

July 2021



THOUGHT OF THE MONTH

***Don't wait for a light to appear at the
end of the tunnel,
stride down there....***

And light the bloody thing yourself.

Sara Henderson

From the President

Upcoming Events

Dinner Meeting

Time 6pm for 630pm
19th July

District Conference

3rd-5th September 2021

Birthing Kit

Assembling Day

12th Sept

Morning Tea

Broadwater Village

!5th September 10 A M

International Conventions

2022 5th- 29th June

Hamburg Germany

2024

Brisbane Australia

Hi Merle

Sorry I haven't done it. I'm on my way to Tasmania. The past 4 days have had 3 flight cancellations which now involves going thru Melbourne.....grrr overnighing and flying out tomorrow at 6:00am There has been a lot of reorganizing. hence the brain not in Zonta mode.

Can you mention the guest speaker Mayor of Tweed and to encourage that everyone brings FRIENDS.

Lesley Anne

Note

Kaye is ill , with the flu so no presidents Report, Kaye get well soon see you on Monday

Service Committee Report

I have been able to deliver to the Tweed Refuge some of the items they requested in their email.

9 sets of pajamas in various sizes, 10 throw rugs, 6 various sizes of slipper/fluffy socks. Total amount spent \$264.80.

I have spoken with the Caseworker, Tania, and she has distributed the goods within Refuge and have been very much appreciated.

Tania said she would be in touch when they require more supplies.

I also dropped in a large box of detergent which is part of our ongoing commitment to the Refuge.

Also, the ladies at the Tweed Broadwater will be holding a morning tea on the 15th September 2021 funds raised going to Palliative Care.

Members, please put this in your diary bring a friend and enjoy the morning with the Broadwater Ladies.

Carole

Report on Theatre Fundraiser

The theatre afternoon fundraiser on 20 June was a huge success. The play “Red Plaid Shirt”, presented by the Tweed Theatre Company, was very entertaining and funny and enjoyed by most people in the theatre. We had 35 people attend, more than we expected. The food provided by our members was fantastic, both in the amount and variety. Many thanks to all of our members who brought friends and family along to make this a huge success, and for the great food provided. We made \$520 for the club.

Out thanks also go to the Tweed Theatre Company for the generous discount provided for our club, which allowed us to make a good profit. I would especially like to thank Rod from the Tweed Theatre Company for his assistance. He allocated the tables, made sure we could add the extra seats at such late notice, and for providing us with the tickets. I know the Tweed Theatre Company is keen to have us come to future plays and I am sure we will be doing this.

Again, thank you to all of you for helping make this a very successful fundraiser.

Pauline

Merle Stephen's Story



Born in Ringwood suburb of Melbourne, one older sister, primary school Bayswater state school then Methodist Ladies College [MLC] [Did an apprenticeship in Commercial pattern making and design at a Clothing Factory. Stayed there for 5 years, my parents then moved to Coolangatta where my father was in partnership in Nature land Zoo.

Worked at the Zoo for 2 years, then moved to Brisbane several jobs there before taking off on the great O.S.Trip. First stop after a great boat trip across the Pacific was U.S.A. where I spent 3 mths travelling and visiting relatives and family friends. After meeting up with a friend we decided to stay and work in Canada, as she said better money than England so we ended in Toronto for the

winter where we worked for 9 mths . An eye opening experience for this Assie, factory work oh so different. Loved the snow, and experience going to work and coming home in the dark.

Then to London I sailed from to U. K. on the Queen Mary, great trip and landed in London where I Moved into a Flat with 4 other girls, we are still in touch nearly 60 years later.

Worked 2 different places, if you are old enough to remember "The Rage Trade" that was it, very different from Australia. In between working, travelled U.K Holland Germany, visited Berlin and witnessed "the wall" a lasting memory, Denmark Scandinavian weekend in Paris, skiing in Austria. Spent time in Scotland with family amazing, like the TV show Who do you Think you are? they remembered my Dad visiting them with his farther 40 years ago.

After 2 1/2 years in London, I decided time to come home via U S crossed the Atlantic on a cargo ship (cheapest way) Travelled for 3 mths by Greyhound Bus slept on busses in between visiting family and friends who spoilt me, yes, I was lucky I came from a family of travelers

Arrived in Sydney with no money, just as well Mumm was there, but lots of wonderful memories. I came back to Coolangatta and got a position in Surfers didn't last long, and decided to start my own business. That I did quite successfully for over 50 years.

In 1989 I was asked to join Zonta, I had always been interested in "the Objects of Zonta "having Salvation Army Grandparents and Aunts. Zonta has been a great learning experience for me, the friends I have made, the travel to International Conventions 3, District Conferences carn't remember how many, Area meetings, visits to other Clubs, district foundation Ambassador. The knowledge about the third world, and how we can help women to achieve. Helping local women often going unnoticed by the wider community, but knowing we are helping our fellow women and girls.

As I started to retire, took time to continue my travels, have seen lots of the world and realize we can make a difference.

Now fully retired and slowing down, still active in Zonta after 33 years don't know where the years has gone.

Merle

Next Story Yvonne Thompson