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Presidents Report

Well I am back from my wonderful trip to Austria and then Cape York. I would like to extend a very big thank you to Kate for very capably holding the fort in my absence.

Congratulations to Ans and her team for a very successful District 22 Conference with the theme Empowering women through service and advocacy. Our club had one of the largest contingents of attendees.

I, along with other club members, attended the Leadership in Action workshop on the Friday. The information and insights we received should be useful in helping members understand and embrace the challenges and opportunities of being a Zonta member.

The opening ceremony was held at the Parliamentary Annex 'Undumbi room' with a flag raising ceremony. The welcome address was excellent and the special keynote address from Virginia Nelson OAM 2016 Telstra Business Award winner was inspirational.

The conference program was interesting and topical and the keynote speakers - Kate Tully, Jenny Weaver, Megan Walker, Dr Luc Mulimbalimba - all had interesting perspectives to offer on leadership, marketing, membership and advocacy. Ute Scholz, Director 2016-18 Zonta International & Zonta International Foundation, attended as the District Liaison to the ZI Board. She mentioned that when asked what 'Zonta' was about a suitable response is *Zonta is a human rights organisation which is focused on, and empowers, women and girls*'.

Unfortunately, despite our best collective attempt, the Zonta Club of Toowoomba's motion *That*

District 22 adopts `Days for Girls as its service project for 2018-2020 biennium did not succeed.

The conference dinner was good fun with lots of dancing to be had. The vocalist and magician were exceptional and helped make the evening a great success. Heather Hall from Roma purchased both of the art works provided by our club for the silent auction.

Helen Miller, on behalf of our club, very capably organised the memorial service for Zontians that had passed away during the last 2 years. It was gratifying to see women who had been very committed Zonta members but had resigned prior to passing away, being acknowledged this time.

On behalf of the club our thoughts go out to Judith Moore after the recent loss of her son in law.

I look forward to seeing you all at the October dinner.

Kathryn Galea

Fundraising

FR Committee –

- Helen Horan and I have been exploring prospective guest speaker for IWD. We are awaiting response/s from high-profile women, to determine their interest and availability.
- Will hold a FR Committee meeting for IWD planning, before the end of year.

C4C –

- Have asked Highfields Cultural Centre to hold the room for Saturday 16 June 2018.
- Have received excellent response to email call for C4C Committee volunteers – *thank you all.*
- We will hold a Committee planning meeting before our November dinner meeting, when Wendy Allen is back from OS.

Barb Grey - Chair

Service Committee

Firstly, thank you to all of you who volunteered at the Exhibition Garden for the Carnival of Flowers last week. It was a beautiful weekend to be out and about and I'm certain it was a successful venture for Life Education.

A reminder to Club members that we are continuing with supplying unwanted magazines to the various health facilities around town, so if you have some lovely magazines that you no longer wish to hold onto - please bring them to the dinner meeting and the Service Committee will distribute.

Thank you to Sharon Campbell who has been in contact with Ada's Haven and

Manna House - checking to see if they need any particular assistance. Manna House thanked us for the recent supply of winter pjs and have asked if we would be able to supply some mid-season pjs - especially in the larger sizes. It is proposed that we use up to \$300 of the service budget to meet this request. Manna House also asked if we could supply slippers - similar to those supplied in hotels. So, if you have any slippers that are cluttering up your cupboards and you are wondering what to do with them - then please also bring them along to the dinner meeting in October. Otherwise we shall use the funds proposed to purchase some new ones.

I think that is it for the moment, other than to say to Service Committee members - please keep an eye on your email as I will be calling a meeting in the next couple of weeks. We are staring at the end of the year and there are a few projects (such as the Christmas cakes and Adopt a Family) that we need to be working on.

Otherwise, I hope everyone is enjoying this fine Spring weather.

Thank you, Kate

Membership/Program Committee

Next meeting is an International night and the meal will have an Indian theme. There will be a trivia competition between tables, and a fantastic prize up for grabs.

