



ZONTA
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EMPOWERING WOMEN
THROUGH SERVICE & ADVOCACY

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Presidents Report: March 2015

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To all women, girls and fellow Zontian;

Happy International Women's Day !



There is much to celebrate about the achievements of women, whilst continuing to call for greater equality. This year's theme of "Make it Happen" says so much about what needs to change.

About International Women's Day:

When: 8 March **Where:** Everywhere

What: International Women's Day is a global day celebrating the economic, political and social achievements of women past, present and future.

In some places like China, Russia, Vietnam and Bulgaria, International Women's Day is a national holiday.

Why: Suffragettes campaigned for women's right to vote. The word 'Suffragette' is derived from the word "suffrage"

meaning the right to vote. International Women's Day honours the work of the Suffragettes, celebrates women's success, and reminds of inequities still to be redressed. The first International Women's Day event was run way back in 1911.

There is equally plenty to be disheartened about. Violence against women continues at an alarming rate. 17 women this year have already lost their lives at the hands of someone they knew, current or past partner. **How do we fix this? The federal government and the states will spend \$30 million on a national awareness campaign to address rising domestic violence.**

That is all well and good, but people have to be willing to hear the message and act. Teach your children about respect, appropriate behaviour and what a healthy relationship looks like. Pouring money into a campaign sounds great, but some ideals must begin at home. Parents have that responsibility as surely as they do to feed clothe and educate their children.



Dame Quentin Bryce, the head of the Government's new domestic violence task force (who is also an Honorary Zontian), labels domestic violence a growing scourge. Dame Quentin Bryce says

“it's essential that the community contributes to an effective strategy to combat the growing problem”

When asked in a recent interview if she got a sense that the problem was getting worse. The response was *“Well, I can tell you that there's been an increase across the last decade. I can tell you that last year there were approximately 64,000 reported cases of domestic violence, the year before that there was 58,000 and we're gravely worried by the fact that domestic violence is increasing not just in incidence but also in the gravity, the nature of the violence.”*

There are slogans abound however there are two that stick in my mind we are **“We are All in it to END it”** and of course...



What can you do? With a \$30million campaign on its way, doing nothing is not an option.

We have our “Evening with Dr. Luc” coming up Monday night. Also this evening will include a presentation from Maddie White. Maddie attended the Youth Science Forum in Canberra and we are looking forward to hearing about her experience. This is sure to be a most informative and enlightening night. Picture below are some of the 200 students that attended the forum in Canberra



AN EVENING WITH DR LUC

If you have ever been involved in our Birthing Kit assembly days this will be a most rewarding experience for you. Dr. Luc has distributed over 100,000 birthing kits throughout his community and beyond in DR Congo.



Dr Luc is keen to let us know just what a difference that they make to the lives of women birthing in 3rd world countries. I hope that you can join us. If you are joining us for dinner, come at 5.30pm. DST. I expect that the presentations will start at 7pm as advertised. The ongoing dilemma of EST-DST event arrangements are so confusing, even painful, my pain anyway. It makes me wonder if we can't unify in time, how we will ever unify to solve the issue of violence in the community. Well, we simply MUST that's how.

The following Saturday March 21st is our Fashion Parade. This is being held at Blue Illusion Robina Town centre 11.30am-onwards. 20% of sales are donated to our club. What a wonderful way to update your wardrobe and also contribute to our projects.



Zonta Club of Southern Gold
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DIARY DATES

Area Meetings 2015

21 March Areas 1 and 3 in Brisbane

28 – 29 March Area 4 in Dalby

8 March Zonta Rose Day

8 March International Women's Day

11 – 12 April 2015 Area 2 in Longreach

1 – 3 May Area 5 in Mackay

16 MARCH 2015- AN EVENING WITH DR LUC

530pm NSW for a 7pm start

430pm QLD for a 6pm start

21 MARCH- BLUE ILLUSION FASHION PARADE

1130AM ONWARDS

ROBINA TOWN CENTRE



ROSE DAY

8 MARCH

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:

Leslie Morgan Steiner was in “crazy love” — that is, madly in love with a man who routinely abused her and threatened her life. Steiner tells the dark story of her relationship, correcting misconceptions many people hold about victims of domestic violence, and explaining how we can all help break the silence.



Watch by clicking the link below:

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

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-sub_digst

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