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

September Newsletter, 2017

President's Note:

Dear Members

At the time of writing this at 6pm, the police will have dealt with 530 domestic violence matters today in Australia. Police currently deal with an average of 5,000 domestic violence matters every week. That's one every two minutes! How do I know this? On the ABC news website, my attention was drawn to a woman, Kirrily Dear, who plans to run 1,300Km from Broken Hill to Sydney in 19 days to raise awareness of domestic violence. On the side of the news article was a monitor of national police responses involving DV. Kirrily says that the experience of long distance running and DV are different though she believes the endurance required in long-distance running can be a reminder of the challenges faced by victims of DV. Kirrily wants to particularly focus attention on the impact of DV on children and plans to visit schools and hold events along the way. Increasingly of late we are presented with news reports of children killed or deeply physically and emotionally scarred by being caught up in domestic and family violence. I hope Kirrily has a safe run and DV receives the attention it deserves. At our dinner meeting Vicki shared with us the less well-publicised consequences for pets that also can be innocent victims in these circumstances. Our fellow Zontians at Brisbane East have pets accompanying their orange ladies, maybe we should have one also. Her idea of pop-up pets at our shopping centre displays during the 16 days of activism is well worth support. None of us are likely to be able to respond as Kirrily will, though we can make our contribution as Zontians.

Our last dinner meeting was something of a marathon effort and we had a showcase of outstanding young women. It was a delight to induct a new member, Elizabeth. Elizabeth is going to have the opportunity to share a "get to know me" talk at the next dinner meeting and will also give us some insight into her career, where the education sector is going, and managing a young family and career today. We had the pleasure of presenting the JMK award to Siobhan O'Sullivan who has just an amazing history of achievements for someone at such a young age. We wish her well in her JMK nominations at higher Zonta levels and in her future endeavours. To round off, we had the pleasure of listening to Dr Hannah Krause AO, a local urogynaecologist, relate stories of her remarkable contributions to medicine and to women's health in the developing world. While we can read testimonials and watch videos, interacting with someone who has been in the field brings a new reality to these issues, some of which we contribute to through the ZIF. Hannah was an inspiration.

Thank you to everyone who came along or otherwise contributed to our Blue Illusion fashion workshop. It was a fun event and Chieko and Siti took up modelling with great panache. I wholeheartedly thank Louella and staff at Blue Illusion who invited us back, are so generous, and such fun to work with. We now have to get some more fundraising action on the way.

See you at dinner,

Regards, Trish

PS during the time I have taken to write this the Police monitor for DV has reached 578 and just keeps ticking over!

September Dinner Meeting: Monday 11th September, 7pm **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:

8-10/09/17 District 22 Conference, Brisbane
24-26/11/17 ZSN at shopping centres
14/09/17 Sausage Sizzle Bunnings Stafford

12/11/17 Car boot sale proposed
25/11/17 International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women

District 22 Conference



The District 22 Conference, with the theme of **Empowering women through Service and Advocacy**, commences this **Friday 8th to Sunday 10th September at Royal on the Park, Brisbane**. All details are on the Zonta website www.zontadistrict22.org. We have 7 members attending at last count and volunteers to assist with our tasks to help with protocols and monitors and to host our marketplace table.

The Conference Opening Ceremony will commence at the Parliamentary Annexe 'Undumbi Room' at 5:00 pm on Friday 8 September with a Flag Ceremony, Welcome to Country, Opening Addresses and Special Keynote Address from Virginia Nelson, 2016 Telstra Business Award Winner.

Following the Opening Ceremony, there will be a Cocktail Party in the Premier's and Speaker's Room. The conference business sessions will commence formally on Saturday with an address from our Zonta International Liaison Ute Scholz, followed by business sessions, elections and other committee reports. Saturday evening promises great entertainment and time to enjoy the fellowship with new and old Zonta friends.

Advocacy



Date claimers. We plan to have a community table at the Indooroopilly, Kenmore Village and Brookside Shopping centres at the beginning of the **16 days of activism, 24, 25, 26th November**. Note the dates in your diary if you can join the roster. The Advocacy Committee is looking at interesting ways to engage passers-by - stay tuned.

Fund raising



After a successful fundraising and fellowship event at Blue Illusion (see photos below) our thoughts need to turn to the upcoming events -

Bunning's sausage sizzles on 14th September

Car boot sale at Kenmore shopping Centre proposed 12th November.

Our August dinner meeting speakers



Dr Hannah Krause AO, Urogynaecologist at Greenslopes Hospital with President Trish Desmarchelier.

Hannah spoke of her experience treating women in developing countries suffering from fistula disease and other gynaecological disorders.



Gina Brosnan presents the Jane M Klausman award to Siobhan O'Sullivan.

Siobhan has been studying dual degrees in Bachelor of Commerce (Finance) and Bachelor of Health Sciences (Public Health). Her career goals are focused on finance and investment and how they relate to the environment and human health. She has won many awards, grants and scholarships and has obtained a position with Westpac Bank in 2018.

Blue Illusion fashion workshop

Our Blue Illusion fashion workshop was held on 12 August, at the Blue Illusion store at Indooroopilly Shopping Centre. Many thanks to our models Chieko Klerkx and Siti Constable.



Upcoming Advancement Awards

ZONTA CLUB OF BRISBANE NORTH The Zonta Advancement Grant of \$1000 to improve the status of women

The grant has been awarded in the past to assist with the cost of:

- Educational courses
- Child minding to allow attendance at courses
- Books for study and/or research
- Transport assistance to allow access to development opportunities

Send your **letter/email**, by **12th October 2017**, to:

Zonta Advancement Grant, c/- Ms Gina Brosnan

PO Box 368, SPRING HILL, QLD 4004 **or email below.**

For help in completing the letter of application, please feel free to contact Gina at home, on 33772311 or email brosnang@brigidine.qld.edu.au