

Zonta Club of Brisbane Inc. Member of Zonta International

Advancing the Status of Women Worldwide

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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., MAY 1

CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL DINNER MEETING

COCKTAIL RECEPTION TO WELCOME NEW MEMBERS to be held prior to the AGM, from 5.45pm in the Military Bar of the United Services Club dinner meeting venue.

From 5.45pm to 6.30pm members will receive a free drink of their choice from the bar.

FRI., MAY 17

Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarship closing date for applications to Club.

WED., JUNE 5

JUNE DINNER MEETING

SAT., JUNE 15

FASHION SHOW CASE event at City Hall at 2pm – 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 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, April 29**, 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).



IT IS NOT TOO LATE!

BRING WARM SLEEPWEAR AND FLEECY CLOTHES FOR WINDANA. A DONATION WOULD BE VERY WELCOME NOW THAT THE WEATHER IS COOLING!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Following the induction of Julie Kayes, Kelly McIntyre, Kathleen Payne and Amanda Stoker during the Club's March meeting, it was again a great pleasure to see a further seven new members inducted by Ms Leneen Forde AC, Chancellor Griffith University and Zonta Past International President, during the April dinner meeting.

The seven newest members are Anna Bratti, Jane Cowell, Leigh Eagle, Margaret Forrest, Dearne Galbraith, Jane Keating and Caroline Lean.

Kylie Strudwick will be inducted during the coming May dinner meeting. Come early to the May meeting to share a drink with the twelve new members and welcome them to the fellowship of our Club. I have arranged with the United Services Club for members to receive a free drink of their choice from the bar between 5.45 pm and 6.30 pm. The United Services Club is kindly allowing us to use the Military Bar for our pre-dinner reception. Please plan to arrive early next Wednesday.

The Board has prepared a Club Calendar that I will email or post to members, initially in draft form. I would appreciate any suggestions on additions before the Calendar is finalised. I would particularly like to include dates for when processes commence, not just deadlines and event times.

I will also circulate by email or post a pro-forma for expressions of interest in committee membership and project involvement for the coming Zonta year. Committee chairs and membership will be finalised at the June meeting. I am indebted for the support and achievements of Nerida Cooksley (Chair of the Membership Committee), Adrienne Irvine (Chair of the Service Committee), Christina Carleton and Anna Herbert (Co-chairs of the Fundraising Committee under Susan Davies' mentorship), and our splendid Nominating Committee of Iris Scott, Margaret Ferguson and Kate Carney. As you know, the Advocacy Committee Chair is currently vacant, but I am delighted that Barbara Kent is prepared to take on advocacy in the new Zonta year, with a mentoring arrangement in place for new members who express an interest in the Advocacy Committee.

I look forward to seeing you at the May dinner meeting and AGM, and for pre-dinner fellowship with new members from 5.45pm.

Yours in Zonta

Pamela Deakin

PURSUIT OF EXCELLENCE IN ZONTA COMMUNITY SERVICE

Zonta International has established a new award that is a terrific opportunity to showcase district and club service projects. The Zonta Service Recognition Award has been established to recognise outstanding service projects undertaken by Zonta clubs and districts which benefit women in the local community. There are two categories of projects to be considered for the award:

- (a) Service projects that improve the status of women and girls in general (improve their legal, political, economic, educational, health and professional status), and
- (b) Service projects to prevent and fight violence against women and girls.

This all leads up to Convention in Orlando in 2014. Six of the most outstanding service projects sponsored by clubs, and up to three sponsored by districts, will receive the Zonta Service Recognition Award during Convention.



Projects nominated under category (b), even if not selected for a service award, may be posted on the ZI website in the section dedicated to the *Zonta Says NO campaign*. Posting of club service/advocacy projects against violence to women and girls on the ZI site is part of the current phase of the *Zonta Says NO campaign*, culminating in worldwide common action in November this year with Orange Ribbon Day on November 25 and sixteen Days of Activism.



SPEAKING OF ORLANDO...

