



# NEWS

Zonta Club of Caboolture Inc  
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District 22 ... Area 1  
Club Number 1428

## August 2013

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### FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Thank you to all who have helped and participated in all of our activities this last month.

Our 20<sup>th</sup> birthday was a great success with lots of positive feedback.

The bag and shoe sale was not quite the outcome we were hoping for, but it should finish on a favourable level after the Sunday Market Day in September.

The pre-packing of the Birthing Kits was followed the same night with a session at Diana Ferrari.

The actual packing of the Birthing Kits was done in record time with the support of many volunteers.

Just a reminder that copies of committee reports should be with me before the Dinner Meeting.

President Carole

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR THE TREASURER!!!

Treasurer's report should have been received by now.

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 give Patricia a telephone call on 0410 617 825. If she doesn't hear from you by midday Monday PRIOR to the meeting she will presume that you are attending. If you then are unable to attend after this time **you will be liable for the cost of the meal - \$30.00.**

We are charged for 20 meals regardless of how many attend our dinner meetings

Treasurer, Karen



### BIRTHDAYS

FOR AUGUST - Waltraud - 07/08  
Sandra Cooke and Lorraine Samaraweera - 10/09  
Susan Shield - 23/09



Many thanks to the members and volunteers from the community who gathered on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> July to assemble the 1200 Birthing Kits. We do not know the destination, but I will inform the Club as soon as I know where they have gone.

The afternoon went very smoothly, thanks to the pre-pack day, where much of the difficult work was completed. I would especially like to thank the volunteers, three of which were from the Samsonvale District (Sue, Mary and Amanda) and Peter's sister Anne and daughter Deb (who often help with "things"), Mandy Edwards, her mother Mary and Mary's

daughter Sydney. There were some new faces there this year and also some "old" ones like Annie, Jenny and Rosemary. They do so much to help Zonta. It was a lovely afternoon and we came up with the exact number of 1200 (after I lost one packet and Sue saw it under the boxes).

Dr. Andrew Browning said that it is the best project Zonta has ever undertaken, as the kits are ready to go and can just be loaded into the ambulances and sent out into the field. He was full of praise for the project and as it works so well where it is needed, we look forward to continuing it as a project in future years, as our funds allow.

Thanks to Zontians and volunteers for a job well done.

Edith Fogg (for the Service Committee)



### MEMBERSHIP

Discussed orientation meeting for Waltraud and her sponsor Pam T.S. Sandra agreed to organise and to co-ordinate a convenient time and place with both members.

Discussed also an application for membership, sponsored by a Zonta member, to be presented to the next Board meeting for discussion and Board approval.

Questionnaire: Cecil informed the committee she is waiting for some outstanding forms to be presented and the Committee agreed to move the preparation and collation of the relevant data to the next committee meeting.

Discussed role play /scenarios that the committee felt would be an advantage to the membership helping the understanding of running a meeting. The idea is to help towards the encouragement of future Board members and also help members become comfortable in some Chair and Board positions.

These ideas to be presented to the Board for discussion as to if and when the ideas may be implemented.

Also the idea of Creative and arts style presentation with members at a meeting sharing some of their creative abilities (crafts, music, song, poetry etc.) with the theme 'getting to know you better'. This could be showing our skills?

Venue for the Christmas Party in Nov was put on the agenda for discussion as to when and where would be suitable for this function. One suggestion was Pacific Harbour Golf Club. The Membership committee will investigate further and return to the General meeting with their thoughts. Members welcome to make suggestions as to suitable venues for the occasion.

Leaflets about Zonta based on the Cairns Zonta Club (with their permission), but adapted to Caboolture, will be ready to print by the next meeting. These will be useful for the Zonta says No Demonstration and IWD bags.

Chris Ellis  
Chairman

### Advocacy Report

Discussed the Afripad Project and with Sandra's and Robyn's major effort prepared:

- Procedural Guidelines
- Action Plan
- Letter to Afripads Foundation seeking further information
- Score Card explanation for Zonta International and Caboolture Club
- Letter offering Presentation and Booking Forms
- PowerPoint Presentation, Presenters information and slides.
- Presentation Feedback Form.
- Donation Information Leaflet .

Still In Preparation:

- Sequence of process
- Train Presenters, Costings and Club Funding.
- Refine and finalise documents.

Robyn requested Susan Shields be the Chairperson for Advocacy

## Zonta says No Campaign

Apex Park has been booked for the 10am to 12md slot on the 24<sup>th</sup> Nov. The area is between the playground and the road

Envisaged a multicultural display with flags and possibly candles and costumes and guest speakers.

T shirts are available through Karen before 31<sup>st</sup> July for Club members wishing to buy.

To be confirmed by the Board the purchase of 100 orange ribbons.

Funding for a sign that could be used each year as an ongoing yearly project is being sought.

Artist preparing portrait, possibly for display in Libraries etc.

Robyn contacted Deb Baxter for information regarding multicultural input and will organise a meeting.

Sue to contact indigenous groups.

