



Zonta Club of Brisbane Inc.

Member of Zonta International

Advancing the Status of Women Worldwide

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Newsletter – FEBRUARY 2013

President – Pamela Deakin; 1st 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

- 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 the Zonta Club of Brisbane's Woman of Achievement Award and Encouragement Award for 2013. The winner will be the Club's guest speaker at the dinner.

The recipients of the Club's bursaries for Australian Indigenous Women Students at the University of Queensland for 2013 will also be guests at the dinner.
- FRI. MAR 8** **UN INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY BREAKFAST** Convention Centre 6.45 am
- SUN. MAR 10** **LEGALLY BLONDE – THE MUSICAL** 2.15pm for 3.00pm at QPAC - a fundraising event for Project NOW
- 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.
- TUES. MAR 19** **NCW QUEENSLAND – ANNUAL PRESIDENT'S DINNER** 7pm at Tattersall's Club - see invitation e-mailed earlier this month for details
- WED. APRIL 3** **CLUB DINNER MEETING** 6.30pm fellowship for 7.00pm meeting. Guest speaker is to be confirmed.
- 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 finalizing 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, 4 March**, 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 (\$41.00)

REMINDER

Notice of dues for the 2013-2014 Zonta year has been sent with this Newsletter. Payment is required by 31 March.

OUR FEES HAVE NOT INCREASED - \$180

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is again a pleasure to write this introduction to the newsletter. The March dinner meeting promises a full and engaging evening. We will be inducting five new members, presenting Zonta Bursaries to two Indigenous students from the University of Queensland and announcing the winner of our Club's Woman of Achievement who will be our guest speaker.

An important matter for Club consideration during the March meeting is the Service Plan for the coming Zonta year. Adrienne Irvine chaired a recent joint meeting of the Service and Fundraising Committees which formulated a draft plan that the Board has endorsed. The proposed service plan is included in this newsletter to give members time to reflect on the proposals ahead of the meeting.

This is the time of year when the Nominating Committee considers the slate of office bearers for the coming year. I encourage members to consider their capacity to participate. We need a mix of experienced and newer members on the Board and in committees.

Christina Carleton and Anna Herbert, mentored by Susan Davies, have 'held the fort' as the only members of the fundraising committee during the past year. The major funds for the year were raised through wine sales and Zizzling at Bunnings. While it was fine for the Club to take a breather, our capacity to undertake vital future service projects will be impacted if the Club continues to have no active fund raising committee. I know that fundraising is hard work, but please give consideration to whether you can help to revitalise this committee that is so essential if we are to maintain our high standards of local and international service.

It will be such a pleasure for the Club to induct five new members in March. The new members are Anna Bratti, Julie Kayes, Kelly McIntyre, Kathleen Payne and Amanda Stoker. Please make them welcome!

I look forward to seeing you at the March dinner meeting.

Yours in Zonta

Pamela Deakin

THE ZONTA YELLOW ROSE

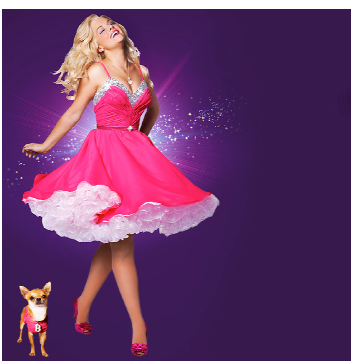
The beauty of a single yellow rose has been a favourite Zonta symbol for decades. Since 1999, the Zonta Rose has served as the symbol of Zonta Rose Day, Zonta's birthday, which falls on 8 March and coincides with International Women's Day. On this special day, Zontians worldwide are encouraged to distribute yellow roses, or items bearing the image of yellow roses, to promote Zonta and issues relating to improving the lives of women.

Did you know that since the 1980's each decade has seen a new Zonta rose bred—always a beautiful yellow rose?

Many Zonta Clubs worldwide, including our own, use the rose symbol on items and in charter and anniversary celebrations. Our cards adorned with Elizabeth Heber's hand painted yellow Zonta rose are much admired. If you need to replenish your stock, the cards will be available at the March dinner.



LEGALLY BLONDE - the musical



Welcome to the sorority! We are invited to sip pink champagne and mingle with fellow Zontians before a matinee performance of *Legally Blonde the musical* on Sunday 10 March at the Queensland Performing Arts Centre. This will be a fun afternoon and also raise funds for Project NOW. The Brisbane Metro Breakfast Club has organised the event, and suggests wearing pink which will no doubt result in some creative solutions. Don't miss it. Better book fast!

REVIEW OF SERVICE PLAN 2012-2013

In the past year the club has spent \$36,500 on a variety of excellent and worthy projects that support our local community. The major project revolved around the Project NOW breakfast and was an excellent opportunity to work in fellowship with other Zonta and service clubs such as Rotary. The Club is very grateful to Christina Carleton and those who supported the project which is rapidly seeing fruition with plans completed and building starting mid year. There is more activity proposed for the coming year with this project.

