaving Zonta do so after being a member for only two years. ....Additionally, we have an aging membership with most members between the ages of 46-65 and a very small number between 20-35 years of age.*

The report makes several recommendations about membership, which have been reflected in motions for the forthcoming Convention. Our members will have an opportunity to comment on the motions presented by the By-Laws and Constitution Committee.

- New members: There is good news for new members. If new or charter members join between 1 April- 31 May 2014, they only have to pay ZI dues for 1 year taking their membership to 31 May 2015.
- Member incentives - There is now an opportunity for recognition of members who have recruited two or more members from 1 June 2012 to 31 May 2014. Completed

application forms must be sent by Club Presidents by 7 June. The Membership Committee agreed that our club may not be able to recommend members for the forthcoming Convention.

- A power point presentation guide: Welcome to Zonta, New Member Orientation Presentation is available on-line, and can be adapted to include local club matters. The Membership Committee will liaise with Glenda to compare with our own Zonta Information disk/USB.
- Follow-up of Survey 2013 - Membership Committee will prepare a short discussion session to discuss how the Club will address expressed areas of concern. Sessions would be 10-15 minutes during Committee Report Time, suggesting positive actions for our club to take. It is expected that sessions may be held over 2-3 meetings.

Membership Report covered the following:

- Member Report Forms - Chris Ellis, Susan Shields, Deb Symes
- Induction for Deb Symes 28 May Dinner Meeting
- Zonta International Membership Dialogue Survey Results
- Information from ZI re New members
- ZI Incentives for Members
- ZI Power Point Presentation 'Welcome to Zonta, New Member Orientation'

Cecil Nielson  
Acting Chairman

## ADVOCACY REPORT

Six (6) items were discussed:

A **first** draft of an action plan for the Safe Bus Project for Women and Girls in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea was discussed and the Committee was satisfied with its wording and workability. Further information is needed about how money raised by other community groups, schools and individuals can be paid into the account organised by UN Women Australia, as well as assurances that all money raised will go directly into this fund. A budget will be required for costs incurred as we go forward with this project. The power point presentation is not yet started as images and cultural information has been sought by UN Women Australia on our behalf from

UN Women Papua New Guinea. Club members input into the making of this power point is welcomed.

**Secondly**, the CRDVS request for support for their fundraising dinner as part of the 16 days of activism to eliminate Violence against women was followed up. The CRDVS is seeking a financial donation towards the estimated cost of \$2000 of expenses for the guest speaker, Lani Brennan; advice regarding the planning of the dinner; assistance with raffle items and selling of tickets; assistance with publicity on the night and attendance at the function by our club members. As partners in this advocacy event our club would be able to have a five minute timeslot to highlight our Zonta Says No campaign and other advocacy projects relating to VAW; display our banners; have our brochures on the tables and have a side table to display our information.

The guest speaker, Lani Brennan, is an Australian Aboriginal and a Maori woman who experienced extreme domestic violence, survived the legal processes and now works within the Aboriginal community to change beliefs and attitudes towards Domestic violence and community distrust of the police.

The funds raised by this CRDVS event are earmarked to introduce LOVE BITES, a program to prevent violence and designed for high school students.

**Thirdly**, the CRDVS Safety cards launch will be held at a breakfast in May. A sample of the card was discussed.

**Fourthly** the committee discussed the UN Literacy Day which will be on 8<sup>th</sup> September. We are looking for a speaker for our September meeting and it was suggested that one of our members who is involved professionally in the adult literacy field could be asked if she would like to inform us. The Adult Literacy Group in Caboolture will be followed up to see if they have any needs that we may be able to meet. The Club has previously supported this group.

The committee **then** discussed an article about an inspiring campaigner for women's rights, Marg O'Donnell. This article was in the Courier Mail QWeekend on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2013. The committee recommended that Marg O'Donnell be approached as a speaker for a Club's future lunch or dinner event.

**Lastly**, we do not as yet have any contacts for refugee women for whom we might be able to provide support in the form of some special items for which they do not have access.

Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month, 10 am at President Carole's home.

Lorraine Samaraweera  
Chairman



### FINANCE AND FUNDRAISING

Our club has agreed to help DABI raise money for their new 10 seater dragon boat by hosting a Fashion Parade - Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June, 2014 from 10.30am at Burpengary Community Hall. Glenda has designed a wonderful flyer "Keeping Abreast of Fashions" and this will be circulated to members. Fashions this year by Bell & Bird of Lawnton. We have also negotiated with Dragons Abreast Australia to receive tax deductible donations. All donations over \$2 are tax deductible. Cheques to be made payable to Dragons Abreast Australia, we will bank all donations to their account in a lump sum, they will retain 10% and the balance will be given to DABI towards their boat purchase. We are also seeking Corporate donations - our goal is to get 50 businesses to donate \$100 each. So please ask any businesses you may deal with. If they are interested then please get their name and contact details, let them know I will contact them to organise collection of their donation and to issue them their official receipt.

