

Advancing the Status of Women Worldwide

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DATE CLAIMERS, REMINDERS, & EVENT INFORMATION

SUN. JUNE 30 ZONTA CLUB OF BRISBANE COOK BOOK – Submit your recipes online by 30 June OR bring to July dinner meeting

WED. JULY 3 CLUB DINNER MEETING 6.30 pm for 7.00 pm at the United Services Club. The

guest speaker will be Nicole Little, State Manager, Court Network – a not-for-profit organisation that recruits and trains volunteers to support people attending Court.

FRI. JULY 15 Closing Date for Early Bird Registration for District 22 Conference - further

details in newsletter.

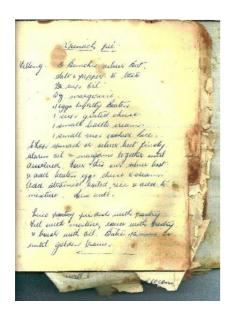
SUN. JULY 21 Birthing Kit Assembly Day 8.30am to 12 noon on Sunday 21 July at the Lion's

Den, 49 Dinterra Avenue, Ferny Hills.

SEP 28-29 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, July 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).



HELP MAKE OUR COOKBOOK A SUCCESS! 3 JULY DEADLINE

Recipes can be submitted online. It's easy. Just follow these steps:

- 1. Go to http://publishedauthors.com.au/
- 2. Scroll down to the bottom of the page and click on 'SUBMIT YOUR RECIPE HERE'
- 3. Click on drop down menu, select Zonta Club of Brisbane, click on 'submit a recipe for this cookbook'.

Alternatively, photocopy or write out your recipe and bring it to the July dinner meeting.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Club Members

Thank you to the members who supported the Inaugural Zonta Fashion Showcase held at the refurbished Brisbane City Hall on Saturday, 15 June. The fashions from the three designers (Sacha Drake, Pia Du Pradal and Julie Tengdahl) were beautiful and appealed to all ages; the young models were professional; and Lisa Newman and Cynthia Morton were delightful comperes, chatting with Sacha and Julie (Pia could not attend) about clothes and their stories of social commitment. Our new member, Kylie Strudwick said "I thoroughly enjoyed myself and as it was my first event as a member of Zonta it was a great example of what Zonta represents". Judith Anderson, Club member and District Governor, summed it up "What a fabulous success the Fashion Showcase was – and what a great showcase for Zonta as well".

The Fashion Showcase raised just shy of \$30,000 for Project NOW. This month saw an important milestone for Project NOW. The Premier, Campbell Newman, turned the first sod for the building of the new accommodation for women at Moonyah, the Salvation Army's recovery centre at Red Hill for men and women suffering from drug, alcohol and gambling addiction. This is not only an important local project to improve the lives of Queensland women, but an opportunity for us to collaborate with the Salvation Army, Rotary and other Zonta Clubs.

It was a pleasure to watch Leneen Forde induct Kylie Strudwick, introduced by Julie Mannion, at the June dinner. It was also a great pleasure to welcome home Kay Saunders who rejoined the Club in June. Kay was guest speaker at the June meeting, talking on her latest book *Deadly Australian Women*. A serious topic, but Kay pitched her dinner address perfectly, eliciting howls of laughter as well as sober reflection on aspects of our history.

Coming up in July, please mark the Birthing Kit Assembly morning on Sunday 21 July in your calendar, and let Barbara Murray know you are attending. Members are urged to attend if they can.



And please submit your recipes for our cookbook now – online or bring to the July dinner. The other important deadline in July is the 15th – the deadline for early bird registration for the District Conference over the weekend of 28-29 September in Noosa. Registration details have been emailed, and further information is in the newsletter. I look forward to seeing you at the July dinner meeting.

Yours in Zonta

Pamela Deakín

SAVE THE DATE

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY BREAKFAST 2014

THURSDAY 6 MARCH 2014, 6.45 am to 8.30 am

BRISBANE CONVENTION AND EXHIBITION CENTRE

BIRTHING KITS SAVE LIVES

Did you know that every 90 seconds, a woman dies of complications related to pregnancy and childbirth?

Barbara Murray is again this year organising our Birthing Kit Assembly Day. Really it's a just a morning from 8.30am to noon on Sunday, 21 September. It's easy and collegial, but there are few ways to spend a couple of hours that have such immediate and worthwhile benefit for women in desperate need.

60 million women give birth each year with the assistance of a Traditional Birth Attendant or with no assistance at all. The United Nations (W.H.O.) estimates that 385,000 women die annually in childbirth, with developing countries accounting for 99% of these deaths. For every woman who dies in childbirth, another 30 women incur injuries and infections - many of which are often painful, disabling, embarrassing and lifelong. (www.birthingkitfoundation.org.au)

Annually over 140,000 women who give birth in remote regions of developing countries are the recipients of our kits. In 1999 the first kits were sent to Papua New Guinea where the maternal mortality rate is estimated 300 per 100 000 live births. In some developing countries the maternal mortality rate is even more staggering. For example, the estimated rate in Afghanistan in 2008 was 1,400 per 100,000 live births. Vietnam is the latest country to receive support. Kenya and Ethiopia also receive kits.

The kits are distributed with the assistance of a health professional who gives instructions on how to use the kits correctly and dispose of the waste safely.

The birthing kit addresses the 7 'cleans' needed for a safe delivery. Join us on Assembly morning to experience the amazement of how 6 items assembled into a small bag can make such an impact.



WELCOME ISABELLA ROSE

What joy! Christina Carleton gave birth to baby Isabella Rose on 21 June. The young family has shared this lovely photo. Christina's partner Paul is over the moon – and no wonder. Welcome Isabella Rose!

DISTRICT CONFERENCE: VISIBILE + CREDIBLE = A VIABLE FUTURE

Book now and take advantage of early bird registration offer for the District 22 Conference on the weekend of 28-29 September at the Noosa Convention and Exhibition Centre, 3 Hilton Terrace, Noosaville. Day registrations for Saturday and Sunday are available if you cannot attend both days. The weekend and Saturday registration includes the dinner on Saturday night. Spring will be here by then. Bring your togs!

To register and pay by credit card, just go to:

http://www.stickytickets.com.au/11786/zonta_international_district_22_conference.aspx Easy! Other payment options include direct deposit, and cheque payable to Zonta International District 22 Conference Account. Details have been emailed, but are also available from the President.

To book accommodation, call Australis Noosa Lakes (phone: 5447 1400; website: http://www.australisnoosalakesresort.com.au/) – please don't call the Convention Centre to book accommodation!

SNAPPED AT THE SOD TURNING FOR PROJECT NOW

Our Christina at centre (just seven days before Isabella Rose's arrival) with Lieutenant Governor of District 22, Judith Trevan-Hawke, and a bevy of chilly Zontians representing just some of the nine Greater Brisbane clubs which have supported Project NOW.



LOOKING FOR LOST CUP

This pretty saucer is from a setting called Sweet Violets, but it is missing its cup! We think the cup and saucer were separated during a function a while ago. If you can you help reunite the saucer and cup, contact Jennifer Thompson or let the President know.

