

NEWSLETTER JUNE 2015



DATE CLAIMERS!

Birthing Kits

Confirmed for 16 September 2015. More details soon!

CHRISTMAS IN JULY FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

Venue: Royal Hotel, Queen St Harrisville

Date: 12 July 2015

RSVP: Flyer and menu attached.

WALK IN QUEENS PARK

Saturday 29 August at 2pm

DISTRICT 22 CONFERENCE:

9 – 11 October 2015

JULY NEWSLETTER Contributions by 17 July 2016. Data to be sent to Karen or Wendy please.

TAKE HOME JUMPER PATTERN

for our knitters! See attached

PRESIDENT

Kate Kunzelmann

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Marie Kavanagh

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Thank you to all members for your welcome as President and warm confirmations of support. Thank you also for the flowers on Changeover Night.

Plans for the year include the continuation of all our tried and true activities, as well as my unqualified support for the car project. More on that soon. Thanks to all members for the way in which you have contributed to the success of Tina Kelly's term as President.

The makeup of the Board gives me great encouragement, and we have had our first meeting.

A couple of reminders: Pam Van de Hoef is accepting clothes at any time for Dress for Success. Also, Helen Walker is accepting the materials of comfort packs. Thank you for sharing with the community.

Our new members are encouraged to get involved in your committees. The Heritage Homes event this weekend is an example of the way in which we find joy in raising the money for our projects, but also the pleasure of working together and getting to know each other.

Finally, we draw together with our longstanding member Heather Brodie in the loss of her husband Bert. Members have been supporting Heather in practical matters, and in supporting her through the loss of her beloved husband. .

Kate Kunzelmann

PRESIDENT



Zonta Fast Fact - Founded in 1919, Zonta International is a leading global organization of professionals empowering women worldwide through service and advocacy. With more than 30,000 members belonging to more than 1,200 Zonta Clubs in 67 countries and geographic areas, Zontians all over the world volunteer their time, talents and support to local and international service projects, as well as scholarship programs aimed at fulfilling Zonta's mission and objects.



Five phrases that should be banned from discussions on domestic violence

May 30, 2015 by Shannon Fentiman, Minister for Communities, Women and Youth, Minister for Child Safety and Minister for Multicultural Affairs sourced <http://www.brisbanetimes.com.au/comment/five-phrases-that-should-be-banned-from-discussions-on-domestic-violence-20150530-ghcwd5>

This month I've been hearing many, many people talking about domestic and family violence. How prevalent it is. How terrible it is. How something must be done to stop this epidemic of violence against women and their children.

This discussion has filled me with hope.

On average 181 domestic violence reports are made to Queensland Police every day - and so many more go unreported. At least one woman is killed in Australia every single week at the hands of her partner. If these statistics are familiar, then Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Month is doing its job.

But I'd also like to talk about what I don't want to hear people saying because, in a way, that's equally important.

When you're talking about domestic violence there are a series of outdated phrases that seem to keep popping up.

The thinking behind them needs to be challenged and eliminated. Doing this is vital to countering this pervasive problem that is breaking families and harming women and their children. So here are five phrases that, if it is humanly possible, I never want to hear again.

1. "It's none of my business"

False. It is everybody's business. In a just community we look out for our most vulnerable and offer them help. When we wash our hands of violence in our midst we consign women and children to fear and pain. People ring the police in a second if a raucous party bellows from a next door neighbour's house, but why on earth don't the sounds of abuse compel them to pick up the phone? It's not "private". It's not "their

family business". It's abuse – and we all have a responsibility to act.

2. "You can't help women who won't help themselves"

This is often said alongside comments like "why does she go back?". From my work in community organisations supporting women in Logan for many years I know that speaking out can be incredibly difficult for a woman experiencing violence. Women who have suffered domestic violence may have had their self-worth and confidence systematically and deliberately destroyed. Just picking up that phone or having that conversation can take everything that they have. No one can know the inside of another's family life. It's not for you to judge. We all need to provide support when she is ready.

3. "At least he doesn't hit her"

So not the point. Non-physical forms of domestic and family violence such as controlling behaviour, stalking, threats and verbal abuse are completely unacceptable, representing an attitude of dominance and ownership. They can cause serious damage and can quickly turn into physical abuse.

4. "He just loves his children so much"

Really? Does he really? World-wide evidence points to the harm done to children from witnessing, experiencing and being used as tools or threats in domestic and family violence. Children learn behaviour and attitudes towards others from the behaviour they see. You cannot show your love to children while abusing or controlling a family member.

5. "We shouldn't be lighting candles and talking about domestic violence, we need to actually do something"

We should do both. Always. We have to talk about it and keep talking about it. I don't want May to be the only month we are talking about domestic and family violence.

In an ideal world we wouldn't be talking about it at all because it would be eliminated. That's the day I'll stop talking about it.

Every year in early May, across our nation, there are candlelight ceremonies to honour those who have senselessly died as a result of domestic and family violence. In recognising their deaths, we commit to ensuring other women do not suffer the same fate.

Dame Quentin Bryce's landmark report into Domestic and Family Violence, *Not Now, Not Ever: Putting an end to domestic and family violence* in



Queensland has 140 recommendations. (See Media Release p 5)

This violence has to stop. We need to call out the behaviour and attitudes that allow it – starting with these five ill-informed phrases.

If you suspect someone you know might be experiencing domestic violence, [Trust Your Instinct](#), speak up and call DVConnect (1800 811 811). You might just save a life.

FINANCE, SERVICE AND FUND RAISING COMMITTEE

The Finance, Fundraising and Service Committee has been focused on the running of Heritage Homes for the last month and I am pleased to report that it was successfully run last weekend. I have been discussing with a range of people since the event and we rate it as one of our best trips. It was very much enjoyed by those who were on the tour but for those of us at the working bees we can report that we now have it well streamlined and it runs very well. Certainly takes less time that some of the original trips.

