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PLEASE NOTE! If you are unable to attend the dinner meeting, please advise Anna Tempest Ph 4928 7880 (W) Ph 4928 7125 (H) by 10 am on the Monday before the meeting. Failure to apologize will incur payment of \$25.00.



Area 2 Meeting 24-25 March 2012 Rockhampton

International Convention 7th-12th July 2012 Torino—Italy

## From the President:

Dear Zontians

Well, the District 22 Conference is over and Trish as Governor is certainly to be congratulated on a very well run event. Our club had good representation including some first-timers.

Probably the most important piece of legislation was the **adoption of the Board's recommen**dation of a new District website. This was passed in principle though details still have to be negotiated with the supplier.

It was interesting to hear from the International President Elect Lyn who is from Wellington. Over the years the Antipodes have contributed a significant number of members to the International Board. It is always helpful to be reminded of the valued impact of our global projects. Back to domestic matters. We have an enquiry morning on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October at 10.30am. **I've been contacted two people and** do urge all members to speak to friends or colleagues who may be **interested. We've actually reversed** the District trend of declining membership – congratulations to the OMC committee – but it is something we need to keep working on.

Our big events on the calendar are IWD and the Area Meeting in 2012. Ad hoc committees have been formed and will be meeting over the next few weeks to begin planning. Please contact me if you are interested in joining these groups.

Sincerely, Margaret



As of 30th April 2011, Zonta has 31, 114 members in countries around the world.

The aim is to have 33,000 members by the end of this biennium.



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# Notices:

#### Calendar:

	October	-;
	11	Committee Meetings /
		Board Meeting
	18	Dinner Meeting
	16	Information Session—Huet Street
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	08	Committee Meetings/
		Board Meetings
	15	Dinner Meeting

Special United Nations Observances and<br/>Other Significant Days.October:17International Day for the<br/>Eradication of Poverty24United Nations Day

Happiness is the best face lift. Anon.

## Date Claimer

Zonta District 22

Area 2 Meeting

Rockhampton: 24th–25th March 2012



International Convention

Zonta International

Torino – Italy: 7–12 July 2012

## Find out more at the Convention website: http://torino2012.zonta.org

If you would like to contribute to your Newsletter please forward articles to Berenice Payne either by Fax: 4922 3315 or Email: berenice.a.payne@bigpond.com Deadline: First Tuesday of the month.

Dinner Raffle.

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

October November December January Loscher, J Manning J Neilsen-Lee C Payne B

Please give your raffle prize to Elizabeth.





- 01 Cathy Neilsen-Lee
- 04 Jan Landsberg
- 08 Marilyn Fisher
- 10 Wendy Christie
- 11 Kaye Clarke
- 19 Janine Wyatt









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## MEETINGS.

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

#### Club Meeting:

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

## Committee Meetings. OMC: Venue: Rockhampton Plaza Hotel 5.30 pm— 2nd Tuesday

of the month.

## LA & A / Program / PR & C/ United Nations/ Newsletter /Archives: Venue: Rockhampton Plaza Hotel. 5.30 pm— 2nd Tuesday of the month.

#### Service:

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

# Camera on Conference.



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## JENNIFER LOSCHER—PROFILE.

I was born in Rockhampton, the youngest of three children. My primary school years were at Our Lady's Catholic School and from there, I went to the then Range College.

I completed my Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery at the University of Queensland and spent my first two years at the Mater Hospital in Brisbane. After also working at the Prince Charles Hospital in Brisbane, I went to the United Kingdom, after a short holiday in Europe. I completed a Diploma in Child Health at Sheffield and also worked at **the Children's Hospital there for a short period, before** returning to Brisbane.

I always loved working with children and was employed as a Child Health Medical Officer with the Children's Community Health Service for many years, before returning to Rockhampton in early 2000.

I subsequently obtained a Diploma in Community Child Health (Adelaide) and also a Master of Public Health (University of Queensland), before moving back to Rockhampton to be closer to **my mother. I love Rockhampton and it has always been 'home' to me.** 

I have worked in both the private and public sectors, since my return. My special interest remains with children (and adolescents) who have developmental, learning, behavioural or emotional problems. There is often an overlap of issues.

Last year, I returned to learning the piano, which I had learnt at school. I am really enjoying this. I have a love of animals and have several pets. I am very attached to my local Parish **community at St Peter's.** 

A favourite aunt suggested I join Zonta and she is someone, whom I respect. I am sure it will be an opportunity to meet some very educated and interesting women. I am very happy that Zonta aims to improve the quality of life for women (and therefore their children) world wide.

