

THOMSON TALES

 Zonta Club
of Longreach
Member of Zonta International

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From the President:

Dinner Meetings
are held
3rd Wednesday
of each month

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By 2p.m.
Tuesday before
the meeting



The members of the Zonta Club of Longreach are to be congratulated for another successful International Women's Day Brunch. There was great community support with the raffle prize donations and the students of Longreach State School were a credit to themselves, their families and their school. Once again the catering drew favourable comments and praise from everyone attending. Tom Harwood's talk on the Queensland theme "Women Making Connections" resonated with many of the older women attending. The front page coverage of the Achiever Award to Leanne Luck and the brunch by the Longreach Leader with the photos inside has increased our profile in the community.

Also can anyone who has photos of IWD and "Christmas in July" from last year please forward them to me by the end of March to assist in compiling a presentation for the Area Meeting. We are awaiting details for the theme and the enrolment form for the Area Meeting next month.

The Zonta campaign "Say No to Violence" is resounding around the Zonta world. We are supporting projects to improve a Woman's world in many areas of the world – such as Rwanda, Guatemala, El Salvador, Liberia, Egypt, Cambodia and Syria. We need to support each other as life can take unexpected turns and a chat with another member may assist in many ways.

Kind regards

Alleyne Johnson

COMMITTEES:

SERVICE AND LEGISLATIVE AWARENESS & ADVOCACY

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

MARCH

14 Karol Rayner
18 Sue Palmer

MAY

24 Shirley Watts
27 Robin Rayner



Committee: **Robyn Abbott**
Barb Huff
Liza Jones
Robin Rayner

ORGANIZATION MEMBERSHIP CLASSIFICATION FUNDRAISING

CHAIR: Sue Palmer

Committee: **Sid Stormonth**
Vicki Rayner
Shirley Watts
Jenny Wyton

International Women's Day Brunch, with approximately sixty people attending - the weather was very kind to

us so sitting in the Courtyard of the Civic Centre was a treat. Congratulations to Karol for her effort in sourcing donations for our multi-draw raffle and for her efforts to thank our donors personally. Also to our menu designer, Jenny, congratulations – once again our menu garnered praise from the attendees. Of course do not forget the paper Zonta Roses they looked beautiful on the table and our guests were happy to give a small donation to take some home with them. While we all did our best to have friends and acquaintances come to our function, I have to acknowledge Sue who managed to fill two tables with family and friends. Our Achiever Award went to a very deserving lady, Leanne Luck. Once again the children from the Primary School Catering were marvellous. Our oldest member Sidonie was recognised at the brunch. Thank you to Robin R for the flowers. This year, at the brunch, we awarded our two year Tertiary Bursary to Jillian Marshall who is working, rearing a small boy and studying Early Childhood Learning.

We have been given a challenge to have all our members registered on the District Website. So next time you are at your computer please take a few minutes to register. We can't all get to Area Meetings and Conferences – this is a way of being part of the bigger Zonta family.

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January 11
March 8
September 21
October 24
November 8
December 1
December 10

Amelia Earhart Day
International Women's Day
International Day of Peace
United Nations Day
Zonta International "Birthday"
World Aids Day
Universal Declaration of Human Rights

Just to refresh everyone's memory about the committees.

Firstly we have the board: Committees report to the board, which makes recommendations on those reports. The meeting hears the report and the board's recommendations and votes.

For SERVICE AND L A & A Chairman Karol

This committee looks after and plans our functions i.e. IWD breakfast, Zonta Achiever Award, Zonta Tertiary Bursary and our other service projects. It also identifies Advocacy opportunities, does the Newsletter, maintains the club calendar and club publicity as well as significant UN dates.

For OMC AND FINANCE AND FUNDRAISING Chairman Sue

This committee arranges the dinner meeting programme i.e. guest speakers, themes, seating. Looks after member welfare and fellowship opportunities. Looks after new members, organizes new membership drives and monitors the balance of different classifications within the club. The club treasurer is always a member of this committee and while treasurer cannot be the chair.

For all fundraising activities a small committee is formed with members from each of the above committees to organize and manage that activity and delegate jobs to the members of the club.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

As we come to the end of the Zonta year our thoughts are turning to the election of new office bearers and the first Nominating Committee report was presented at our meeting. This has highlighted the need for more members, especially younger members and better education of our newer members. Thank you to our two newer members who have been willing to take a position on the Board. Our oldest member who will be 90 this year now resides in the Pioneer Home and is very grateful for the loan of Zonta's electrically operated lounge chair (see below with president Alleyne note the Zonta scarf on the wall).



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1. Volunteers from primary school
2. Guests and Achiever Award Winner
3. Guests
4. Club members
5. Sidonie Stormonth

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District 22



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