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 CLUB OF  
 CABOOLTURE INC  
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 THROUGH SERVICE & ADVOCACY



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No birthdays this month

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**A message from the President**

As my two-year tenure as President draws to a close, it is time to reflect on the achievements we have made during this time. I am so proud of this club and being a member of a group of people who serve our community and who really care about the needs of others and are prepared to do something about it.

Collectively, we have made a difference.

Many thanks to the Committee Chairpersons for your monthly Reports, shown in our Newsletters.

The AGM will take place on Wednesday 26 April when a new Board will be elected for the next Biennium.

A huge thank you to the out-going Board for your leadership and commitment to our club.

*Glenda*

*In April, the Service Committee purchased Items for 32 Baby packs and delivered them to CADA in Caboolture (Centre Against Domestic Abuse)*



# COMMITTEE REPORTS

## Fundraising Report April 2017

Held at Pam Berkett's home Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2017

Present: - Sara, Annette, Karen, Patricia, Glenda, Pam Berkett

Apologies: - Deb Symes

### DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Bunnings BBQ Last Friday of the month

Apr 28<sup>th</sup>

May 26<sup>th</sup>

June 30<sup>th</sup>

July 28<sup>th</sup>

Aug 25<sup>th</sup>

Sept 29<sup>th</sup>

Oct 27<sup>th</sup>

Nov 24<sup>th</sup>

### Bunnings BBQ – Bunning BBQ 28<sup>th</sup> April 2017

Sara, & Pam Berkett to do first shift 7.30am – 11.00am – ONE MORE NEEDED

Sara, Patricia to do second shift 11.00am – 3.00pm – ONE MORE NEEDED

A great time was had by all on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> April handing out Hot Cross Buns to the customers of Bunnings Morayfield. Our little bunnies on the day were Karen, Carolyne, Sue, Annette, Phil and Pam Berkett. Bunnings will once again donate \$200 worth of gift vouchers that will go towards raffle prizes at our Fashion Parade and IWD.

Mother's Day Gift Wrapping – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> – Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2017. Patricia has the roster all set up for us to do the Mother's Day gift wrapping at the Morayfield Shopping Centre.

Thank you to all the Zontians and the fabulous volunteers who will be helping us during this time.

### Estee Lauder – Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2017

This will be held in conjunction with BPW Northlakes. We each keep our own ticket sales from this function.

### Fashion Parade – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2017

The Morayfield Community Hall has been booked and the PA system is available for our use.

We just need to book a time prior to our fashion parade to have a practice run on the system.

'Fashion on the Go' will be doing our fashion parade on the day. Rosa Da Silva will be selling her products of Clothes, Handbags & Scarves.

Zonta Says No Caps – We have sold approx. 80 caps so far. It has been decided that it will not be a fundraising project. All proceeds will go to offset any advocacy costs. These will be taken and sold on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May at the Caboolture Senior Rugby League Domestic & Family Violence Awareness Round between 11.30am – 5.30pm.

Zonta Says No Banners - Sara has had another order for one of our Banners. We have decided to order 3 again as they were on special this month.

### From the Fundraising Committee: -

***Pam, Sara, Patricia, Karen, Deb, Annette & Glenda.***

Next meeting Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2017 at 10.00am - Pam Berkett's home

## Membership Report April 2017

Membership Committee (Sandra and Cecil) met Monday 10 April at 32 Lynfield Drive, Caboolture, at 9.00 am.

**1. Potential Member and Guests:** Cecil reported on the meeting with Christine Blatchford, together with Patricia, at the Coffee Shop on Thursday 23 March 2017. Christine explained a little more about her background, and as an introduction to Zonta, Patricia and I explained aspects of Zonta, together with implications of joining our Zonta Club – roles and responsibilities. We looked at a possible classification for Christine to reflect her past occupation role and present role, even though retired.

Sandra and Cecil discussed the recommendation statement to be made to the Zonta Board, and Cecil will follow through this task.

Invitations will be sent to Christine Macaulay, Marilyn Ebson, Lyn Howells, Diana Wallman, Lurline Wylie and Kathleen Finter, to attend our next dinner meeting.

**2. Annual General Report:** Cecil and Sandra considered some draft ideas for the Membership Annual Report which Cecil will complete in the next few days.

**3. Former Awardees and Informal Function:** Sandra reported that at the Area meeting, some concerns were expressed about this idea. At this stage, with uncertainty about the Area and District views on this suggested ZI action to include in the Club's approach to recruitment, it was decided to check with Lyn Agnew (Area Director) and the Lt Governor, Sandy venn-brown before proceeding with preparation to contact awardees and arrange a function.

**4. Zonta Club of Caboolture's Birthday Lunch:** As indicated at the Planning Meeting, the lunch will be held Saturday 5 August at Birches. Sandra will check on possible menus.

**5 Recognition of Years of Service:** Awards are now given to Zontians who have served as member for many years, starting with 25, 30 etc to 50 years. For this year, there are no Club members who are due for this award.

### Action after Meeting

Since the Committee Meeting,

- Sandra is checking on menus from Birches
- Cecil has completed the recommendation for Christine and this has been sent to the Board
- Invitations have been sent to guests as listed above
- *Notification of Global Membership Drive* with suggestions for action April to May, has been received by our Club – to include all members actively involved in retaining present members and recruiting possible members.

