



ZONTA CLUB

SOUTHERN GOLD COAST TWEED INC.

DISTRICT 22

NEWSLETTER

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SECRET GARDEN
SOUTH TWEED SPORTS CLUB
Monday, November 18th
5-45 pm E.S.T. 6-45 pm D.S.T
Apologies - Lesley Sunday 7pm
Email:-
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DIARY DATES



DINNER MEETING NOVEMBER 18th



CHRISTMAS PARTY
BRING YOUR PARTNERS
COST \$25 including
DRINKS, EXTRA GOODIES
& *SURPRISES*



29th November - Walk against Domestic Violence
30th November - Sausage Sizzle Bunning's





President's November Report

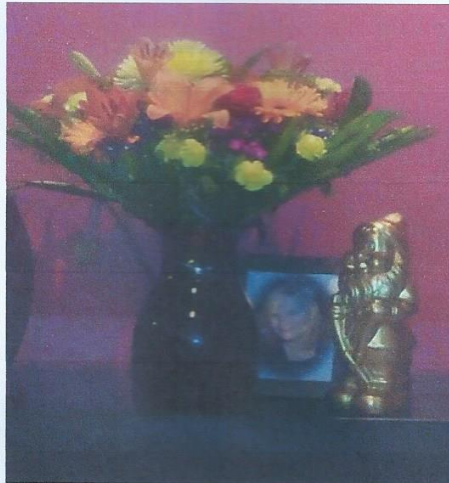
Christmas is almost upon us and preparations are well underway for our Christmas Party next Monday night, November 18th. There will be some surprises and prizes in store for all. Please bring a friend, as everyone is welcome. Merle has put together a Christmas hamper and dressed a beautiful doll. Tickets are \$2 ea. and great value because as always any funds raised go toward our projects.

Susie has the Bunnings barbeque all organised. This will be on November 30th. The roster has been circulated; please let Susie know if any changes are necessary. This will be hopefully a large fundraiser for our club, as next year we will not be hosting the International Women's Day Breakfast for the first time in 22yrs. It was a tough decision but with attendee numbers dropping, it was felt it was time to make a change. So remember to let your friends and family know that their local friendly Zontians will be serving sausages and smiles at Bunnings Burleigh, come and say hello. The Christmas raffle will be drawn in the afternoon, we hope to make someone very pleased with a win before Christmas.

On Saturday I was lucky enough to have my car washed for free by the enthusiastic students of Elanora State School. These wonderful young people were participating in the "tag you're it" which is Timely Acts of Generosity". This program has been running for some time and is widely advertised on "JUICE" 107.3 Check out our Facebook page for photos. I will be "tagging" someone soon. What a great initiative to spread kindness.



I do, at times find the work I do “challenging”, but it is also rewarding. Imagine my surprise to win a “Golden Gnome” at the annual planning day awards. The certificate presented said for “exceptional advocacy and partnership commitment throughout 2013”. What that says to me is that I am a Zontian, and simply doing what a Zontian should. However, I am humbled by the recognition and work with a team of wonderful men and women. What’s a Golden Gnome? Photo below....



I would very much like to thank my fellow Zonta Southern Gold Coast/Tweed club Members for their support and grand efforts in advancing the status of women. You are what make the club so rewarding to be a both a member and even prouder president. I look forward to 2014, and wish each and every one a most joyous Christmas-and bountiful New Year.



Your's in fellowship and gratitude,

Kaye





MEMBERS PROFILE

SUSIE DUNN

I was born in Toowoomba QLD on July 20th 1958. I am the youngest of 4 and I have 2 sisters and a brother. Dad had a hatchery in town and later moved onto an egg production farm with 25,000 chooks. I have many fond memories of helping in the hatchery and working on the farm. Mum did the books and I remember her spending time preserving fruits, singing in choirs and the choral society and doing overseas charity work. They were both very involved with church work also. The family had great times on our annual 3 week holiday at North Burleigh Heads and we would all sit and wait to see who would spot Dad 1st coming over the hill in his old van as he would have to drive to the coast on his own in the 2nd week of the hols. Because of work commitments. We did the same things every year on those holidays but always loved every minute of it.

