



# NEWS

Zonta Club of Caboolture Inc  
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### SERVICE

#### FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

**PINKTOBER:** At the September Dinner meeting we decided to wear pink to the October Meeting to remember Pinktober - Breast Cancer. If you have any PINK in your wardrobe please wear on Wednesday night.

This Wednesday evening we will be making a donation to Sue who will be providing dinner. The amount will be between \$5 and \$10 (TBA)

President Carole

#### IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR THE TREASURER!!!

Treasurer's report should have been received by now.

Please note the venue for dinner meetings *is now Robbio's Restaurant (St Columban's College training restaurant) entry via Pettigrew Street. All numbers have to be at the college by Friday prior to the meeting.*

The cost per member for our dinner meetings is \$30. They charge us \$25 per meal with the other \$5.00 being for club expenses ie guest speakers dinner, guest speakers gift, stamps etc

**If you miss a meeting** regardless of apology, you need to pay \$5.00 at the next meeting you attend.

If you are unable to attend a meeting please call Patricia. If she doesn't hear from you by midday Monday PRIOR to the meeting she will presume that you are attending. If you then unable to attend after this time **you will be liable for the cost of the meal - \$30.00.**

Treasurer, Karen McNab



#### BIRTHDAYS for November

I don't have any unless it is DEB's?

#### Breast Cushions:

Date Claimer: Sunday the 9<sup>th</sup> of November at Edith's home 9.30 am for 10.00 am start, for a cushions stuffing day. The Service Committee would like as many members as possible to attend, as many hands make light work. Please bring a plate to share for lunch.

I have delivered 40 cushions to North West Private Hospital in the past month. We have had an emergency request from Royal Brisbane Hospital for cushions, if anyone is able to deliver cushions to them this week, it would be very much appreciated. As I have the cushions here at my home maybe someone could collect them at the Dinner Meeting on Wednesday night.

I have stuffing on order from Ros Kinder so I will be making a trip to Wynnum sometime soon.

**Fight Like a Girl:** At our planning day in January the Service Committee will be recommending/asking for funds to continue this program in 2015.

**Emergency Packs:** The Service Committee will be presenting a motion on Wednesday night to change the current format from Emergency Packs to "Emergency Feminine Supplies" to include 5 pads and 5 tampons. For those members who are unable to attend the meeting, I would appreciate it if, you could contact a member who will be attending, to carry a proxy vote for you.

**Banksia Awards:** We are at present in the middle of high school award nights, Sue, Pam T/S, Glenda & I have attended award nights in the past week.

If ever we doubt the value of these awards, these doubts were surely put aside after the past week. We were all treated like VIP's and it really is a pleasure to give up a few hours, to attend these nights.

**Other Business:** Lorraine has presented to the committee a newspaper cut out from the Northside News re Zonta Brisbane North offering grants to women keen to advance their status in the community, with maybe the possibility of Caboolture doing likewise. As there were only three of us at the meeting, we have held this matter for discussion over to the next Service Meeting when more members will be present.

On behalf of the Service Committee I again thank Waltraud and Mark for their kind hospitality, including a beautiful morning tea and lunch.

Sue Droughton  
Chairman

#### DATE CLAIMERS:

AREA 1 AND 3 Area Meeting - 21 March Catalina Room at the Colmslie Hotel  
District 22 Conference Airlie Beach—Whitsundays - 09—11 October 2015



## MEMBERSHIP

### Follow-up Contacts with Guests at Dinner Meetings.

Sandra and Cecil are in contact with recent guests at our dinner meetings, keeping them informed about our various functions and meetings.

### Dinner Meetings - Hostess

Sandra has already emailed members an interim copy of the Hostess List, which is now incorporated into a roster to include Zonta Objects and Zonta Thanks.

### Information CD/USB for New Members

Updating information on the previous CD/USB was discussed. Glenda has kindly offered her services but has indicated that the program for producing the former CD is now not available and that we may need to re-think content.

Cecil and Sandra went briefly through the headings of the content on the previous CD and concluded that most of the content is already in the Club Handbook which Sandra updates each year, or as needed.

- **Resources:** The Membership Committee is considering updating the Booklet, and, in liaison with Glenda, providing a background CD/USB focussing on *What is Zonta* and *What Zonta Does*, showing photographs with brief captions.

### • **Ways of delivering orientation sessions to new or prospective members:**

The Membership Committee realises that women in today's society are technology-savvy, yet in joining a club, there is a need to be personally valued and to feel a sense of belonging. A more relaxed orientation, face to face, either one-on-one or in a small group, can assist this process.

