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NEWSLETTER

March 2024

Area 3—District 22

Charter Date 2.6.97

Dinner Meeting

TUESDAY 19 MARCH 2024

6.15PM FOR

6.30PM: DINNER MEETING

**VENUE: FUNCTION ROOM
AFL TIGERS CLUB
28 ASHTON STREET
LABRADOR**

COST: \$30.00

Apologies/Guests: Please notify

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Friday 15 March

(If an emergency requires a late apology, please ring Merrilee before noon on Tuesday. This is a courtesy call and may not remove the necessity for payment)

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**PLEASE NOTE THAT
TUESDAY'S DINNER MEETING
WILL COMMENCE AT 6.30PM**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

It saddens me to say that another member has resigned, Irene Williams.

Over the past few months we have lost too many members. I've started to wonder why. The membership committee and I made contact with the past members to ascertain the reason for their departure.

It seems that they felt that there was little consideration or respect given to each other, and limited time allowed for discussion in relation to upcoming events, or planning of suggested future events. I would like to think that we could all make an effort and be kind to one another, be respectful to one another and work as a club together. Remember, we are all different, personalities, feelings and outlook to life. Families play a large part of our lives and should always come first. Remember we're "Building a Better World for Women and Girls."

Although there were only 10 of us, the IWD lunch at the Southport Golf Club was very pleasant. Kathryn prepared an audio of women who inspire, which included 3 of our members. Shayna Spencer our STEM recipient joined us; it was a pleasure to present her with the STEM Certificate.

At the end of the year, she will be travelling to Singapore for 18 months for further studies in Engineering. We should be proud that our small Club was able to sponsor such a wonderful candidate. Another Stuff and Sew fellowship day will be on the horizon soon, it is a wonderful day for us to get together and prepare the breast care cushions for those women who unfortunately have had the misfortune of suffering from breast cancer. Over the years both past and current members have gathered together to prepare the breast cushions. I don't have the exact number, but I guess it would be in the hundreds. Something to be very proud of.

Don't forget to go online and purchase the tickets for Dogfight, encourage friends and others to do so as well.

If you change the way you look at things

Payment for dinner online

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Please ensure you mention in your details you name so that the Treasurer knows who it is from.

The things you look at change.

UPCOMING DATES:

24 June 66th ZI Convention – Brisbane, Australia

Message on Ukraine from Zonta International President

Since Russia attacked Ukraine in February 2022, hospitals, critical infrastructure, schools, and residential areas have been bombed, innocent civilians have been killed, and children have been deported, causing the worst humanitarian crisis in Europe in decades. The Ukrainian people that were forced to flee and those that remained behind have endured two terrible years of war, violence and instability. Women especially struggle to keep their families together, ensure the health and safety of their children and deal with the long-term emotional and physical damage inflicted by the prolonged violence and instability.

While we cannot imagine the horrors they have witnessed throughout these last two years, we have been reminded again and again of the strength and resilience of the Ukrainian people and of our own Zonta clubs in Ukraine, who have stepped up to respond to the immediate needs of women and children fleeing the violence. We are deeply impressed by their actions and by the support provided to them from around the Zonta world.

While we demand a rapid end to this war, as Zontians, we will continue to build and support a global community of individuals who share a common commitment to equality and peace for all people.

29 FEBRUARY 2024

How many members are in Zonta International?

Zonta is a global community of **more than 27,000 women and men** in 1,133 Zonta clubs in 62 countries.

Activities this month included: Morning coffee at Grill'd



Total raised was \$100.00



SUPPORT THE GIRLS:

As Support the Girls were short of volunteers for their bra fitting and luncheon event at Helensvale Community Centre on 13 Feb, six Zonta Paradise Point members made sandwiches, packed lunch boxes and handed out food.

REMINDER:

***** Please bring along items for the gourmet hamper for the theatre night to our next meeting *****



At the International Women’s Day Lunch on 8 March, President Merrilee Lisle presented STEM awardee Shayna Spencer with her certificate.

BIRTHDAY WISHES

Lisa Sattler 6 March
Janet Burrage 28 March