A date has also been set for our Zonta Antique Roadshow - Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> August, 2014 - 10am to 4pm. Deb and Waltraud have offered to assist with the organisation of this event. Sue will orchestrate upon her return. Glenda has prepared a flyer and Pam T-S has secured St Michael's Abbey Church Hall, Old Toorbul Point Road, Ningi. More details next month.

We have 2 BBQs at Bunnings in May - Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May. If you are able to help on either of these dates please let me know asap. Thanks.

Sara Allard  
Chairman



### PUBLICITY

Glenda Moor  
Chairperson

## CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

No report

Sandra Cooke (Chairman)

## UNITED NATIONS REPORT

### **Women in PNG: blue ribbon for abuse, white for violence**

Ume Wainetti | Jun 12, 2013 11:04AM

Women in PNG are raped, beaten and murdered by partners, fathers and brothers. **Ume Wainetti**, national co-ordinator of the PNG Family and Sexual Violence Action Committee, has had enough.



Family and sexual violence is a crisis facing the women and children of Papua New Guinea.

Recent data shows that 50% of PNG's women have been raped in their own homes and 68% of women have been subjected to physical violence.

The Family and Sexual Violence Action Committee (FSVAC) was established in 2000, as the women of PNG were saying, when the country was celebrating independence, we had nothing to celebrate. We were being beaten, raped and murdered. So we decided that there should be a peak body established to reduce the violence that we see in our country.

Why do we call this problem "family and sexual violence" when we could just say it is gender-based? Because when we talk about gender-based violence, we mostly see this as intimate partner violence. It lets the other violence that is seen in our families fall through the cracks — when our brothers beat us up or kill us, where we are beaten by fathers for falling pregnant to men they don't approve of, honour killings. Incest is a traditional practice allowed in our matrilineal societies to retain land by the brother's family. None of this is reported to the police.

This is why we say family violence. And when we are talking about combatting family and sexual violence, we are also talking about changing our own way of life (for example, the practice of incest in matrilineal societies). Men are expected to have

control over their women, and it is accepted that a man should correct his wife or sister to conform to the expectation of the community. In PNG community rights are more important than women's rights, and hence we see many times women agreeing to do things that would violate their rights. For instance, a woman will keep quiet about sexual abuse because she does not want to see her family hurt.

How do we help to change women's minds/attitudes so they do not think it is OK for their husbands, brothers and fathers to beat, rape and even murder them?

There are many myths about this violence. When a woman goes *long-long* (mad), people say it's sorcery, it's never the husband's fault. And sometimes we PNG women believe that when a husband hits us, it means that he loves us or is jealous. Often you will see even our highly educated women continue to live their lives through their husbands, with everything being about him. But tomorrow, if he walks out, he will leave her with nothing. Many times we make excuses for the violence that we see, blaming it on culture or alcohol and drugs. So our own understanding of domestic violence is confused, and we continue to accept living like this.

From what we see, the age group that is witnessing the most sexual violence — whether it is gang rape, rape in the home, or rape by a father or step-father — are those between the ages of five and 19.

The other thing we are now seeing, because the status of women is so low, is a lack of interest from parents to make sure their daughters have opportunities. As a result, many young girls are getting married at a very early age. In Papua New Guinea, we have 733 maternal deaths for every 100,000 births. More women die in childbirth in PNG than in any other Pacific country. One of the many reasons for this is because women are having babies at such a young age, when they are still girls. By the time they are 21 years old they might already have three children.

And so the story goes on. Whether we are living in mining areas, in villages or in the towns, this is the story of life for PNG women. Every time PNG participates in international human rights events, we say the different ribbons we wear tell a story of a PNG woman: blue, sexually/abused as a child; white, beaten up as an adult; red, infected and died from HIV/AIDs.

The only laws now available in the country are assault laws, and these are currently used to charge perpetrators for physical injuries, while sexual abuses are addressed under the 2002 *Amended Criminal Code and Evidence Act*. We are now working

on the *Family Protection Bill*. We hope it will go through so that we can actually take those causing violence within families to court and have them charged for an offence under the term domestic violence.

We need more facilities to help women and families. We can't just look to developed countries for examples, we need to look at what we can offer ourselves. Right now, we have established family support centres where battered women and children can go for immediate medical treatment and psychosocial support. There are now about 15 of these centres in the country, and we have seen around 12,000 women come through them in six years. But this only counts those who are willing to come, and these centres are not available everywhere.

Another thing that we urgently need is to establish services for men. For example, if a man cannot get an erection, he then blames his wife and beats her up. So we need men to also understand their own health problems.

*\* Ume Wainetti is the national co-ordinator of the PNG Family and Sexual Violence Action Committee. This is an excerpt from a piece posted on the [Development Policy Blog](#), which is run out of the ANU and covers aid and development analysis, focussed on the Pacific.*

*\*\* Photograph by [Vlad Sokhin](#).*

Lorraine Samaraweera  
Chairman