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President's Patter

Bonjour! It is a **French** theme for the August dinner meeting at **Wildflower Restaurant** so wear your red, white and blue! Lynette Croft from L'Amitie Tours will talk about the joys of travelling in France with small groups of women – some of us may be tempted.

There are a number of events planned but the first is the birthing kits day on Saturday 30th July at Val's. Please check the calendar for those upcoming dates.

At the Board meeting we discussed a few changes by making the dinner meetings more dynamic, board meetings more transparent and by a summary of the key issues in the newsletter. In order to keep dinner meetings within a good time frame, when there are speakers, we may continue with the committee meeting reports during part of the dinner. We recognise that fellowship is also an important part of enjoying the meal so will allow for this time.

Committee reports will now only be presented at the dinner meetings and not included in the newsletter as these were often holding up the newsletter.

Many thanks to Marilyn, who has been working tirelessly with government meetings regarding the funding of the RISE project. There have been some hiccups in the process but they are re-considering our application. Marilyn's research has shown that exposure to domestic violence results in children having a 30% higher chance of police/criminal intervention by age 16 and more than 1/3 of all homicides in Queensland are related to domestic violence. This, combined with the recent news that 1 child per week, who is identified as at risk by Child Safety; dies in Australia, is evidence that we need to be vocal about the need for support, education and intervention with families affected by domestic violence.

As Zontians, we can action Goal No.5 from the Sustainable Development Goals (United Nations), which is: *Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls*. This includes; ending discrimination and eliminating violence against women. Goal No. 5 is pivotal to our work in Zonta and the groups that we support, including the RISE project.

Many thanks to Jillie who has been looking after our dinner bookings for the past few years. She passed on our thanks with a herb garden present to Urban Espresso and explained that we had outgrown the venue but have enjoyed our time and their lovely dinners. Jo Ashburner will now be chasing us all up for numbers for dinner meetings so please get back to her with guests or apologies. I look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday at 6.00 pm for a 'French affair'.

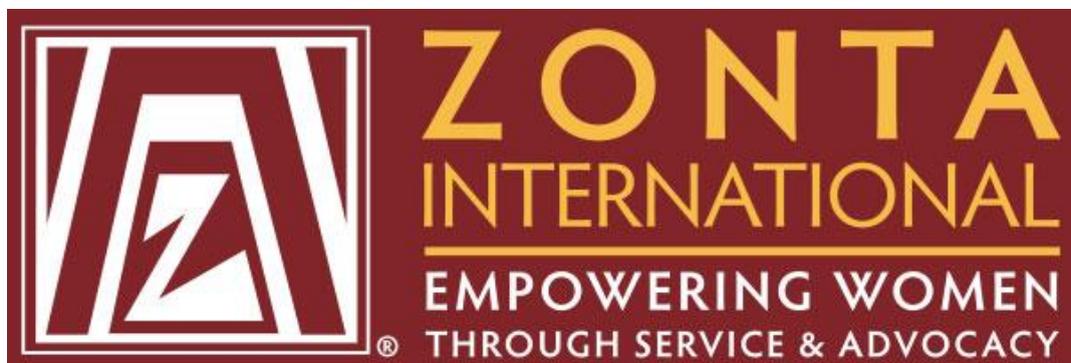
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Reports

Board Meeting Summary

- ✚ All Zonta fees up to date
- ✚ Vicki is making adjustments to some of our treasury reports and paying District fees
- ✚ Membership fees are currently \$175 but US dollar is higher and this is impacting upon club funds.
- ✚ Membership will be responsible for setting up placemats at dinner meetings and taking payments if Treasurer is away
- ✚ Advocacy will take over dinner meeting bookings.
- ✚ Z clubs are progressing and Christine will follow up with a Zontian to speak to our meetings about current Z clubs. We hope to have a Z club operational at Caloundra State High School this year.
- ✚ Service are following up with Days for Girls, Toiletry bags for schools, It's in the Bag for Christmas campaign and IGA Community Chest.
- ✚ Bursary information will go out to schools in September.
- ✚ Jill is sending out rosters for the Sunshine Coast Marathon – 2 shifts (5.30 or 8.30)
- ✚ Marilyn has presented information on the RISE project to the Queensland government's Ministerial representative.
- ✚ Marilyn is meeting with Bendigo Bank re stickers regarding DV.
- ✚ Fundraising are looking at the best type of function for IWD on 3rd March 2017 – IWD committee has been formed.
- ✚ Fundraising are looking at promoting the Race Day at Corbould park (16th October 2016). Cost is \$75 per head.
- ✚ All Zonta correspondence needs to conform with the new badging and agreed pictures.
- ✚ The official Zonta mission is:

'Zonta International is a leading global organization of professionals empowering women worldwide through service and advocacy.'



