

**Membership Report 2014 - 2015**

**Chair: Gaye Dieben**

**Committee: Petra Ladwig, Lyn Cosgrove, Margaret Mansfield, Susan Howard**

Membership at June 2014 24

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Resignations 4 B Grunert, D Battle, L Baird, J Nielsen

New Members 1 J McDonald

On leave 1 M O'Dwyer

Charter members remaining 1 Trish Littler

**Club Diversity as follows:**

**Category No. Member Names**

**11 Managers and Administrators 5**

M Frederick, J Machray, U Hosang, P Harrak,

 G Dieben

**12 Specialist Managers 2**

B Clyde, J McDonald

**13 Farmers and Farm Managers 3**

H Gibson, H Stevens, T Littler.

**23 Health Professionals 3**

 P Ladwig, E Gordon, M O’Dwyer

**24 Educational Professionals 6**

J Garde, L Cosgrove, S Gray, S Howard, D Faulkner,

 T Thompson.

**25 Social, Art and Misc. 2**

 K Dwyer, M Mansfield.

Over this last year the club welcomed one new member. Unfortunately, due to various reasons there have been four resignations and one member has taken a leave of absence. Although, our overall numbers have decreased by four since last year’s report; our members have continued to retain their enthusiasm for supporting our club’s projects.

During this year our club has received seven requests enquiring about Zonta. Several of these ladies have attended dinner meetings. From these enquiries there has been one application to join our club.

A common challenge among clubs and organizations of all types and sizes is not only recruiting new members, but retaining these members. We all know that recruitment is essential, but retention of members is crucial to the lifeblood of a club. Existing members have so much information and experience to share; to ensure that our club keeps true to the commitment of Zonta foundations.

In March of this year Susan attended the Area meeting where Ans Van Erp (District Membership Chair) spoke about Membership. One of the points she raised was to focus on why people join Zonta and then choose to stay or choose not to stay. Ans suggested one of the ways to collect this valuable information was through the use of surveys.

From this suggestion, our committee for 2015-2016 is committed to working on strategies to strengthen our club. It is our aim to Survey, Review, Plan, Work the Plan, and ultimately Refresh our membership initiatives to build and consolidate our club’s numbers.

 I would be remiss if I didn’t thank all HonZons for their efforts and their continued support for our fundraising activities during this last year.

In closing, on behalf of the membership committee we want to convey to you, ladies, that your membership, contributions and support are greatly appreciated. And it is hoped that each member in this club knows that she is valued.

**Gaye Dieben & Susan Howard**

**Gaye Dieben in conjunction with Susan Howard**