



MAY 2016

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

April has been a great month with all the social groups of the club enjoying camaraderie and conversation at book club, water gym, knitting and sewing groups. We had the President's breakfast which was a truly wonderful morning and a Knock Knock dinner at Pammie's plus a few other lunches thrown in for good measure. I firmly believe that the success of any service club lies in its social life. With our social connectedness, friendships are cemented, members are nurtured and a caring hand is always given to any member facing a tough time.

It hasn't been all play however. We had our very important AGM in April where the board for the forthcoming year is elected. Congratulations to all of those who have taken on leadership positions. Special congratulations to Connie in the role of President and Kerrie in the role of President elect. I am sure you will all have a fabulous year. Two new members, Lyndy and Carol, were inducted into our club in April. A very warm welcome into our Zonta family to you both. We also passed a motion at the April GM to give a generous donation to the Proserpine Hospital to purchase specific items as outlined by the hospital auxiliary. I am sure all club members feel gratified that our hard earned fund raising dollars are going to such a worthy recipient. May will be a very interesting month with Maxine's Paint the Town Orange campaign coming to fruition and the Zonta Says No to Violence against women message being front and centre at the Cowboys home game in Townsville on May 20th. Look out for our Zonta Says No to Violence against Women sign going up at Shingley for 2 weeks during DV month (May). A highly productive year will be celebrated at our changeover at Barcelona (the restaurant) on May 22nd.

Zonta International is also preparing for a new board for 2016-2018. At the international conference in Nice, France, from 2nd -6th July, a new ZI president and executive will be elected for the next biennium and new biennial goals will be presented. Zonta International service programs will reflect and enhance its mission and continue to be a leading advocate for women's rights. For the next biennium, ZI will propose to continue with its Liberia Fistula Project and its project To Delay Early Marriage in Niger. You might be interested to note that ZI is proposing some additions to its international service programs for the coming two years. One is "*Let us Learn Madagascar*" - an integrated educational project for adolescent girls in Madagascar and the other is "*Addressing Human Trafficking and Unsafe Migration in Nepal*." I am sure that we will be keen to learn more about these new projects at our club presentations this next year. I personally am thrilled that Nepal is on the list as I think we all feel a personal connection after our Nepal film nights last year and Sue Tuck's very interesting talk on her POP program and Hearing Nepal project and also knowing the wonderful humanitarian work that our club member, Joanne, does in Nepal.

Since 1923, Zonta International has provided more than US\$27 million to empower women and expand their access to education, health care, economic opportunities and safe living conditions. Through the power of our global membership and donations to the ZI foundation, Zonta improves women's lives, their children's lives and the communities in which they live and work. Thank you for joining Zonta in making gender equality a reality for women and girls worldwide.

Thank you, also, for the abundance of warmth and support I have received from you all over the last 12 months in my role as club president. Roz Jennings, President



Good publicity for “our” ladies and our club but....The Guardian got Kalila’s name all wrong...should be Kalila Porter



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MEMBERSHIP

Knock Knock Dinner for June?

Wow as you can see from the photos, the Moroccan experience has started off the year in fine style for our Knock Knock dinners!! The Membership committee thought June would be a great timing for the next dinner and would like to see if there are any Hostesses that might be willing to do one then? If so, could you flick an email through to zontaclub7@hotmail.com with a date and time. Remember, the theme is up to you. I note we haven't had as yet: "fish & chips"; "Pizza Night" "Spag Bol"; Aussie BBQ" or maybe you would like to do a "Breakfast"!!! Totally up to you but all are guaranteed a great night out!

Thumbs Up Award nominations:

The Membership committee made four presentations last year to very deserving recipients for this Award, just to say we "like what you do". If you would like to nominate someone for this next 12 months, please contact Chairperson Sue who will give you the "very simple" nomination form to complete and submit to the committee. We, again, would like to limit the awards to 3 or 4 in every 12 months so the award retains its significance!

Cheers Sandii, Outgoing Membership Director

**Knock Knock Dinner was
truly a knock out!**



Welcome Carol and Lyndy



ADVOCACY

Sunday the 8th May is Mother's Day. A day when we can celebrate the miracle that is birth and the unconditional love that is a Mother.

The origins of Mother's Day go back to ancient times; the Greeks and the Romans. It is said that the day was to honour Rhea, wife of Cronus and the mother of many deities of Greek mythology. In the UK, in the 1600's, Mothering Day was celebrated. This day began as a Christian celebration, honouring the Virgin Mary and was expanded to honour all mothers but had almost completely died out by the 19th century.