### Suggestions from the Club Survey 2013

A more detailed study of the club survey was undertaken, focussing on responses in *Section D: Being a Zontian, Questions 1-8, pp13-16, and Section E: Improvements or Changes, Questions 1,2,3 pp 17-18*. This is an ongoing task as implications from the survey will need to be reflected in future planning, for example, in the Membership Committee's key functions of Recruitment, Retention and Renewal, whilst also incorporating the **3 Cs**, Conviction - Commitment - Courage (ZI's focus for 2014-16).

Cecil Nielson  
Chairman



## FINANCE AND FUNDRAISING

Saturday 8th November - Estee Lauder Shopping Day - tickets available now for \$10

Monday 24th November - CRDVS Fundraising Dinner

Sara Allard  
Chairman.



## COMMUNICATIONS



Those who attended 39 Steps on Saturday had a very enjoyable time.

Certificates and Gift Cards have been delivered to Tullawong High, St Columbans College and Grace Lutheran College as members are unable to attend these award nights due to our club commitments.

Members have attended other Award Ceremonies and others will be attending in coming months.

Glenda Moor  
Chairperson

## CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

At the time of writing the 2014 Governing Documents are still not on the Zonta International website even though the site states that this document will be available in October 2014. Therefore the Committee is still not able to cross reference any amendments against the Club's Constitution.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS:** Thank you to all who responded to advising when the various Committee Meetings are held. In an attachment is the information re meeting schedules thus far. It would be appreciated if this information could be referred to prior to selecting the next Committee Meeting date to avoid any clashes with another Committee Meeting.

Sandra Cooke  
Chairman

## ADVOCACY

Business discussed:

An update on our efforts to ascertain what, if anything, we may be able to do for the women currently being held in Detention Centres was given. Lorraine had a response from Mark Isaacs who provided an email address for a Brisbane based refugee advocate. Although Lorraine has emailed this person, Frederika Steen, there has been no reply. Lorraine will resend the email and also contact Mark Isaacs again. The idea we are exploring is to simply perhaps send some personal items that the women would enjoy, at the same time sending a message that there are women in Australia who have concerns for their wellbeing.

The District's request for information about our club's activities regarding Domestic Violence was discussed and a list made of our activities. This list will need to be checked and other activities added.

- Zonta Kids Corner in the CRDVS Centre furnished with a colourful mat, toys and cushions.
- Bookcase donated by an individual Club member.
- Richard Droughton constructed a beautiful counselling Sand Tray according to dimensions provided by CRDVS staff.
- Annual Provision of - Emergency Packs, Christmas Gifts for Women Clients, Long-Life food items for tea/ breakfast during emergency family overnight motel accommodation and Blanket Bags (zipped closed with

handles) to carry personal belongings/items to a safe home with relatives etc,

- Safety Information Cards (initiated by our Club but costs shared with both the ZC of Pine Rivers and Redcliffe), Food Hampers at Christmas.
- Two members present at various Steering Committee meetings chaired by the CRDVS manager looking into the feasibility of providing a Safe House of Low Risk status (of violent, angry men "storming" the Safe house) in Caboolture. This would be funded by local community groups - depending on costs and funds raised our Club voted to either furnish it throughout or furnish one room to be called The Zonta Room. After months of meeting the Steering Committee decide that it was not a feasible project and the idea was abandoned.
- Funds for a Badge Program in Regional primary schools during Domestic Violence Week and for a Poster Project in secondary schools.
- Funding refreshments for programs educating young boys and adolescents re domestic violence - hoping to break the cycle of violence by males.
- Funding individual women/CRDVS Clients including the most vulnerable women with disabilities who have experienced Domestic Violence to undertake personal development courses supplied by State Government Domestic Violence Services.
- Provision of two, two-seater counselling sofas for the CRDVS Centre so that women undergoing counselling can have a nominated friend present or can mind a baby comfortably as opposed to putting their baby/toddler on the floor.
- Partnering for the launch of Zonta Says No to violence against women in 2013
- Partnering in the Caboolture Regional Violence Service Dinner on 24 November 2014 focussing on violence against women in order to raise funds for programs in Regional schools.
- Attending Annual General Meetings of Caboolture Regional Domestic Violence Service, including one member being the Keynote Speaker.
- Funding of a Life Skills program at Arethusa College, a last chance school for identified girls. This program was designed to assist young girls to recognise problem behaviours relating to violence, drugs etc and teaching them what to do to keep themselves safe. One of our members also assisted in the weekly sessions.
- Funding of Hit Like a Girl, a self-defence and personal development program for selected girls in a local High School.
- Ongoing activities with the Zonta Says No campaign

The third matter discussed was the CRDVS fundraising dinner to be held on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November.

Lorraine is to contact Sara to see how the bookings are going. A meeting with the CRDVS people will be needed to check arrangements at least two weeks prior to the event.

