



Zonta Club of Southern Gold Coast-Tweed Area Inc

Member of Zonta International

7 September 2014

Presidents Report: September 2014

Kaye Lollback

Happy Father's Day!



The idea of a special day to honour fathers and celebrate fatherhood was introduced from the United States. A woman called Sonora Smart Dodd was inspired by the [American Mother's Day celebrations](#) and planned a day to honour

fathers early in the 20th century. The first Father's Day was celebrated in Spokane, Washington on June 19, 1910. Father's Day has become increasingly popular throughout North America and other parts of the world over the years.

"The most important thing a father can do for his children is to love their mother."

**Fathers Day Quote by:
Unknown**

The past month has been particularly busy. Our Blue Illusion Fashion Parade was a huge success. The wet weather drew large crowds into the Robina Town centre where our amazing models strutted their stuff on the catwalk in true professional form. The funds raised are much needed to assist us to pay for upcoming projects.

We were also pleased to be able to assist victims of sexual assault by again donating over 80 pairs of new underwear to the Tweed sexual Assault Service. This is an ongoing project for our club as we alternate between donations to Tweed and also the Gold Coast University Hospital outpatient dept.



(above) Susie presenting new knickers to Lorraine from Tweed Sexual Assault Service



(left) The Zonta girls after the successful Blue Illusion fashion parade





While we're talking knickers...



Imagine...

What if not having sanitary supplies meant DAYS without school, DAYS without income, DAYS without leaving the house?

Girls use leaves, mattress stuffing, newspaper, corn husks, rocks, anything they can find...but still miss up to 2 months of school every year. It turns out this issue is a surprising but instrumental key to social change for women all over the world. The poverty cycle can be broken when girls stay in school.

Sounds awful doesn't it, we consider our menstrual cycle as a mere inconvenience. We can however have all that we need to manage and minimize any discomfort. We recently also donated underwear for this project "**Days for Girls**" whose aim is to empower girls and women through sustainable menstrual management.

Every Girl. Everywhere. Period. For more info the link is <http://www.daysforgirls.org/>

(right) Susie presenting new knickers to Ann Marie Bernauer from Days for Girls





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Invites you to join us for our...

Birthing Kit Assembly Day on Sunday September 14th 2014.

Venue: Southern Cross University Coolangatta Campus.

Commencing...



10.00 am: Morning tea & registration.

10.30 am: Welcome: Marie Crepinsak; Bachelor of Midwifery. Course coordinator/lecturer School of Health & Human Sciences.

Keri Moore: Senior Lecturer Clinical Education Specialist. Overview of Midwifery Course S.C.U.



Trish Schneider: R.N. R.M. IBCLC. Bachelor of education. Master of education. Fellow of the Australian College of Midwives.

Carolyn Hastie: Senior Lecturer Midwifery, School of Health & Human Sciences.

11.00 am: Kaye Lollback. Zonta Club President. Overview of local & International Projects.

Susie Dunn. Zonta club Vice President & Birthing Kit Coordinator. Birthing Kit DVD & Birthing Kit Assembly instruction

11.30 am: Birthing Kit assembly **begins.**

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DIARY DATES

SEPTEMBER MEETING

DATE: 15 September

VENUE: Secret Garden, South Tweed Sports Club

TIME: 6-30 – 7 E.S.T.

RSVP: Lesley – Anne Marsh

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SEPTEMBER

1st Board Meeting

14th Birthing Kit Assembly Day

15th Dinner Meeting

OCTOBER

6th Board meeting

20th Dinner Meeting

The proposed goals for the 2014-2016 biennium were approved at Convention. The goals for next biennium focus on key challenges and position Zonta as one of the main players addressing women's issues. Living up to Zonta's mission with conviction, commitment and courage and strengthening every single link of Zonta will ensure sustainability and long lasting impact in the lives of women around the world.

Last Dinner Meeting

Sarah King recently accomplished a wonderful feat by filling a container with books and soft toys, computers as well and sending it over to Sierra Leone. We were fortunate to have Sarah as a guest speaker for our August Dinner Meeting and her power point presentation of her achievement was truly inspiring. Her photos are also on our facebook page. **Don't forget about September's meeting- the more the merrier!**

This month's TED talk:

“Meera Vijayann: Find your voice against gender violence”

This talk begins with a personal story of sexual violence that may be difficult to listen to. But that's the point, says citizen journalist Meera Vijayann: Speaking out on tough, taboo topics is the spark for change. Vijayann uses digital media to speak honestly about her experience of gender violence in her home country of India — and calls on others to speak out too.

Watch by clicking the link below:

http://www.ted.com/talks/meera_vijayann_find_your_voice_against_gender_violence

Conviction, Commitment, Courage
Go to the Welcome from our Zonta International President, Maria Jose Landeira Oestergaard, to find out more

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HjI81x_bT-A&feature=em-subst_digest

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<http://www.zontadistrict22.org/district-22-clubs/zonta-club-of-southern-gold-coast-tweed-inc/>



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