



Zonta Club of
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Member of Zonta International

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JUNE 2014

Next Dinner Meeting

Monday 2 June 2014 – NOTE CHANGE OF DATE

Downstairs Meeting Room, Bulimba Library

6.30pm for Food & Fellowship, Meeting 7.00pm

RSVP to: Jo Diessel by 30 May 2014

Failure to apologise if unable to attend will incur a cost of \$15

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President's Patter



Not as much happening this past month after quite a good May Dinner Meeting and AGM when all our business was finished in good time and we have met our obligations to both ZI and District in regard to dues and returns.

I had the pleasure of attending the Balmoral State High School assembly during the month to present our YWPA runner-up Chloe with her Certificate and cheque. Whilst our Club supports students at the school the appreciation of the school for this support was evident in the introduction given at the Assembly prior to my presenting the award. There remains considerable interest in the formation of a Z Club at the school and I hope to return to the school within the next month to attend the first meeting and set in train the necessary paperwork for its formation and Charter. This will be a first for our Club and any member interested in getting involved is more than welcome – I am sure it will be a very mutually rewarding experience.

Also during the month we visited Yeronga State High School and have their Auditorium now booked as the venue for our High Tea in August. The date is listed later so mark this date now in your diary and start promoting the function to your friends.

The recipients of some of our service project funding are being progressively invited to attend a Dinner Meeting to tell us about their organisation and how our assistance will be put to good use. Our Guest Speaker for our June Meeting is Kristy Fitzgerald, the Senior Social Worker from the Sexual Assault Response Team based at Logan Hospital, but servicing all of the Brisbane area.

Fellowship

Our Strategic Plan includes fellowship amongst Club members and a number of us will be travelling to Normandy Wines at Harrisville for an afternoon of Jazz in the Vineyard. Jo has organised this activity, but please if you have any ideas of other activities which we could enjoy and which provide the opportunity to get to know each other a bit better, please let either Jo or Ros know so we can then follow them up.

Whilst Christmas may still seem far away it really isn't so any ideas for our Christmas Dinner Meeting would also be welcome.



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Charter Number: 1235 13 March 1989

Membership

We welcomed Loris as a Club member at our last meeting and hopefully we will have some other prospective members at our June meeting.

We will have a presence at the Morningside Festival on 27 July. This will be an opportunity to promote our Club in the community. We will also have a raffle on the day – donations for the raffle are welcome and certainly if you can spend a few hours helping out on the stall this would be appreciated.



Home Away from Homelessness Project



It will be an indulgent afternoon of fashion, food and fundraising at the iconic Brisbane City Hall. Proceeds from the day will go towards the construction of Anglicare's home-away-from-homelessness, to provide accommodation for women who are homeless or at-risk of homelessness, as well as towards supporting Zonta's international projects.



The Committee organising the October Fashion Showcase Fundraiser is meeting regularly and making great progress with sponsorship and marketing.

The function will be held on 12 October in the Main Auditorium at City Hall and tickets will shortly be available. If last year's event is anything to go by, this will be a great afternoon and one not to be missed. Hopefully we can have at least one table of members there.

Last year Zonta received great publicity for the afternoon and no doubt this will be repeated this year so great exposure for Zonta and our Club as well as supporting a very worthwhile project.

Thanks to Irene and Bronwyn for representing the Club on the organising committee.

Beijing Platform for Action turns 20

When we consider our service project proposals each year we take into consideration the Beijing Platform for Action. In September 1995, 189 governments, 17,000 participants and 30,000 activists came together to adopt the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action.

This document was the most progressive blueprint ever for advancing women's rights and gender equality. It agreed on concrete steps to create a world where each woman and girl could exercise her freedoms and choices, and realize all her rights, such as to live free from violence, to go to school, to participate in decisions and to earn equal pay for equal work.

In recognition of the 20th anniversary of this historic agreement (2015) UN Women has just launched an epic campaign "Empowering Women – Empowering Humanity: Picture It". Despite it being 20 years since the blueprint was agreed, gender equality is still a distant dream. This UN Women campaign is a global campaign that's asking each of us to imagine a world where gender equality and women's empowerment is a reality, and to play our part to make it happen.



Check out the details at <http://beijing20.unwomen.org> and find out how you can Picture It!

From ZI

All the news this month is about the ZI Convention in Orlando. Denise will be our delegate and vote on our behalf. She leaves in early June to have a few weeks visiting various National Parks first and then is off to Orlando. Travel safe Denise and we look forward to hearing your report of both your travels and Convention at our July Meeting.



