

ZONTA

CLUB OF
PINE RIVERS INC

MEMBER OF ZONTA INTERNATIONAL
EMPOWERING WOMEN
THROUGH SERVICE & ADVOCACY

JULY 2018 NEWSLETTER

Date Claimers

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Sausage Sizzle

Tuesday
18 September
Bunnings, Carseldine

Birthing Kit Assembly Day

Saturday
13 October
St Paul's Anglican
School, Bald Hills
(ZCPR pre-assembly
day 6 Oct)

Spring Fashion Parade

Saturday
27 October (TBC)
Mount Alvernia
College

Dinner Payments

Reminder, meal payments are due prior to the monthly meeting.

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A Century of Women's Advocacy



Long-standing club member Ros Pestell is currently in the UK on her annual travel and book buying tour. In a recent email she reported on the Women's Marches which took place in the four capitals - London, Edinburgh, Cardiff and Belfast - on Sunday June 10 to celebrate the centenary of women suffrage in Britain.

It is worth remembering that Zonta's centenary is next year. The club was established in the United States at a time when female suffrage had not been achieved throughout the nation (it was finally achieved in 1920). No doubt advocacy for women's right to vote would have been one of their first priorities.

Ros reported:

On Sunday women's marches took place through London, Edinburgh, Cardiff and Belfast to celebrate 100 year years of women's suffrage in the UK. Thousands of women's groups of all sorts (political, general women's networks, arts groups, sports groups, works' groups) took part and each woman had

been given a large sash in either white, purple or green and organised so the colours made one long banner of green, white and purple when viewed from above. They'd been encouraged to create banners with whatever slogan they chose so some were simply the group's name, others were to the point like "your vote counts" or "proud to follow in their footsteps", "make more noise" (I think that was a women's band!) "Craft rocks", and a few had chosen to be dressed in women's suffrage costumes of the early 20th century.

There was an anchor commentator in the BBC studios with several guests to chat to about the history of suffragettes etc. and what still needs doing regarding women's rights, and reporters in the crowds talking to some of the marchers and showing us some of the wonderful banners they'd made. It was such a lovely upbeat atmosphere. I was looking out for a Zonta London banner but didn't see it. I hope they took part.

One of the studio guests was asked what she thought was still needed regarding improving women's status and she said improved economic conditions - because better economic conditions pass from mother to daughter and improve lives all



round. Another said equal pay which I found very interesting as the thing they saw as the next important step (guess it wouldn't have been the first thing I'd have thought of). Stopping DV was also discussed as an important ongoing issue, of course, but it wasn't the focus of the day or the marchers.

Thanks Ros for reminding us that advocacy in all its forms has made a difference to gender equality and will continue to do so.

Z Club – Mount Alvernia College



The club's plans to sponsor a new Z Club at Mount Alvernia College are progressing well, thanks to the work of club member Anita Goldie.

Campaign speeches for those students seeking executive positions in the new club will be presented next school term. We are very excited about this initiative and look forward to the Alvernia College Z Club Charter event.

Mid Term Election

At our AGM in May, Yvonne Nunn was inducted as the new Vice President after being elected unopposed in April 2018. The position became vacant after the departure of our previous Vice President in March 2018. Congratulations Yvonne!

Board Members continuing into their second year (2018-19) are:

<i>President:</i>	Simone Boersma
<i>Secretary:</i>	Denise Preston
<i>Treasurer:</i>	Janelle Brent
<i>Directors:</i>	Dot Patrick, Anita Goldie

Service Committee Report



In service we have been busy continuing our ongoing commitment to supply breast cushions to the Mater hospital, supporting the development of a Z Club and preparing for upcoming events.

Our bi-monthly sewing bees have, so far this year, seen us create 85 breast cushions for distribution at the Mater Hospital. Our most recent sewing bee on July 14 saw us complete 23 cushions and we were only stopped when we ran out of stuffing. A special thanks to Dinny Garnsworthy who prepared our carcasses for us in preparation of our sewing bee. Our next sewing bee will be in September.

We were happy to have a guest speaker from Marsden families, Valmae Rose, at our July meeting. She

helped us to identify some real areas of need in our local community and we look forward to an ongoing relationship and identifying ways that we can be of assistance to the most vulnerable in our society.



