

Advancing the Status of Women Worldwide

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# Newsletter – MARCH 2014

President – Pamela Deakin; Vice-President – Caroline Heim; Secretary – Adrienne Irvine; Treasurer – Christine Maclean; Directors – Christina Carleton, Susan Davies, Merryl Ducat, Genevieve Gray, Kelly McIntyre; Newsletter Editor – Vacant.

# DATE CLAIMERS, REMINDERS, & EVENT INFORMATION

- WED. APR 2 CLUB DINNER MEETING 6.30 pm for 7.00 pm at the United Service Club. There will be no guest speaker to allow members to discuss and decide the service plan and advocacy direction for the next year. The Club will vote for the new President and other elected positions, and induct new members.
- **JUNE 27 JULY 1 ZONTA INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION** in Florida. The biennial convention is an opportunity to network with Zontians from across the globe.
- **SAT. OCT 12 FASHION SHOWCASE** from 1.30pm to 4.30pm at the Brisbane City Hall. This is a collaborative Zonta project to raise funds for Anglicare's project to build a new facility in Brisbane for women who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.

The United Service Club has a strict deadline for finalising meals. As it is assumed you will be attending all meetings of the Club unless an apology is received, it is critical that you let Chris Maclean know **by noon on Monday, March 31** if you will not be attending the meeting. Chris must also be advised by that deadline of any guests. Telephone: 0407 574 404; Email: christinemac@gmail.com. Any member from whom an apology is not received in time is automatically invoiced for the meal ordered for her (\$43).

# REMINDER: DUES (\$180) SHOULD BE TRANSFERRED TO CLUB ACCOUNT OR PAID AT APRIL DINNER

### WINDANA COLLECTION AT APRIL AND MAY MEETINGS

We can help Windana prepare for winter (plus a last chance for the kids to swim before it's too cold)! To give members more time to shop, or to organise items they have for donation, items can be brought to the April or May dinner meetings. Windana would really appreciate: *single quilts and quilt covers; single blankets; women's underpants – Sizes 8-16; kids' socks; children's togs – sizes 6-12; bathing caps for swimming* 

### **ZONTA FASHION SHOWCASE 2014**

Leading designers Sacha Drake, Pia Du Pradal and Julie Tengdahl will show their beautiful clothes at the Fashion Showcase on Saturday afternoon, 12 April at the City Hall. This is a collaborative Zonta event to raise funds to help Anglicare build a new facility in Brisbane for women who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. Our Club is not on the organising committee, but we can support by attending and spreading the word.



#### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

**Dear Club Members** 

At our April dinner meeting, we will induct five new members (including two whose applications are currently before members for consideration). The Club will have inducted eighteen new members since March 2013. The new members bring fresh energy to our Club and are our future. They are very welcome.

The influx of new members is one reason we are tightening our committee memberships. I thank all members who have indicated their committee preference. It is important that all our members have the opportunity to contribute to the effective delivery of our service, advocacy, fundraising, membership and fellowship activities.



The picture shows Rhyl Row and me presenting the Club's Dr Helen Row Memorial Prize to Dr Gary Chan, our guest at the March dinner meeting. In March, it was also a pleasure to meet Ms Michelle Whiting and Ms Tara Grant, the 2014 recipients of the Club's bursary for Australian Indigenous women students at the University of Queensland.

At the April dinner meeting we will vote for the new President and other elected positions. The slate has been emailed, and can be resent on request. There will be no guest speaker to allow for open discussion of a draft service plan and advocacy direction for the coming Zonta Year.

I am looking forward to seeing you again at the April dinner meeting,

Yours in Zonta

### Pamela Deakín



#### AND ANOTHER ZONTA CHICK!

Club member Kay Ker has a fine eye and is creative. Kay took the snaps of happy guests at the Arty Party which form this month's Photo Gallery.

Kay also had the bright idea for Zonta Chicks (pictured). These could be pin cushions or elegant stress balls or (they are filled with lovely lavender) perfect to roost in the lingerie drawer.

#### **IWD BREAKFAST**

The Club booked a table for the International Women's Day Breakfast at the Convention Centre on Thursday, 6 March.

The picture (left) shows Ann Shevill striking a star pose! Judith Anderson, Ann's friend Dianne Bradley, Rhonda Davidson-Irwin, Susan Davies, Pamela Deakin, Rhyl Row, Barbara Murray and daughter Ayesha provided a supporting cast.





### **CONGRATULATIONS TO BRISBANE EAST**

Congratulations to the Zonta Club of Brisbane East which celebrated its 25<sup>th</sup> birthday on Thursday, 20 March.

Did you know that our Club sponsored the establishment of the Brisbane East Club in 1989? Our Club member, Ailsa Gillies, led the way as the organiser.

Ailsa, pictured second from left, cut the birthday cake with Brisbane East foundation members Denise Conroy (left), Beverly Farley OAM (second from right) and Carol Marsh (right).

## **PHOTO GALLERY: ARTY PARTY MEMORIES**



...and a good time was had by all!!