



ZONTA
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BRISBANE NORTH INC
MEMBER OF ZONTA INTERNATIONAL
EMPOWERING WOMEN
THROUGH SERVICE & ADVOCACY

July Newsletter, 2017

President's Note:

Dear Members

The year has started with lots to do. We now have all Officers and Board members installed. Be sure to note the various activities below, RSVP deadlines etc. While the newsletter editor and I will try to keep you up to date with what is happening, you will also need to check your emails regularly. The D22 website also has loads of information on what is happening at other Clubs and at District level.

It is a delight to let you know the Board has approved the membership of Elizabeth Saunders who has been a guest at our recent dinner meetings. We will have Elizabeth's induction as soon as possible. The ZI Global Membership Drive was launched in April 2017 and we are making a positive contribution. Spread the word about Zonta and the benefits of being a Zontian so we can continue to grow our membership in number and diversity.

It was a pleasure to meet and listen to Carol Haffke, author of "In My Shoes. What it is really like to start your own business", as our guest speaker at our June meeting. Carol is so positive and full of energy and it was fascinating to learn how she encountered challenges and redirected her life's focus to establish her own business, The Shoe Garden. Carol didn't stop there, she further contributes her skills and knowledge, and financially from her business, to the support of women in Malawi to help them work their way out of poverty through small loans and business training via the Microloan Foundation.

We will have to wait until August to award our 2017 JMK award to Siobhan O'Sullivan from the University of Queensland as she is off to Harvard; one of her many impressive achievements for which we are more than happy to accept a delay. A group of members gathered for a breast cushion assembly session at Anne Vinning's home last Sunday. Thank you to all involved. It is tragic that we need to make so many cushions to meet the ongoing demand though great that we can make this small effort to support women recovering from breast surgery.

Our fundraising events for the Zonta year are getting underway. Members are ready for a sausage sizzle at Bunnings Stafford this week. We have bought a table at the Excess Baggage Winter Secondhand Market at Paddington (see below). Go exploring in your wardrobes and cupboards to see what pre-loved items are gathering dust and you could move on. We are participating in another Blue Illusion Fashion Workshop in August. This was a great success last year and let's hope we can make this Workshop a success also. A good reason to cull out your pre-loved gear to make room for a new selection from the Fashion Workshop! I am attaching a flyer you can share with everyone you think might be interested in a fun couple of hours.

Activity is building up in preparation for the D22 Conference on 8-10 September in Brisbane. Remember the early bird registration ends later this month. Thank you to members who have volunteered so far to help with our Club tasks at the meeting that includes Conference Protocol and Monitors, and helping at our marketplace table.

See you at our meeting 10th July where there will be socialising during the dessert course in the Pixley Room. Regards, Trish

July Dinner Meeting: Monday 10th July, 6.30pm for 7.00pm **Cost:** \$47.50

NB: Please advise Jenny Grant-Taylor by 9.00am Friday before if you are unable to attend. 335 335 91 or jgrant-t2@bigpond.com.

Direct credit payment to Zonta Club of Brisbane North; BSB: 034-002; Acc. No.: 000992870

Upcoming diary dates:

06/07/17 Sausage sizzle
10/07/17 Dinner Meeting
13/07/17 Back-of-house Qld Museum tour
15/07/17 Excess Baggage, Paddington
26/07/17 Board Meeting
12/08/17 Blue Illusion Fashion Workshop

August/17 Breast cushion filling
8-10/09/17 District 22 Conference, Brisbane
19 on/11/17 ZSN Light Up Brisbane Orange
25/11/17 International Day for the Elimination of
Violence against Women
24-26/11/17 ZCBN takes ZSN to shopping centres

Back-of-house visit to the Museum



Our invitation from Prof. Suzanne Miller to a back-of-house visit to the Queensland Museum has been arranged for 2.00pm, 13th July. We will assemble at the Level 2 Cloakroom at 1.30pm and the tour takes about 1.5 hours. There are still a few spaces. Please let Trish know if you wish to be included and if you wish to bring a friend.

District 22 Conference



Registration is now open for the District 22 Conference from Friday 8th - Sunday 10th September at Royal on the Park, Brisbane. **Early bird Registration is available until 31 July.** All details are on the Zonta website www.zontadistrict22.org.

Advocacy and ZSN project update

Our Advocacy Chair, Vicki Lomax, has arranged for Zonta to be present at the Indooroopilly and Kenmore Village Shopping

Centres again this year, and also at the Brookside Shopping centre, at the beginning of the 16 days of activism, 24,25, 26th November. Note the diary dates as we will need volunteers.

With the lighting up of the various Brisbane city icons around the 19 November, the combined Brisbane Clubs ZSN project committee are working on a launch event to mark the occasion. We were not successful in our grant application to the BCC and all other proposed avenues for raising awareness of the need for prevention of violence against women are now being explored.

Breast cushions



Members filled about 70 breast cushions at the working bee on 2nd July. Another 60 ready for filling. Watch for the next date around August.

Fund raising



Our **Blue Illusion fashion workshop 2017** will be held at 12.20pm, 12 August, at the Blue Illusion store at Indooroopilly Shopping Centre, 2nd level. This is a fun event with our members modelling new fashions for spring. Book your seats now by RSVP to Trish. Seats are limited. A percentage of takings from 12.30-3.30pm go to our Club service projects if you can't make it at 12.30pm.

DATE CLAIMER FOR SATURDAY 15TH JULY – EXCESS BAGGAGE STALL AT PADDINGTON



Excess Baggage:
Paddington
Secondhand Market
Sat, 15 Jul
9:00am - 3:00pm
132 Latrobe Tce, Paddington

CLOTHING ITEMS – FOR ALL
AGE GROUPS NEEDED
WINTER ITEMS PREFERRED
GOOD SALEABLE CONDITION

PLEASE BRING ALONG ITEMS
TO THE JULY MEETING

Note: if you want items collected contact Glenda or Trish

Setup is from 7am and the market will run from 9am-3pm. We have bought an outside undercover table. We have some volunteers and need some more. We will call up a roster for morning and afternoon at the July dinner meeting or you can contact Glenda and Trish if you are available and include your preferred time.



Anyone for croquet? The Merthyr Croquet Club has advised late October and early November are possible dates for a croquet afternoon. A couple of volunteers are required if we are to move this proposed event forward so please let us know at the dinner meeting if you can do this.

From the June Dinner Meeting



At left:
Carol Haffke, The Shoe Garden and Trish

Below:
Officers and board members for 2017-2018
From left – Cheryl Mills, Karen Peterson (Vice President), Trish Desmarchelier (President), Jenny Grant-Taylor (Treasurer), Vicki Lomax, Beverley Hay, Jenni Jolly, Lynette Hill (Minutes Secretary) and Ann-Marie O’Connell, (Paulette Clarke (Correspondence Secretary, was not able to be present)

