



# Zonta Club of Brisbane Inc.

## Member of Zonta International

*Advancing the Status of Women Worldwide*

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### Newsletter – JANUARY 2013

President – Pamela Deakin; 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President – Vacant;  
Secretary – Adrienne Irvine; Treasurer – Christine Maclean; Directors – Christine Carleton, Patrice Grealy-Ridley, Anna Herbert;  
Newsletter Editor – Vacant.

#### DATE CLAIMERS, REMINDERS, & EVENT INFORMATION

- THURS. JAN 31** **WOMAN OF ACHIEVEMENT AWARD** Last chance to nominate someone for the Zonta Queensland's Woman of Achievement Award for 2013. For a nomination form and all relevant information please go to <http://brisbane.zontadistrict22.org> or contact Professor Janet Delpratt AM, on telephone 3848 2865, mobile 0408 850 775 or email [j.delpratt@griffith.edu.au](mailto:j.delpratt@griffith.edu.au). Hurry!
- WED. FEB 6** **CLUB DINNER MEETING** 6.30pm fellowship for 7.00pm meeting. Guest speaker will be Karyn Walsh of Micah Projects, a community organization committed to social justice. Micah provides a range of support and advocacy services to individuals and families in the belief that every child and adult has the right to a home, an income, healthcare, education, safety, dignity and connection with their community of choice.
- WED. MAR 6** **CLUB DINNER MEETING** 6.30pm fellowship for 7.00pm meeting. The Club will celebrate Zonta Rose Day / International Women's Day (on 8 March) with the announcement of Zonta Queensland's Woman of Achievement Award for 2013. It is hoped that the winner will be the Club's guest at the dinner,
- FRI. MAR 8** **UN INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY BREAKFAST** Convention Centre 6.45 am
- SAT. MAR 16** **AREA 1 & 3 MEETING** This year the Area Meeting is to be held at Queensland Cricketers Club, Ground Floor Gabba Towers, 411 Vulture Street, East Brisbane. More information in the newsletter.
- SEP 27-29** **DISTRICT 22 CONFERENCE** to be held at the Noosa Convention and Exhibition Centre at the Australis Noosa Lakes Resort.

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, February 4**, 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](mailto:christinemac@gmail.com). Any member from whom an apology is not received in time is automatically invoiced for the meal ordered for her (\$41.00)



Christmas decorations made at the December meeting

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

It is a pleasure to write my first message for 2013 and to start a fresh new year. I hope everyone enjoyed the break, and were safe and dry during the recent wet and wild weather.

We have another busy year ahead. Our guest speaker at the first dinner meeting on 6 February is Karyn Walsh from Micah Projects. Micah Projects began as an initiative of the St Mary's Community in South Brisbane. Incorporated in 1995, the organisation was named for the prophet Micah from Jewish tradition who represented the community's vision to "act justly, love tenderly and walk humbly". Micah Projects provides a wide range of support and advocacy services to those in need, including working with families, women and children, domestic violence, mental health and housing. The not-for-profit organisation welcomes the opportunity to work in partnership and collaboratively with government and other community groups.

Service is integral to Zonta's mission. As you know, two-thirds of the funds raised through our remarkable fundraising efforts are earmarked for local service projects while the remaining third of the funds is contributed to the Zonta International Foundation. The Foundation's good works include service projects supporting women with fistula in Liberia and helping women with AIDS and their children in Rwanda.

Now is the time for us to review our local service projects and to prepare our service plans for the upcoming new Zonta year. In December I emailed the service project nomination form and criteria for the assessment of potential projects to members on Adrienne Irvine's behalf. Please take the opportunity to express your views about current projects, and new ideas for potential local service projects to Adrienne. There will be time for some discussion during the February dinner meeting. Adrienne proposes to have the Service Committee and Fundraising Committee meet towards the end of February and have a plan for next year's service presented at the March dinner meeting.

It will be a particular delight to induct new members during our March and June dinner meetings. I wish the new members a long and satisfying 'career' in Zonta.

Yours in Zonta

*Pamela Deakin*

## **CHRISTMAS CHEER FOR IMMIGRANT AND REFUGEE WOMEN**

At our Christmas 2012 dinner, the Club agreed to provide assistance to help the Immigrant Women's Support Services (IWSS) provide emergency assistance to its clients over Christmas. This followed on from Cecilia Barassi-Rubio's moving presentation to the Club as our guest speaker at the November dinner. The IWSS supports immigrant and refugee women from non-English speaking backgrounds and their children. Cecilia's presentation addressed the difficult issues faced by the women and children accessing support from the service. Women present with multiple and complex issues which have resulted from experiencing domestic and/or sexual violence. The IWSS is challenged to provide effective support to the women who, due to their immigration status, have limited or no access to community services such as health and income support.

