

# ZONTA ON THE ROCKS

## ZONTA CLUB OF ROCKHAMPTON INC.

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### NOTICES.

If you are unable to attend the dinner meeting, please advise **Anna Tempest**  
Ph 4928 7880 (W)  
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by 10 am  
on the Monday  
before the meeting.

**Failure to  
apologize will  
incur payment  
of \$25.00.**



**District 22  
Conference:  
25-27 Sept 2009  
Townsville**

**International  
Convention:  
2010: San Antonio  
Texas**



## Zonta Club of Rockhampton

### Member of Zonta International

*Advancing the Status of Women Worldwide*

Fellow Zontians

Well here we are in May already. May is a big business month for the club with our AGM due to be held along with our Club meeting on May 19th. As we have many members away at present, I ask for as many of you as possible to attend this very important meeting for the year to support the formalities and ensure a quorum.

The incoming President Teresa will be finalizing the committees for 2009 – 2010 shortly so that the new committees can start from June. Those of you who have not yet emailed me your preferences please do so a.s.a.p. Also give some thought to what areas you would like to take responsibility for within the committees, as these will be allocated at the June committee meetings.

We are pleased to welcome Marilyn Fisher as the newest member of our Club. Marilyn was inducted at the April Dinner meeting and is the Manager HR Planning and Development in the Division of Human Resources at Central Queensland University. Welcome Marilyn!

I have just returned from the Area 2 meeting held in Longreach over the Anzac Day weekend. Twenty members were in attendance representing five Area 2 Clubs as well as District Governor Vicki Varthas from Brisbane and another Brisbane Club visitor Ann Shevill. Rockhampton Club had five

representatives – Trish, Berenice, Elizabeth, Norma and me. Read more details elsewhere in this newsletter.

As usual the meeting proved to be an informative as well as an enjoyable event and I would encourage members to seriously consider attending Area meetings, District Conferences and or International Conventions as such attendance certainly broadens our knowledge of Zonta and facilitates good networking opportunities. The 2010 Area Meeting will be held in Gladstone, so hopefully the Rockhampton Club will have good representation there.

As I will step down as President after the May AGM, this will be my last President's message. Thank you to all members for your support during my term as President. I have enjoyed the challenges and would encourage members to take on executive roles within the Club as it certainly increases your knowledge of Zonta.



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**MEETINGS.**

**Board:**

6.30pm:  
2nd Tuesday  
of the month  
Venue:  
Rockhampton Plaza  
Hotel.

**Dinner:**

6.00 pm for 6.30pm  
3rd Tuesday  
of the month  
Venue:  
Rockhampton Plaza  
Hotel.

**Committee  
Meetings.  
OMC/PR/UN**

**Program:**  
Venue:  
Rockhampton Plaza  
Hotel  
5.30 pm—  
2nd Tuesday  
of the month.

**Finance and  
Fundraising:**

Venue:  
Rockhampton Plaza  
Hotel.  
5.30 pm—  
2nd Tuesday  
of the month.

**Service (Status of  
Women):**

Venue:  
Rockhampton Plaza  
Hotel.  
5.30pm—  
2nd Tuesday  
of the month.



**Calendar:**

**May:**

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup>: Committee  
meetings**

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup>: Dinner meeting**

**Special United Nations  
Observances and Other Significant  
Days:**

*No days this month*

"Patience is the companion  
of wisdom"  
St. Augustine

**Dinner Raffle.**

The supply of gifts for the  
Dinner Raffle follows the listing  
in the Members Directory.

May: Glenys Conrade

Please give your raffle prize to  
Elizabeth to co-ordinate.



**If you would like to contribute to your  
Newsletter  
please email articles to Teresa Moore  
t.moore@cqu.edu.au**

**Deadline: First Tuesday of the month.**

As ZI President Beryl Sten will be attending the District 22 Conference in Townsville in September, Vicki challenges our members to be very informed about ZI Service Projects so that we can have a good conversation with Beryl about the progress of these projects!

**An Invitation**

**The District 22 conference  
will be held in Townsville  
on 25-27<sup>th</sup> September 2009**

**So let's create,  
communicate and  
celebrate Zonta, the  
Projects and achievement  
of Zontians**

Bookings can be done online  
For details on bookings,  
conference schedule and  
invitation please see PDF  
invitation sent with this newsletter  
Early bird registration to be done  
by June 30th

**Happy Birthday**

**2009: May**

- 05 Veronica Rickard
- 14 Jacki Manning
- 14 Teresa Moore



## Area 2 Meeting: Longreach 25 - 26 April 2009

The Rockhampton contingent left to drive to Longreach in three cars on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April. Berenice and Errol gave the others plenty of a start, but managed to arrive first. No prizes for guessing why the others took so long along the way (shopping, eating!). After some more shopping and sightseeing around Longreach on Friday, we joined the other Zontians and guests for drinks and dinner on Friday night at the Albert Park Motel.

