



Zonta Club of Brisbane Inc.

Member of Zonta International

Advancing the Status of Women Worldwide

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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. MAY 7** **CLUB DINNER MEETING** 6.30 pm for 7.00 pm at the United Service Club. The Club's Annual General Meeting will be held and there will be no guest speaker. The Club's in-coming President and Board will be installed.
- JUNE 27 –JULY 1** **ZONTA INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION** in Florida. The biennial convention is an opportunity to network with Zontians from across the globe. The Convention sets Zonta's direction for the 2014-2016 biennium.
- SUN. JULY 6** **BIRTHING KIT ASSEMBLY MORNING** – set aside the morning, from 8.00am to noon. Details of venue to be confirmed.
- SUN. 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 "Home away from Homelessness" 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, May 5** 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) ARE NOW OVERDUE. PLEASE TRANSFER TO CLUB ACCOUNT OR PAY AT MAY DINNER

REMINDER: WINDANA COLLECTION AT MAY MEETING

Donations can be brought to the May meeting to help Windana prepare for winter. Thank you to those who donated for this collection at the April meeting.

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



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Club Members

The Zonta Year is drawing quickly to its close. I look forward to presenting the Club's Annual Report 2013-2014 at the Annual General Meeting that will be held as part of our regular dinner meeting in May.

The Annual Report is a great resource for members. I often refer to the Appendix in the report to remind myself of the history of some of our key on-going projects. I hope that the Report will be useful as a record of our activities in 2013-2014 and as a resource for members to use.

An innovation this year is that the centre pages contain a gallery of the photos of members. I warmly thank Kay Ker who took photos of most members during the first three dinner meetings this year. Members who were not present have forwarded photos, or we had a library photo, so that all members are included in the picture gallery. Many members have contributed to the report. Another innovation this year, is that the contributors are acknowledged with 'by-lines'. To give a complete view of service, this year's report also includes for the first time a section on international service projects supported through the Zonta International Foundation.

As you know, we are firming our committee memberships to take effect on 1 June, the start of the new Zonta year. 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 new President Susan Davies, Vice President Adrienne Irvine, Treasurer Christina Carleton, Secretary Christine Maclean and Directors Lyn Agnew, Anna Bratti, Nerida Cooksley, Genevieve Gray, Kelly McIntyre and Amana Stoker will be installed during the May meeting. Their term commences on 1 June.

Judith Anderson, Leneen Forde and Merryl Ducat will attend Zonta's International Convention in Orlando, Florida from 27 June to 1 July. Zontians will attend from all over the world. There will be memorable fellowship and cultural exchanges, but the Convention will also set our direction for the coming 2014-2016 biennium. The new Zonta International leadership will commence on 2 July.

I am looking forward to seeing you again at the May dinner and Annual General meeting,

Yours in Zonta

Pamela Deakin



At the April meeting, Leneen Forde (second from right) inducted four new members: (L to R) Maggie Hsieh, Andrea Goncher, Alice Walker and Liz Buckman.

BIRTHING KIT MORNING

Set aside the morning of Sunday 6 July to join the friendly group assembling 1000 birthing kits. This is one of the most rewarding, hands-on activities that you can do for Zonta service. It is humbling to reflect that such simple products save the lives of women and their babies in many parts of the world. We are so fortunate in Australia.



MOONYAH PROGRESS

In 2012-2013 the Club made a \$10,000 donation to Project NOW to assist the Salvation Army to build new accommodation to house women at *Moonyah*, the Army's rehabilitation centre for drug and other addictions at Red Hill in Brisbane.

The Club was invited to return to *Moonyah* for a recent breakfast to inspect the progress that has been made since the Premier Campbell Newman turned the first sod less than a year ago in June 2013. Pamela Deakin and Judith Anderson attended (Pamela pictured right taking in the outside view.)



We were given a guided tour of the site. The building is sufficiently progressed to get a real sense of what it will be like when finished. The bedrooms are upstairs along the sides – quite spacious with each two bedrooms sharing a bathroom between them. The central area will be a common recreational space – with great views to the rear – and counseling rooms and further common space including TV room downstairs.

ZONTA IN ACTION



“What’s edutainment? It’s using entertainment to challenge underlying attitudes, beliefs and norms across a target population by using mass communications with community mobilization. The key message in the Zonta funded edutainment project is that violence against women is not okay. This biennium, Zonta has committed US\$802,000 towards this project through our Foundation’s ZISVAW Fund. Eleven countries have been participating in the project with more substantial investments directed at Bangladesh and Nigeria. All 11 countries have a very high incident of violence against women.”

This is an extract from Zonta International and Zonta International Foundation President Lynn McKenzie’s blog on her recent visit to Nigeria to see some of the work we fund to encourage grass roots changes to community awareness of violence against women.

PHOTO GALLERY

Board member Kelly McIntyre is enjoying a great holiday in Europe and sent this picture from Prague. Kelly’s caption reads: “with my little brother...after 24 hours of travel and minimal sleep”. Nice try Kelly, but we are drooling!

