



March Newsletter, 2017

President's Note:

Dear Members

March the 8th is International Women's Day and the UN Women National Committee Australia promotes the slogan "Empower a woman, empower a nation". Several members are attending the IWD breakfast in Brisbane that together with donations supports the UN Woman's work to transform the lives of women and girls in our region for the better. Similarly, this day is Zonta International Foundation Rose Day and we are encouraged to make donations to continue supporting projects and programs that help women achieve a life free of violence and empower them to overcome gender barriers that hinder their access to health, education, and professional resources.

At our February Dinner meeting, our Club contributed to our Service goal aiming to meet these visions for women through the presentation of four awards to young women who are striving to overcome challenges in gaining their education and career aspirations. The recipient of the Chris Christensen Advancement Grant for a migrant or refugee woman went to Susan Ador from South Sudan studying at USQ, the first Club Grant, in honour of Lynette Liddle, was presented to Alice Cartwright studying at UQ, and the second Club grant was shared by Rhiannon Lewis and Isabel Nicoll who are working to complete year 10 at Bracken Ridge TAFE. The girls were accompanied by a Mum, friends and Anita, the teacher of the year 10 girls. What a wonderful mentor Anita is to give her time and in showing such enthusiasm for seeing these girls shape their future. See photos below.

Our last fund raiser for 2016-2017 is coming up this month, *Sunday afternoon at the Movies* (see below). Be sure to sell your tickets to your friends and family before they see this new release movie to make this a successful event. Also, time to buy Entertainment books.

We were privileged to have our Area Director, Lyn Agnew, at the February meeting and to have her assist in presenting the Club awards. Lyn reminded us about the Area meeting in Maleny on the 4th March. This is an excellent opportunity to learn, share and make new friends in Zonta Area 1. Lyn will be at our March meeting also as we have accepted her generous offer to chair and facilitate our planning discussions, allowing the Board and I to fully participate. I am grateful to the committees and Board for their preparation for our planning discussions and look forward to helping shape our roadmap for the next 12 months.

Regards

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March Dinner Meeting: Monday 13th March, 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:

13/03/17 Dinner meeting
22/03/17 Board meeting
09/03/17 Sausage sizzle

10/03/17 International Women's Day B'fast
26/03/17 Sunday Afternoon at the Movies
10/09/17 District 22 Conference, Brisbane

October 2016 Dinner Meeting



At our October dinner meeting Debbie Kilroy, Sisters Inside Inc., will be our guest speaker. Sisters Inside Inc. is an independent community organisation, which exists to advocate for the human rights of women in the criminal justice system, and to address gaps in the services available to them. They work alongside women in prison in determining the best way to fulfil these roles. Sister Inside Inc. was a recipient of a grant from our Club this year.



The Nominating Committee will present the slate of candidates for Club positions at the March meeting with elections if required in April. Please consider nominating for position and taking up new challenges which is part of our role as Zontians. We will also discuss our strategic plan for 2017-2018 so bring along the papers forwarded to you this week.

District 22 News

The February newsletter from Area 1 Director Lyn Agnew is posted on the District 22 website. Please take a minute or two to read.

Fund Raising

JASPER JONES

Described as Australia's answer to *To Kill a Mockingbird*

SUNDAY AFTERNOON AT THE MOVIES

ZONTA CLUB BRISBANE NORTH INC. FUND RAISER

3PM 26TH MARCH 2017, REGAL TWIN BOUTIQUE ARTHOUSE CINEMA

381 HONOUR AVE GRACEVILLE

Tickets \$25 per person includes entry and afternoon tea

RSVP to Jenny Grant Taylor by 20/03/17
jgrant-12@bigpond.com or 0417 745 919
Payment at dinner meeting or direct credit to ZCBN

Sunday afternoon at the movies

Zonta Club Brisbane North Inc. PO Box 368, Spring Hill, Qld., 4004, Australia

Adapted from Craig Silvey's bestselling Australian novel and featuring a stellar cast including Toni Collette, Hugo Weaving, Levi Miller, Angourie Rice, Dan Wyllie and Aaron McGrath, *JASPER JONES* is the story of Charlie Bucktin, a bookish boy of 14 living in a small town in Western Australia.

Please support this last fundraiser for the financial year for what promises to be an enjoyable movie. Ticket payments to Jenny Grant-Taylor.



Entertainment books are for sale for 2017. You can ORDER NOW and remember to click 'pick up' and I will deliver to you at a dinner meeting. A card processing fee has been added this year. See Anne Vinning's email of 07/03/17 for more details.

Advocacy



International Women's Day and Zonta International Rose Day is the 8th March. The 2017 IWD theme of "Be Bold for Change" advocates action in a number of ways – challenging gender bias and inequality, campaigning against violence, forging women's advancement, celebrating women's achievements and fostering women's education and the website offers some inspiration for action. The IWD breakfast will be held on 10th March at Brisbane Convention Centre.

On Rose day please consider a donation to ZI foundation, which can be dedicated to a woman who has inspired, fostered or mentored you.

From the February dinner meeting



Advancement Grant winners

Rhiannon Lewis and Isabel
Nicoll

Susan Ador and

Alice Cartwright

With Area 1 Director Lyn
Agnew and Grants
Committee Chair Gina
Brosnan

