

Zonta Club Burdekin



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Area 5
Club No 1475
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SEPTEMBER 2013



Dear Zontians

Hi From the traveller returned. I am very grateful to Jan for holding the fort. I believe Majella has reviewed the constitutional changes and come up with a new version and I will leave that for Jan to explain at the Dinner meeting.

The Zonta Says No banner has arrived and Jan and I hung it from the Music Loft balcony on Water Festival day and it is still there safely locked up so have a look if you pass by.

Pierina and I visited the Women and Childrens Hospital in Chennai and donated 3 wheel chairs and we also visited Dr Paula Heggarty's School she sponsors in Chennai to deliver second hand uniforms and books. I will show some photos. The liitle moped was in good condition as well and specially garlanded for our visit to the school. All was a great trip and experience.

Cheers

Marg Culpan



ADVANCING THE STATUS OF WOMEN WORLDWIDE

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Please advise Leanne by 10.00am on FRIDAY if you cannot attend the meeting or will not be staying for the meal. We remind ladies that there is no permanent apology.

Fees: Meeting & dinner \$25
Meeting only \$5
Fee if apology received \$5
Fee if no apology made \$25

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Meeting Time & Place: 6.00 pm for 6.30pm
Kalamia Hotel Ayr. Club meets second Tuesday of each month except January.

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Marg Culpan	Inez Larsen
Mary Lynch	Jan Hollingsworth
Rosemary Menkens	Debra Cochran
Raelene Grantz	Seanne O'Shea
Beth Hancock	Cathy Previtera
Isabel Stubbs	Giovanna Gabiola
Nilda Pianto	Karen Clarke
Robyn Haller	Leanne Jamieson
Janice Micola	Judy Mitchell
Mary Anne Fraser	Leith Kennedy
<i>Peta Bird</i>	
<i>Majella Meehan</i>	<i>Pierina Dalle Cort</i>

Happy SEPTEMBER Birthday

Rosemary Judy



District 22 has surpassed
Membership Goals
Goal 1050
Number of Members
1078

RAFFLE

Giovanna Gabiola (Sept)
Raelene Grantz (Oct)
(value \$10.00 - \$15.00)

SEPT GUEST SPEAKER
will be a
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CALENDAR 2012 - 2013

February 2012	4 th Service committee meeting 12 th Planning Night - District Governor Judith Andersen & Area 5 Director Hilary Grant are our guests 21 st LAA committee meeting	
March	4 th Service committee meeting 8 th IWD Breakfast – Dr Shannon Spriggs Guest Speaker 12 th monthly meeting	
April	9 th monthly meeting – FEES due 20-12st Workshop Bowen 25 th Anzac Day – Book presented	
May	1 st is our 19 th Birthday 2 nd Breast Cancer DVD Presentation Night Neighbourhood Centre in conjunction with Shirley Gilmore's Breast Cancer Support group – <i>The Public will be invited to attend.</i> 14 th monthly meeting & AGM: Board inducted: Birthday Cake	
June	2 nd Bush Poet's Breakfast 11 th monthly meeting/Changeover Guest Speaker Mandy Oats 23 rd Social outing to Jo's Alligator Creek	
July	9 th Monthly Meeting <i>Guest speaker from Baywatch</i> 20 th Tastes of the Burdekin "Curry in a Hurry"	
August	13 th Monthly meeting	
September	10 th Monthly Meeting 21 st International Day of Peace 27 th – 29 th District Conference Noosa	
October	8 th Monthly Meeting 15 th International Day for Rural Women 20 th Birthing Kits – Saint Francis school hall 24 th UN Day – Dinner	
November	12 th Monthly Meeting International Birthday Townsville Metro Science Award – Home Hill High Speech Night - President 25 th Elimination of DV Against Women	
December	10 th Monthly Meeting/Universal Human Rights Day Christmas Party	
January 2014	Amelia Earhart Day	
February	11 th Monthly meeting/Planning Night	



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CALENDAR AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE BEAUDESERT CLUB

Thank you for the opportunity to give you a brief outline of how our calendar came to be.

