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Presidents Message:

eNewsletter: March / April 2016

Dear Fellow Zontians,

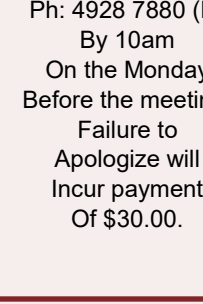
It is hard to believe this is only the second newsletter for this year. Things are moving along at an even faster pace than ever before.

We have had our International Women's Day breakfast with a focus on the establishment of Z Clubs in Rockhampton. This event went very smoothly with excellent and impressive speakers. Well done to all concerned.

Our Area Meeting is also on the horizon, so please consider attending this as this does increase your knowledge of Zonta. Jan puts in a big effort in to organise this and it would be good if we could support her.

Stanwell State School has obtained a grant to hold a Domestic Violence Awareness Family Fun Day on the Saturday 7th May. It will take place from 2pm to 6pm. I will keep you updated with more information about this.

Until next month
Regards,
Rosalie.



Please Note:

If you are unable to attend the dinner meeting, please advise Anna Tempest Ph: 4928 7880 (H) By 10am On the Monday Before the meeting. Failure to Apologize will Incur payment Of \$30.00.

Please note that Anna's work phone number is no longer available for apologies for the dinner meeting. Her home number is the contact. Email apologies to Elizabeth are also accepted.

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Meetings:

Board Meeting:

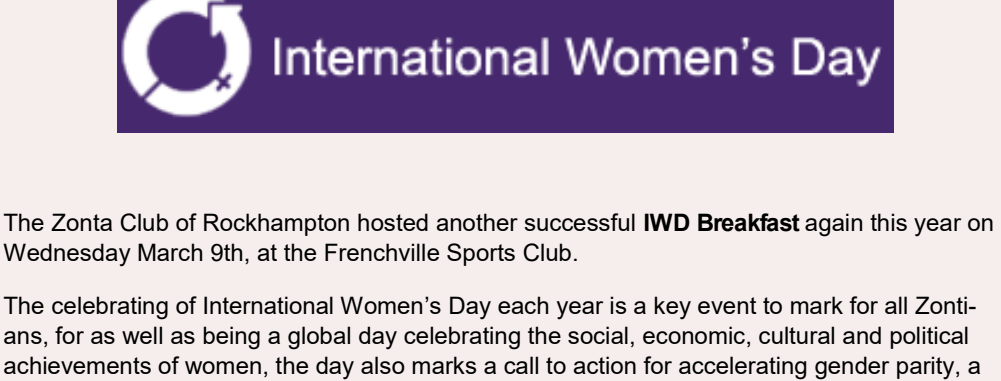
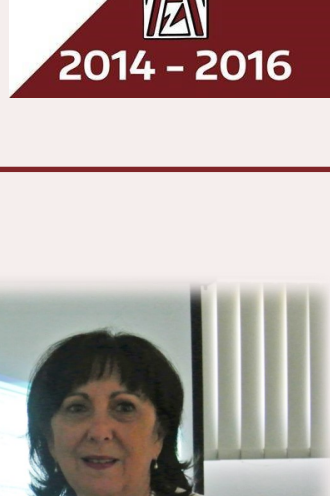
6.30 pm: 2nd Tuesday of the month
Venue: The Stirling—Albert Street Rockhampton.

Club Meeting:

6.00 pm: 2nd Tuesday of the month
Venue: The Stirling—Albert Street Rockhampton.

All Standing Committee Meetings:

5.30pm: 2nd Tuesday of the month
Venue: The Stirling—Albert Street Rockhampton.



Anna Tempest (Charter Member), District 22 Governor Judith Trevan—Hawke and Trish Collins (Past District Governor) enjoy a catch-up at the Rockhampton Club Meeting in February. It was great to have the District Governor visit our club and address our meeting.

International Women's Day

The Zonta Club of Rockhampton hosted another successful **IWD Breakfast** again this year on Wednesday March 9th, at the Frenchville Sports Club.

The celebrating of International Women's Day each year is a key event to mark for all Zontians, for as well as being a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women, the day also marks a call to action for accelerating gender parity, a key ongoing focus for all Zontians.

We were pleased to again present the awards of:

The Zonta Capricornia Living Treasure Award 2016, won by Leanne Smith from Yeppoon, a woman who has had a significant impact on improving the cultural life of the Capricorn Coast over many years and

The Young Women in Public Affairs Award 2016, won by Georgia McDonald, an accomplished student from Yeppoon State High School.