The website for the 62nd Zonta International Convention in Orlando, Florida (Friday 27 June to Tuesday 1 July 2014) is up and running. The website can be accessed through the ZI site. There is an amazing picture of the venue, the Orlando World Center Marriott – or rather it is the American ‘center’ that looks amazing. Huge! Accommodation can be booked now through links on the website.

REMEMBERING HELEN ROW

At the April dinner, the Club awarded the Helen Row Memorial Prize for 2013 to Hannah Thomas. Hannah is a PhD candidate at the University of Queensland. Hannah was awarded the prize for her work in better understanding non-suicidal, self-harming behaviours in adolescents.

The prize commemorates Dr Helen Row, a former Club member, who was a respected pioneer in the field of child psychiatry in Queensland. After Helen retired, she committed herself to Zonta by organising new clubs. From 1977 until her death in December 1987, Helen was instrumental in the formation of many new Queensland clubs.



The memorial fund was established in 1992 by the Zonta Club of Brisbane in conjunction with the University of Queensland. From the beginning until this year, Rhyl Row has managed the program and the Club is indebted to Rhyl for her service and passionate promotion of Helen’s legacy and the Club’s memorial prize.

Newer members may notice Helen’s and Rhyl’s surname, and wonder at the relationship. Rhyl has kindly provided these personal memories of Dr Row:

“Helen Row became my Mother in Law in July 1968. Quite a daunting experience, as I remember she was so different from my mother who was a little girl from the ‘bush’. However I learnt to ‘handle’ this very dominant woman quite quickly and became very fond of her and admired her greatly despite hearing so frequently of her disagreements with various Zonta members!

When she retired she needed other interests and one day asked us what we thought of her joining a Club called Zonta. Of course we had never heard of it but thought it a very good idea. She was a “charter” member and soon became very involved. Of course she is remembered for creating eleven new clubs in Queensland. My memories of this were her stubbornness in careering around the countryside in buses opposed to flying... this was to save money for Zonta. Our concern was that she had a leg impediment as a result of Polio when she was young. Many of her family members said to me that she was very self conscious of this which accounted for her brusque manner. She died on Christmas Eve 1987 and at her Funeral many Zonta members said this date was in her plan!

My "boys" and I have so many very happy memories of her and respected her greatly. This was also shown by the very many Zontans who so willingly donated to what was to become 'The Helen Row-Zonta International Memorial Prize" to her memory.

I felt greatly honoured to administer this prize for so many years and I do hope this can continue for at least the next twenty.”

WOW PROJECT IN CAMBODIA

At the April dinner, Reuben Heim gave a very interesting and touching report on his recent experiences in Cambodia, especially about the Woman of Worth (WOW) project which assists women to establish small enterprises. It is very encouraging to see the commitment to service and passion for advocacy demonstrated by Reuben. While the Club supports international projects through the Zonta International Foundation, members may be interested in supporting the WOW project as individuals or through bringing it to the attention of friends, colleagues or other organisations with which they are associated. The WOW Cambodia website is <http://www.wowcambodia.org> – and a little bird has told me that at least one member has already given her support and has purchased two lovely bags!

JANE M. KLAUSMAN WOMEN IN BUSINESS SCHOLARSHIP

We are undertaking a targeted search for a 2013 Club Jjane M. Klausman (JMK) Women in Business scholarship recipient. Do you know someone who would be a worthy recipient? The scholarship is open to women studying in a business-related field, of any age from any background, from undergraduate through to masters level. Successful applicants in the past have demonstrated high academic achievement and strong commitment to social service.

The scholarship operates at Zonta Club, District and International levels. Applications are made to Clubs, which decide a nomination to be considered at district, and subsequently successful district winners are eligible for twelve international prizes of US\$7,000. Zonta International also awards US\$1.000 to every district winner. The Zonta Club of Brisbane also offers \$1,000 for the Club's successful applicants.

Application forms can be downloaded from the Zonta International website. However, if you know of a potential candidate, contact the President, Pamela Deakin, who has a downloaded nomination form with Zonta Club of Brisbane contact details added to the form.

The closing date for applications to be received by the Club is 17 May 2013.

ONLY 1000 DAYS TO THE MDG TARGET DATE!

