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President's Patter

President's Patter – April 2018

Happy Easter ladies, I hope that you get to enjoy some rest and recovery time over the 4 day break.

Thank you everyone for such a successful IWD. Comments from guests were that it was well organised, they enjoyed meeting Zonta members on their tables and many were amazed at the work that our Zonta club and Zonta International undertake. Two enquiries came from secondary schools that are interested in setting up Z-Clubs and there were several requests to attend meetings and learn more about Zonta. This is an excellent result in both PR and introducing Zonta to young women. Given the number of events on that week, the Board again asked the question as to whether we should be focusing on a different day that is relevant to our work.

Many thanks to Jo and Shiree for donating the beautiful pearl, which went to silent auction and raised \$2005! What a result!

The Advocacy Committee presented yellow roses and a certificate of appreciation to My Beach Café (support homeless in the area), Dove Cottage, SCUH and SCUPH. The roses were well received and the team recommend this as an ongoing activity.



The area 1 and 3 meeting will be held on Saturday 21/04 at Beaudesert. Incoming Board members and new members are strongly encouraged to attend, as it is a great opportunity to learn about the procedures of Zonta and events and work of other clubs. We will need a member to present to the meeting on how the club set up the Z-Club and how we will incorporate them in our projects. There are a few people keen to make a weekend of it and Simone is looking at hotel options. All members are welcome to attend and enjoy the fun and fellowship.

Samara Welbourne's application for the Young Women In Public Affairs Award has been submitted to District so we wish her well. She has recently been in the paper for her fundraising efforts with Variety Queensland and was also a baton carrier in the Queen's Baton Relay for the Commonwealth Games.

You may also catch me in uniform at the Games – I will be volunteering at Cararra Stadium. After months of training, I hope I am up to the challenge. My first shift is tomorrow night (Saturday 31st) for the first dress rehearsal. The stadium and surrounds look spectacular and I am very excited to be part of the Spectator Services Team.

At our last meeting, we undertook a brainstorm on activities the club could undertake. There are some great ideas for the next Board to consider so here are your thoughts:

Zonta: Future Directions from February 2018 Dinner Meeting

1. Mentoring young women (school girls) who are just below the highest flyers and often overlooked. (day long programme?) girls who could do with a chance in life. Mentor in dress, etiquette, presentation, job skills, interview techniques, etc. Include older girls as well.
2. Support a remote/rural indigenous student to study/work (out of their community) for an extended period of time (e.g. uni course/ Yr 11/12)
3. Structured work experience program for students, which develop self-esteem, work skills, attitudes, etc.
4. Teach life skills. E.g parenting, finances, cooking
5. Dove House Support
6. Caloundra Community Centre – sponsor a programme
7. Paediatric Child Development Unit – assist with support equipment etc, when it moves back to Caloundra Hospital
8. 13-18 year old boys/girls – nurturing exercise class (priced cheaply)
9. Falls Prevention Programme (any age?)
10. Primary School – start an education program – re preventing violence against women/men
11. Advocate -women in aged care units (Zonta spokesperson)
12. Zonta Scarf for Cancer sufferers – weekend treat

I look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday 3rd April at Wildflower Restaurant. Have a safe and happy Easter.

Kelly



Dinner Fees are to be paid into the NAB account and please list your name.

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Board Meeting Snapshot- Tuesday 20th March 2018:

- Congratulations to Bev and her team on an excellent job with IWD. Feedback from guests was that it was well run and the food was interesting and plentiful. One problem was dietary requirements – difficult to do this on sticky tickets.
- There was an issue with IWD because of ticketing and clash with the IWD event run the day before by Ros White. Some of our guests ended up at the prior event.
- Student numbers were difficult to manage.
- Joan and Bev are meeting with the Sunshine Coast Falcons to discuss a possible Race day and other events.
- The Silent Auction was a great success.
- Cathy Govey to be credentialed to vote for our club at the International Conference.
- Ans Van Erp is retiring from her District 22 Governor's position. It is traditional to donate towards a gift; however, Ans has asked that we donate to the Anniversary Endowment Fund in lieu. The Board recommended a donation of \$500 be put to the members.
- Membership _ Judy is recovering well from her knee surgery. In the last 12 months we have gained 3 new members and 2 members have returned from leave. We have had 2 inquiries from IWD.
- Committee Reports to be tabled at the AGM to be held at 6.00 pm before the commencement of the General Meeting at 6.30 where the new Board will be inducted.

Important Dates:

- **April 21st – Area 1 and 3 meeting to be in Beaudesert. Speak to Simone if attending. Cost for the meeting is \$60 which includes lunch and morning/afternoon teas.**

Bookings at: <https://www.trybookings.com/364867>

- **May 1st: Zonta Club of Caloundra Changeover Dinner and AGM. The AGM will commence at 6.00 pm and conclude at 6.30 pm when other guests will attend.**

Meeting Dates:

	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Dinner	3rd	1st	5th	3rd	7th	4th	2nd/30th	No	4th
Board	17th	15th	19th	17th	21	18th	16th	20th	NO

Zonta International Service Recognition Awards

Thank you to all clubs who submitted projects for the ZI Club Service Recognition awards. There were two categories: (1) Empower women and girls; and (2) Violence against women and girls and clubs submitted nominations in both categories. The judges selected the following three impressive projects:

(1) **Zonta Club of Caloundra for the RISE project** (Restart in a Safe Environment) working together with like minded organisations to raise funds to build a dual occupancy house to support women and children escaping domestic violence.

(2) Zonta Club of Redcliffe for the Domestic Violence Against Women Toilet Door signs program

3. Zonta Club of Rockhampton for the Zonta Central Queensland University Encouragement Awards aimed to encourage female students to enter courses which have traditionally low female enrolment. To date this award has benefited a total of 57 young women

Thank you, also, to Sandy Venn Brown, Lt Gov., who has prepared a submission for the District Award using our very popular orange lady silhouettes. I have forwarded these four projects to Zonta International where the results will be announced at the 64th convention in Yokohama. Best wishes for our club and district projects.

Ans Van Erp

