

Zonta Club of Caloundra City Inc. Newsletter

Member of Zonta International

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President's Patter

A big thanks to everyone for the huge effort on the Race Day where \$7,640 was raised! The venue looked stunning and the Sunshine Coast lived up to its name with the weather forming a stunning backdrop for the gardens and horses. This event could not have happened without the generous support of the Turf club and the hard work of the Fundraising Committee. The recently updated figure of \$49, 913.76 means that we are well and truly on the way to '\$90,000 in 90 days'. Just one more push... the movie night at Caloundra Cinema on Wednesday 9th November, which is being organised by the Advocacy Committee. Having looked at the trailer I can say that I am eager to see Hacksaw Ridge, especially as Mel Gibson gets the chance to redeem his reputation! Nick Struick from Caloundra Cinema has generously donated the ticket costs so this is a very easy fundraiser for the Zonta Club and Coast2Bay.

The generosity of the community is a clear indicator of how valued the RISE project is and also the respect for the work of the Zonta Club of Caloundra.

With Christmas approaching it is time to bring in the diaries for the people at the Illuka Leisure and Learning Centre as well as toiletries (toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant, soap, shampoo and conditioner) for the residents of the McKillop Centre. Joan Fitzgerald has some small bags for the toiletries that she will bring to the dinner meeting.

The Christmas dinner meeting will be held at Wildflower Restaurant but we will hold the **club** meeting at the *earlier time of* $6.00 - 7.00 \, pm$ and then invited guests can join us from 7.00 pm for finger food and frivolity.

Bridget Mather, our District Chair, is looking for members to form a small committee to keep clubs connected to the UN focus through Zonta International and to develop and share information/activities that clubs participate in across the District as they relate to the United Nations goals. Most importantly: Goal No. 5: Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls. Let me know if you would like further information.

Sunday 13th November we head to the Tri series where our few hours of volunteering earns good money for the club. Please let Jillie Scott know if you can assist.

Looking forward to seeing you at the next dinner meeting.

Regards, Kelly

Reports

Board Meeting Summary - October 2016

- District 22 Conference Brisbane 7- 10th September 2017
- Area Meeting Maleny 4th March 2017
- Breast Care cushions need to check shed to see if there are any that need stuffing and stitching before requesting more from the Quilters.
- Toiletries to be purchased by the club for School toiletry bags
- Movie night to be run by Advocacy Committee
- Coast2Bay has appointed a Project Manager who will assist with the RISE house
- 40 cot sheets have been sent to Saibai Is in Torres Strait
- 400 birthing kits are on their way to Uganda
- Service are looking at forming a partnership with the Sunshine Coast Falcons as advocates for change around DV issues.
- Tri Series on 13th November Zonta volunteers will be needed
- Speaker for next dinner meeting winner of comedy award from Toastmasters.

Calendar 2016 - 2017

KEY DATES:

1st November Melbourne Cup Day - Club Fellowship Day/Lunch

8th November Dinner Meeting in lieu of 1st November meeting

9th November Movie Night – *Hacksaw Ridge* – Caloundra Cinemas

13th **November** Volunteering "Tri-Series"

25thNovember White Ribbon Day (info to follow)

25th Nov - 10th Dec 16 days of Activism

6th December Dinner Meeting - Wildflower Restaurant (6.00 pm)

followed by Christmas Function (7.00 pm)

January no meeting

7th February first Dinner Meeting for 2017

Friday 10th March IWD Venue to be advised

IWD events in Area 1 2017 (as at 9 October 2016)

Maroochy Club – event at Palmwoods Hotel 4 or 11 March. We will hold our IWD breakfast either 4 or 11th March...usually 90-100 people at Palmwoods Hotel. The Club subsidises women from refuges to attend. Multicultural theme usually but yet to confirm a speaker.

Redcliffe Club - 5 March, High tea event with guest speaker - no further details as yet

Caboolture Club – an IWD Luncheon on 8 March at Norths Leagues and Services Club, Kallangur. The Club will have a guest speaker and usually donate money to a charity on the day. This year we sponsored Lucky Patterson for \$2000 (she won 6 medals at the Paralympic Games

Brisbane North Club - no events planned

Noosa Club – Holding a breakfast on 8 March with focus on advocacy.

Caloundra – 10 March, cocktails at the Art Gallery

Brisbane Breakfast Club - Happy to support Brisbane Club's event if organised

Blackall Range Club - to be advised

Sandgate Club – Brunch to be held on 4 March with two guest speakers and presentation of Club's Young Women in Public Affairs award

Pine Rivers Club - response to be received

Brisbane Club – considering an event



Take the HeForShe Pledge today

Gender equality will have been achieved when women do not experience violence in their homes, share unpaid care work with men and are represented at the highest levels of business and politics. No country in the world has achieved gender equality, and the pace of change is frustratingly slow.

For decades, women have advocated for equal rights – but without the support of men, equality will not be achieved.

UN Women's HeForShe Campaign asks men and women to take active steps in promoting gender equality and women's empowerment. It is our hope that this year 100,000 Australian men will pledge their support for the campaign and commit to the HeForShe Champion Actions.

The **HeForShe** Commitment:

I am one of billions who believe that everyone is born free and equal. I will take action against gender bias, discrimination and violence to bring the benefits of **equality to us all**.

Take the pledge today!



28 OCTOBER 2016

ZONTA INTERNATIONAL RESPONDS TO APPOINTMENT OF WONDER WOMAN AS UN HONORARY AMBASSADOR FOR EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN AND GIRLS

The United Nations' appointment of Wonder Woman, a fictitious comic character, as the Honorary Ambassador for the Empowerment of Women and Girls was met with disbelief by women's organizations, UN staff and others.

