



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

May Newsletter, 2017

President's Note:

Dear Members

Our May meeting heralds in our new Zonta year. I am mid-way though my term as President. It has been a steep learning curve, peppered with exciting times and at times challenges. We have set a plan for the next year with some stretch objectives and I am looking forward to taking on the privileged position of working with you and the new Board to achieve our best efforts. I have really enjoyed working with the current Board and came away from meetings feeling uplifted and positive. I am sad to see Maggie and Pam move on as they have been an inspiration with their wisdom and thoughtfulness, and their boundless energies to be out there supporting Zonta. At the same time, it is great to have some fresh input with Karen as Vice President, Beverley and Jenni as new members, and to have Vicki nominating to stay as a member. A comment in the member survey was to show greater confidence in the Board and I strongly support that suggestion as it is well earned.

Our Club YWPA award was presented to Olivia Kennedy at our last dinner meeting. Olivia is yet another young woman who has accumulated an amazing list of achievements in public affairs and before she has finished high school. We wish her success in further YWPA award rounds and our best wishes for the future go out to all the wonderful young women who applied.

For those not able to be present at the April meeting, we had the pleasure to welcome Ellen Whittaker as a fellow Zontian. Ellen brings refreshing new enthusiasm as well as her individual experience and skills to the Club. Welcome Ellen.

Another bundle of breast cushions was assembled this last month with thanks to Anne and all the members contributing. I often think about the women who receive our Zonta cushions during our sewing sessions. In the last fortnight, a recipient of one of our cushions sent a donation and another sent a thank you note via email. In addition, I visited my sister-in-law who had received a cushion made by the Cairns Club members after her breast surgery at Cairns Base Hospital. She was very touched by the gift and explained to me first hand just how helpful it is. Since the first cushion was made in Sydney in 1994, thousands have been made in Australia and now overseas (see below). A small gesture on our part with great impact.

May is Domestic and Family Violence Prevention month. The Combined Brisbane Zonta Clubs ZSN project committee has been busy organising a marquee and Zonta presence at the D2D candle light vigil and run at Southbank. Many thanks to members who volunteered to come along and to help.

Our May dinner meeting will be followed by the AGM. Our D22 District Governor, Ans van Erp, is joining us and has kindly agreed to induct the new Board members. So be sure to come along, meet Ans, and welcome in our new year.

Best regards

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May Dinner Meeting and AGM: Monday 8th May, 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:

24/05/17 Board meeting

12/06/17 June Dinner Meeting

10/09/17 District 22 Conference, Brisbane

Service

Olivia Kennedy was presented with the ZCBN **Young Woman in Public Affairs Award** by Chair of the Grants Committee Gina Brosnan. Olivia, currently School Captain at St Peter's Lutheran College, demonstrated her passion and spirit as she outlined her experiences in community service and her aspiration to help empower young women.



Breast cushions:

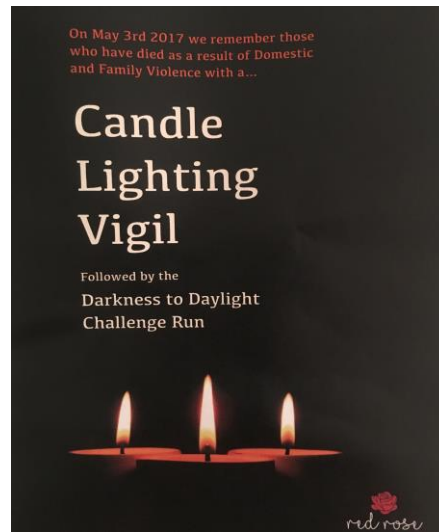
The following is a message of thanks from a grateful recipient of one of the many breast cushions we make and supply to local hospitals:

'Thank you so much for my pillow gift from Zonta with love. I had a mastectomy yesterday and have started using it this morning - it is so practical and comfortable thank you.

Thank you for the joy you are bringing to women like myself. Have a lovely day Lesley'

Advocacy

ZCBN joined with other Brisbane Clubs to provide a presence and support a booth at the annual CEO Challenge sponsored Darkness to Daylight Challenge Run and Candle Lighting Vigil to honour the people who die each year from domestic and family violence.



The Vigil and candle lighting ceremony included addresses from the Premier, the Honourable Annastacia Palaszczuk, opposition minister Ros Bates, Deputy Police Commissioner, Brett Pointing, and mothers of Queensland victims who have been significant advocates for legislation change – Sonia Anderson, Di Thompson and Natalie Hinton. The challenge run was launched by Rosie Batty.

Membership



ZI has launched a global membership drive, April 2017 to May 2018. The GMD's objective is to achieve a breakthrough of positive membership growth for all districts. ZI would like to create a real passion for Zonta among members to foster retention and, at the same time, grow our membership to enhance meaningful deliverance of our projects.

We are off to a good start. Welcome to Ellen Whittaker who is keen to contribute her skills and service to assist women. Ellen has a busy role as Director of Clinical Services at North West Private Hospital and has a professional background in nursing.

ZI and D22 news

BE sure to note this message in the April 2017 ZI newsletter

Next issue of The Zontian arriving online and in your email inbox

The next issue of *The Zontian* is set to be in your hands faster than ever before. This digital-only issue will be arriving online in the upcoming weeks. In an effort to be cost conscious and more sustainable, the second and fourth issues of *The Zontian* for the 2016-2018 Biennium will not be printed (no copies will be mailed).



Keep checking your email inbox and Zonta's social media networks to read the news first.

Also, be sure to read the D22 newsletter sent 14/04/17. Ans, our District Governor, fills the newsletter will loads of information on what is happening locally, and included is a report from our Area Director, Lyn Agnew.