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### Message from President:

eNewsletter: December 2019.

November 8<sup>th</sup> this year was cause for great celebration – the Centenary of ZONTA International. Our own Club's acknowledgements of this anniversary were varied, ranging from attendance at a special District 22 Conference, to a donation to ZONTA International Foundation and a birthday party, with an American twist (and taste) at our November Club Dinner. In all of these celebrations and activities, a great generosity of spirit has been evident, just as it has throughout our *Sixteen Days of Activism*. The Christmas spirit of giving prevails all year in our ZONTA Club.

This last weekend was a great example. Those of us who gathered, at Trish Collins' unit at the Marina on the Capricorn Coast, were treated to a most enjoyable day of camaraderie and culinary delights in a beautiful setting (Sincere thanks, Trish). The meal itself was symbolic on our ZONTA spirit. Everyone contributed what they could at this stage of the year and the combination of talents and tastes resulted in a sumptuous spread. As I reflected on this while driving home, it struck me that, when we work together and contribute the best we can, we achieve amazing results for a fairly small group.

Our Lamington Stall at the Arcade Markets on Sunday was disappointing in one sense – we were left with six and a half cases of Lamingtons which have now been frozen (for our pre-Australia Day Sausage Sizzle) – but, in another sense, it was a great success because of the spirit that was evident. Gaylene, Valda and Elizabeth did a great job setting up the stall and working the early shifts and Jenny Baker, our lovely Lavender lady and next door (Market) neighbour, provided all we needed to set up- except for the ZONTA touches – and the Lamingtons: dozens and dozens of Lamingtons. Nonetheless, we 'dished out' a lot of good will and were a bright ZONTA presence in our new blue shirts - and Berenice popped in from a Christening to capture it all on camera.

There was also a great effort by Jan and Jenny with the displays for the *Sixteen Days of Activism.* One of the gentlemen who stopped to talk to us at the Markets noted that he had seen our impressive display in the Rockhampton Library. These have done a lot to spread the 'good news' about ZONTA.

After our Working Group Meeting on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December to finalise details for International Women's Day and our Sausage Sizzle in January, we can all take a well-earned break from ZONTA activities and celebrate the Christmas Season.

Thank you all for what you have brought to the 'ZONTA table' this year. Like the lunch at Tricia's place, the end result was very successful.

Have a very Happy Christmas, a positive start to the New Year and enjoy some well-earned recreation and relaxation over the holiday period.

Catherine Dunbar President



"We believe in making the world a better place by empowering women and we find joy by working together toward gender equity in a supportive community of like-minded professionals

that even extends to other countries and cultures."

 — Susanne von Bassewitz, 2018-2020 President of Zonta International and the Zonta International Foundation

December Working Party Meeting:

Please note: No formal meetings in December.

A working party meeting is to be held at Coffee House/5.30pm Wednesday 11 December.
January Sausage Sizzle at Office Works to be discussed.
March IWD Breakfast to be on the agenda.as well for discussion.

Please attend if possible.



# For your Diary:

25th November to 10th December

7th December:

8th December:

16 day of Activism— Zonta Says NO to Violence Against Women

End of year— Christmas Party (Lunch—to be held at Rosslyn Bay) Stall at Kern Arcade Markets (commencing 8.00 am)



# Zontians advocate for sustainable change.

Dates to note in 2020—Please mark them in your calendar:

- **19 January:** Sausage Sizzle
  - 6 March: IM/D Breakfast

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| 04—05 April:  | Area 2 Meeting—Bundaberg               |   |
| 04—08 July:   | Zonta International Convention—Chicago | ~ |
| 25 July:      | Lunch—Christmas in July—NRSHS          |   |
| 08—09 August: | Craft Fair Stall                       |   |



Zontians invest in an equal future for women and girls.



#### November Dinner Meeting:

Members attending the November dinner meeting enjoyed celebrating Zonta's 100th birthday. The 'American' menu of pork spare ribs and dessert of pancakes with maple syrup and ice-cream was a good choice for the evening. Candles turned the pancakes into birthday cakes.

Guest speaker Helen Munn (Gallehawk) who was the recipient of the Zonta CQUniversity Science prize in 2001, gave a very interesting presentation of her years of study as a mature student, followed by some interesting career move stories. We look forward to staying in touch with her. President Catherine presented Helen with a gift of Zonta Coasters.

A big thank you to Elizabeth for the birthday decorations which added greatly to the atmosphere of the dinner, making for a very enjoyable evening.

Zontians volunteer time and talents in initiating changes that will strengthen women's role in the world.

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#### **BERNICE PAYNE**

NOVEMBER 8 was a special day for Zonta members world-wide.

The 100th birthday of the organisation is being celebrated by all Zontians in all 1200 clubs around the world during the year.

The first Zonta club was chartered in Chicago on November 8, 1919, which "envisioned a world in which women's rights are recognised as human rights and every woman is able to achieve her full potential. In such a world, women have access to all resources and are represented in decision making positions on an equal basis with men. In such a world, no woman lives in fear of violence".