The following projects received our support in 2011-2012:

Education Encouragement Awards – Awards were awarded to 10 schools (three primary schools, six secondary schools, and Hymba Yumba)	\$3300
Birthing kits	\$2500
Women and children in caravan parks (Save the Children Fund)	\$4000
Save The Children Fund Mobile Play Scheme	\$5000
Z Tops (Kingston College)	\$2000
FOWIAD (PNG Coconut presses)	\$2500
Windana back to school packs for children	\$1000
Jane M. Klausman Award	\$1000
Hymba Yumba sewing machines	\$2000
Immigrant Women's Support Service Emergency Relief Fund	\$3000
Project Now Silver Sponsorship	\$10,000
Total	\$36,300

PROPOSED PROJECTS FOR CONTINUATION IN 2013-2014

The Service and Fundraising Committee and the Board reviewed the current programs and propose that we continue to support the following:

Educational Encouragement Awards (two primary schools have not responded in the past two years and the club is looking for nominations for two replacement schools for the coming year).	\$4500
Birthing kits - 1000	\$2500
Save The Children Fund (Women in Caravan Parks and back to school kits)	\$4000
Z Tops	\$2000
Jane M. Klausman Award	\$1000
FOWIAD – awaiting a proposal	
Windana – continue ad hoc support with donations of nightwear, new underwear, etc	
Safety Cards	\$1950
Total	\$15,950

PROPOSED NEW PROJECTS FOR 2013-2014

Four new proposals were received and considered by the committees and Board. The Club will be asked to vote on the following nominations at the March meeting:

Windana – With the recent government funding cutbacks and the rise in award wages for community workers, Windana can no longer provide a child therapist to support children coming into the refuge. Our February guest speaker from Windana clearly identified why a therapist is needed to support children experiencing violence in their lives. The proposal seeks support to employ a therapist 3 days per week for six months at \$8000 or 12 months for \$15,000.

It is recommended that the Club support the proposal to employ a therapist for 6 months to be reviewed with a possibility of further funding for 12 months.

Micah Project – Our second guest speaker for the February meeting, Kylie, presented a compelling picture of the issues of homelessness for women and children in Brisbane today. Micah has submitted a proposal for some financial assistance to allow women and children to attend various outings and events that will provide them with opportunities for socialisation and normalising in their lives. This is an important element in a family's life which is often overlooked when providing the necessities of life.

It is recommended that the Club support the proposal to provide \$4,500 to provide women and children who have experienced DV to participate in specific community events.

Griffith University/Logan Campus – Supporting women experiencing financial hardship. The proposal from Dr. Lesley Chenoweth, Head of Campus, seeks financial assistance for women attending university who face significant hardship and are at risk of dropping out of study due to their financial pressures. Lesley provided a compelling argument by identifying the difference a bursary, to assist with purchase of books, laptops, transport, child care or accessing practicums, can make at both the financial and emotional level. Administration of the bursaries will be effectively managed between Zonta and Griffith's Scholarships Division.

It is recommended that the Club support two bursaries of \$2000 per year to be awarded to students attending the Logan campus.

The total sum to be raised for these proposals is \$14,500

A fourth nomination was received from the Immigrant Women's Support Service to undertake a research project looking at the issues of migrant women who come to Australia and find themselves with no visa status. While the nomination was considered a suitable advocacy project it is outside the club's capacity to provide the \$30,000 sought and the view was that more tangible projects be considered for the coming year.

Project Now – we are currently exploring a proposal to continue to assist in a fund raising project to raise further funds for Project Now. This involves a fashion parade to be held at the newly revamped City Hall on June 15 with members to bring along guests on the day. We are awaiting further details.

If any member would like further information on any of these nominations prior to the March meeting please contact Adrienne Irvine on 0419660579 or airvine@bigpond.net.au

DAYS OF WINE (and ROSES)

There wasn't space in the January newsletter for these fun photos. Lea Greenaway is grateful for the working bee's assistance. The Club appreciates the work that Lea does to make our Christmas wine sales such a successful annual fundraiser. The editor is enjoying her reds!.

2012 Profit
\$3405
170 boxes
sold



Wine being unloaded at Judith's by our trusty courier, Brian



Susan Davies asks, "Now was that 54 or 55?"



The best view of everyone: Susie, Pamela, Adrienne, Judith, Kate, Di, Hamish and Will



Hon Zon John Greenaway unloading boxes at the Greenaway Wine Depot



A well earned break: Adrienne, Pamela, Judith, Mr HonZon Bear and Lea

With many thanks to our Sellers, our Purchasers, Phil Manser at Wines Direct and the Toowoomba and Beaudesert Zonta Clubs for supporting us.

Very special thanks to the wonderful Wine Working Bees: Judith Anderson (and HonZon Mr Bear the Cat), Kate Carney and HonZons Susie Carney and Andrew Hockey, Susan Davies, Pamela Deakin, Di Eden, HonZons Nick, Hamish and Will Eden, HonZon John Greenaway and Adrienne Irvine.