Suggestions for guest speakers on going.

The Haven project discussed and Sue will coordinate and follow through with Gayle and bring more information to the next committee meeting

Resolved by the Committee

- Sue to organise the Haven Sub-committee
- Robyn Afripads Sub-committee
- Chris Zonta says No Sub-committee

I would like to thank all the committee members who have helped get the Advocacy Committee up and functioning and to everyone who has been so helpful to me during the initial stages

Chris Ellis  
Chairman



## FINANCE AND FUND RAISING

Diana Ferrari was a great night and we made \$258.27. Thanks to all able to attend.

We're getting ready for the Community Challenge this Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> August. It would be great to have non competing club members and family to come along and support the "Zany Zontians". Hopefully we're in for a chance for the \$5,000 top prize but to have some fun too.

A few dates to note in your diaries and please volunteer if you can help with the BBQ or our Market Day:-

- ✚ Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September - Bunnings BBQ (roster to be circulated)
- ✚ Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September matinee - Twelfth Night Theatre "When Dad Married Fury" starring John Wood
- ✚ Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September - Caboolture Markets to sell shoes and bags (roster available)
- ✚ Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October - Fashion Parade at Burpengary Hall (this date has been changed)
- ✚ Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October - Twelfth Night Theatre "The Book Club" starring Amanda Muggleton
- ✚ Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October - Bunnings BBQ (roster available at September meeting)
- ✚ Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November - Zonta Says No Project lunch at Norths Leagues Club
- ✚ Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November - Bunnings BBQ (roster available at October meeting)

Sara Allard  
Chairman

## CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

**Proposed Recommendations to the Club's Delegate Voting at the 2013 District 22 Conference for Club Approval:**

All members have received the following documents from the District 22 Bylaws and Resolutions Chairman for the Business Sessions

at the District 22 Conference 28-29 September 2013. The Committee read each item and discussed **recommendations** to be presented for Club approval at the 28 August 2013 Dinner Meeting:

- Standing Rules for the Zonta International District 22 Conference
- Rules of Procedure for District 22 - 2013 Amendments
- Primary Slate of Candidates for the 2014-2016 District 22 Officers and Nominating Committee
- Motions Relating to Non Bylaws Matters and Resolutions

The following **recommendations** for the Club's Delegate to vote on the Club's behalf at the 2013 District Conference were presented to the Board at its 21 August Meeting and will then be presented to Club members for approval at the monthly Dinner Meeting on 28 August 2013.

**Standing Rules for the Zonta International District 22 Conference:**

**Recommend that the Club's Delegate vote to adopt the proposed Standing Rules as they allow the Conference Business Sessions to proceed and can be amended or suspended during the Conference as a Point of Order.**

**Rules of Procedure for District 22 - 2013 Amendments:**

As detailed in the footnotes most of the proposed amendments are to comply with Zonta International nomenclature, added for clarification and for clarity when changed to different sections.

**Recommend that the Club's Delegate vote to adopt the proposed amendments.**

**Primary Slate of Candidates for the 2014-2016 District 22 Officers and Nominating Committee:**

Currently all positions except one have one nominated candidate with a vacancy existing in the Nominating Committee. The position of Lieutenant Governor has two nominated candidates. Nominations can be withdrawn or received From the Floor for any position.

**Recommend that if the Primary Slate of Candidates remains unchanged then the Club's Delegate vote for the candidate whose name will be presented at the 28 August 2013 Dinner Meeting for the position of Lieutenant Governor and for the current candidates in each position.**

**However if a candidate withdraws her nomination and other candidates are nominated From the Floor then it is recommended that the Club's Delegate is granted approval to vote as she sees fit after individual presentations by all candidates.**

**Motions - A. Relating to Non Bylaw Matters:**

A.1 That the Zonta International District 22 Board reviews the existing Voluntary Workers Insurance Policy and investigates and reports to members within four months on alternative policies which may provide enhanced benefits.

**Recommend that the Club's Delegate vote for this motion.**

A.2 That District 22 advocate to the Minister for Mental Health and Aging for an increase in funding to the helpline of the Post and Ante Natal Depression Association Inc (PANDA) to provide additional resources to support the current and growing need for this service.

**Recommend that the Club's Delegate vote for this motion.**

**Motions - B. Resolutions:**

B.1 That Zonta District 22 advocates to local government councils in Queensland that they undertake a safety audit to identify those areas which may be unsafe for women and the girl child, especially around transport services (train, bus stations, ferry terminals), public amenities (especially public toilets), sports grounds, parks and gardens, cultural precincts and major shopping centres.

**Recommend that the Club's Delegate vote for this motion.**

B.2 As Zonta International District 22 advocates for breaking the cycle of violence we



request that the Queensland Police Service report on the outcomes of their Domestic and Family Violence Strategy 2009-2013 with respect to its effectiveness in helping women to exit such violence.

