



Zonta Club of Brisbane Inc.

Member of Zonta International

Advancing the Status of Women Worldwide

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DATE CLAIMERS, REMINDERS, & EVENT INFORMATION

- FRI. NOV 1** **THE CLASSIC COLLECTION – an evening of music and culinary collaboration.**
6.30pm to 9pm, The Poinciana Lounge, Level 3, Queensland State Library, Stanley
Place, South Brisbane. A musical theatre evening devised by Caroline Heim, her
husband Christian, and Rhonda Davidson-Irwin, incorporating the launch of the
Club's Cookbook.
- TUE. NOV 5** **MELBOURNE CUP CHICKEN AND BUBBLY LUNCH** – at Susan Hocking's home
in St Lucia.
- WED. NOV 6** **CLUB DINNER MEETING** 6.30 pm for 7.00 pm at the United Service Club. A
number of guests will provide progress reports on Club service projects.
- SAT. NOV 9** **ZONTA SAYS NO WALK** – a 6K walk from Newstead Park to Newfarm Park and
return, with District Zontians, family and friends to campaign to eliminate violence
against women. Shorter option available! Wear orange!
- SAT. NOV 30** **WINE WORKING BEE** - help fill wine orders for distribution – always a fun event.
- MAR. 22 2014** **AREA 1 & 3 MEETING** – to be held in Kallangur, hosted by Caboolture Club.

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, November 4** 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).



DEADLINES LOOMING!

Order SALMON BY WEDNESDAY 6 NOVEMBER

Order WINE BY MONDAY 18 NOVEMBER

**Order at November dinner, or contact Leigh Eagle
for salmon and Lea Greenaway for wine**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Club Members

This is an exciting, busy time for us. The Classic Event concert and cookbook launch is this Friday, 1 November, at the Queensland State Library; Susan Hocking is hosting a Melbourne Cup lunch next Tuesday; our dinner meeting is on Wednesday; and the Zonta Says No Walk is Saturday 9 November.

A total 149 Zontians registered for the District 22 Conference held in Noosa over the weekend 28/29 September. First-timer Julie Kayes provides her insights on the Conference in the newsletter. The feedback on the Conference is very positive, with all respondents finding the business sessions relevant to Zonta issues and advocacy. Special thanks to all Club members who attended, and to Judith Anderson, Christine Stewart, Julie Mannion and Susan Davies who had roles in the organisation and conduct of the Conference; Sallyanne Atkinson who provided accommodation in Brisbane for the Zonta International representative; Jennifer Thomson, Elizabeth Heber, Christine Stewart, Barbara Murray and Ann Shevill who made generous donations for the Conference's silent auction; and again to Elizabeth Heber who made beautiful hand painted rose silk scarves which along with our Zonta Says No aprons and rose cards raised funds for our Club in the Conference marketplace.

"Et tu Brute!" The Julius Caesar production directed by Jennifer Flowers had a great cast of second-year Queensland University of Technology actors, including our Club 2013 winner of the Babette Stephens Memorial Prize, Chenoa Deemal. Chenoa is pictured (centre) above with her certificate and a gift book on Babette's life and career. There are further pictures from the theatre evening presentation in the photo gallery. Thanks to Dianne Eden for all her work in organising the Babette Stephens Prize this year.



I look forward to seeing you at our dinner meeting and at the many important events over the coming week. Don't forget that you can bring your pooch to the Zonta Says No Walk. (A lovely photo of Susan Davies' Gracie wearing her orange Zonta Says No outfit is included in the photo gallery section of the newsletter.)

Yours in Zonta

Pamela Deakin



GREAT RESULT FOR WINDANA

Last month the Club provided 13 single sheets, 6 pillowcases, one double and two queen sheets for Windana. Thank you to all who donated these sheets. They have been delivered to Windana and put to immediate use. Just what they needed!

This month the request is for **TOWELS**. Not big ones, just ordinary-sized bathroom towels.

In a gesture of solidarity, the Windana staff are planning to join us on the *Zonta Says No Walk* on 9 November.

MY FIRST DISTRICT CONFERENCE – JULIE KAYES

The last weekend in September marked my arrival at the Zonta District Conference in Noosa. This weekend contained many of 'my firsts', of which I will now take you through.

My First... District Conference. This was my first glimpse into the formality and ceremony at a District level. From the Opening Ceremony and Flag Parade, to the Credentials Report stated every session, and the Motions for Debate, this formed the core of the conference proceedings.

My First... speeches from Zonta award winners and updates on Zonta projects. Young Women in Public Affairs and Jane M Klausman International and District award winners all spoke. If hearing these speeches and what they plan to do with their prize money and their future doesn't get you excited about the power, potential and generosity of youth, then nothing will. In addition to this, speakers highlighting projects Zonta has large affiliations with, including ending fistula in Liberia, combatting gender-based violence and HIV in Rwanda, and the Birthing Kits Project took us through the progress being made in these areas and future plans.

My First...charity auction. The prizes on offer were numerous and of fantastic quality. Liz Heber's rose masterpiece formed the centre, around which were items as far reaching as papaw cream to rum and Christmas ornaments. The generosity of those who donated was truly touching.

My First... purchase at a charity auction! Thanks to the shameless encouragement from my fellow Brisbane Club members, I made sure I was not to be outbid at the last moment from other competitive Zontians.

I learnt a lot at my first District Conference. This includes not only Zonta's actions at both District and International levels, but also alignment with other women on wanting to make a difference, the joys of celebrating other's success, and being involved in something BIG, which makes you feel insignificant and empowered at the same time.

BIRTHING KIT UPDATE

Thank you to all the members who attended our Birthing Kit Assembly day in July.

We have been notified that the 1000 Birthing Kits arrived on the 17th October to the Ulvira District, Democratic Republic of Congo. They are to be delivered to the local villages in conjunction with midwife and traditional birth attendant training.

DR of Congo is an area being targeted as their maternal and infant mortality and injury rates are one of the highest in the world, and there is presently a distinct need for the birthing kits.

They reported to the Birthing Kit Foundation that they are thrilled to be able to provide a clean, safe birthing site for their current expectant mothers and are so appreciative that others in the world 'care'



INTERNATIONAL JMK WINNER

The District 22 2013 Jane M. Klausman (JMK) winner, Teegan Green, has won one of the twelve international JMK awards. Teegan is the only Australian international winner. This is the second year in succession that the District 22 JMK candidate has gone on to win an international award. Congratulations to Teegan, and to Teegan's nominating Club, Brisbane North.

LOOPY KIDDLE CONTINUES GOOD WORK



Lisa 'Loopy' Kiddle, the Club's 2012 winner of the Woman of Achievement Encouragement Award, continues her inspiring work in Nepal. Aus-Nep has to date achieved impressive outcomes, including 112 women treated in clinics, 12 gynaecological surgeries, 235 hernia and hydrocele repairs and 2364 dental treatments. Lisa's progress can be followed at www.aus-nep.com.

PHOTO GALLERY



At the Julius Caesar premiere, and presentation of Babette Stephens Award

Left: Iris Scott, Sally Watson and Shirley McCorkindale

Below: Dianne Eden, Pamela Deakin, Susan Davies and Judith Anderson



Gracie, looking lovely in orange, with Lt Governor Judith Trevan-Hawke (also looking good in orange) getting ready for Zonta Says No Walk . Grace hopes other pooches will bring their humans for Zonta Says No walkies on Saturday, 9 November.