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Zonta Club of Brisbane Inc. Newsletter - May 2014

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# Zonta Club of Brisbane Inc.

## Member of Zonta International

*Advancing the Status of Women Worldwide*

### President's welcome

One of the most satisfying few hours I have spent in the past few years have been at our club's annual Birthing Kit Assembly morning - this year it will be held on Sunday, July 6.

Who'd have thought rolling, folding and inserting gloves, soaps, blades and string could be so enjoyable? It's actually the outrageous fun we all have, the conversations that range across a thousand topics and the laughter that ripples everywhere, especially when Barbara Murray's husband Rob gets in on the act!

This is a day for EVERYONE. Please come for a couple of hours and share the joy - and the satisfaction!

Thanks to outgoing President Pam for chairing the June meeting. I look forward to picking up the reins in July and, with the new Board members, continuing the wonderful work that Pam and her Board has done. I hope that communications and advocacy will be the twin themes of the new Board, underpinning the other two big committees of service and fundraising.

I hope all members are aware that Zonta has partnered the excellent State Government initiative to combat domestic violence - Make the Call.

See you all at the July dinner meeting.

Susan Davies  
President



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### Advocacy watch:

*During the period 2006-12, an average of 23 deaths a year in Queensland, or 44% of the state's homicides, were linked to domestic and family violence.*

*Source: 'Make the Call' website*

The United Services Club has a strict deadline for finalising meals. As it is assumed you will be attending all meetings of the Club unless an apology is received, it is critical that you inform Chris Maclean by noon on Monday, 2 June if you will not be attending the meeting.

Tel: 0407 574 404, email



The 2014-15 incoming Board were welcomed at our last meeting:  
 From left to right: Nerida Cooksley (Director), Genevieve Gray (Director),  
 Amanda Stoker (Director), Lyn Agnew (Director), Anna Bratti (Director),  
 Christine Maclean (Secretary), Christina Carleton (Treasurer), Adrienne  
 Irvine (Vice-President), Susan Davies (President).

## Important dates

**Wednesday, 4 June:** Dinner meeting, 6:30pm for 7:00pm at the United Services Club. The guest speakers are Amena Reza, the Area 3 Director, and Heidi Monsour from Anglicare.

**Thursday, 26 June:** Advocacy committee meeting, 6:00pm, La Dolce Vita, Park Road, Milton. Contacts: Susan Davies and Pam Deakin.

**June 27 to July 1:** Zonta International Convention, Florida.

**Sunday, 6 July:** Birthing kit assembly morning, 8:00am to noon at the Lions Den, 49 Dinterra Avenue, Ferny Hills.

**Sunday, 12 October:** Fashion Showcase, 1:30pm to 4:30pm at Brisbane's City Hall. This is a collaborative Zonta project to raise funds for Anglicare's "Home Away from Homelessness" project to build a new facility in Brisbane for women who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.



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Any member from whom an apology is not received is automatically invoiced for her meal (\$43).

## Make the Call

The "Make the Call" campaign is a State Government initiative that aims to prevent domestic and family violence and elder abuse by prompting friends, family members, neighbours and colleagues who suspect someone they know is being abused to make the call to the statewide helplines.

Zonta is a proud partner of Make the Call.

Visit the website by [clicking this link](#).

The helplines are:

DVConnect Womensline  
 1800 811 811 24 hours, 7 days a week

DVConnect Mensline  
 1800 600 636 9am-12 midnight, 7 days a week

Elder Abuse Helpline  
 1300 651 192 9am-5pm, Monday to Friday



A traditional birth attendant with a supply of



## Why should you come to the birthing kit assembly day?

Member Leigh reminisces about her first birthing kit day experience:

"When I first heard Barbara explain that the kits comprised a piece of plastic, a bit of string, a wedge of soap and a few other bits and pieces small enough to fit in a little plastic bag, I have to say I thought I had misheard her.

On the day that we all met to do up these little life saving bundles I couldn't help but imagine the circumstance in which they would be used.

By the end of the day I felt good about what we had achieved in just a few hours - it was a friendly, caring gathering of good people trying to make a difference and I was delighted to be a part of that."

- Leigh Eagle, club member since 2013



The outgoing Board were thanked for their service at our last meeting.  
 From left to right: Genevieve Gray (Director), Christine Maclean (Treasurer), Merryl Ducat (Director), Christina Carleton (Director), Susan

Zonta birthing kits.

Did you know that the Brisbane Breakfast and Brisbane South Zonta clubs were responsible for making the one millionth kit?

In 2013-14 Australian Zontians made 64,400 birthing kits.

## Standing up for the Nigerian school girls

Zonta International has issued a statement in support of the nearly 300 school girls who have been recently abducted in Nigeria.

As the hostage crisis enters its seventh week, concerns for the welfare of the girls continue. You can read more about the plight of these girls [here](#).



The Brisbane Metro Breakfast Club invite you to a screening of 'Half the Sky', a film inspired by the New York Times best-seller.

3:30pm, Sunday 15 June  
 Dendy Cinemas, Portside

Tickets are \$24.99 and include a drink on arrival  
 Purchase your tickets [here](#).

*Davies (Director), Adrienne Irvine (Secretary), Pamela Deakin (President). Absent: Caroline Heim (Vice-President), Kelly McIntyre (Director).*

## Zonta International Conference 2018

In collaboration with the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre, Brisbane Marketing, Brisbane City Council, and Tourism and Events Queensland, District 22 has submitted a bid for consideration of Brisbane as the host city for the 2018 Zonta International Convention.

Zonta International is already committed to hosting the 2018 Convention in the Asia Pacific region and we are confident that the quality of our submission and the 'Team Brisbane' approach will be well regarded and that we have the capacity to deliver an exceptional Convention.

There is stiff competition, but the 94-page bid document prepared by BCEC is of excellent quality, and the submission was enhanced by strong letters of support from more than 10 influential Zontians and other prominent public figures.

The first Australia-based convention was held in Sydney in 1984, the second was in Melbourne in 2006, and if Brisbane wins the 2018 bid, I do hope all D22 Zontians will make a serious effort to attend and that there will be strong representation from every club so that we can welcome the Zonta world not just to Brisbane, but to Australia.

- Judith Anderson OAM



All monies raised will go to Edna Adan's hospital of Somaliland. Their mission is to improve maternal and infant healthcare, and fight the practice of female genital mutilation.

Please share this invitation with friends and family.

## Advocacy watch:

According to the Australian Institute of Company Directors, 60% of men believe there are no barriers to women taking leadership positions in the Australian workplace. Only 35% of women agree with them!



The smiles say it all! While incoming President Susan (left) looks a little apprehensive, outgoing President Pam (right) is positively radiant!

## See you at the dinner meeting on Wednesday, 4 June

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