Lunch has been organised at Tuskanas restaurant at Ravensbourne for Sunday 29th October at 12pm - the address is 3143 Esk-Hampton Road Ravensbourne. We could drop in at the Cuckoo clock shop and/or Danish Art on the way home, if you like?

The contacts list will be going around again through the meeting, so could you look at your own and make any necessary changes please? Could you then initial to say that your information is correct?

Don't forget about past member Wendy Burrell's Open Garden at Hilldale Estate Gardens, 85 Mulgowie Road, Mulgowie via Laidley on Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th October – open 9am to 4pm. Entry is Adults \$7 and total proceeds of the weekend will go to Tabeel Home in Laidley. A wide range of snacks and lunches will be available and wine tasting as well.

Thanks, Ros

Advocacy, ZI and PR

A committee meeting was held on Tuesday 02 September 2017 and another meeting will be scheduled this week.

16 Days of Activism is 25/11/2017 to 10/12/2017 The committee will continue work on the 16 days of activism. At the District Conference attendees were advised that there will also be a focus on Female Trafficking during this period. The committee will work on activities to increase awareness of this.

2017 Young Women in Public Affairs Information will be sent out shortly

Woman of the Year Please remember to put your Woman of the Year nominations to the committee. They can be sent to Kath Smith or Amanda Lehane.

Jane M Klausman Women in Business Scholarship The committee is also considering support for this scholarship in 2018.

Please remember if you want photos to go up on Facebook to send them to Kath.

Thank you, Kath

Leadership and Development Opportunities

As part of the Club's focus on advancement of women, the Board wants to highlight opportunities for club members to undertaken leadership and development programs.

During September and October, the Queensland Government will be offering a range of online and face to face opportunities for women. If these activities are not of any interest to you, please pass the contacts on to family, friends and associates, especially younger women who you think might be interested.

Regards, Deborah Tranter

[Handling uncertainty in small business webinar - Monday 25 September](#)

[Clever small business branding ideas webinar - Wednesday 27 September](#)

[QFF workshops for women in farm business – multiple locations and dates](#)

[Advancing Young Women in Business virtual world café – multiple locations on Thursday 5 October](#)

[New Ideas forum - Atherton on Friday 6 October](#)

[Business Blocks workshop - Toowoomba on Saturday 7th October](#)

[WiRE Program \(Women in Rural, Regional and Remote Enterprises\) – multiple webinars, boot-camps and workshops](#)

Some other items of interest....

Zonta Diaries

The Zona Club of Melbourne East have Zonta Diaries for sale-see the attached order form. *It is that time of year to order your refill for your Zonta Diary. This year we have added to our refill an insert with the Zonta Mission Statement, Vision, Objects and Thanks. There is no increase in price with either the refill or the Zonta pens.*

Toowoomba Regional Council Thrive Project

THRIVE aims to inspire and encourage women and girls of all ages to lead healthy and happy lives by participating in a range of fun and social activities now available throughout the Toowoomba Region. Forget about ability or perfection – THRIVE is about women and girls trying something new, meeting different people, enjoying fun times with friends and family, boosting energy levels and feeling great. For more information on the program, activity schedules and how to book, please click on the following link: <http://www.tr.qld.gov.au/thrive>

MONTHLY DUTIES: Please find an alternate lady if you are unable to do this.

Grace: Jane Tait

Next Meeting 3rd October 2017, 5:30 for 6:00pm
APOLOGIES: no later than 3pm Friday 29/9/17
Email apologies to zontatoowoomba@gmail.com Write
'APOLOGY' in the subject line

OR

Phone or text message:
Libby Gleeson 0428 267 124

PAYMENT:

Payment of **\$35** is requested **BEFORE** the meeting please, if you would like to purchase a raffle ticket – add \$2 per ticket.

Payment Option 1 (preferred):
Via EFT to MEMBERSHIP ACCOUNT
BSB: **064 433** Account No: **1018 0740**
With your surname as a reference.

Payment Option 2:
Cheque on the night. No cash please.