



ZONTA
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DISTRICT 22
EMPOWERING WOMEN
THROUGH SERVICE & ADVOCACY

Presidents Report: April 2015

APRIL 2015

Kaye Lollback



The members of our club were honoured to host an “Evening with Dr. Luc”.

It was truly inspiring and informative. Dr. Luc presented a very personal

insight into his work and life in the Congo. Dr. Luc has distributed over 100,000 birthing kits and trained over 700 birth attendants in 3 day midwifery seminars on health, hygiene and nutrition. He has recently completed Train the Trainer programs where 36 local health professional have learned how to train traditional birth attendants in non-literate education on health and midwifery. There are now 3 provinces each with 12 trained Midwifery Seminar Teachers in the local community, holding their own TBA training programs.

We intend to assemble another 1,000 birthing kits later this year. If you are interested in helping us, stay in touch. Venue and date coming soon.

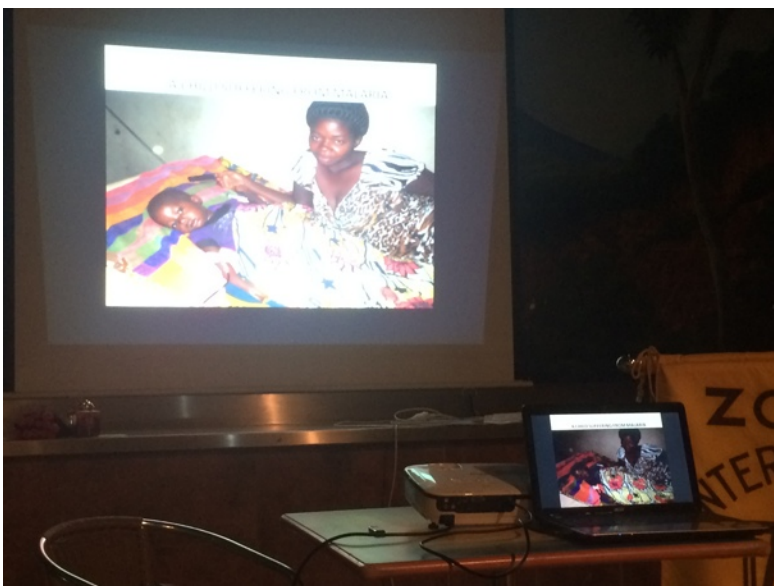
The Zonta Club Southern Gold Coast/Tweed is pleased to also assist with the future aspirations of young women. One such recipient was Maddie White. Maddie also joined us to share her experiences of attending the Youth Science

Forum in Canberra. In Maddie’s words “I would like to thank all members of The Zonta club of southern Gold Coast Tweed for their support and sponsorship. Without the support of your club it would not have been possible for me to attend the National Youth Science Forum. This experience has been transformative and inspiring. My time on session at the National Youth Science Forum has allowed me to network with over 200 other like-minded students from Australia and internationally, improve my public speaking skills and opened my eyes to broad range of scientific studies. The scientists, researchers, students and many other people who I meet on session were marvellous. To have the chance to visit some of Australia’s top chemistry laboratories was a once in a lifetime opportunity that I will never forget. I have had the time of my life at NYSF and will cherish my memories forever. The National Youth Science Forum is a unique program which nourishes the scientific desire of Yr 12 students”. Maddie you are welcome.

From time to time you will see posted to our facebook page photos of Jenna Dearnness-Dark. Jenna also received financial help from our Zonta club. This enabled Jenna to attend a workshop at the Queensland Conservatorium of Music. Jenna has recently been performing at Carnegie Hall.



Some pictures from Zonta's evening with Dr Luc! (Above) Anne Kuhnemann, Rhonda Allen, Kaye Lollback, Dr. Luc, Judith Trevan-Hawke. (below left) Kaye & Maddie (below right) Dr Luc



The Blue Illusion fashion parade was a huge success and we look forward to putting the funds raised to good use. Thank you to Cathy and everyone at Blue Illusion. The models Susie, Lesley-Anne, and Sara really knew how to strut their stuff on the catwalk. The clothes and accessories were amazing. Take a look;



News

The Campaign to End Fistula - 10 Years On

UNFPA recently released a report highlighting the progress made in the Campaign to End Fistula, and included the Liberia Fistula Project. This project is a joint initiative between the Liberian Ministry of Health and Social Welfare and UNFPA, with financial support from Zonta International. The project provides life skills, adult literacy and business management training with specific skill-building lessons in tailoring, soap making, tie-and-dye, cosmetology and pastry making. At the end of their training, fistula survivors are given starter kits in line with the skills they have acquired and \$100 to begin their new lives. The project also provides prevention and treatment services and has helped more than 1,000 fistula patients receive surgical repair since its inception in 2008.

IHM DAME QUENTIN BRYCE HEADS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE TASK FORCE IN AUSTRALIA

End report recommends 140 actions, including the establishment of specialized domestic violence courts.

BUILD A BETTER CLUB WEBINAR SERIES:

Marie-Louise Zeisig will present a prerecorded webinar, "Presiding with Presence". Date to be announced on the Zonta International website soon.

Congratulations to the hosts of the recent combined Area 1 & 3 Meeting. From all reports it was a huge success. Well done Zonta Brisbane East. All our members were at the Blue Illusion fund raiser on the day.

District 22 Conference venue is the Coral Sea Resort in beautiful Airlie Beach and the dates 9-11 October 2015. The Conference theme reflects the ZI theme for this biennium "Empowering Women with Conviction, Commitment, & Courage"





Zonta Club of Southern Gold
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DIARY DATES

Area Meetings 2015

1 – 3 May Area 5 in Mackay

MFEST Day @ Springbrook May 9

Live music & fun!

<http://www.mfest.com.au/> see website for more info

DATE: 20 APRIL

VENUE: Secret Garden, South Tweed Sports Club

TIME: 6 FOR 630pm EST

RSVP: Lesley – Anne Marsh

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The Zontian is available on line. Take a look click on the link below;

http://issuu.com/zontainternational/docs/zontian_sept2014/0

This month's TED talk:

“Dave Meslin: The antidote to apathy”

Local politics — schools, zoning, council elections — hit us where we live. So why don't more of us actually get involved? Is it apathy? Dave Meslin says no. He identifies 7 barriers that keep us from taking part in our communities, even when we truly care



Watch by clicking the link below:

http://www.ted.com/talks/dave_meslin_the_antidote_to_apathy?language=en

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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