## District 22 Conference Election Results.

## District Board : 2012-2014

District-Governor - Judith Anderson from the Zonta Club of Brisbane Inc. Lt. Governor - Judith Trevan-Hawke from the Zonta Club of Wynnum Redland Inc. Treasurer - Elaine Harrington from the Zonta Club of Brisbane Metro Breakfast Inc. Area 1 Director - Narelle Sommerfeld from the Zonta Club of Brisbane North Inc. Area 2 Director - Denise Wilschut from the Zonta Club of Maryborough Inc. Area 3 Director - Amena Reza from the Zonta Club of Brisbane Metro Breakfast Inc. Area 4 Director - Kath Everett from the Zonta Club of West Moreton Inc. Area 5 Director - Hilary Grant from the Zonta Club of Charters Towers Inc.

## Nominating Committee: 2012-2014

Chairman - Trish Collins from the Zonta Club of Rockhampton Inc . Member - Kelly Stokes from the Zonta Club of Townsville Metro Inc. Member - Vicki Varthas from the Zonta Club of Brisbane Metro Breakfast Inc.

#### During the 2010-2012 Biennium, three projects are being supported by the International Service Program Fund. (Updates from the ZI Website–September 2011) Prevention of Mother to Child Transmission of HIV and Gender-Based Violence in Rwanda

#### Funding: US\$500,000 to UNICEF (United Nations Children's Fund)

Women and children in Rwanda are still vulnerable to the repercussions of the genocide and war that took place 16 years ago. Treating HIV-positive women, preventing transmission of the virus to their off-spring, and ensuring access to health care and reproductive services, as well as preventing and responding to the violence awoken by the brutalization of the society during the genocide, are critical issues for the development of Rwanda and the safety of its women and children. Building on the success of the project during the 2008-2010 Biennium, the project will continue to focus on the prevention of mother-to -child transmission of HIV by providing the full range of family package services at 20 UNICEF-supported PMTCT sites throughout Rwanda during the 2010-2012 Biennium. In addition, the project will seek to expand holistic care and services at support centers for survivors of domestic and gender-based violence to ensure access to proper medical, legal, psychosocial and police support.

#### Safe Cities for Women Project in Guatemala City, Guatemala and San Salvador, El Salvador

### Funding: US\$500,000 to UN Women

In Guatemala and El Salvador, rates of urban violence and violent homicides are above the already high regional average and women are at an even greater risk of violence due to the traditionally subordinate position of women in society. During the first phase of the project, significant results were achieved in both Guatemala and El Salvador. In Guatemala, women's organizations submitted proposals to local authorities to improve public spaces and identified insecure spaces which led to the transformation of an abandoned house to a day shelter for people living with HIV/AIDS. In El Salvador, a map of unsafe places determined by the perceptions of local women was presented to the local authorities who are committed to implementing recommendations to make these areas safer for women. For the next phase of the project, efforts will be focused on increasing visibility and impact by disseminating information on violence against women in the most violent districts of both cities and replicating the experience in all districts of the capital cities. The project will also expand to incorporate the issue of violence against women in the context of HIV/AIDS.

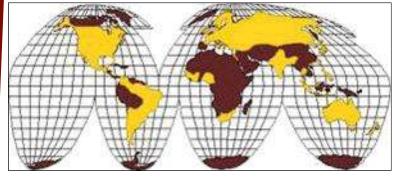
#### Towards Elimination of Obstetric Fistula and the

### Reduction of Maternal and Newborn Mortality and Morbidity in Liberia

### Funding: US\$500,000 to UNFPA (United Nations Population Fund)

With properly trained surgeons, well-equipped facilities and the necessary aftercare, the treatment of uncomplicated obstetric fistula has a 90% success rate. The cost is a mere US\$300, a small sum to many but well beyond the means of the average woman in Liberia. Building upon the experiences and progress achieved thus far, UNFPA, with Zonta's support, will continue to provide fistula treatment through the proper equipment of health care facilities and the training and capacity strengthening of health care providers to treat fistula. The project will also continue to focus on the reintegration of survivors while raising awareness and conducting outreach among communities and health care providers about the definition, causes and treatment of obstetric fistula.

Zonta maintains a presence in countries marked in Gold.



District 22

A Queensland Australia
B Northern Rivers Inc.
New South Wales Australia



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