Calendar

KEY DATES:

30th July	Birthing Kit Assembly Day
2nd August	Dinner Meeting (venue to be advised)
21st August	Sunshine Coast Marathon
27th August	Gary Crick Bike Ride for RISE PROJECT
6th September	Dinner Meeting (venue to be advised)
4th October	Dinner Meeting (venue to be advised)
16th October	Race Day
1st November	Melbourne Cup Day - Club Fellowship Day/Lunch
8th November	Dinner Meeting in lieu of 1 st November meeting
25th November	White Ribbon Day
25th Nov to 10th Dec	16 days of Activism
6th December	Christmas Function
January	no meeting
7th February	first Dinner Meeting for 2017
Friday 3rd March 2017	IWD

UN WOMEN AUSTRALIA

[July 26 at 12:19pm](#) · [Work & Money](#)

The outcomes document from the Gender Equity in the Workplace Summit is now available on our website! The Summit brought together key business leaders from over 100 Australian companies to discuss Merit, Power and Privilege, Domestic Violence as a Workplace Issue and Flexibility in the Workplace. The Summit participants' key recommendations and ideal solutions have been captured and published in this report. You can check it out here - <http://bit.ly/2amf86S>

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JUST FOR INTEREST

The 'bloody difficult women' of the world are getting bloody close to leadership

Angela Priestley

Editor's Agenda, "Women's Agenda"



Watch out: the 'difficult women' of the world are coming, and they're after the biggest prizes in leadership.

From Hillary Clinton's race for the White House, to the two female Conservative leaders fought it out to become the next British Prime Minister, the rise of the 'difficult woman' shows no signs of abating.

Indeed the problem is concerning. These women aren't just determined leaders, like their male equivalents would be, they're females who stand their ground and have somehow managed to knock down everything in their way -- including a few men, no doubt -- to get to the top. And they're not just difficult, they're "bloody difficult" and should they finally fill those leadership spots they will be even more "bloody difficult": wanting things done a certain way, giving their directives, speaking when they should be spoken over. The list of concerning future challenges continues.

We're wondering what makes a woman a "bloody difficult woman" as the leader of the UK has been described.

Theresa May became the leader of the Conservative party, and therefore the British PM when David Cameron stepped down.

The problem is that she's a "bloody difficult woman".

At least that's what Ken Clarke, a 76 year old Conservative politician, said when he didn't

realise the cameras were rolling during a television interview. He went on to compare her to Margaret Thatcher saying, "she won't be any more difficult than that." And so social media responded with the hashtag, #bloodydifficultwoman and #proudtobedifficult with people all over the world supporting May and coming up with suggestions for why she really might be considered difficult.

Is it because she's gotten to where she is and stuck around, having survived six years in the Cabinet as Interior minister? Is it because she's somehow managed to break through in politics in the first place, when she should have been knocked off the ladder long ago? Is it because she's more intelligent than most of the men around her? Is it because she won't back down? Is it because she continues talking, even when a man attempts to speak over her? Is it because she's strong and assertive? Is it because she's passionate about her views and is therefore unlikely to be moved?

So what really makes a "bloody difficult woman?" And does any woman who makes it to the top of a male-dominated field have to be "bloody difficult" to get there?

And finally the big question: Is it better to be 'difficult' or 'easy' when it comes to being a woman?

As for a "bloody difficult man", well we can only imagine he'd probably be described as being determined, strong-willed, a brilliant strategist, passionate and assertive -- he'd be a leader, never a difficult man.

So here's to all the "bloody difficult women" rising up all over the world, as well as those we have here in Australia. Julie Bishop, Tanya Plibersek, Michalia Cash, Linda Burney, the list goes on and recently acquired a few more names following the weekend's election. In business and in leadership, such women might be frustrating to some, but they're inspiring to others and transforming how things are done.

As Ruth Davidson, the Scottish Conservative leader tweeted: "Amen, sisters."

Next Dinner Meeting

Our next **Zonta Dinner** meeting is on **Tuesday 2nd August 2016**

Wildflower Restaurant

at the Best Western Plus Lake Kawana Hotel

9 Florey Boulevard, Birtinya, Qld 4575.

We will be meeting at **6.00pm for 6.30** cost **\$35.00**

Please pay into our Account with NAB.

Details: BSB 084-484 A/C 98-771-5070

Remember - if you accept the invitation for dinner and cannot make it you are still liable for the \$35.00 cost.

For further info please contact Jo Ashburner 0417191472

Our guest speaker for the dinner meeting is Lynette Croft who will talk to us about travel in France.