For about 5 years Beaudesert Club has supported the month of May as anti-domestic violence month with both a big banner across the main street plus a poster competition at the primary school. It probably doesn't hurt that the Principal there is a Zontian.

The poster competition has grown over the years to be an actual "lesson" on "Expect Respect" and there is "No excuse for Abuse" across grades 3 to 7. We have always given prizes to the winners plus had the winning posters displayed in the Council Chambers foyer and mostly got a photo in the Beaudesert Times. In 2011 one of our members, manager of Centacare and a member of the Zonta's Service Committee, saw a grant available from the Dept of Communities and suggested to the Board that we widen our poster competition and make a calendar.

A couple of us attend an Inter Agency meeting of the Social/Community workers and became aware of how prevalent Domestic Violence is in our little corner of the world. So a sub-committee was formed in our club and we included a court counsellor from WAVVS (Working Against Violence Support Service) and also approached the Catholic school to be involved. Our aim was to give every family with a child in school a calendar.



This time instead of 6 winners we asked for 13 and this was to make up the basis for the calendar. We had 119 entries over all grades and they were judged by 2 Domestic Violence counsellors plus an artist and a teacher who are members of our club. We did it on a points system i.e. each judge chose their top 13: the

entries which all judges chose were definite then 3 out of 4 etc... it was all fairly close but mostly judged on how the message of Expect Respect was portrayed...not to say there wasn't some manoeuvring. When one place was left and no-one could decide we did ask the Principal which child would benefit self-esteem-wise.

So that is how it started; but of course there were other things to work out – printing quotes (we got a great price from the Beaudesert Times); format (again the BT showed us several calendars they had done and we chose one of them); how to "decorate" the pages (we chose lots of affirmations mostly supplied by WAVVS); colours (we tried to stick close to Zonta colours)...etc

Obviously it couldn't be all achieved in Domestic Violence month and we needed to get the calendar out by end of school year so we decided to make the launch on White Ribbon Day in November...Men against DV. We were thrilled to have about 60 people attend plus received apologies from 13 people. In fact, I was there when the Superintendent of Jimboomba Police apologised and he said if the Police Commissioner hadn't been visiting his station that morning, he would definitely have been there and commended Zonta on the initiative.

At our launch we invited the men from The Men's Shed, (because WRD is about men swearing against domestic violence) and all interested agencies, police as well as the kids and available teachers. We provided morning tea/sandwiches (several of our invitees come from outside the area e.g. Logan, Beenleigh, Coomera etc); we had a singer, speaker from WAVVS, quite a lot of local men "swearing" (we had the words on a screen) then local State member undid the white ribbon which was around the calendar. We showed it page by page asking the "artist" to stand – the kids loved it! and we loved it too and felt very proud.

So to recap:

Set a theme – we chose "Beaudesert says Expect Respect"

- Draft a flyer and send to school - usually best to find an interested teacher to drive it.
- Arrange prizes – we give Video vouchers and Certificates and gave them out at school assembly
- Organise printing, format, colours, etc plus launch date/occasion
- Invite the winning children and their parents as well as interested parties (d v agencies, police etc...)

written by Denise Martin, Zonta Club of Beaudesert



Maria Stefanova
Zonta International Director
2012-2014

**International representative at the
District Conference in Noosa.**

Maria Stefanova is an entrepreneur and PR and media consultant with Via Consulting Ltd. Her professional background includes numerous roles in television and radio broadcasting, including reporter, anchor and editor-in-chief. From 2001 to 2010, she served as a member of the Council for Electronic Media (CEM), the regulatory authority for radio and television in Bulgaria. She also served as Chairperson of the Council from 2006 to 2008 and was an elected member of CEM from the Bulgarian Parliament. From 1999 to 2001, she served as Project Manager for Trafficking in Women in Bulgaria for the International Organization for Migration; and, from 1998 to 1999, she worked as a PR and media consultant for UNDP in Bulgaria. Maria joined Zonta International in 1995 and is currently a member of the Zonta Club of Saint Sofia in Bulgaria. Prior to her election as International Director, Maria served as club president, area director, Lt. governor, and most recently as Governor of District 30, a geographically large district comprised of 8 countries. Maria studied journalism at Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridsky. Prior to that, she studied at the English Language School and the Russian Language School in Sofia and is fluent in both English and Russian. She is a member of the Union of Bulgarian Journalists and the International Organization of Journalists and is a Grand Officer of the Grand Priory of Bulgaria, OSMTH.