The Z Club at Mount Alvernia is finally taking shape with the students nominating for committee positions which will be finalised during July. This will enable the club to apply for its charter and become official. The students are looking forward to fundraising for their birthing kit day and looking at ways they can promote initiatives and empower women within the school community.

Finally, we are just starting to make plans for our upcoming birthing kit assembly days. The one at St Paul's at Bald Hills will be on 13th October with a second at Mount Alvernia during Term 4.

Members on the Road Representing Pine Rivers



On 29 May, members Ros and Yvonne represented the club at a fundraising breakfast in Lawnton hosted by Pine Rivers Probation & Parole, and Petrie Police Domestic Violence Liaison Officers.

To assist with the fundraising, Yvonne contributed a beautiful hamper of Nutrimetics products as a raffle prize.

The breakfast was attended by a number of organisations involved in the prevention and response to domestic violence. These included the Centre Against Domestic Abuse (CADA), which services the Moreton

Bay Region area and surrounds. CADA liaises with police DV sections to assist women in or breaking free of a domestic abuse situation.

Attendees also heard from Valmae Rose about the Marsden Families Program based in Kallangur which, among other things, provides support and housing solutions to assist young women who are marginalised and those at risk of having their children removed due to homelessness or DV situations. Our members were impressed with the program and, as a result, our club invited Valmae to speak at our July dinner meeting.

Money raised at the breakfast event was used to assist the Partnership Response At Domestic Violence Worker (PRADO) program, providing victims of domestic violence with the extras not funded through the system, such as Coles cards to buy food for those entering refuges etc.



World Refugee Day

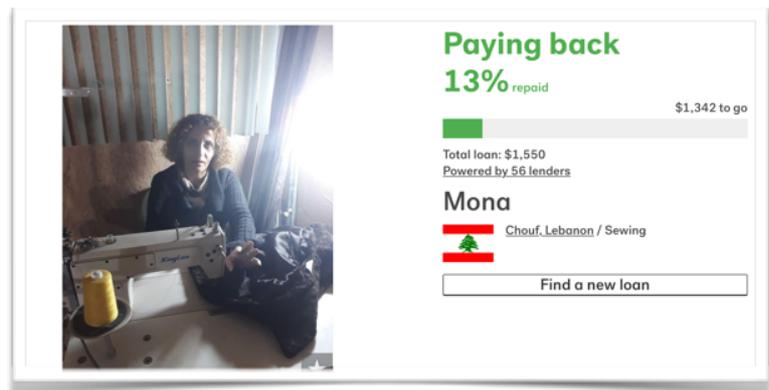
What would you do if you were forced to leave your home? On World Refugee Day, held every year on June 20th, we commemorate the strength, courage and perseverance of millions of refugees.

“More than 68 million people around the world are refugees or internally displaced as a result of conflict or persecution. Last year, someone was displaced every two seconds. Mostly, in poorer countries,” United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said.

There are over 500 events celebrated across Australia in support of World Refugee Day - film screenings, art exhibitions, circus performances, public storytelling, music festivals, comedy galas, poetry slams, and fashion shows.

Here at Zonta Pine Rivers we marked World Refugee Day by making a \$25 loan to Mona, a Syrian refugee living in Lebanon, using funds repaid to our KIVA account.

Mona is using a \$1,550 KIVA loan to buy a new set of fabrics to support her business sewing curtains. She has already repaid 13% of her 18-month loan.



Sizzling Sausages!

The Bunnings Sausage Sizzles at Carseldine continue to be a good consistent fundraising venture. Profit from the Thursday 28 June sizzle was \$737.60.

Did You Know?

Fun Fact 1: There are currently 44 Zonta clubs in District 22, including yours truly.

Fun Fact 2: Strathpine, originally a farming community undistinguished from the surrounding Bald Hills and South Pine areas, was named by the Railways Department in 1887 when a distinctive name was sought for a railway station which was to be brought into service the following year. The name is derived from a Scottish word 'strath' which means valley.

Quote of the Day

“The strength of the team is each individual member. The strength of each member is the team.” — Phil Jackson