Lastly the proposed Safe Buses for Port Moresby project was discussed. The almost completed power-point presentation which would be the basis of our advocacy presentation to community clubs and schools was viewed and tidied up. The paperwork, booking and feedback forms, as looked at for typos. From the planning perspective, this project is now ready to be presented to the club members for their consideration. It is hoped that this can be done before the Christmas break as, if adopted, the New Year is the best time to contact schools etc to seek bookings.

The next meeting will be on the second Tuesday of November, the 11<sup>th</sup>, at Carole's home.

Lorraine Samaraweera  
Chairman

### UNITED NATIONS

#### **First women's cooperatives changing lives and lands in Upper Egypt**

***A cattle-raising cooperative in Luxor has secured decent jobs and working conditions where 26 women earn an income and are the primary decision-makers on land and the division of labour.***

**Date :** 15 September 2014

Green fields dotted with bright red tomatoes line the arid countryside around the village of Al Tod, in the Egyptian governorate of Luxor (a municipality some 300 km from the capital, Cairo). The sun shines as warm winds blow the dresses and headscarves of women who are sorting and clearing the fields. Nearby, men check the irrigation system to make sure water is reaching all tiny roots. A vast change, from just one year ago, when many of these same fields were barren.



Twenty six of these local women used to be members of the Al Tod Agricultural Community Development

Farmers' Association, but since the land was owned only by their male counterparts, the men dominated decision-making and did not let the women have a say.

Hajja Zeinab, member of the cooperative, happily working and preparing food for sheep and cattle, at the cooperative at Al Tod village, Luxor governorate, Egypt. Photo: UN Women/Fatma Yassin

After years of marginalization and hardship, the 26 women left the association and formed a cooperative, which spurred them to independently start raising cattle - a new source of income for them. The cooperative has secured decent jobs and working conditions for these women, nearby and where the women are shareholders and make the decisions on the division of labour or buying livestock.

"People used to resist my leadership in the farmer's association or any other institution," says Amal Abel Aziz, the 33-year-old female engineer who helped form the cooperative. A divorcee with a Bachelor's degree in Architectural Engineering, she has

had to overcome multiple challenges. "I decided not to listen to what others say and just focus on my goals and how to achieve them."

The poverty rate in Upper Egyptian governorates is much higher than in Lower Egypt, as cultural, social and religious norms hinder women in rural areas from taking advantage of work opportunities outside the home. They are also disadvantaged by gender discrimination in wages and work conditions. According to Egypt's Human Development Report 2008, Upper Egypt's share of the country's extreme poor is 66 per cent, with almost 95 per cent of the poorest villages located in Upper Egypt.

According to the 2012 report of Egypt's Central Agency for Census and Statistics, women are officially registered as comprising only 23 per cent of the formal, registered workforce. But because much of their work is informal, the World Food Programme estimates that in reality women account for more than 75 per cent of the agricultural labour force in Upper Egypt.

The new women's cooperative is part of the "Pro-poor Horticulture Value Chains in Upper Egypt" (Salasel) project, an MDG-funded Joint Programme designed to improve the efficiency of the horticulture and agribusiness sector in Upper Egypt, in efforts to combat poverty. The joint programme brings together four UN organizations - the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), International Labour Organization (ILO) and UN Women - in a partnership with the Egyptian Ministry of Industry and Trade and the Ministry of Investment. By organizing income-generating activities, it aims to improve the position of small farmers in export and domestic markets and create decent and secure employment in the region for both men and women.

"Through our work in this cooperative, each woman will have a monthly income of at least 300 to 400 Egyptian pounds," explains Amal. As members of the farm association, they used to have no monthly income.

Two other cooperatives have also been established in Beni Suef, another governorate in Upper Egypt.

"Empowering women and addressing the lingering negative challenges are among the priorities for UN Women," says Mohammad Naciri, UN Women Country Representative in Egypt. In one year, UN Women has launched three women-led cooperatives in Upper Egypt to push forward women's inclusion in the economy and advance gender equality. One of our goals is to bring forward women's leadership in the economy and provide them with real income-generating opportunities."

The cooperative's launch took place at the governorate in June 2013, with representatives from UN Women, the Joint Programme and Misr El Kheir Foundation. UN Women and the founding members have worked closely with Misr el Kheir Foundation, providing income-generating assets (such as cattle), business development training and technical support (such as training on how to raise and care for cattle).

"After heading the cooperative, I became more ambitious and independent," said Amal, at the launch event. "One day, I will be Luxor's governor and will make decisions to improve people's income and well-being."

- See more at:

<http://www.unwomen.org/en/news/stories/2013/10/women-cooperatives-in-upper-egypt#sthash.Ou8MNALa.dpuf>

Lorraine Samaraweera  
Chairman

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Sandra Cooke  
Chairman