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01 January - Pam Berkett

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A message from the President

As we are winding down for the year, we can look back at the work we have put into the community projects and know that we have made a difference.

It has been an exciting month with a BBQ and Movie nights, even in the wild stormy November weather. Planning is underway for the combined Caboolture Regional Domestic Violence Service and Zonta doing the food for the High Tea on Friday 4 December, to bring awareness for the 16 Days of Activism Against Violence to women. Unfortunately numbers are very slow coming in so far, and it might have to be cancelled if we don't get at least 50 by Monday 30 November. It will be pity because much preparation has already been undertaken, as we already have the raffles, table decorations, beverages and serviettes purchased. The guest speaker is also to be changed due to the ill health of Ros Dodson. I haven't been given the name of another guest speaker yet.

We have been extremely lucky to have secured a spot for Giftwrapping again this Christmas at Morayfield Shopping Centre. I think it must be because we have a good reputation and do a great job of wrapping the presents that gives us the winning edge. Thanks to Pam and Patricia for putting in our application on time.

We ran out of time this year to have a Christmas breakup gathering, and because we have giftwrapping we will be busy for the whole month of December. Waltraud has suggested that next year we have a Christmas breakup at the end of November so we can discuss that at Planning Day in January.

This coming Sunday we are off up the mountain to Annette's for breast cushion stuffing. We love the beautiful vista while happily sewing and stuffing. It is a day of fun and fellowship as well.

I like this quote:

Glenda Moor

*"Your beliefs become your thoughts,
Your thoughts become your words,
Your words become your actions,
Your actions become your habits,
Your habits become your values,
Your values become your destiny."*

— Mahatma Gandhi



COMMITTEE REPORTS

ADVOCACY & UN

Lorraine will give a report at the dinner meeting

MEMBERSHIP

Membership Report for October 2015

Committee Members: Sandra Cooke, Lorraine Samaraweera, Cecil Nielson (Chair)

The Membership Committee met at the Café at the Hub, 10 November, 9-10 am.

Topics discussed and suggested action:

Membership – Potential Members: Cecil and Sandra continue to follow up on contacts. If any contacts wish to join Zonta at this stage of the year, we are suggesting that they defer payment until March 2016.

Renewal/Growth: (a) As indicated last dinner meeting, the content of Zonta on a Stick can be accessed on the website. The 'Stick' could be useful if travelling with no access to websites, however, the content would need to be updated regularly.

(b) For personal growth in health and wellbeing, further ideas could include having a Pamper Evening, or something related to Fashion, in Liaison with the Board re the program for 2016, and with Club members on Planning Day.

Possible Club Workshop 2016: It is some time since our last Workshop, but Committee members suggest that we have a Club Workshop for 2016, and seek the District Membership contact, the present Lieutenant Governor [Ans Van Erp](#), who is Chair of the District Membership Committee, to lead this Workshop. If possible, the Workshop needs to be held before Ans takes up her position as District Governor. Membership Committee members were impressed with her presentation at a recent Area Meeting.

Profiles of Members: Recently, our President, Glenda, introduced the idea of including the profile of a member in each monthly Newsletter. This is a good way of getting to know a bit more about each other, and there were some questions/headings to guide members.

Committee members recalled that some years ago our Committee worked with Glenda and another past Board member, Joanne, to produce a booklet containing profiles of each member at that time.

Membership Committee members note that our Club Newsletter can be accessed by other groups.

The Profile Booklet was only for our members, as some members do not want their personal information accessed by other clubs or groups.

The Membership Committee would like to recommend that we use the Profile Booklet format and produce an updated booklet, but with modifications:

- Select from the former publication our present members, and give them the opportunity to update their profile, and also include the information in the format introduced by Glenda.
- Ask members who have joined since the last publication to write a profile of themselves with a photo.

Appreciation: I would like to express my appreciation to Sandra and Lorraine for their support and valued contributions to the Membership Committee this past year. Many thanks to our Club members also for their support and we wish all our Zontians and families a Happy Christmas and a safe, healthy and enjoyable year to come.

Cecil Nielson

Chair, Membership Committee.

SERVICE

Service Report November 2015 Newsletter

As the year comes to a conclusion, I have been reflecting back on our Zonta year. By this time of the year I think we all feel a little Zonta'd out having worked so hard during the year.

But we have much to be proud of, so here is a little summary of what we have all collectively achieved this year regarding the Service Committee.

We pre packed and then packed 1400 birthing kits, we have stuffed and distributed approx 300 Breast Cushions, approx 200 Emergency Feminine Supply bags, 60 Baby Emergency bags, attended and presented Banksia Awards, supported Caboolture Regional Domestic Violence Service at awareness days and attended many meetings, supplied Christmas Hampers to community organisations, funded Fight Like a Girl for approx 250 young women to inspire and empower them, supported the Deception Bay Girl Guides with their equipment needs and funded a girl guide to attend the Great Bunya Jamboree “.

