



June Newsletter, 2017

President's Note:

Dear Members

With our AGM now behind us we move forward with our new Zonta year. Many thanks go to our District 22 Governor, Ans van Erp, for coming along to our May dinner meeting and the AGM. Ans installed most of the new Board members, with a couple not able to be present to be installed at the upcoming dinner meeting. Ans also gave members first hand news of Zonta activity at the broader District and International level. To follow up on her notice about the D22 Conference in September, I emailed notice last week that registration is now open. Be sure to register (see below) for this important event in this year's calendar where you can learn, share, meet, greet and have fun in all things Zonta. Remember we agreed to help with the role of "Protocols and monitors" so there will be a call for volunteers nearer the event.

We have had a couple of quite weeks of Club activity. I have been grateful for that as it has been a "mad" May for me and I am just catching up. Now we need to re-invigorate our committees and swing members into action. Email is our main means of communication between meetings therefore you need to read your emails regularly to keep up to date and involved. To give you a preview, there are ideas and activities in the pipeline for fund raising and advocacy, we have a very interesting guest speaker for June, Carol Haffke, and more.....

See you at the dinner meeting

Best regards

Trish

June Dinner Meeting and AGM: Monday 12th June, 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:

11/6/17 FRC meeting 10am

24/06/17 Board meeting

10/07/17 June Dinner Meeting

8-10/09/17 District 22 Conference, Brisbane

AGM May 2017

We were delighted to have the company of District Governor Ansmarie Van Erp at our dinner meeting. Ans provided an overview of the coming Zonta year including a summary of some of Zonta International projects and goals and, also, the District activities including the upcoming District 22 conference in September. Ans performed the induction of the 2017 board – pictured below.



From left – Karen Peterson (Vice President), Jenny Grant-Taylor (Treasurer), Lynette Hill (Minutes Secretary), Jenni Jolly, Beverley Hay, Ann-Marie O’Connell, Paulette Clarke (Correspondence Secretary), Ans Van Erp (District 22 Governor), and Trish Desmarchelier (President). Other board members to be installed next meeting are Vicki Lomax and Cheryl Mills.

District 22 Conference



Registration is now open for 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.

The line up of speakers for the conference includes:

Virginia Nelson – 2016 Telstra Australian Business Woman’s Public Sector and Academia Award Winner, and Member Zonta Club of Rockhampton Inc. She is now the Queensland Police Service Inspector in charge of Capricornia District’s largest patrol group. In 2016 Virginia was awarded the Australasian Council of Women and Policing’s most prestigious award – the Bev Lawson Memorial Award for her leadership in driving change for women in policing and for creating mentoring and leadership opportunities for women in policing.

Dr Luc Mulimbalimba Masururu – Medical Director Mission in Healthcare and Development DR Congo. Dr Luc is a pastor, medical doctor and Member of Parliament for DR Congo. Dr Luc started many microfinance programs for the women and since 2006 he has worked with the Birthing Kit Foundation Australia and has over time distributed over 150,000 clean birthing kits to women giving birth at home, and personally trained 980 Traditional Birth Attendants.

Val Sarah AM, DSJ – Zonta International Past President – Member ZC Ballarat, Victoria. Val has served in many leadership positions throughout Zonta and from 1998-2000 was International President. Val brings to Zonta the experience of a 50-year working career in television, fashion, travel and family welfare. Val has served three consecutive terms as Chairman of the Centennial Anniversary Committee leading up to Zonta’s 100th Anniversary in 2019, encouraging clubs to “*Honor the Past and herald the Future.*”

Lynne Foley OAM – Panel Facilitator, Member ZC Brisbane Breakfast Inc. Lynne is an exciting motivational speaker, who has a particular interest in working with women of all ages to engage with their skills and capabilities, to develop new ways of working through insights into individual behaviours and that of others.

In addition, there are three impressive young women – recipients of YWPA and JMK awards – Linden Peacock, Phoebe Frederick and Georgia Grayson.

June Guest speaker

Our guest speaker for June is Carol Haffke who has worked as a journalist and in public relations internationally, then in fundraising and communication in Brisbane. She has now established a niche Brisbane store The Shoe Garden, and her business donates a portion to Microloan Foundation Australia which supports women in Malawi to start or grow their businesses. She has authored a book “In My Shoes: What it’s really like to start your own business”.



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 during the 16 days of activism in November with the possibility of another centre also.

The Combined Brisbane Clubs ZSN project for 2017 has been progressing well. We are waiting to hear soon from the Brisbane City Council about wrapping a ferry, though we can report on other activities.



These events have been confirmed:

- Banner on Story Bridge Inbound 13 – 16/11
- Light up Story and Victoria bridges orange 20 -22/11
- Light up City Hall and King George Square orange 19 – 22/11

Applications have been submitted for:

- Light up Sir Leo Hielscher (Gateway) and Kurilpa Bridges 25/11 - 10/12
- Media event *Let's Paint Brisbane Orange – turning the spotlight on domestic and family violence* Sunday 19/11
- Lord Mayor to turn on the lights,
- King George Square -Zontians in ZSN T shirts and orange ladies
- Photo opportunity - *Say No*

Our black ZSN polos are ready and Trish will collect them at the next Combined Clubs meeting 25th June. Let Trish know if you need you order before then.



At the District level, our D22 representative for the Equality Rights Alliance (ERA) reported on a letter to our Prime Minister drawing his attention to a resolution of the ERA that “a

national-level plan for women is needed as a matter of urgency to identify a coherent path of action on the drivers of gender inequality across the life cycle” and encouraging a discussion about the role of the machinery of Government in promoting gender equality. The ERA sought an opportunity for discussion on members’ concerns and possible approaches to building stronger government machinery for gender equality.

Other committees

There will be more news from our other committees next newsletter. The Fund-Raising Committee is meeting on Sunday. Blue Illusion Indooroopilly has us booked us in for a fashion show on 12 August. There will be another breast cushion sewing bee soon as Anne has delivered our current stocks, so watch your emails.