This year we had a focus on youth and were pleased to welcome students and teachers from eight secondary schools from Rockhampton and Yeppoon. As well as attending the Breakfast, the students, teachers and some Zonians, remained for a workshop about Z Clubs, immediately following the Breakfast.

Leanne Shepherd, Chairperson of the Zonta Club of Mackay Z Club Committee and Claire Kelly, a Z Club Ambassador from Mackay, spoke at the Breakfast and also facilitated the workshop.

We are pleased that a number of schools have expressed interest in finding out more about Z Clubs, so we are hopeful of again being able to have a Z Club presence in our area. Some of our longer term members will remember that the Zonta Club of Rockhampton first sponsored a Z Club at North Rockhampton State High School in 1985. (see *Potted History of the Club*) which was in fact the first Z Club to be chartered in the then Zonta District 16, of which our club was then a part. District 16 at the time, included all of New Zealand and Australia. Over the years with growth of membership, this original one District has become four – Districts 16, 22, 23 and 24.

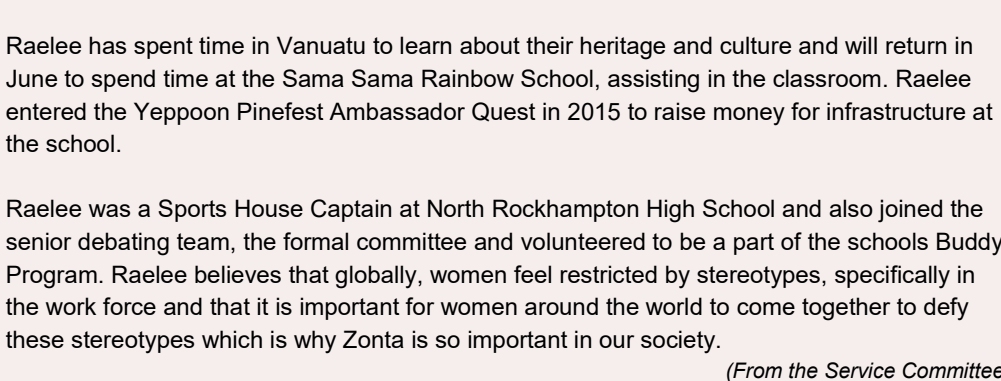
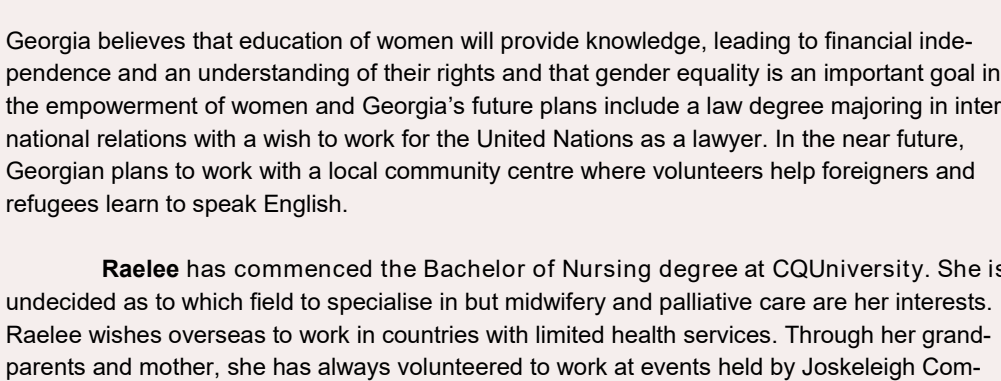
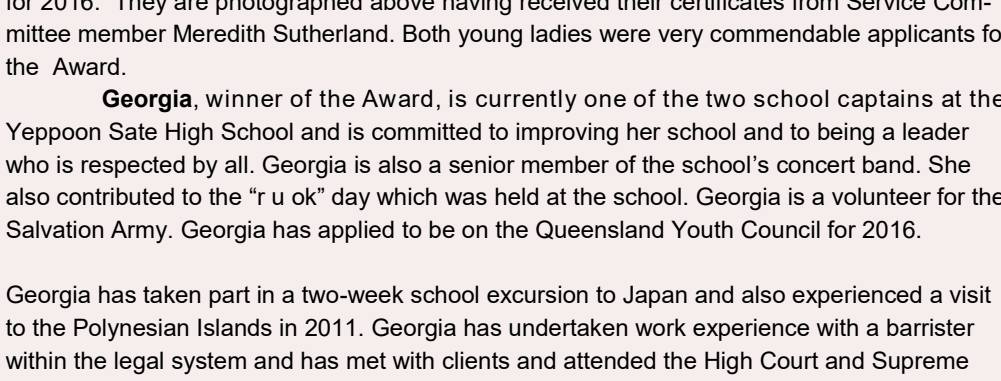
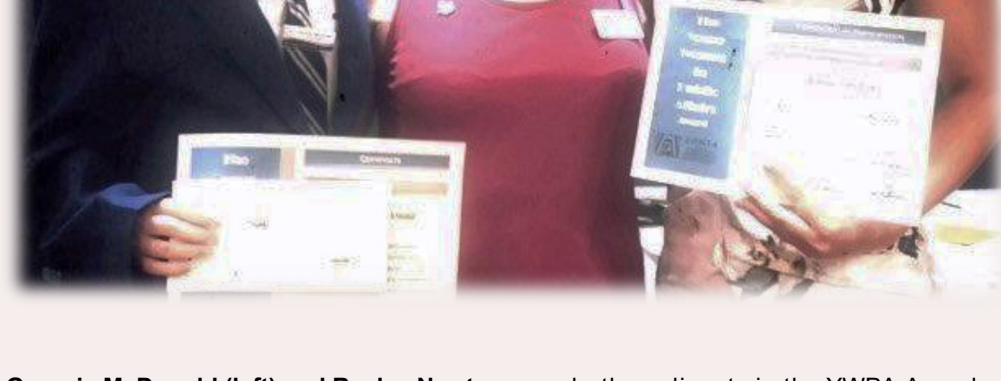
Another highlight of the Breakfast was another outing for our 'Zollies' the Zonta orange ladies. Some of our suffragettes made another appearance, representing the past, but were also joined by others representing the present and future – celebrating IWD, Zonta service, advocacy and membership and Z Clubs. These were well received by those in attendance, with many photos being taken with the media savvy 'Zollies'. Many photos of people with 'Zollies' have now made an appearance on social media, giving us good publicity. If you see some, please like and share!