This vision is still a part of Zonta's purpose today. Members of the Zonta Club of Rockhampton: Valda Fitzgerald, Elizabeth Acton, Trish Collins, Berenice Payne and Jan Landsberg joined approximately 750 Zontians from Australia and New Zealand at the recent Australia and New Zealand Centenary Conference at the Convention Centre in Brisbane.

It was a celebration of the centenary and to acknowledge the past 100 years of service and advocacy, which has been the result of a partnership between the Zonta International Foundation and United Nations Agencies and other care agencies.

Keynote speaker at the Conference was Zonta International president Suzanne Von Bassewitz, who travelled from Germany to attend the ANZ Centennial Conference.

Zonta's 1200 clubs with almost 30,000 members, support local and regional initiatives in 63 countries worldwide. Millions of dollars donated by clubs and individuals around the world, have provided women and girls with access to education, health care, economic opportunities and safe living conditions.

Zonta Club of Rockhampton has been supporting women and girls in the local area with service projects, advocacy activities, education awards and community awards since the club was chartered in 1983.

The Rockhampton club will also celebrate the centenary at their monthly meeting this month, with special guest speaker, Helen Gallehawk, who was a Zonta Central Queensland University Science Award winner in 2001. These awards have been offered by the club since 1983.

The Rockhampton club is proud of Zonta International's record and looks forward to supporting women and girls locally and globally into the future and acknowledges the support which it has received from local businesses and the community over the years.



#### Media Publicity for Zonta:

Our club has received great publicity in the local newspaper, The Morning Bulletin, re club members' attendance at the ANZ Conference (above).

We have had great support from the Morning Bulletin with publicity for our service and advocacy activities and fundraisers since the club was chartered in 1983. .

Zontians participate in service projects that empower women worldwide and help women to achieve their aspirations and enjoy a better quality of life.



# Zonta Says NO—16 days of Activism:

A great start was made by the Rockhampton Club for the *Zonta Says NO* 16 days of Activism Campaign which commenced on the 25th November. Displays in Rockhampton and Yeppoon libraries and ZSN Banners on main highways leading from both city centres, have been put in place by the Advocacy Committee members.

This story was published to the LOCAL ACTION page of the Zonta International website. Click  $\underline{here}$  to read the article.

#### Zontians advocate Zonta International's position on women's issues locally and internationally, safeguarding women's rights as human rights.

# Share Your Story:

Our club has recently had two articles published on "SHARE YOUR STORY—How your club honoured Zonta's 100th Birthday' section of the Zonta International website.

The first was re our *Centennial High Tea Birthday Party Celebration* . Click <u>here</u> to read about it.

The second was re our attendance at the *Australia New Zealand Centennial Conference*. Zonta International edited and published the story as an anniversary post re the ANZ Conference. Click <u>here</u> to read about it.

Zontians achieve greater impact on the international platform by combining our voices with like-minded organizations and through our consultative status as a non-governmental organization with the United Nations.



Click on the picture above to access information and registration for Convention 2020.



Click on the picture above to learn about helping women and girls gain access to opportunities.



Child marriage is a global violation of human rights. Zonta is working to end early marriage for girls.

Learn more

Click on the picture above to access information for Child Marriage



Click on the picture above to access information for District 22 16 days campaign

# Zontians encourage and help students to develop leadership skills, explore career options, and participate in community projects.

CQUniversity Awards:

The club is once again offering Academic Awards in 2020 to female undergraduate students at CQUniversity.

Two awards will be offered in STEM courses namely Engineering and Paramedic Science, and a third is offered to female students in the STEPS program.

Success in the STEPS program enables students to then be enrolled in undergraduate degrees.

In 2019, our Award recipients were Engineering: Logan Bella

Paramedic Science: Darcy DeJong

STEPS Program: Roslyn Morgan

A very interesting post re Darcy DeJong's pathway to a University Degree is documented on the CQUniversity website.

Click <u>here</u> to read that post.

Zonta Academic Awards have been offered to stu-





# Zontians work with government and community leaders who share common goals.



### Zontians envision a world in which women's rights are recognized as human rights



## Lunch at the beach.

The end of the year gathering for our club was a very enjoyable lunch for a small group of us.

Thank you to Trish for hosting and thank you to members for the delicious array of food.

We wish all members and all our Zontians friends in District 22, a Very Happy Christmas and good health and happiness in abundance for 2020.

Zontians connect with Zontians from all professions and cultures worldwide and share their passion in organizing women's projects.

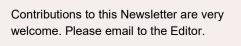
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Zontians unite with other members to foster high ethical standards and world fellowship.



Zontians discuss viewpoints with other Zontians and benefit from the exchange of ideas.

Zonta clubs around the world. (Click <u>here</u> to find Zonta Clubs around the world).





Zonta District 22 Queensland and Zonta Club of Northern Rivers Inc. NSW