



# **November Newsletter, 2017**

### President's Note:

#### **Dear Members**

Last Tuesday was the 75th anniversary of the United Nations. Zonta supports several of the UN Sustainable Development Goals including achieving gender equality, ensuring healthy lives and wellbeing, and ensuring equitable quality education and lifelong learning opportunities, for all. In our Club's Strategic Plan we have a series of goals and actions that align with these higher-level goals of ZI and D22. As we are about half way through the Zonta Year it is timely to take a check on our progress against our Strategic plan. We have made excellent progress on much of what we set out for the year.

There are lots of activities this month that will further help us meet our Zonta goals. We plan to assemble our greatly appreciated pamper packs again for women resident at the Chisholm Refuge. Bring you gifts to the dinner meeting. We can make a further hands-on service contribution by helping pack Micah's Christmas hampers for those in need in our community before Christmas. I have booked 3 spots for 6 persons. I already have some volunteers and am seeking some more help for a couple of hours. We have some more fund raising before the end of this year, sausage sizzles and a car boot sale.

Brisbane Zonta Clubs, including ours, have been working all year in preparation for the 16 days of activism starting 25 November. This year has been a great collaborative effort. We will be back at shopping centres with an extra presence at Brookside. The other activity in Brisbane should be spectacular with the lighting up of Brisbane's icons in orange in November, orange ladies and companions at transport stops and businesses, and poster and stickers about public places. I have circulated notices for events at other Clubs. Read on for details on what is happening and how you can be involved.

#### Regards

#### Trish

**November Dinner Meeting:** Monday 13<sup>th</sup>November, 7pm **Cost:** \$47.50 – Guest speaker Dr Kathleen Baird (see below)

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:**

12 November - Car boot sale Kenmore

1<sup>h</sup> November - Sausage Sizzle

22 November - Board meeting

25 November - I'nat Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women

25,26, 30 November - ZSN at shopping centres

6 December - Sausage Sizzle

11 December - Dinner meeting

22 December - Micah hamper packing

28 February - close early bird registration Convention

29 June-3 July 2018 - ZI Convention

# **November Dinner Meeting**

November brings our Zonta Birthday Dinner. We will also have a guest speaker Dr Kathleen Baird.



Dr Baird is a Senior Midwifery Lecturer at the School of Nursing and Midwifery, Griffith University and Director of Midwifery and Nursing Education, Women's and Newborn Service, Gold Coast Hospital. For the last fifteen years Kathleen's main research interests have centred around intimate partner violence, with a focus on violence during pregnancy. Kathleen's PhD explored women's experiences of partner violence during pregnancy, birth and the postnatal period. Kathleen is currently involved with several research projects in relation to intimate partner violence and the role of health care and sits on the Queensland Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Council and is the Deputy Chair of the

Queensland Domestic Violence Death and Homicide Review Board.

# Fund raising

# Car Boot Sale 12<sup>th</sup> November – Kenmore Shopping Centre Items wanted for sale



Sale items can include books, plants, toys, antiques, collectables, gifts, jams or pickles, baking, home wares, handmade crafts, kitchen items, tools, pet care, jewellery, clothing and bric a brac to name a few.

Items can be left at Glenda Gobe's house on veranda or contact Glenda or Trish for assistance with collection.

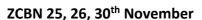
# Sausage sizzles

Volunteers needed for Sausage sizzles on Thursdays 16<sup>th</sup> November and 6<sup>th</sup> December - contact Margaret Marshall





## 16 days of activism



Our club is manning a community table at the



Kenmore Village (25<sup>th</sup>), Indooroopilly (26<sup>th</sup>), and Brookside (30<sup>th</sup>) Shopping centres at the beginning of the 16 days of activism. If you can join the roster, please contact Vicki Lomax or volunteer at the November dinner meeting. Time slots will be 2-3 hours with 2 members present at each time.

We are going to make some stars over the 3 days to represent those who have died due to domestic and family violence. The stars are the same as the one million stars that will be installed for display from 29 March - 15 April 2018 as part of Festival 2018 during the during the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games. If you are coming along and want to practice, see <a href="One Million Stars to End Violence Second Star Weave Guide - YouTube">One Million Stars to End Violence Second Star Weave Guide - YouTube</a>. You can practice with newspaper, note silky ribbon doesn't work. We have orange and white florist's ribbon as in the video for the days. Have fun.

#### Keep a look out around Brisbane for other activity:

**Lighting Brisbane orange**: Story, Victoria, Kurilpa Walk, Sir Leo Hielscher Bridges, King George Square **ZSN Banner** up on Inbound end Story Bridge 13 -26/11/17.

**Orange women about Brisbane:** City Hall, Parliament House, Ferry Terminals and local businesses, West End area & PAH (ZC Brisbane River), West End Markets

**Other Club activities** planned: Brisbane East - Park run 25/11/17; Paint the Bayside Orange Breakfast 24/11/17 at Wynnum Manly Leagues Club; Brisbane Metro Breakfast – planning a walk around Brisbane when the Bridges are lit. Large Zonta banner at Southbank TAFE.

## **Dame Quentin Bryce on Domestic violence**

"I have to say, I feel deeply distressed. When I talk to some of my closest friends who have worked in this field and around it, as I have for over a generation now, [I say that] we have to be looking at some new, big different ideas," Dame Bryce told an audience at the International Bar Association (IBA) conference last Monday. See D22 website for summary.

# International Women's Day Breakfast Leave no woman behind 7-9 am 6<sup>th</sup> March 2018



Tickets have gone on sale for this event. Information is at <a href="https://unwomen.org.au/take-action/events/brisbane-iwd-breakfast-2/">https://unwomen.org.au/take-action/events/brisbane-iwd-breakfast-2/</a>.
To be part of a Zonta table please advise Trish at the next meeting.

# Service

# **Pamper Packs for Chisholm Refuge**

As part of our ongoing support of the Chisholm Refuge we would like to collate and gift the comfort packs as in previous years. See Margaret's email for items requested by members. If you can contribute please bring your items to the November dinner meeting.



#### Micah Annual Christmas hampers



Micah will be packing and delivering over 500 Christmas Hampers to families and individuals experiencing disadvantage. Trish has booked 3 spots to assemble and wrap Christmas Hampers at Kurilpa Hall Friday, December 22 from 9:30 am to 11:30 am. This is a child-friendly activity, but every child must be accompanied by an adult, as the Hampers are heavy. Come in your Zonta t-shirts. You can also make donations to the hampers. See http://micahprojects.org.au/assets/docs/Brochures/20170908-Xmas-hamper-

flyer-A4.pdf





29 June – 3 July 2018

See all the details in *The Zontian*. Early bird registration closes 28 February 2018