Click [here](#) to read the IWD 2016 message by ZI President Maria Jose Landeira Oestergaard and also watch the ZI IWD 2016 video

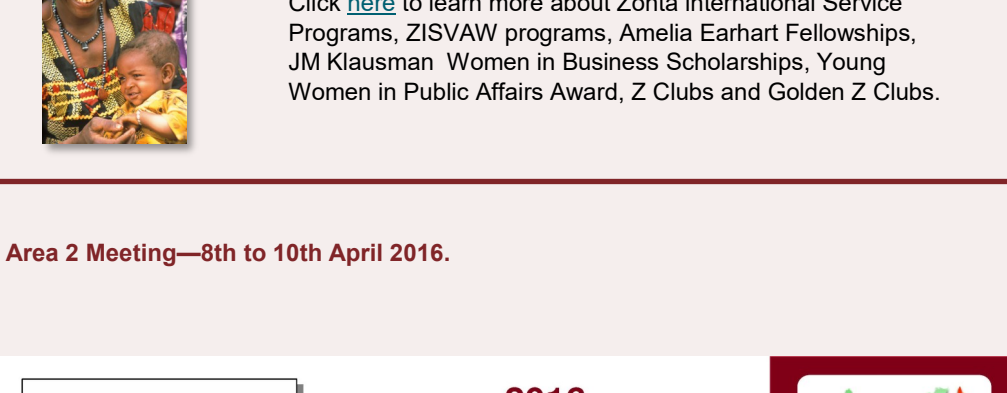
Click [here](#) to read more about Z Clubs and Golden Z Clubs

Thanks to the hard working IWD committee – Helen, Judie, Karen, Valda, Trish and Jan and those Zontians who helped at the Breakfast.

(Thanks to Jan for submitting this article.)



Georgia wins YWPA Award:



Georgia McDonald (left) and Raelee Newton were both applicants in the YWPA Award for 2016. They are photographed above having received their certificates from Service Committee member Meredith Sutherland. Both young ladies were very commendable applicants for the Award.

