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President's Report MARCH 2025

I would have been sailing around New Zealand on Quantum of the Seas for almost two weeks by the time you receive this newsletter. I arrive home on 28th March and the next day head to the Area Meeting.

We had 5 members attending the Area meeting at the time I left for my cruise - 14.3.2025

I am sorry I missed our International Women's Day event - Take 2 this year. I think this is the first one I have missed since our club started holding this event.

I hope the day is a success and it is full of fun, fellowship and friendship. I am sure our guest speaker Katherine Grigg will inspire us all and maybe some of the young ladies representing their prospective schools will think about becoming an engineer or choose another field that has been held by males for so long.

It was fantastic to hear our Guest Speaker Michelle Montgomery speak to us so enthusiastically about her experience while attending the National Youth Science Forum in January 2025. I think the \$1000.00 our club donated to her towards this Forum was money well spent. It is always pleasing to have someone we have helped come back and talk about what our donation meant to them.

Edith Fogg will be our guest speaker at our dinner meeting in March. I am sure Edith will have many stories to tell us of her time in Zonta for the past 34 years. I am sorry that I will miss listening to her.

***Pam Berkett
President***



MEMBERSHIP REPORT – MARCH 2025

The Membership Chair Zoom meeting was held on Monday evening 24.3.2025 where Carole Tomvald attended as well as another one at 10.00am on Tuesday 25.3.2025 where I participated. Monday night there were 23 zooming in and on Tuesday there were 10. The clubs that attended the zoom meeting I attended were Redcliffe, Brisbane Breakfast, Townsville, Brisbane East, Wynnum Redlands, Cairns and Maryborough.

Our Lieutenant Governor D22 Robyn Liddell chaired the meeting. Dianne Leggo was the guest speaker. She has been with Zonta for many years and told us how she recruited prospective members.

Diane listed a wide range of which people to invite, and they included Solicitors, Accountants, and Teachers, Hospital staff, Hairdressers and names of women in the local newspapers.

Diane said to ask anyone you meet. Most people are flattered to be asked even if they say no. Diane collected 100 names and 50 said yes to attend an information session.

Dianne suggested inviting 4 or more interested people in Zonta to an information session as well as a couple of members with different personalities. Out of those 50 there were 25 who joined the club.

Pam Termont-Schenk was delighted to receive her 20 "years of service certificate" at our last dinner meeting. Kathy Sweeney was surprised that she had been with the Zonta Club of Caboolture for 5 years already. Congratulations to both Pam and Kathy.

I have since found out that the Twinning Club is not up and running so I will keep an eye on the district 22 website to see how it is going.

Pam Berkett

Membership Chair and Committee

SERVICE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Committee met at my home in Beachmere on the 4 March.

The payments for Alola Timor-Leste and Courageous Girls were finalised for 2025.

\$1000.00 of Woolworths vouchers were purchased for Hannah Knowlman Senior Social Worker Caboolture Hospital Emergency Department and delivered to Hannah on Wednesday 19 March.

Lyn and Karen W. were given more drainage bags, seat belt buddies and breast cushions from The Beachmere Bay Craft ladies.

It was decided, after considerable discussion that we are not in a financial position to offer financial assistance to the lady who wishes to have a therapy dog. I have emailed the lady to advise her.



Carole delivering blankets to Softrooms at the Police station and CADA

It was also decided that we could not offer any further assistance to Narangba Valley High School.

We fund the Banksia Awards, Inclusive Swimming Program, Back to School Program and the Chaplaincy Dinner.

During the month we had a request from Tia Adan (who attended our February meeting) seeking financial assistance for her admission fees of \$550.00 to be a part of the YMCA Youth Parliament. All members of the Service Committee agreed that we should assist Tia. I then asked all club members to vote via email if they were in favour. Every member who responded vote yes. Tia is attending the IWD lunch as part of her school group and she will be presented with her money at this event.

It was my pleasure to present the Sandra Cooke STEM Award to Jessica Davidson. Her application for the Award was amazing and could not be overlooked. Jessica, her mum and grandmother will be present at the IWD lunch also.

We also received another application from Ariella Paliza, also an outstanding applicant for the Award. Areilla is unable to attend the IWD Lunch so will be our guest along with her mother and sister at our March Dinner Meeting where she will be presented with the Award.