Dr Shannon Spriggs will be a keynote speaker on Saturday and her topic will provoke thought and discussion with “Whose business is it?”



Do you know what is in the Zonta Store?

*Crystal trinket box: Glass globe paper weight: Number plate frame: Nylon garment bag:
Portfolio with writing pad: Luggage tags: Sticky note pads: Balloons: Key tags:
Travel mugs: I Phone cover: Mesh vanity bag: Zipper pull: Biro: 35 different jewellery
items including pins, pendants, charms and this rhinestone Zonta bar: and more*





MEMBERSHIP Jan Hollingsworth Chair

The main focus of our meeting held Monday night 02/09/13 was to further update our proposed constitution. However, due to the fact that Majella was going through our changes we held off circulating the final copy until we could finalize her input. The 3rd revised copy will be circulated to all members at least 10 days prior to our vote to accept the new constitution on 8/10/13. Thanks to Majella for giving up a few hours of her valuable time we have had a number of changes. We discussed the proposed motions for District conference and the nominations for the District Board. On a whole we agreed with the three proposed motions. As there was only one position that of Lieutenant Governor under the requirement for an election, we determined that the vote should be left to the five members of club attending District Conference. A motion to this effect will be presented in General Business. As our committee is endeavouring to set clear protocols for most club positions we have unfortunately had to make our first priority that of correct procedure for apologies at meeting. Please ladies we are causing our Attendance Officer real problems each month. What should be a simple process is not. Tonight we will circulate a proposed letter to be e-mailed if accepted by board and our next general meeting on Tuesday 8/10/13. Karen Clarke came up with a couple of really great observations that in her travels with business - why are the women's toilets always situated at the far end of corridors in shopping centers with the bag hangers at the top of the door so that a tall person could lean over and remove the bags easily. She suggested that we could lobby that Council's and architects be encouraged to place women's toilets in the well lit end closest to the main area of the shopping centre. Karen said thanks to Lyndy she delivered more drainage bags to the Mater Hospital on Monday. The suggestion was that to promote United Nations Day, although we have a pot night all food would be purchased from local businesses so Zontians did not have to cater. This could also apply to our Christmas party with progressive dinner in the main shopping centre. Say entrée at Evette's, main meal at the Chinese restaurant with dessert and coffee at the new Chilli function room if opened. This thought could lead to a great future project



ADVOCACY Debra Cochra

At our August meeting we agreed that we need more information on moving motions at meetings and also the various types of Zonta projects. We discussed possible opportunities to promote the club and ZI.

I advised that the Zonta Says NO banner and orange ribbons have been ordered and that Zonta had received an invitation from council to discuss the Mentors in Violence Prevention Program. Our committee would like to know if members wish to walk in the Harvest Festival parade in Nov and if not, whether anyone's opposed to others participating. Lastly, we discussed plans for the UN Day pot night in Oct and Bridge Restaurant was suggested as the venue for the Christmas party.



SERVICE Beth Hancock Chair

The date for the for the assembly of the birthing kits is 20th October, in the hall at Saint Francis School. Hope to see you there as it is always a fun day, hopefully with yummy morning tea. We are starting to plan International Woman's Day breakfast. We would like at least one nomination from each committee for our Woman of Achievement award.

Mary Lynch has not been able to make our committee meeting as she has had a hip operation, I am sure she would like to hear from any of our members once she is feeling better.

Teegan Green, the nominee of the Zonta Club of Brisbane North, has been selected as the District winner of the Jane M. Klausman Scholarship for 2013.