Georgia, winner of the Award, is currently one of the two school captains at the Yeppoon Sate High School and is committed to improving her school and to being a leader who is respected by all. Georgia is also a senior member of the school's concert band. She also contributed to the "r u ok" day which was held at the school. Georgia is a volunteer for the Salvation Army. Georgia has applied to be on the Queensland Youth Council for 2016.

Georgia has taken part in a two-week school excursion to Japan and also experienced a visit to the Polynesian Islands in 2011. Georgia has undertaken work experience with a barrister within the legal system and has met with clients and attended the High Court and Supreme Court sittings.

Georgia believes that education of women will provide knowledge, leading to financial independence and an understanding of their rights and that gender equality is an important goal in the empowerment of women and Georgia's future plans include a law degree majoring in international relations with a wish to work for the United Nations as a lawyer. In the near future, Georgian plans to work with a local community centre where volunteers help foreigners and refugees learn to speak English.

Raelee has commenced the Bachelor of Nursing degree at CQUniversity. She is undecided as to which field to specialise in but midwifery and palliative care are her interests. Raelee wishes overseas to work in countries with limited health services. Through her grandparents and mother, she has always volunteered to work at events held by Joskeleigh Community Association and in particular at the Joskeleigh South Sea Islander Historical Museum.

Raelee has spent time in Vanuatu to learn about their heritage and culture and will return in June to spend time at the Sama Sama Rainbow School, assisting in the classroom. Raelee entered the Yeppoon Pinefest Ambassador Quest in 2015 to raise money for infrastructure at the school.

Raelee was a Sports House Captain at North Rockhampton High School and also joined the senior debating team, the formal committee and volunteered to be a part of the schools Buddy Program. Raelee believes that globally, women feel restricted by stereotypes, specifically in the work force and that it is important for women around the world to come together to defy these stereotypes which is why Zonta is so important in our society.

(From the Service Committee)



Click [here](#) to learn more about Zonta international Service Programs, ZISVAW programs, Amelia Earhart Fellowships, JM Klausman Women in Business Scholarships, Young Women in Public Affairs Award, Z Clubs and Golden Z Clubs.

Area 2 Meeting—8th to 10th April 2016.



2016
DISTRICT 22 • AREA 2
AREA MEETING

SAVE THE DATE!

The 2016 Zonta District 22 Area 2 Meeting will be held in Gladstone, Queensland
Commencing Friday evening 8th April, Saturday 9th & Sunday morning 10th April
"Courage & Leadership" Presented at Central Queensland University

Hosted by the Zonta Club of Gladstone Inc & Jan Landsberg, Area 2 Director • email: zontagladstone@gmail.com

From Area 2 Director—Jan Landsberg.

The annual Area 2 meeting is fast approaching. It is to be hosted this year by the Zonta Club of Gladstone and will be held on the weekend of the 8th – 10th of April. So this is a great opportunity to attend an Area Meeting, which is close by, so not far to travel.

Friday night is a 'meet and greet' for those who arrive early. This will be held at the Gladstone Yacht Club. The main meeting commences on Saturday morning and continues until Sunday lunch time, with another social event on the Saturday night.

Area Meeting aims are for membership enhancement through training and planning and to promote Zonta International objects and programs. It is also a great opportunity to meet Zontians from other clubs in Area 2 and hear about activities that they are engaged in, new ideas, different ways of doing things, as well as other clubs' projects.

District Governor Judith Trevan—Hawke, Lieutenant Governor Ans VanErg and District Treasurer Elaine Harrington, will also all be attending, giving presentations and be available for questions.

The registration form and program are now available. Registration closes on April 1st, with a slighter cheaper early bird price available for those who register by March 18th.

I would encourage all members who are able to attend to do so. It is a good opportunity to learn more about Zonta beyond your own club, and is always a lot of fun as well! I have attended the Area Meeting each year since I have been a Zontian. They have all been enjoyable, learning experiences with all reflecting the host club's different characters.

Dinner Raffle:

Gifts for the dinner raffle follow the listing in the Members Directory.

April: Kaye
May: Trish
June: Helen

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

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Please email to Berenice Payne.

Deadline: 1st of the month.

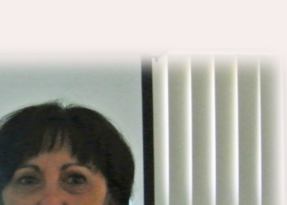


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(Click [here](#) to see the composition of the 31 Districts and 1 Region in ZI).



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