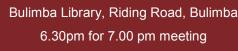


Monday 13 April 2015

MARCH 2015



Cost \$15 per head for those having dinner

NB We are now using caterers so an apology is essential if you are not eating – NO APOLOGY BY THE FRIDAY BEFORE THE MEETING MEANS YOU WILL BE SENT AN ACCOUNT FOR THE MEAL



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President's Patter

First off a very big thank you to all of our members who helped with the hosting or our Combined Area 1 and Area 3 Meeting. It was a great day (see report later). To those who then came back the day after for our Bunnings

Sausage Sizzle (in the rain) again many, many thanks.

Our Guests at our March Meeting were our scholarship winners (plus 3 mums) and Jessica Walker from Yeronga State High School. Gerowyn Lacaze, the Deputy Principal from Balmoral State High School was a late apology due to a family illness. All of our scholarship winners achieved great results in 2014 and it was wonderful to be able to recognise this and also hear of their aspirations for the coming years. Just listening to these young women makes us all realise just how valuable our scholarship program is to these students.

Our March meeting was also a very busy one as we determined our service projects for the coming Club year. Whilst continuing our existing projects, we added the sponsorship of Love Bites which is a very successful program in High Schools to address the issues of respect, domestic and family violence and sexual violence. We now look forward to discussions with our High Schools regarding the training of facilitators some time this year and the introduction of the program into the school curriculum probably in 2016.

At our March meeting our YWPA winner was also confirmed and we congratulate Phoebe Frederick who will be coming to our April Meeting as our Guest Speaker.

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Nominating Committee

Our Nominating Committee announced its slate for our 2015-2016 year and elections will be formally held at our April meeting with the installation of incoming Board members at our AGM in May. Thank you to the Nominating Committee members – Beverley, Margaret and Jill and to those members who accepted nomination.

Combined 2015 Area 1/3 Meeting



Our Area Meeting ran very well and the Club has received many complimentary emails so to all our members who came and helped on the day many thanks. As a Club we certainly work well together on functions such as these.

The program was varied with interesting Guest Speakers and importantly, we kept to time. The venue proved a success and Irene did a marvellous job in her negotiations with them. A report on the meeting and a summary of the evaluations has been done and sent to all Clubs in both Areas. It is also posted on our District website along with the various presentations given on the day (thanks to Mel who did a marvellous job managing all the presentations and ensuring there were no hiccups with the electronics). The presentation from Dr Stedmon is too large to load onto the website but if any member wants a copy this can be sent separately. Similarly one of the videos shown by our Lt Governor in her presentation.

Whilst Area Meetings are not expected to run at a high profit they are meant to cover all expenses. Due to such a great attendance (more than we had budgeted for) we did make a profit which will now be split between the District 22 Membership Account and the Breast Cushion account.

In addition, we sold some of our Club products on the day and again the cards made by Irene were very popular, so our fundraising account received a boost from the day.

Commission on the Status of Women 2015



Zonta was well recognised during the recent CSW in New York.

"Of the more than 4,000 non-governmental organisations (NGOs) with consultative status at the United Nations, only 146 have achieved General Consultative Status, the highest status an NGO can have at the UN. Zonta International was granted General Consultative Status in 1969.

As an NGO with General Consultative Status, Zonta International is invited to participate in the annual Commission on the Status of Women in New York. The Commission on the Status of Women is:

- A functional commission of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC)
- The principal global intergovernmental body exclusively dedicated to the promotion of gender equality and the empowerment of women.

Established by resolution on 21 June 1946 to monitor and promote women's rights and develop global standards on gender equality and the empowerment of women; mandate expanded in 1996 to include monitoring and reviewing progress made in the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action"

You can watch the recorded webcasts which have been linked to the CSW page on the Zonta website by going to

http://zonta.org/ZontaEvents/CSW59

This page also has the Statements made to the CSW by Zonta International and the PowerPoint presentations by our ZI President on "Empowering Women Through Education" and "Prevention of Violence Against Women".

Voices Against Violence: Preventing Violence Against Women and Girls Through Education".

12 March 2015 - Zonta International and the Permanent Mission of Denmark to the United Nations in New York joined UN Women Deputy Executive Director Lakshmi Puri and WAGGGS delegates for an interactive discussion and demonstration of the Voices Against Violence curriculum. Zonta International President Maria Jose Landeira Oestergaard joins the panel of this CSW59 side event.

Elimination of Harmful Practices against Women and Girls by 2030 - CSW59 Side Event

12 March 2015 - What are the linkages, dynamics and drivers of son preference and prenatal sex selection, female genital mutilation and child, early and forced marriage? Zonta International President-Elect Sonja Höning Schough joins the panel of this CSW59 side event co-hosted by the governments of Norway, Niger and UNFPA, the United Nations Population Fund.

Coming Club Fundraisers



We have dates for our Bunnings Sausage Sizzles through to June 2015 (see Date Claimers below). Whilst these are good fundraisers for the Club, there is considerable time and effort involved, so if you can assist on any of these dates please let Jo know so we can organise the roster with a time that suits you best.

Our other major fundraiser will be our High Tea on United Nations Day -24 October 2015. We again will be holding it in the hall at Yeronga State High School with a starting time of 2.30pm so please mark this date in the diary of you and your friends so we can ensure a successful afternoon.

Club Merchandise for Sale



Our manicure sets and torch key rings are still 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 \$7 each.

Date Claimers

| 13 April 2015 | Dinner Meeting, Bulimba Library |
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| 17 April 2015 | Bunnings Sausage Sizzle, Rocklea |
| 27 April 2015 | Board Meeting, Easts Leagues Club |
| 8 May 2015 | Bunnings Sausage Sizzle, Rocklea |
| 11 May 2015 | Dinner Meeting, Bulimba Library |
| 25 May 2015 | Combined Board Meeting, Easts Leagues Club |
| 4 June 2015 | Bunnings Sausage Sizzle, Rocklea |
| 14 June 2015 | Bunnings Sausage Sizzle, Rocklea |
| 26 July 2015 | Morningside Festival Stall, Rogonna Park, Morningside |
| 9-11 October 2015 | District Conference, Airlie Beach |
| 24 October 2015 | High Tea, Yeronga State High School |