All of these achievements would not have been possible without the support of each and every member, and the hard working Fund Raising Committee. so a big thank you everyone.

We are having a Breast Cushion stuffing day at Annette's home next Sunday, so please bring a plate to share for lunch.

Next Service Committee Meeting

Tuesday 1st December 2015 10.00 am for 10.30 am at my home in Beachmere

Sue Droughton

Chair

Service Committee

FINANCE AND FUNDRAISING

Fundraising Meeting Summary – Sunday 8TH November 2015

Karen McNab's home at 10.00am

Present: Pam B, Karen, Sara, Patricia, Glenda, Annette & Deb

Apologies: Edith,

Bunnings BBQ – Friday 27th November 2015 Sara, Pam B and Deb to help.

Greeting Cards/postcards – Annette brought along 2 samples of greeting cards to our meeting.

We have decided to just put “greetings from Caboolture” on all cards so they can be used for all occasions. A few minor changes will be made before we make our final decision. There are 12 local pictures we are going to use. Cost of cards will be \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00

Movie Night – Our first 2 movie nights have been cancelled due to bad weather. These will be rescheduled at a later date.

Saturday October 24th at Trinity Park Morayfield - CANCELLED

Saturday 15th November at CREC Burpengary –We made \$86.00

Friday Nov 13th at Elimbah Sports Ground - CANCELLED
Saturday 21st November at Slackline Park – We made \$106.50
Friday 27th November at Parkridge Park Upper Caboolture
Saturday 28th November at Nairn Road Park

IWD – Lucky Patterson has confirmed she will be our guest speaker for 2016. The theme will be –
“Help Get Me to Rio”

Banners – We have sold all 9 banners. It was decided that we won't order any more unless we receive another request for them.

12TH Night Theatre – Menopause The Musical with the original cast has been booked for 21st May 2016

Christmas Gift Wrapping – We have been successful once again and will be wrapping at the KMART end of the Morayfield Shopping Centre. The Heart Support Group, Morayfield Lioness & the Lions Club of Sandstone Point been offered several days each. Patricia will be co-ordinating the roster.

CRDVS High Tea – Friday 4th December at Burpengary Community Hall. Glenda is in charge of this event. You would have received an email from Glenda with your tasks on the day.

Next Meeting - TBA

Pam Berkett

Fundraising Chairperson

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

ARCHIVES nil

COMMUNICATIONS - Waltraud has requested that we wear our red shirts for the November dinner meeting so she can get a photo taken with the Longman Award. At Planning Day in January, Waltraud will show all the photos she has taken throughout the year, many we have not seen yet. It will be a great way of seeing how busy we have been in 2015.

PERSON OF INTEREST - *Getting to know Pam Berkett better*

Born: Brisbane Women's Hospital to Bill & Mary Ward. I have 5 other siblings including a twin sister Patty.

Family Journey: Married Graham Berkett in 1972. We have 2 children Sarah & Damien. We separated in 1990 but have stayed friends over the years. We are now the proud grandparents of 9 grandchildren, 3 of whom we have been blessed to have through marriage.

Working History: My first position was at Annand & Thompson at Newstead in their computer section. I stayed there for 8 years before moving to NZ after my marriage to live in my husband's home town. I was employed by a computer consulting firm where I stayed until the birth of my first child in 1975. The next 14 years I was a stay at home mum. I later worked at CSR Timber Mill Caboolture as well as Arthur Anderson and lastly before I retired at Parmalat Aust (Paul's Milk). I was employed in the payroll and Accounts Payable section of these firms.

Where I have lived: Spring Hill was where I lived for the first 18 years of my life. I moved to NZ after my marriage and stayed for 5 years. Mt Isa was my home for 12 months. I have since lived in Kallangur and I now reside in Morayfield.

Country Visited: England, France, Ireland, New Zealand, Fiji, New Caledonia, Norfolk Island and all states of Australia except WA.

Why I joined Zonta: I was approached by Patricia Clunes while I was commuting on the train to the city. She invited me to attend a dinner meeting. I realised that the Zonta Club of Caboolture was a group of likeminded women who did wonderful things for women and girls both locally, nationally and internationally. I decided I wanted to be part of this exceptional group. I joined in July 1998 and have enjoyed every moment since.

Something not known about me: Most of the club knows that I am a twin. The first 40 years of my life I thought I was the second born. I later found out after having the need of a full birth certificate for passport reasons that I was actually "first born of twins". My mum said that it was wrong. I said I have it in writing (In jest of course). I decided that my twin Patty had been the big sister for the first 40 years so I was going to take over that position for the next 40 years. We had a great laugh over that.

PHOTO GALLERY



Carole's photos of the last box she sent to Malawi