Coming Club Fundraisers

Again we have the Entertainment Books for sale. \$65 will give you a book loaded with vouchers and you can be guaranteed when you use them to quickly recoup your initial outlay.

Our next Bunnings Sausage Sizzle is **Friday 13 June**. Help on and before the day is always welcome so if you can lend a hand on this day or on any of the days listed below please let Jo know. As always we are very appreciative of our HonZons Peter, Michael and Michele who assist us on the day – without their assistance we would struggle. Our dates for the remainder of the year are listed in “Date Claimers” below.



As mentioned above, this year our High Tea fundraiser will be held in the Yeronga State High School Auditorium. This is a great venue, larger than last year, and with plenty of parking available. The date is set for 16 August so keep this day free and start telling your friends about it now. Further details and a flyer will be available by our next meeting.

Club Merchandise for Sale



Our manicure sets and torch key rings are now available for sale. Both are engraved with the Zonta International logo. Cost is \$12 for the travel manicure set and \$7 for the key ring. We still have Irene's beautiful hand made cards for sale at cost of \$5 each.



Member Profile

Member - Loris Neff



I am Canadian – lived on a small family farm in Western Canada for the first 18 years of my life. The farm has been in our family for over 100 hundred years and my brother still lives there. I always wanted to travel as a child and that is what led me to travel around the world in 2001 and to visit Australia. I now have dual citizenship.

Member Profile

Member - Loris Neff (Cont)

In 2001, I decided to take a year off work to travel – I became a “Midlife Runaway”. Even had business cards made up with this description. I had been divorced for many years and my daughter, my only child, was through university and married. I felt it was time to “jump off” the treadmill and explore the world. I had done a lot of travelling before but just wanted to experience travel at a slower pace. So I quit my job and I was off! My daughter’s biggest fear was that I would not return to Canada and that is what actually happened.

I arrived in Australia in September 2001 for a 3 month visit and during this time I met my partner Greg. We have been together since then. I returned to Canada in 2002, sold my house and came back to Australia to live permanently.

Greg and I moved back to Canada in 2008. I wanted to be there for my daughter who now has two beautiful sons. It was wonderful to see them grow up into little boys. But Greg developed health problems due to the cold weather and we have returned to live in Brisbane again. Greg returned in 2012, returned to his old job and bought our house. I arrived January 1, 2014 – great way to start the year! Since I arrived, we have totally redecorated our house – paint, new flooring, new kitchen, etc. Glad that is over. We are very tired of moving – to say the least!

In my professional life, I am a Practice Manager for law firms. I have done this for over 20 years working with very large firms (200 people) to small firms of 15 people. I am currently working in a casual position for a maternity leave situation and am looking for something permanent.

Editors Note: *Through all her travels Loris has remained interested and committed to Zonta. She initially joined the Zonta Club of Bundaberg Inc in 2003 and transferred her membership to Brisbane Clubs when relocating to Brisbane. With no Club in Calgary, she had to wait until her return to Brisbane to rejoin Zonta and Brisbane East was very pleased to induct Loris at our May Dinner Meeting.*

Date Claimers

1 June 2014	Afternoon of Jazz in the Vineyard (Normandy Wines)
2 June 2014	Dinner Meeting, Bulimba Library NB Change of date
5 June 2014	UN World Environment Day
13 June 2014	Sausage Sizzle, Bunnings Rocklea
22 June 2014	Breast Cushion Working Bee at Jo’s
23 June 2014	Board Meeting, Easts Leagues Club
27 June - 1 July 2014	ZI Convention, Orlando, Florida
7 July 2014	Dinner Meeting, Bulimba Library
19 July 2014	Sausage Sizzle, Bunnings Rocklea (Saturday)
21 July 2014	Board Meeting, Easts Leagues Club
27 July 2014	Information stall at the Morningside Festival
8 August 2014	Sausage Sizzle, Bunnings Rocklea
16 August 2014	High Tea, Yeronga State High School Auditorium
12 September 2014	Sausage Sizzle, Bunnings Rocklea
10 October 2014	Sausage Sizzle, Bunnings Rocklea
12 October 2014	Zonta Fashion Showcase, Main Auditorium, Brisbane City Hall
8 November 2014	Fashion Showing, Blue Illusion, Bulimba
23 November 2014	Sausage Sizzle, Bunnings Rocklea (SUNDAY)
22 December 2014	Sausage Sizzle, Bunnings Rocklea (MONDAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS)



ZONTA PRESENTS A

FASHION SHOWCASE

BRISBANE CITY HALL SUNDAY 12 OCTOBER 2014
1.30PM TO 4.30PM www.zontafashionshowcase.com.au

Watch this space for ticket sale information