Up early on Saturday morning to march in (or cheer on) the Anzac Day march and attend the service at the local cenotaph. We were impressed by the good representation of school children, including kindergarten, which marched and laid wreaths at the cenotaph. The Zonta Club banner was carried and held high by members of the Longreach Zonta Club and President Bernardine Raven also laid a wreath.



Then it was off to the start of the weekend's proceedings. The Zonta meeting was held in the Cottage in the grounds of the Stockman's Hall of Fame, a very nice venue. We had only just arrived when other attendees came seeking eco bags! Just as well Veronica made sure that we took them!



**District Governor Vicki Varthas** challenged all clubs to ensure that **all** members are registered users of the ZI website. So come on Rockhampton members – take up the challenge! There is no excuse – Berenice gave a presentation at our club meeting a few months ago and there are 'how to' instructions on your club information CD. But still only slightly more than half of our members were registered when I checked this morning! So come on, if you are still unsure, please ask for some help so that we can get up to 100% registered. There is some good information available on the website!

Vicki also updated us on the progress with achieving milestones with the District 22 Strategic Plan and outlined some key issues for the second half of the biennium, which included:

- What to do to keep existing members enthusiastic and encourage the next generation in these hard economic times?
- Are we building on our strengths and successes of the past but not afraid to try new things and think outside the square?
- Are we supporting the development of strong leadership of our Clubs and our District to take us into the future?
- Are we thinking about using technology more effectively? Vicki is considering using Skype for Board meetings to save time and money.
- Are we continually reviewing the classifications and age groups represented in our clubs?
- Are we promoting good planning and preparation in the conduct of our meetings and in choosing projects so that members are satisfied that Zonta time is well spent? Are clubs using the scorecard?
- Do we have a formal process for induction, mentoring and succession planning and continually seeking feedback from club members?
- A focus for this biennium is Service through Advocacy.
- Do we allocate people in our club to regularly look at the ZI website, including regularly reporting on UN activities?
- Do we research local data trends and talk to local service agencies to find out about local needs in establishing our projects to support?
- Do we use time in meetings to educate members about ZI & its projects and enjoy fellowship at other events to socialise?
- Do members use District resources and the website?



Another key area that Vicki wants us to focus on is becoming more informed about the ZI Service Projects, how they are determined using criteria from Zonta's Objects and

- CEDAW
- Beijing + 10 Goals and
- Millennium Development Goals

We plan to discuss these at club meetings and do further research over coming months.

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We had a very interesting and inspiring presentation from **Longreach Club member Vicki Rayner**, who is also Principal of Longreach State School. Vicki recently spent a year in Qatar, a Muslim country in the Middle East, as part of an Education Queensland International project. During her time there she worked with a lot of Arab women and also travelled to various parts of the Middle East and also Ethiopia.

**Berenice** gave an informative presentation about ZI projects. As she had a detailed power point presentation, I'm sure that we can get her to share it with us some time. **Trish** also gave a presentation on membership including focussing on developing the membership plan and the new member policy and procedures that we have been discussing.

On Saturday evening we enjoyed a boat trip on the Thomson River plus dinner on the banks of the river while being entertained by some guitar playing and singing.



On Sunday we continued our discussions and planning, including hearing about projects from the various clubs. We were also further inspired to find time for ourselves and to get fit and improve our health, despite living busy lives, when **local ABC journalist Chrissy Arthur**, mother of five young children under six including twins and working full time, explained how she was motivated to find time to take up triathlons after the death of her mother in her fifties & her father suffering a severe stroke in his sixties.

We were also tasked with encouraging more members to attend Zonta Area meetings, District Conferences and International Conventions, starting with the District 22 Conference in Townsville in September, where some interesting speakers have been recruited and our next Area 2 meeting in Gladstone in early 2010. For further information, please speak to any of those who attended the workshop.

Jan Landsberg



### Zonta In Australia: History

Zonta first started in Australia in 1929 with the establishment of a club in Sydney, one of the first to come into existence outside the United States and Canada, but by 1935 this club had disbanded and it was not until 1965 that Dorothy Thompson was asked to re-introduce Zonta in Australia and New Zealand. New clubs were formed in Melbourne, Sydney and Auckland. Between 1965 and 1971, this remarkable woman organised clubs in all the capital cities in Australia, and in five cities in New Zealand.

Today, what was originally District 16, covering Australia and New Zealand is now divided in to four districts

- District 16 – New Zealand
- District 22 – Queensland and Northern Rivers Inc. NSW
- District 23, covering South Australia and the Northern Territory, Western Australia, Victoria, Tasmania and
- District 24 – New South Wales and ACT

Three Australians have held the highest office as International Presidents, Leneen Forde (1990–92), Val Sarah (1998–2000) and Mary Magee (2000–2002).

**Happy reading**  
**The Editor**