The day was a success because of the great support we received from you our Zontian members who gladly came and worked many of you on Saturday and Sunday. My thanks in particular to Bev who does much of the organising for the trip. Her passion for the homes of Ipswich is always evident in her commentaries. Thanks to Pat Evatt and the morning tea crew for organising the morning tea at Gooloowan. What was also on display here was the expertise of the Zontians cooks. The spread was very diverse and scrummy. We had lovely comments from all who tasted the treats.

To the Saturday chopping crew - excellent chopping, slicing, dicing and mixing. It was the first time we have had an opportunity to test the kitchen downstairs for a working bee and I was delighted with the functionality.

A big thank you to Peter, Bev, Chloe and Declan for their hospitality in opening the Ulster for the lunch.

It certainly takes the pain out of the lunch and makes it comfortable for our guests. My thanks to all Zontians who worked at the hotel. A special thank

you to Declan who has a long history with the Heritage Homes Tour and at the Morning Tea he was the person with the most experience present. Also the punch maker for lunch.

A big thank you also to the Honzons who helped on Saturday and Sunday - John, David and Peter.

Jill will have the final figures for us but I estimate that we will have raised about \$6,500 on the day. Well done everyone.

Remember that we are still collecting clothes for Dress for Success and that these can be given to Pam van de Hoef at any Dinner Meeting.

Helen Walker is going to be our lead of collecting toiletries and personal items for women who are living in supported accommodation following domestic violence. Helen will talk to this at the meeting on Monday.

Arias in the Afternoon coming up on 18th October. Please put in your diary. More details out in the next month.

More news on upcoming events and service projects in the next newsletter.

Pam



Heritage Home women. A big thank you to the Honzons - John, David and Peter and Declan



See attached for all photos!

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Welcome to our new members Ruth Wylie, Sharon Mitchell, Gaye Zimmermann, Bridget Edwards and Helene Shephard. Also welcome to Belinda Livingstone, who will be inducted on Monday 22 June 2015.

Bronwen



ADVOCACY COMMITTEE

Our first meeting was well attended with many ideas and suggestions discussed including the forthcoming UN Dinner (October) and 16 Days of Activism (November – December). A programme has been put in place and will be actively pursued.

Details of our July meeting will be sent out to all members soon.

Margaret

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE PROGRAM (ISP) – Update

Through funding from the Zonta International Foundation, the Program has provided training, education, health, sanitation, agricultural and micro-credit assistance to women, primarily through projects implemented by the agencies of the United Nations and other recognized non-governmental organizations.

During the 2014-2016 Biennium, three projects are being supported by the International Service Fund:

- [Towards Elimination of Obstetric Fistula and Reduction of Maternal and Newborn Mortality in Liberia](#)
- Working Toward an HIV-Free Generation Effective Prevention and Response to Gender Based Violence in Rwanda
- [Gender Responsive Schools Pilot Model](#)

ZONTA CARES



Let Marie Dixon know if you know someone in Zonta who could use a phone call, a visit, a cuppa with a friend, etc.
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Women Vendors return to Central Market in Vanuatu

Two months after Category 5 Cyclone Pam devastated crops and infrastructure throughout Vanuatu's main island of Efate, re-planting and reconstruction are underway. Port Vila's Central Market, is bustling and open for business. Thanks to our kind supporters, **\$42,467** has been raised to date. UN Women is working with market vendors, market councils, provincial and national governments in Vanuatu, as well as the Australian Government, to help women restore their livelihoods and build resilience to future external shocks like Cyclone Pam.

Media release

Minister for Communities,
Women and Youth, Minister
for Child Safety and
Minister for Multicultural
Affairs

The Honourable Shannon
Fentiman



Government and health sector in new push to tackle violence

Government and leaders from the medical profession met on the Gold Coast today to discuss how the health sector can help tackle domestic and family violence.

Minister for Women, Shannon Fentiman, hosted the roundtable session, one of five sector-based roundtables being held across Queensland to discuss the state's response to domestic and family violence.

"Health professionals are vital in responding to the horrific effects of domestic and family violence. They take a lead role in supporting victims of abuse and may be the first, or only help that victims seek," Ms Fentiman said.

"The health sector is already very active in this area and the roundtable aimed to harness their ideas about what more can be done to eliminate this problem.

"The Australian Medical Association is working with the Women's Legal Service and Law Council of Australia on a resource to assist discussions between doctors and patients and help refer people experiencing abuse to support services.

"These sorts of partnerships are a great example of how different sectors can work together to develop solutions to this insidious problem."

The need for the whole community to work together against domestic and family violence was one of the central themes of Dame Quentin Bryce's landmark report, *Not Now, Not Ever: Putting an end to domestic and family violence in Queensland*.

The Queensland Government will soon be releasing its response to the report's 140 recommendations, which will underpin the

development of a Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Strategy.

The report made recommendations about how the health sector could show leadership and drive cultural change to help prevent domestic and family violence and support victims of abuse.

The roundtable is one of a series of sector-based events happening across Queensland, with others covering the legal, education, business and community sectors.

Community roundtables aimed to galvanise support and discuss local solutions are also being held in Cairns, Longreach, Mt Isa and Ipswich.

Ms Fentiman said the Government was already working in a number of ways to help tackle domestic and family violence, including a plan to build two new crisis shelters and a \$49 million fund over five years for domestic violence prevention and support services across Queensland.

Anyone who is experiencing or suspects domestic violence is happening to a friend, colleague or loved one should contact DV Connect on 1800 600 636.



Baby jumper pattern attached 😊