

ZONTA Club of Roma

Club Number 1432 Chartered 26 August 1993 P. O. Box 1003, Roma, Q 4455 Zonta International is a worldwide service organization of executives in business and the professions working together to advance the status of women.

Newsletter - March 2010

District 22 Governor: Vicki Varthas

Area 4 Director: Robyn Burton-Ree

President's Report Jill Sabine

We have survived another busy Easter. It seems the events of early March did not stop locals and visitors enjoying a wonderful, action packed weekend. I would like to say thankyou to everyone who helped out on Saturday. Due to circumstances beyond our control we have had to cancel our International Women's Day Breakfast for this year. We will now look to next year to carry on this wonderful event.

I would like to thank Marj and Boyd for hosting our March Dinner Meeting and finger food evening. It was a lovely evening enjoyed by all. We were able to give four of our prospective members a taste of an informal meeting at a member's home.

The OMC committee have been actively encouraging these ladies to attend our meetings and to join our club. We aim to induct these ladies at Changeover. Our numbers have dwindled a little of late so it will be wonderful to welcome them.

Stanthorpe hosted the area workshop in March. Lesley, Heather and Kell travelled down for the weekend. From all reports it was a very successful weekend and the ladies came back enthused and empowered to move our club forward. Kell spoke at our last meeting about one of the ZI projects and Heather put forward a proposal to host a Gen Y Business Breakfast.

Our Changeover dinner will be held on the 29th of May, a venue to be confirmed. Robyn Burton-Ree will be our guest again this year.

Our next meeting is our AGM on the 27th followed by our monthly Dinner meeting. See you then. Jill

May Birthdays:	
Marg Harms	2oth
Heather Geary	29th

Finance & Fundraising Jenny Loughnan

<u> Treasurers Report: -</u>

Thank you to the ladies who gave of their time to assist on Easter Saturday. We were lucky to also have the assistance of a prospective member, thank you Christine. Thank you too to the ladies who made the ice, certainly lasts lots longer than the store bought bags. Unfortunately we didn't make as much money as I was budgeting but apparently all service clubs said their takings were down for the weekend so I don't feel quite so bad. The few left over cartons of soft drinks have been sold so the money has been added to the original figure making a profit of \$873.23.

All but one recipient of our annual donations have cashed their cheques and the long outstanding Soccer Club one has also been dealt with.

The books are with the Auditor at present and so far no phone calls with "please explains" so that is reassuring for me. Balances of the Members and Members Investment accounts look very healthy as we have as yet not finalised members and new members subscriptions. As soon as this is all in order I shall organize to send money to both Zonta International and the District. Money is not due with Z International until June 1 so I do have time.

Fundraising account too is looking healthy so we may be able to be more generous in the future if our fundraising activities continue to be as profitable as they have been.

It was unfortunate that after all the work the girls did towards our International Women's Day breakfast it had to be cancelled yet again. But look out next year it will be bigger than Ben Hur!

Looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the AGM. Jen

Organisation, Membership & Classification Heather Hall

Nothing to report this month Regards Heather

Zonta Dates to Remember

27th April—Dinner meeting
25th April Anzac day
27th April AGM
29th May Changeover dinner
4th June GY Business Breakfast



P R Committee Kell Freeman

It's been a while since I've met my Newsletter obligations – with Christmas and New Year; along with trips to Vietnam, South America and Antarctica all distracting me from Zonta business. It's been fabulous, and now it's good to be back.

I came home just in time to go to the Stanthorpe A4D22 Workshop. I've been considering taking a leave of absence or resigning from Zonta for personal reasons, however, I came away from Workshop enthusiastic and resolved to stay. Zonta provides me with an opportunity to be a part of something important and just, and I want to contribute in my own little way.

I realised at Workshop it's necessary to promote Zonta inside the club as well as to the public and so spoke on one of the ZI projects, the reduction of Obstetric Fistula in Liberia, at the March meeting. Stelarose Owens, the club's UN representative, will speak about another of the ZI projects again this month.

<u>NEWSLETTER</u>: Kerri Hacker has been doing a great job on the Newsletter. thank you Kerri.

<u>MEMBERSHIP REGISTER</u>: Susie Ferrier will be preparing an updated Membership Register after Changeover. Please forward updates of your details to Susie when they change.

A committee with Heather Hall, Frankie Kimlin, Vicki Beitz, Susie Ferrier, Stelarose Owens and I have confirmed the speaker and venue for the "EAR of GY Business Breakfast" on Friday 4 June. Please mark this in your diaries.

Thank you to Marj (and Boyd) Harms for hosting our March Dinner meeting, and to those who catered so deliciously.

Please note when you have meeting duties and arrange to swap with someone if you're unable to fulfil. Kell

Yours in Zonta, Kell Freeman.

Status of Women & Service

It was with regret the we had to cancel the IWD breakfast. We look forward to holding this event again in 2011.

DUTY	ZONTIAN	DATE	
OCTOBER ROSTER Reminder – If you are unable to do your rostered task, please arrange a swap.			
Blessing	Leslee Sabine	27th April	
Objects	Kell Freeman	27th April	
Raffle	Janice H/Ann Leahy	27th April	
MOW	Susie Ferrier	28th April	