



Zonta Club of Brisbane Inc.

Member of Zonta International

Advancing the Status of Women Worldwide

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Newsletter – MARCH 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 award the Helen Row Memorial Prize to Hannah Thomas, Research Assistant at the University of Queensland. Hannah will be our guest speaker.
- The Club will also induct new members and the Nominating Committee will present its slate for 2013 Club positions. Reuben Heim, a guest of Caroline's, will talk briefly about the WOW (Women of Worth) project in Cambodia.
- WED. MAY 1** **CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL DINNER MEETING**
- COCTAIL RECEPTION TO WELCOME NEW MEMBERS** to be held prior to the AGM, from 5.45pm at the United Services Club dinner meeting venue.
- SUN. JUNE 2** **ANTIQUe AND COLLECTABLES CHARITY FAIR 2013** organised by the Zonta Club of Brisbane East 10am to 2pm at the Sherwood State School Sports Hall.
- SAT. JUNE 15** **FASHION SHOW CASE** event at City Hall at 2pm (to be confirmed) – a fellowship and fundraising event for Project NOW
- 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 meal orders. 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, April 1**, 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

Payment of dues is required by 31 March 2013. Contact Christine to arrange payment



As the cooler months approach, the women and children of Windana need donations of winter pyjamas and fleecy tops. Please give your contributions to Adrienne at the April meeting.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It was such a pleasure to see four new members inducted in March. The new members (L to R), are Julie Kayes, Kelly McIntyre, Amanda Stoker and Kathleen Payne. Those who were at the meeting and heard their introductions and responses will agree that they bring talent, achievement and social commitment to our Club and to Zonta's service.



I am hoping that the Club will induct a further six strong new members at the April meeting. We will hold a champagne reception to welcome them prior to the start of the Annual General Meeting on 1 May. Please be there to meet them and welcome them to Zonta.

During March, I attended the National Council of Women of Queensland (NCWQ) President's Dinner at the Tattersall's Club. I was made very welcome by Avril Kent, one of NCWQ's Vice Presidents, who is our contact liaison within NCWQ. The system of having nominated contacts, which we also use if sometimes informally, can personalise relationships between organisations and be very effective. I enjoyed the dinner. My only regret is that I didn't take a snap for the newsletter.

March was a busy Zonta month. The month started with Zonta Rose Day and International Women's Day. A highlight was the Area 1 and 3 meeting on 16 March. There is a report on the meeting in the newsletter.

During March I was courageous on your behalf. Ros Kinder, our District 22 Webmaster, very kindly arranged a series of teleconferences for Club Webpage Managers to explain aspects of the administration of Club pages on the district site. While Barbara Murray is our designated Webpage Manager, I participated and found the information valuable. It didn't require as much courage as I first thought. There is more in the newsletter about accessing the district site and the challenge set by the District Governor, Judith Anderson, and the District Communications Officer, Susan Davies.

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

Yours in Zonta

Pamela Deakin

FROM WINDANA WITH THANKS

During March Adrienne Irvine delivered the cheque for \$8,000 agreed by the Club to support Windana to hire an Early Intervention Worker for an initial six month period. The Club will also continue to advocate to try to secure on-going government funding to support this service.

Windana has sent the following message:

"Our staff would like to thank your members for all their hard work in ensuring that we have the resources to be able to employ such a worker. This worker will be able to allocate the time to the many children who reside at our service. We are hoping that they will provide the early intervention that is necessary for these children, who have often witnessed horrific acts of violence, to heal and to prevent them from taking the violence into the next generation. This worker will also educate children on the protective behaviours and strategies that will guide them in future situations in which they may feel unsafe. We realise that donations such as this have culminated from the hard work and determination of your members and we will see that these resources reach those who are most vulnerable."



VARIED AND INTERESTING COMBINED AREA MEETING

The speakers at the Combined Area 1 and 3 Meeting on 16 March were varied and interesting. A lot was packed into one day, and there was still the opportunity to meet fellow Zontians and even to shop at the Trading Circle stall.

Judith Anderson OAM, our Club member and District Governor, talked about 'the big picture'. There are many traditional and new types of service organisations, and we operate in a crowded field, but Zonta is

distinguished by being the only service organisation committed to implementing Articles 1 to 16 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) and the Millennium Development Goals for women and girls.

Anna Herbert addressed the meeting on what Zonta means to her as a new member. She talked about learning through active participation in Club activities and really connected with the audience when she shared her motivation to ensure a safe world for her two beautiful little girls.

Our Club also provided one of four showcases on Club service and advocacy activities. Julie Mannion and Susan Davies presented on the Sunset Reception at *Blainsleigh*, talking about the fundraising principles and planning that ensured the success of the event.