Adrienne Irvine presented the IWSS with a cheque for \$3,000 in December. Adrienne reports that Cecilia could not have been more grateful and that our donation will have made a huge difference to the women and children over Christmas.

## **GIFT BAGS, AVON PRODUCTS AND BACK TO SCHOOL**

Adrienne Irvine and Susan Davies distributed gift bags before Christmas to Windana and to the Immigrant Women's Support Service. The 70 gift bags were donated by Mr Jak Vaessen of Agapi Hair and Beauty, Merryl Ducat's guest at the November meeting. His generous gift was much appreciated. Susan and Adrienne also delivered Avon products, generously supplied by Pam Smith to us at less than cost, to Windana and Save the Children in time for Christmas. With \$1,000 assistance from the Club, Windana was able to purchase school shoes, hats, school bags and stationary for children returning to school.

### **CAN YOU HELP?**

**WINDANA NEEDS PYJAMAS AND UNDERWEAR FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN  
ALL SIZES.**

**PLEASE BRING ITEMS TO FEBRUARY DINNER**

## AREA MEETING AND DISTRICT CONFERENCE

The Area 1 & 3 Meeting will be held in Brisbane on 16 March. The theme is Visibility and Credibility. The Area Meeting is a good way to meet local fellow Zontians and to share ideas. This year the meeting is to be held at Queensland Cricketers Club at the Ground Floor Gabba Towers, 411 Vulture Street, East Brisbane.

There will also be a dinner on the Saturday evening to enjoy fellowship with the other Clubs in this area.

It may seem a long time away, but plans should be made now to attend the District 22 Conference over the weekend 27-29 September in Noosa. The venue is the Noosa Convention and Exhibition Centre at the Australis Noosa Lakes Resort. There will be a Welcome Reception on the Friday evening with the Opening Ceremony to begin at 9.00 am on the Saturday morning. The organisers promise to mix business and fun, and feedback from the Area Meetings will be taken into account in finalising the program.

Because it will be school holidays, it is advisable to book now to stay at the resort. The resort's website is <http://www.australisnoosalakesresort.com.au>.

The resort is pictured here. It has a heated pool, but we may not need heating by the time spring is here. Why not rush out and buy some new togs before the sales end to be ready to go to District Conference!

It would be great if the Club has a strong attendance at both the Area Meeting and the District Conference. These events provide opportunities to share experience and are also a good way for new members to find out more about Zonta and our values.



## ZONTA INTERNATIONAL ADVOCACY IN INDIA

The Zonta International Newsletter for January includes updates on international advocacy actions. Lynn McKenzie, Zonta International President, is corresponding with District 25 Governor Marlene Abeyewardene and Zonta Clubs in India about the brutal rape and subsequent death of an Indian student late last year. The Government of India has asked for suggestions for security and safety measures for women. Zonta Clubs in India are collecting suggestions from members and will include them, along with messages from Governor Marlene and President Lynn, in a letter to the Government.

## VANESSA PROVOST - WINNER OF THE Z-TOPS AWARD



Vanessa is enrolled in the Certificate III in Education Support at Metropolitan South Institute of TAFE in Loganlea. She attended Kingston Adult Education Centre in 2012 and was an outstanding winner of the award. She is 19 and a single mum to a 17-month-old son. Vanessa writes that she has learnt to take education very seriously and the money will enable her to study and devote time to her child without adding extra stress. Vanessa plans to use this course to complete a Bachelor of Child and Family Studies in the future.

## EDUCATION AWARD WINNER

Yani Barwick, also from Kingston Adult Education Centre, received an Education Award to attend training at a TAFE course in Hospitality. Her sister and mother are in the photograph and were so proud of Yani's success. Yani writes that she has "a Grandmother and Aunt at home who will do anything to encourage me to go on with further studies".





### A BUNDLE OF JOY

Amber and Scott had a beautiful baby girl, Eden Suzanne, on 10 January. Eden weighed in at a healthy 9lb2oz. Amber says that Eden has been very kind eating and sleeping well and being placid and a delightful addition to the family. Both Mum and baby are now home and doing well. Congratulations to Amber and Scott, and welcome to Eden. Isn't she just lovely!

### HAPPY MEMORIES OF CHRISTMAS DINNER



Susan Davies, Christine Maclean and the team of sausage 'zizzlers' who have made us a profit of \$40,000 for the 20 months since we began!



Thank you to Rob Murray and Stanley Knight.

As Hon Zons both Rob and Stan have contributed to many Zonta activities and were recognised for the effort both have made with the Sausage Zizzle. Stan and Kate come every Thursday morning to set up the BBQ area; Rob's a handy Zizzler and, on Saturday Zizzles, brings the trailer to make life easier for everyone.

Happy 90<sup>th</sup> birthday, Joan!



The singers and the Choir Master. Thank you, Rhonda!