

Zonta Club of Wynnum Redland
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Wynnum Redland Inc.
Member of Zonta International

May 2014

A note from our President—Philippa Fenwick

Here we are in May already with our AGM being held on Monday night. Also by then we will have held our Garage Sale—thanks to all in advance for your efforts to ensure this is another success!

Unfortunately I will be away and unable to attend both the Garage Sale and the meeting but look forward to catching up with everyone next month.

I have prepared my Presidents' report and Debbie will present this on my behalf. I also want to express my thanks to all members for their efforts over the past year and also of course to the support I have received from all while carrying out my role as President.

As I prepared my report, I felt proud of what we all have achieved and certainly offer my assistance and support ongoing while being part of the Board.

Thanks again to all.

Philippa

At our next meeting:

Next dinner meeting is on Monday 12th May, our AGM will follow the normal dinner meeting.

Please advise Gail Abbott of any apologies—phone 3849 3995. Failure to apologise if unable to attend will incur full cost of dinner.

Reminder of new cost is \$32.00

Membership fees now due \$150.00

World News of interest: Grandmothers champion change

Excerpt from book "Grandmother Power" written by Paola Glanturco. From India to Canada to Argentina, grandmothers are fighting for political, economic & social change.

Insurgent Grandmothers are fighting the status quo, successfully seeding peace, justice, education, health, human rights and a better world for grandchildren everywhere.

Grandmothers in India are learning solar engineering & bringing light to their villages. In Argentina grandmothers have searched out more than 100 grandchildren who were kidnapped during the military dictatorship & returned them to their families. In the Philippines, grandmothers who were forced into sex slavery during WW II are demanding a place in history books so their experience will never be repeated while Irish grandmothers are teaching their grandchildren to plant & cook, encouraging good nutrition to reduce child obesity. The South African & Swaziland grandmothers are modelling resilience and mercy.

Grandmothers all over the world are forming & joining groups—this activism is stimulated by our tightly connected, troubled world, which impels us to improve the future for our grandchildren. The grandmother movement results, in part, from demographics. There are more grandmothers on the planet than at any other time in history. For thousands of years there were none, people simply didn't live beyond the age of about 30. Now, at least in the developed world, grandmothers are healthier, better off and younger than ever before. And there are lots of them: in the United States in 2012, there were 38 million grandmothers. There will be 42 million by 2015. One third of the US population is grandparents—the majority of them between 45 and 64 years old. In 2011, baby boomers, aged 47 to 65, made up more than half of all grandparents in the country.

Many grandmothers are raising their grandchildren. Even if they are not the primary caregivers, they often help care for the children and they definitely care about them. In 2009 the Pew research Centre surveyed 1,300 US grandparents about what they valued most in life. "Time with grandchildren" topped the list.

Nominating Committee—Incoming Board nominations:

Many thanks to our Nominating Committee—Kath McNeilly, Phyllis Pledger & Barbara Carter.

Board Nominations 2014-2015

President—Debbie Clancy

Treasurer—Mary-Lou Podagiel

Correspondence Secretary—Margaret Finegan

Minutes Secretary—Diane Harmsworth

1st Vice President—Gail Abbott

2nd Vice President—Janet Mylne

Board Members—Zora Abbot, Philippa Fenwick, Angela Hill and Julie Mayer.

Zonta International—Statement regarding Kidnapping of Schoolgirls in Nigeria

Last month, nearly 300 schoolgirls in Nigeria were abducted from their dormitory in Chibok Borno State, and we recently learned that eight more have been taken. These vicious kidnappings were carried out by the terrorist group Boko Haram, which translates to “Western education is a sin”. Reports indicate that many of the girls are now being sold into marriage to the Boko Haram militants.

Zonta International President Lynn McKenzie visited Nigeria last month and saw firsthand the power education has to change cultural norms and make the world a better place for women and girls. Through the Global Partnership on Edutainment for Social Change program, which combines mass communication and outreach to educate communities, President Lynn met women and girls who are changing the world. From the policewomen who work for the Anti Human Trafficking Women and Children Protection Unit in Benin City to the professionals managing NGOs throughout Nigeria, these women have taken on powerful positions of leadership despite the barriers to education that are prevalent in their country.

Zontians in Africa and around the world abhor Boko Haram’s actions against girls. Education is the foundation for development, and Zontians have been fostering means for the education of women and girls since 1919. The girls that were abducted were bright, ambitious future leaders. They now find themselves in grave danger because of extremists who believe girls should be wives, not students. This belief, and the inhumane acts of violence that support it, is simply unacceptable.

Zonta International expresses its deepest solidarity to those affected by these horrific acts and urges the Nigerian government to take serious action to ensure that the children are returned safely to their families so they can continue their education in a safe and secure environment.

Date Claimers:

May 10— Garage Sale

May 12— Dinner Meeting/AGM

May 26 — Change over Dinner for Board members & Nominating Committee

June 27—ZI Convention, Orlando, Florida

July 26th —Christmas in July at Gail Abbot’s home. \$45 per person.