There were many challenging ideas throughout the day, including discussions on how to increase visibility and promote Zonta, how to fully utilise new media such as Facebook and You Tube (new to some of us!) and how to contribute to the *Zonta Says NO* campaign.

The district website has some of the papers and photos from the day.

CSW57

Love a good acronym? The fifty-seventh session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW57) took place at the United Nations Headquarters in New York from 4 to 15 March 2013. The CSW is the principal global policy-making body dedicated exclusively to gender equality and advancement of women. Representatives of UN member states meet each year to assess progress on gender equality, identify challenges, set standards and formulate concrete policies to promote equality and women's empowerment worldwide.

The CSW is a commission of the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC). Zonta International has general consultative status to ECOSOC, which enhances Zonta's credibility. Zonta has over the years consistently worked through the United Nations to implement Zonta International Foundation service projects.

The priority theme of CSW57 was the elimination and prevention of all forms of violence against women and girls. CSW57 noted progress, but recognized the persistence of obstacles, requiring states to act in a holistic way recognizing the linkages between violence against women and girls and other issues such as education, health, HIV and AIDS, poverty eradication, food security, peace and security, humanitarian assistance and crime prevention.

The priority theme for CSW58 in 2014 is the challenges and achievements in the implementation of the Millennium Development Goals for women and girls.

SWEET DISCOVERY

Judith Anderson was recently a guest of the Zonta Club of Blackall Range and was given a package of materials the Club has produced over the years. To Judith's delight, this included a collection of 43 short personal anecdotes provided by women from around Australia that was published in June 2000 as 'Sweet Sisters and Other Secrets'.

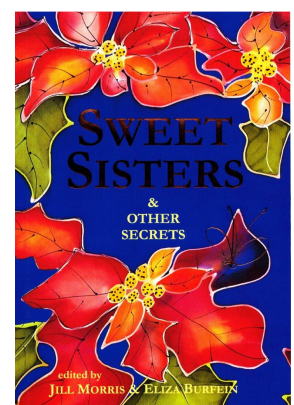
The cover features a vibrant silk painting of poinsettias by our Liz Heber (see right), who at that time was Area Director of Area 3 of District 24. Liz's own wonderful story is the first piece in the collection.

Because Liz was born with a cleft palate, she spent her early years frustratingly trying to communicate but unable to make anyone understand her. An operation at the age of seven and many years of therapy ensued, but along the way she was inspired by two neighbours – a wonderful lady Liz called Best Mum, and TC Beirne who owned the eponymous emporium in Fortitude Valley and taught Liz that money and age have nothing to do with success.

Liz loved music and art – "I was always drawing, especially when I was sick. And I was sick a great deal." Starting school was a shock because Liz was two years older than her classmates, but she certainly caught up, going on to graduate in microbiology from The University of Queensland. Liz wanted to do a Dip Ed but was told that because of her speech she would be hurt if she went teaching – so, of course, Liz went ahead and taught at St Hilda's Southport, later becoming Vice Principal at Clayfield College and Deputy Principal at Thursday Island High School and Caboolture High.

Today, Liz has a world-wide reputation for her silk paintings which have ended up in places as far-flung as the USA, UK, Norway and Japan.

When her Junior exam results were published, Liz found her mother crying because "we never expected you to achieve in anything". Liz was amazed – "such a thought had never entered my head!".



CHALLENGE TO INCREASE D22 WEBSITE REGISTRATIONS

The District Governor, Judith Anderson, has a goal to have at least three-quarters of the district members registered on the D22 website by the time of the District Conference in September. I'm sure that Brisbane Club can rise to the challenge. It would be wonderful if all members who have computer access to the web are registered. At the moment we fall into two groups: those who may have registered on the old website but who may have trouble remembering their user name and/or passwords for the new site; and those who have never registered. We have targeted solutions to help both groups to be effectively registered.

OUR MARCH PHOTO GALLERY

The Club's Woman of Achievement 2013, Kay Ganley (centre left) and Woman of Achievement Encouragement Award winner, Lisa 'Loopy' Kiddle (centre right) at the March dinner meeting



Susan and Pamela in the pink at *Legally Blonde – the musical*, a fundraiser for Project NOW on 10 March.

This year's winners of our Club's Bursaries for Indigenous Women Students at UQ (Lee Shepherd and Emily Montgomery) with award coordinator Iris and Pamela at the March dinner.



Birthday girls Adrienne and Iris (left) enjoyed a zizzling celebration for their birthdays on 28th March – complete with balloons, bunting and birthday cup-cakes delivered by Anne Landsberg for the morning team to enjoy (below). The afternoon crew were very pleased that there were enough left for them!