Teegan is a truly outstanding candidate and was unanimously selected by the judges as the winner. As a measure of her standard and achievements, she has completed four undergraduate degrees in eight years and has just been accepted directly into a PhD program at The University of Queensland in Business Management. As well as her business management degree (with first class honours and the University Medal), she has two BAs with majors in English, Chinese and Japanese, and a BEd which makes her a qualified teacher. In each of her 16 semesters of study, she received the Dean's Commendation for academic excellence and she was also chosen as overall winner of the University's inaugural Three Minute Thesis Competition for honours theses across all disciplines. Moreover, she was Valedictorian at her Graduation Ceremony in July. But that's not all! She has worked part-time to support herself throughout her studies, plays in a chamber ensemble, and has worked as a volunteer with Indigenous students and as a note-taker for students with disabilities. Teegan has clear and realistic goals to be a serious leader in both the corporate world and academia and is already striding out on the path towards making an impressive contribution to improving the status of women.



Huge thanks to Deb for taking over for me with an excellent August newsletter. So nice to know that I have someone who I can share the duties with.

a little light relief



Isabel: I have news—I have a new Granddaughter after 3 Grandsons. Emma Isabel was born on 27th of August and all are well. Isabel has now become a family name with my Grandmothers twin being Isabel, my Mother called Jean but she was Isabel Jean, myself and my daughter both Isabels and now Emma Isabel.

Robyn: Graeme and I have been from one side of Asia to Europe in the space of 7 weeks. It was an amazing time and China really blew us away. It is clean, fast, green and the wealth there is remarkable. There are over 1,000 billionaires in Hangzhou which is 2 ½ hours SW of Shanghai. To back that up there were Maseratis, Rolls Royces, Bentleys, Porsches, Lamborghinis and more ON THE FLOOR and not just one. I ate so much lotus as in stuffed root, stuffed stem, seeds (looked like eye balls – still hope there were not), frog (I thought he said frog and when I made the hopping motion and he nodded declined any more), duck's tongue and so many different types of vegetables but none that vaguely resemble anything we grow here. OMG. After they have eaten from the 6 or more bowls in the centre of the table then they eat either plain rice or plain noodles. The restaurant we ate in at this meal was over 800 years old (it had been refurbished) and had been opened by the Emperor. China was an eye opener. We then flew to Britain and hired a car touring NE England and into Scotland. The highlands were so beautiful photos do not do them justice. While there we happened to chance upon some highland games where they threw the caber, which was on my hit list and who should be there officiating the tug o war but Prince Charles and Camilla. We flew from Edinburgh which was in the middle of the Fringe Festival - wow did we see some wild exhibitionism there - to Amsterdam where we fell in love with that city. Not many countries are as tidy as Australia it has been my experience and the dutch are untidy but that was my only complaint. We did have a choice of 3 "cafes" where we could have bought any number of bongos, seeds, magic mushrooms and so on just across from and next to our hotel. The buildings there are gorgeous and quite uniquely leaning at different angles. There are a number of reasons why this is the case and they are all probably true. Their streets are wide and there are simply millions of bikes. They all ride them from kids to women in suits and high heels. Well it is very cheap after all. The only thing I did find dangerous were the trams which scream past everyone. Scarey! They also said they recover one car a week out of the canals! We then enjoyed a cruise in the Baltics and visited several countries, all beautiful. St Petersburg in Russia was our favourite visit with its spectacular buildings. Wow it is a beautiful city. We visited Petershoff where they are having part of the G8 World Conference and that place is simply mind blowing. The opulence inside the building is beyond belief and the surrounding gardens cover 110 hectares complete with fountains and more fountains. The gold on the statues is gold leaf but is blindingly bright. Of course we visited the church of the Spilled Blood and whilst the exterior is spectacular and well photographed the inside is stunning as it is covered with mosaics from floor to ceiling. To think that it was only 10 years ago that this building was being used as a warehouse! We were lucky to enjoy a Folkloric performance by Vladimir Putin's favourite performers in St Petersburg and it wasn't hard to imagine why they were his favourites. Wow. But we were pleased to get back to beautiful Australia and thankful we had missed most of the who ha with the elections.



Above: Amsterdam Below: Petershoff St Petersburg



Above: Restaurant & lotus Below: Isle of Mull Scotland