In response, Zonta International President Sonja Hönig Schough sent a letter to Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon, asking him to reconsider the appointment and to give Goal 5 a serious, real-life role model that can bring the necessary and appropriate attention to Goal No. 5 and global gender equality challenges. Below is an excerpt from President Sonja's letter to the Secretary-General.

"When we read that Wonder Woman, a fictional character, was appointed by the United Nations as an Honorary Ambassador for the Empowerment of Women and Girls, we thought it was a joke. Unfortunately, we soon discovered it was true. This highly sexualized cartoon, often dressed in parts of the U.S. flag, shall be tasked with raising awareness about Goal No. 5 of the Sustainable Development Goals.

"At a time when issues such as gender parity in senior UN roles and the prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse of women and girls is at the top of the UN agenda, this appointment is an insult to women all over the world and should be an embarrassment for UN leadership. Zonta International asks you to reconsider the appointment of Wonder Woman as the Honorary Ambassador for the empowerment of women and girls. This role is far too important to be filled by a fictitious character. We need a real-life female role model that women and girls around the world can look up to."

Sonja Hönig Schough



Sonja Hönig Schough

is the 2016-2018 President of Zonta International and the Zonta International Foundation.

»read her biography

JUST FOR INTEREST

Meet this month's member - Jo Ashburner



After teaching for Education Queensland for 35 years I decided it was time to take a break! That break has since morphed into retirement! I always really loved teaching and had a varied career which probably helped to hold my interest. I began at Kalkadoon SHS (Mt Isa) then moved to Mansfield SHS in Brisbane, Thursday Island SHS and Clermont SHS (Western Queensland) before settling finally in Ipswich where I taught at both Ipswich SHS and Bremer SHS.

My remote teaching experiences were some of the highlights of my teaching career and by living in very remote and Indigenous communities I learnt a lot about life and myself. These experiences changed my world-view profoundly. Those 'outback years' provided me with amazing professional and personal experiences- both good and bad- that I will never forget.

At Thursday Island SHS I was the Teacher-Librarian and was immersed in English as a Second Language and as a result literacy became a driving force in my teaching, overlaying everything I taught. I developed an enduring interest in literacy and language and its importance to learning, so much so that I undertook literacy tutoring as a volunteer for Sunshine Coast libraries and continue to volunteer in this area.

Currently my husband and I are travelling a bit- catching up on some of the things we did not make time for when we were younger. We have recently returned from doing the tourist thing in Canada and the USA and last year had an amazing time travelling all over the UK.

I joined Zonta in 2016 in order to help support the needs of women and girls, both locally and beyond. Just as well I gave up full-time work - I no longer have time for it!

ALSO AT CALOUNDRA INC

RISE PROJECT UPDATE

Recent meeting with Coast2Bay's new Building Project Manager to discuss the process of builder tenders, brief to builders, information to donators who have agreed to supply materials etc. Also discussion about important aspects to be included in plans.

Offers received from : Plumbing supplies , flooring , landscaping, paint/ render

Awaiting outcome of Gambling Fund Dec/Jan application

List of persons who have donated to \$90,000 in 90 Days to be provided to Zonta.

Marilyn Speaking at InnerWheel Caloundra on Wednesday 9 Nov about RISE Project.

WHITE RIBBON DAY

We have been invited to a meeting with QLD Police Service to discuss planned event on 25 November in Nambour. Further details to be provided at meeting. All Coast Zonta Clubs involved.

A REMINDER for Tuesday's meeting:

Each year at Christmas time we donate diaries to the Iluka Centre. The Iluka Centre is operated by Centacare. They provide disability respite and activity centres, learning and life skills development, Community Volunteering and Community Access to the disabled community. All clients accessing the centre keep a diary and they like to decorate these with stickers, so each of our members purchases an A5 Day to A Page diary and some packets of stickers (from Crazy Clarks, K-Mart) and wraps them in plain Christmas wrapping to be presented to the clients at the annual presentation. A cross section of male/female is required. Service Committee members attend a Christmas morning tea at the centre to present these to the clients in December

Please remember to bring along to the November meeting an A5 Day to a Page Diary and stickers for the clients at Iluka wrapped in Christmas paper and labelled Male or Female. These will be collected for distribution at the Iluka Christmas Party to be held on Monday 10th December.



After enjoying such a great day at Zonta Caloundra's Race Day at Corbould Park some members decided to enjoy a Melbourne Cup Day luncheon at the Pelican Waters Tavern.

It was enjoyed by us all especially by Marilyn who won the "best fascinator" Award. The rest of us didn't win a thing but we did enjoy the fellowship.

At our October meeting we were pleased to induct Jordan Wilson. Welcome Jordan

At our December meeting on the 8th November we will be welcoming a guest speaker Tracey Head (from Toast Masters)

We have booked the Caloundra theatre for Wed 9 November 6.15pm for 7.00pm movie. Drinks & Light refreshments prior to movie in courtyard on ground floor. Movie is *Hackshaw Ridge*, Mel Gibson, Sam Worthington. Based on true story about soldier who went to war without a gun. It was released on 3 November.

If you have not yet secured your ticket/s for the movie evening please contact Marilyn as soon as possible.

Next Dinner Meeting

Our next Zonta Dinner meeting is on Tuesday 8th November 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

Apologies and acceptance for dinner meetings to <u>judyhillinternet@gmail.com</u> by the Friday before each meeting please.

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