**Recommend that the Club's Delegate vote for this motion.**

During Business Sessions amendments may be proposed to any of the Motions above and therefore it is recommended that the Club's Delegate be granted approval to vote as she sees fit on any of the Motions in the light of additional information provided or amendments made to the Motions at the 2013 District 22 Conference

Sandra Cooke (Chairman)



#### **SOCIAL MEDIA and UN Communications Report**

The local paper did a great article recently which featured a beautiful photo of Sara and Patricia looking splendid at our 20<sup>th</sup> Birthday lunch at The Place 2b.

The article mentioned the shoe and bag sale as well as the Birthing Kit Assembly Day (even though they got the venue and time wrong). Thank you to those responsible for getting the information correct in the next publication of the Caboolture News.

Our Committee has a great team working towards the promotion of our club. Patricia is doing a fabulous job of the newsletter, Joanne (FB), Sue D (Radio Interviews), Glenda (publications and Website) and we welcome our newest member Waltraud Clark as the Club's Photographer.

I'll take this opportunity of thanking Lorraine for her United Nations updates and we wish her and Sue Shield a safe and enjoyable trip to Sri Lanka in the coming weeks.

Glenda Moor  
Chairman

#### **UNITED NATIONS REPORT**

##### **Widows use puppetry to find a new path to freedom**

Written by [sabrina](#)

*Through training provided by a UN Women programme, 16 widows have learnt puppetry and given eight public performances. By making their own puppets and scripting their plays, they have been able to tell their stories and deal with their pain.*

**New Delhi, June 2013:** 30-year-old Sita recalls the ignominy of being alone and vulnerable. "After my husband passed away in an accident, my in-laws started treating me very badly. When I decided to start work at the local school, they called me a prostitute. They said that I was having an affair because I continued to wear a *bindi* (decorative mark on forehead)," she says.

Sita was among the 60 single women gathered at the National Forum for Single Women's Rights held in November 2012 to share their stories. Widowed, divorced or unmarried, each one of them had experienced harassment and exploitation. Some were beaten by in-laws, while others were publicly humiliated.

##### **Breaking with the past through puppetry**

Yet what was significant was that the widows were focused on solutions that could empower them, instead of being burdened by a violent past. UN Women, in partnership with Astha Sansthan, taught them puppetry to instill confidence, and help them get back to their normal lives. The puppetry activities were implemented in partnership with Ekal Nari Shakti Sanghathan (Association of Single and Strong Women).

The widows made wood and papier-mâché puppets to express their anguish at the treatment meted out to them. They gave eight performances across Rajasthan, in cities like Bhilwara, Jodhpur, Udaipur, Delhi and Ajmer.



The 16 widows from Ajmer get ready to perform a puppet show. Photo credit: UN Women/Gaganjit Singh

"I really enjoyed doing puppetry. I had done some in school. We highlighted several issues like child marriage, difficulty in getting ration cards, problematic in-laws, old age and land rights during the puppet show. This is a very easy way of showing problems in society," says 53-year-old Ratan Devi from Ajmer.

For 50-year-old Rajkumari of Ajmer, it was the first time she was doing puppetry. "I liked it very much. I think it was something new that we did." Rajkumari has performed three times in Rajasthan. Through her puppet, she has spoken about dowry, domestic violence and *gram panchayat*. "I could not attend the initial training that happened in Tilonia but my friends came back and taught me how to make puppets. I think this is a very great medium and one can add song and dance to it also and present it differently. The show should also be taken to the schools as it focuses on social issues,"



Sorti Bai holding her puppet to tell her story. Photo credit: UN Women/Gaganjit Singh

35-year-old Mamta says: "Before we learnt puppetry we couldn't express ourselves very well but now we stand behind the curtain and say everything we have to say. We really enjoy doing puppetry and going from one city to another. We feel as if we are doing something

special and different," The discrimination between son and daughter, *sarpanchs* (village council heads) who do not work and violence against women are some of the themes that have been taken up by Mamta's team.

Ratan Devi, Mamta and Rajkumari are among the 16 widows from Ajmer who told their story of the abuse using puppets they made and scripts they wrote. These women now exude confidence thanks to a UN Women programme that works with 1,500 widows from India, Nepal and Sri Lanka to help them overcome stigma and access public services.

This training has also provided many with the strength to be part of the mainstream again. "I am confident about doing everything, going anywhere. It is important to be strong," Sita says with conviction.

Through these performances, many others like her have been able to showcase several issues that they feel need more attention. "At the National Forum, the women expressed their thoughts on domestic violence and the insensitivity of policemen towards victims. Narrating their own stories and developing a script together has helped them not only to leave their pasts behind, but to look towards a brighter, more stable future. And they believe they're improving with every show," said Ms Sushma Kapoor, UN Women's Deputy Representative

Most of all, the experience has been a small but important step to help them begin their new lives. "The audience enjoyed it and want more performances. When all of us work in a group, we motivate each other," says Ratan Devi.

- See more at:

<http://www.unwomensouthasia.org/2013/widows-use-puppetry-to-find-a-new-path/#sthash.9qlmh6Xm.dpuf>

Lorraine Samaraweera  
Chairman