*Cecil Nielson, Chair Membership Committee*

## Communications\UN Report

Sue conducted a radio interview on 6 April and promoted Zonta with her usual passion and flair.

### United Nations-

- Newsletter received by Ans Van Erp, Governor District 22
- Zonta International has recently become a member of the 'Coalition to End Violence against Women and Girls Globally', elevating ZI's position as a global leader in ending violence against women and girls.
- Letter from the President Chairman Sonja Hoenig Schough.

" Zonta International is dismayed to learn of the United States decision to withdraw funding for the United Nations Population Fund, a decision that will ultimately have devastating consequences for women and girls worldwide."

- Thank you very much to all who brought food items in for the CCA.  
Please bring food items in again whenever possible. It will be much appreciated by those in need of them

**Thank you,  
Waltraud**

## **Service Committee Report - April 2017**

The Service Committee met at Sue's home on the 4<sup>th</sup> April 2017.

Thanks to the fantastic effort of many Zontians & friends of Zonta, we now have many Breast Cushions in stock. We received a request for more cushions from Holy Spirit Northside Chermshire and last Monday Glenda & I delivered 40 cushions and all of the drain bags that we had, that were so beautifully made by Sandra (Pam B's friend). Carmel the Breast Care nurse in charge of the Day Oncology Unit was as always, incredibly grateful for this delivery, however, she does have a new request and that is drain bags that will hold 4 bottles, she gave us a spare bag in the hope that we can make more of the same. Glenda will pass the bag onto Pam B.

F.L.A.G: We now have one school Arethusa College that has completed the course this year. The Committee discussed as to whether we should continue to chase up schools who have not responded to emails and letters of the FLAG offer, at this stage we will not send out further emails, as we also feel that maybe Christine the Principal of Phoenix Rising should contact them, as it is also in her best interests to do so.

Baby Emergency Packs: On April 5<sup>th</sup> Sarah, Glenda, Carolyn & Sue shopped for our Baby Emergency Packs. We then returned to Sarah's home where we sorted & packed 32 bags. The next day Sarah and Sue delivered to C.A.D.A. Where they were gratefully accepted.

Zonta Caboolture Literacy Grant:

We now have a suitable young woman, who would love to accept our offer of a Literacy Grant. She is a young Sudanese mother who wishes to learn English. She has some limited and very basic English skills; however, she would love to be able to help her children with homework, read to them, and be able to communicate with their teachers. The Committee feels that she reaches all of the criteria that we require for this Grant. Sarah Mc is organising the final details for this lady to be enrolled at TAFE for the coming semester.

JMK: Glenda is investigating the possibility of Zonta Caboolture entering 2 or 3 young university women students who are studying Business at University into the JMK Awards for 2017.

This is the final newsletter report for the current Service Committee for our biennium.

On behalf of the Committee I would sincerely like to thank all members of the Zonta Club of Caboolture for their tireless work supporting the Service Committee and our projects. A very big thank you to Pam B and her incredible team on the Fundraising Committee for all of your hard work, without it, the Service Committee would never be able to support our many wonderful projects, both locally and overseas.

**Sue Droughton  
Chair  
Service Committee  
Zonta Club of Caboolture**

Next proposed date for the Service Committee Meeting is Tuesday the 6<sup>th</sup> June 2017.

## PERSON OF INTEREST



### *Deb Symes*

#### **Where and when born**

Sydney 31 May 1955

#### **Family Journey**

Great-grandparents from Denmark – came to Prince of Wales Island for pearling, grandparents born on Prince of Wales Island then moved to Thursday Island. Mother born on Thursday Island. Family later moved to Townsville then Brisbane.

Father of Irish heritage, born in Sydney. Died when I was a child and Mum and my sisters came to Qld to be closer to her family.

#### **Working History**

Variety of jobs in retail, administration, small business owner and currently adult literacy teacher.

#### **Where I Have Lived**

Sydney. Brisbane – Inala, Stafford, Ashgrove, Kelvin Grove, Mitchelton and currently Burpengary.

#### **Countries Visited (or favourite place visited if too many to remember!)**

New Zealand. South Pacific Islands – Noumea, Vanuatu and Lifou.

#### **Why I joined Zonta**

Wanted to join an organisation where I could 'give back' a little and help others.

Noticed information in local paper so checked website. Then spoke to a relative who is a Zontian and felt the aims and activities of the club were extremely worthwhile.

#### **Something not known about me**

Some may know I was an artistic roller skater in my teens. I didn't enjoy competition – too much focus on me, so just did it for fun. Later became a coach and had some success with my skaters in local and international competitions.

What you may not know is that for one season I played Roller Hockey and our team won the Australian Championships. (Can't say I contributed too much but did play in every game 😊)

*Deb*

To finish, here is a statement by a famous Zontian - Amelia Earheart.

***“Please know that I am aware of the hazards. Women must try to do things as men have tried. When they fail, their failure must be but a challenge to others.”***

Brave words, before her final flight across the Atlantic.