I attended school at a local private primary and secondary school until grade 11 before starting my nurses training at the ripe old age of 17 at the Toowoomba Base Hospital. During my training I met my husband T.D. on a blind date while on a holiday at Kirra. At the end of my general training I traveled around Europe for 9 months, a trip that I had been planning for many years. On my return T.D. was waiting for me and he then proposed to me and we were married in April 1980 in the chapel of my old school. I then completed my Midwifery training at the then Southport Hospital and moved onto work as a midwife in a local private hospital for many years. In 1994 I did my Child & Family Health Nursing Certificate and then got a job working part time in Community Health and still worked part time at the hospital. While working at Community Health I completed a Graduate Diploma in Women's Health and sometimes relieve in the position when the Nurse is on leave. In my 18 years at Community Health I have worked in several different positions as Parent Educator, in Clinics and doing home visiting. I currently work as a home visiting midwife visiting new parents and thoroughly enjoy it.

During my work and studies, we had 2 beautiful girls who are now beautiful young women, both in stable relationships with successful jobs. The eldest lives in Melbourne and our youngest on the Gold Coast. We feel very fortunate that they are happy, healthy and independent young women.

The girls grew up in 3 of our 4 homes all in the Coolangatta/Tweed area. We are now empty nesters after 33 years of marriage and living in Banora Point where we have been for almost 13 years.

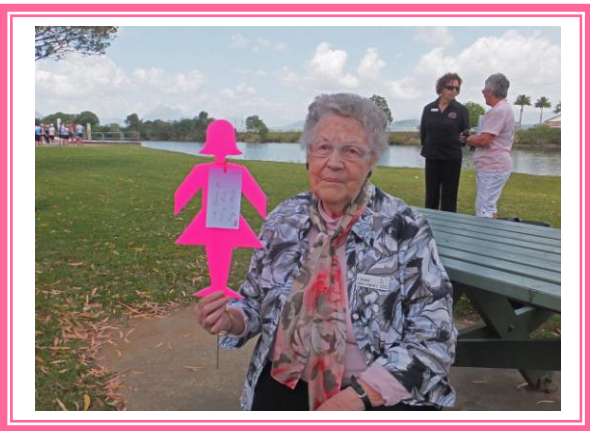
In 2010 I traveled to Nepal for 3 weeks and during that time did a 12 day trek with 10 other women to the Annapurna Base Camp in the Himalayas. What an experience to see the awesome country and to live and eat like the locals. They are so happy with so little. They are certainly lovely people. It made me realize how lucky we are living in Aus. I would love to go back sometime to meet up with friends made.

My hobbies are knitting, exercising, walking and running and in 2012, I did a 24hr. nonstop walk to raise funds for our Zonta Club to pay for Birth Kits for the Birth Kit Foundation Australia. We raised about \$5,500 so some of those funds helped in paying for Kits this year. I'm so grateful for all of the work and support that the club gave me during my training and on the walk and I am proud that I was able to accomplish it. I will not be doing it again though!!!

We-T.D. and I feel blessed to have each other, happiness, good health, great family and friends. Life is good.

Susie





MINI FIELD OF WOMEN
TWEED RIVER, CONDONG.

MADGE COOK- EX ZONTION
SUSIE PLANTING
"FOR OUR ZONTA SISTERS"
MOVING EXPERIENCE,
CHILDREN
PLANTING FOR MUMMY- NANNA



CHRISTMAS QUOTES

One can never have enough socks," said Dumbledore. "Another Christmas has come and gone and I didn't get a single pair. People will insist on giving me books."

— [J.K. Rowling](#), *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*

"The main reason Santa is so jolly is because he knows where all the bad girls live."

— [George Carlin](#)

Our hearts grow tender with childhood memories and love of kindred, and we are better throughout the year for having, in spirit, become a child again at Christmas-time."

— [Laura Ingalls Wilder](#)

"My idea of Christmas, whether old-fashioned or modern, is very simple: loving others. Come to think of it, why do we have to wait for Christmas to do that?"

— [Bob Hope](#)

"Christmas is doing a little something extra for someone."

— [Charles M. Schulz](#)

"I heard the bells on Christmas Day, their old, familiar carols play, and wild and sweet, The words repeat of peace on earth, good-will to men!"

— [Henry Wadsworth Longfellow](#)

"One of the most glorious messes in the world is the mess created in the living room on Christmas day. Don't clean it up too quickly."

~ (1919-), American writer, producer, humorist. "

— [Andy Rooney](#)

"The Supreme Court has ruled that they cannot have a nativity scene in Washington, D.C. This wasn't for any religious reasons. They couldn't find three wise men and a virgin."

— [Jay Leno](#)