In 1872, US activist, Julia Ward Howe, instigated the idea of Mother's Day. Her thought was to have a public holiday to celebrate Mothers and to champion peace. She urged women to rise up against war in her Mother's Day Proclamation speech of 1870. Julia Ward Howe wrote the inspiring "Battle Hymn of the Republic". But it was another American in 1908, Anna Jarvis who is credited as the "Mother of Mother's Day". She wanted to have a day set aside to honour all mothers, living and past. Anna was inspired to do this by her own Mother's death in 1905. By 1914, President Woodrow Wilson designated the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day. Anna never meant it to be commercialised. It was simply a day to be with mother and thank her for what she had done for you. It is sad that she felt so strongly about this that it consumed her and she died penniless and demented in 1948, aged 84. Anna Jarvis never had children.

Mothers are revered all around the world. They give life, they nurture, they love and that love is no different from the East to the West, from The South to the North. The love for a mother and of a mother is the same worldwide. They protect us; put a Band-Aid on that scratch, run us to every sport that is available, help with the homework, give support when we lose our first love, and the list goes on. One never stops being a mother.

As Zontians, we celebrate womanhood and we endeavour to empower women worldwide to have a better, safer, healthier, happier life. To be able to give birth safely and to have medical attention as needed. We advocate keeping them safe from violence----- in the home and the wider community. So, wherever you are this Mother's Day, I hope it is a pleasant day for you--- filled with love.

As the old saying goes: "God knew he couldn't be everywhere, so he created woman"

Zonta Says No to Violence:

We have our "Orange Ladies" farmed out to various businesses around the town. They will be on display from 9th-23rd May. I will be organising a photo shoot with some of them under our banner that goes up that day too. So, be prepared if you want to be a part of this. A reminder and times will go out closer to the day. The Men's Shed, Airlie Beach have done a great job for us.

The WCCS have their annual Candlelight vigil happening on Wed 4th May from 5.30pm on the Airlie Foreshore.

Maxine Thiele, Director



Thanks Men's Shed



**WHAT A SPLENDID BREAKFAST, HOSTED BY PRESIDENT ROZ & HER HUSBAND PETE.
THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE COOKING AND SUPPORT TEAM
FROM THE REST OF US: THANK YOU FOR THE BRILLIANT MORNING!**



Carole and Carol



Two Hansen's



May
12th: Christine Garabedian

Cupcake Maker Extraordinaire, Maxine
with last month's birthday, Lesley

Our greatly anticipated Changeover dinner is coming up fast and we are needing responses from anyone who has not yet confirmed or given apologies. If you haven't done so already, payment of \$50 pp. needs to be transferred to the Zonta account and menu selections made and sent to Kerry as soon as possible. Please make your payment to the Zonta General account : BSB 084 501; Acc. No : 46442 2463 and label your payment "Changeover dinner". It promises to be a wonderful evening of Spanish food and entertainment, with \$50 a great price for three courses, a pre-dinner drink, music and free sunset so don't miss out!



Barcelona Tapas &

Bar Abel Point Marina On

Sunday May 22nd

At 5 p.m.

Join us for an aperitif and tapas

while watching our glorious tropical sunset accompanied by atmospheric guitar music.

Then be seated for an evening of celebration and fun as we thank our out-going Board members for their commitment over the past year and welcome our incoming Board for 2016-17.

Enjoy a fabulous Spanish two course meal while being entertained by a Paella cooking demonstration, Spanish dancers and music.

Cost: \$50 per head including pre-dinner drink.

All other drinks at bar prices.



The Zonta Last Wednesday Book Club meets on the last Wednesday of every month to enjoy fellowship and discuss ideas on shared reading. Meetings are from 5p.m. and usually finish at about 8.30-9p.m. We now have space for one or two more members, so if you are interested in reading and would like to join us, please let me know.

Kerry Kenyon

The next book Club meeting will be held on Wednesday 25th May from 5p.m. at Catherine's.

Book : Wuthering Heights by Emily Bronte.

Date Claimers

May:

No General Meeting

21-22nd: Area 5 Conference, Townsville & Cowboys

22nd: Changeover Event at Barcelona Tapas Bar, 5 p.m.

25th: Last Wednesday Book Club—5pm—Contact Kerry Kenyon

30th: Knitting Group: contact Carole Brauner Lindsey

June:

16th: General Meeting— 6.15 for 6.30 start—Reef Gateway (TBA)

27th: Knitting Group: contact Carole Brauner Lindsey

29th: Last Wednesday Book Club—5pm—Contact Kerry Kenyon



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