Bribie Pink Dragons were presented with a Certificate of Appreciation from Zonta International. BKFA recommended to ZI that they be recognised for their contribution helping our club over the years to pack Birthing Kits.

Next Service Meeting Tuesday the 1st of April 2025

Sue Droughton Chairman

EVENTS COMMITTEE REPORT

The Events Committee met at Deb and Arthur's home on Sunday 9 February.

The IWD lunch was discussed, and we have been advised that we can get into the venue from 8.00am via the side entrance.



The Trade Tables we have for 2025 are -

- Candles by Carolz
- Janelle's Jewellery
- Juliet Nutrimetrics
- Bribie Island Soap Co
- CJs 3D items.



INFORMATION GATHERED ON THE DAY

I managed to speak to all the Traders, and they all had a 'wonderfully financial day' and would like to attend next year. The only one I didn't get a chance to talk to was CJ to see if she sold any of her 3D printed dragons etc.

The ladies from Deception Bay Flexi Learning Centre are keen to know more about Z Clubs as this is something that Deidre thinks she could set up at the school.

We were represented by 10 schools and one school that I contacted 3 times on 21st as I thought they were just running late said they didn't realize that the date had been changed even though I have emails from them confirming that they would be attending, and they paid to attend!! Another school that I had contacted several times to see they were attending rang as I pulled up at Norths to see if it was still OK for them to attend. Lucky for us Helen (catering assistant) OK'd it with the chef, and they were invited to attend.

The tables looked lovely with their little bags of chocolates and the yellow flowers that went from being 'free' Sunflowers from Beachmere until "ALFRED" had other ideas and wiped them out to being a collection of yellow flowers that Sue and I were able to purchase last Thursday from Costco.

The next item on our agenda is the BUNNINGS BBQ. A roster has been sent to everyone if anyone can help for an hour or two?

We then have our Fashion Parade ON 5 September. We can have the community Hall at Morayfield as work is now not commencing in the hall until the following Monday. We just must check if the crockery, glassware etc will still be available to use. Annette is going to look into this.

Patricia Clunes
Events Chairman

ADVOCACY REPORT

Susan Lepper
Advocacy Chair



CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS REPORT

Secretary Susan, Treasurer Glenda and Constitution Chair Cecil have completed the Form for the Office of Fair Trading regarding the Amendment for the Club Constitution (approved by Club members January 2025). Susan will take the form to a JP for signing before mailing the form to the Office of Fair Trading.

Cecil Nielson,
Chairman Constitution/Bylaws Committee

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Pam Termont Schenk, Lawrence Edezinma, Patricia Clunes

As very few members have sent in their Nomination Forms there is no Slate of Candidates to present in this Newsletter. Please ensure that you have your Nomination Form into Pam ASAP via email or bring to the meeting on Wednesday evening.

DATE CLAIMERS:

SATURDAY 12 APRIL. BBQ at Bunnings. Are you available to help in any of the time slots?

SATURDAY 29 March - Area Meeting - Club Pine Rivers 11 Sparkes Road, Bray Park. \$60 includes M/T, Lunch and A/T.

JUST BECAUSE YOU CAN....

LET'S ALL WEAR SOMETHING PURPLE TO OUR MEETING ON WEDNESDAY EVENING.

Purple Day (Epilepsy Awareness Day) is celebrated annually on March 26 and is an International Day of Awareness for epilepsy. This day was created to raise awareness about the condition, support people with epilepsy and their families, and combat the stigma associated with the disease. On this day, people around the world wear purple clothing to show their support for those living with epilepsy.

How can you help?

There are several ways to support Purple Day:

- Participate in the campaign by wearing purple and sharing information about epilepsy.
- Make a donation to support research and aid for people with epilepsy.
- Support campaigns aimed at improving the diagnosis and treatment of epilepsy.
- Get involved in events or volunteer projects dedicated to this day.

MEMBERS OUT AND ABOUT in MARCH at International Women's Day Luncheon



1-r Annette, Lyn, Sue, Glenda
and Patricia at IWD



Lyn, Annette, Siti, Glenda and Patricia





Guest Speaker Katherine Grigg

