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Next Meeting
Monday, 21 November 2016
NB This is third Monday of the month
Bulimba Library, Riding Road, Bulimba
6.45pm for meeting 7.00 pm for supper
Cost \$5 per head to cover coffee, tea and sweets

President's Patter



From October to January our Club has a major focus on our advocacy actions. As we all know the key advocacy focus for this biennium is:

- Addressing gender inequality and
- Eliminating violence against women.

In the October ZI newsletter, it was reported that *women still only hold 4.2 percent of the CEO positions at S&P 500 companies. Yet according to the Credit Suisse Research Institute's CS Gender 3000 report released on the 22 September, companies with a higher participation of women in decision-making roles produce higher margins and have higher market returns. This is the second report by the institute and reinforces findings in the 2014 study.*

To empower more women to pursue education and careers in business, Zonta International established the Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarships in 1998 and has since awarded scholarships to 335 women in 50 countries pursuing accredited business or business-related programs.

Did you know that in 1992, our Club established a scholarship for a Year 12 student from Balmoral State High School. In 2013 the scholarship was renamed in honour of our Charter Member, Beverley Farley OAM, in recognition of her former position as Principal of Balmoral State High School and her contribution to the Club since its Charter. In 2013 the Club added a scholarship for a Year 12 refugee or migrant student exiting Yeronga State High School. Thus since the beginning of this project we have assisted some 28 young women with their higher education studies and aspirations.

In 2016 we added an additional project to support our young scholarship awardees through the QUT mentoring program and as part of the Club's advocacy actions.

November and December will also be a major priority for us with our Zonta Says No Campaign. With the aid of the Carina's Men's Shed, we have been able to supplement our orange ladies and also add four children to our silhouettes. The number of sporting clubs, businesses, schools and cafes willing to host our women and children is growing. The Brisbane City Council has supported our request to host an orange lady at the Bulimba Ferry terminal. A series of slides around our campaign will also be played in all city ferries and city cats during the period. We have been able to secure permission for a presence in Parliament House. Things are thus well on the way.

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President's Patter (Cont)

Late October and November is also the month our Club celebrates with Balmoral State High School and Yeronga State High School their Awards Night and we will welcome two new students to our scholarship program. Jane and I have the pleasure in attending these Award Ceremonies to present the young women with their Award.

Unfortunately we had to cancel our October meeting. However with so many apologies we did not have a quorum and with a storm on the way it seemed the only thing to do. Thank you to those members who were able to cancel plans at such short notice. I look forward to catching up with you in November.

Jo Diessel

Guests

Guests at our November meeting will be Natalie Williams from NAPCAN who will provide an update on our recent program training facilitators to implement the LoveBites Program in SHSs in 2017 and Greg Beard, the Manager, Mater in the Community who will update us with their work and also present the Club with a cheque to support our Breast Care Cushion and Drainage Bag project.



Please make an effort to attend this meeting as our December meeting will be very short and sweet to enable maximum time for fun and fellowship and of course barefoot bowls.

December Meeting

Please note the change for our meeting in December. As in other years HonZons and family members are invited to get into the festive spirit with us.



ask who would like to bring a plate of what – nibbles, salad or dessert.

This year we are embarking on Barefoot Bowls at the Bulimba Bowls Club. Cost per player is \$5 per head and each member is asked to bring a plate of food to share as around 6.00pm we intend lighting up the barbeque. A cash bar will operate on the day through the Bowls Club. Full details at the November meeting when we will also

Promotion

As in previous years, our Club will be promoted through a display at the Bulimba Library throughout the month of November. It will focus on our service projects and of course on activities in support of the Zonta Says NO campaign.

Fundraising

Fundraising is one of those necessary activities if we are to continue to support service activities locally and internationally. Our next fundraiser apart from our Bunnings Sausage Sizzles will be a fun night of Trivia. Mark the date **18 March** and start organising a table of 8 or 10 now for what should be a fun night.



Breast Cushions

We have a number of cushions and drainage bags stockpiled so our next working bee, unless we get an unexpected demand, will be in early 2017. Jo has delivered more cushions and drainage bags to the Mater Private as well as cushions to St Andrews Hospital.



Bunnings



We have three more Sausage Sizzles for this calendar year at Bunnings Rocklea – Monday, 7 November, Sunday, 27 November and Monday, 19 December. These dates are confirmed so now we are looking for helpers. Please let Jo know if you can help on any of these days – many hands make light work!!

Zonta Says NO Campaign 2016

Our “orange” ladies are just about ready to go and spread the word that Zonta Says NO to Domestic Violence Against Women. We have a number of new sites this year including additional schools, Parliament House, the Panthers at Morningside, Wynnum Manly Leagues Club and the Bulimba Ferry terminal so they will be very visible around the district.

Daily posts and photos will be put up on our Facebook page so check it daily and as last year we will be circulating a Fact Sheet covering a different aspect of the impact of Domestic and Family Violence. You are welcome to circulate these to your contacts to spread this important message particularly during these 16 days.



ZI News

24 October is recognised as United Nations Day. Zonta International has had a long and continuing relationship with the United Nations. In 1963 Zonta International was granted roster-level status by the United Nations Economic and Social Council and **in 1969 achieved General Consultative Status, the highest status an NGO can have at the UN.** Of the more than 4,000 non-governmental organisations (NGOs) with consultative status at the United Nations, only 146 have achieved this level.

ZI News (Cont)

As an NGO with General Consultative Status, Zonta International is invited to participate in the annual Commission on the Status of Women in New York. The Commission on the Status of Women is:

- A functional commission of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC)
- The principal global intergovernmental body exclusively dedicated to the promotion of gender equality and the empowerment of women.
- Established by resolution on 21 June 1946 to monitor and promote women's rights and develop global standards on gender equality and the empowerment of women; mandate expanded in 1996 to include monitoring and reviewing progress made in the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action

ZI/ZIF Partners



Zonta International and the Zonta International Foundation by working with agencies like [UNFPA](#), the United Nations Population Fund, can achieve its mission and goals and have a greater impact throughout the world. UNFPA, in particular, is an ideal partner in that its scope of work aligns with Zonta's mission and objectives. UNFPA's objectives include delivering a world where every pregnancy is wanted, every childbirth is safe and every young person's potential is fulfilled. Promoting gender equality and women's human rights and improving maternal health - all essential to achieving these objectives - are equally important to Zonta.

Zonta International has invested in partnerships with [UN Women](#) and the [UN Trust Fund to End Violence against Women](#) since the 1960s, and approximately 41% of all the funds from Zonta International have been utilised in projects in cooperation with UN Women (previously UNIFEM) and the UN Trust Fund. As a result, millions of lives have improved around the world.

Support to prevent and end gender-based violence has produced safer homes and public spaces, laws to fully uphold women's rights and higher quality services for survivors. Many more people from all walks of life know that attitudes and behaviours must change, and are engaged in saying no to all forms of abuse.

While UN Women is the most prominent multilateral entity actively devoted to all aspects of gender equality and women's empowerment, the UN Trust Fund is a leading multilateral grant-making mechanism dedicated to addressing violence. It awards funds to non-governmental and some governmental organisations pursuing pioneering initiatives with the potential for making lasting impacts. UN Women and the UN Trust Fund have been Zonta's longstanding partners because of their global reach, strong focus on women's rights and ability to provide innovative solutions.

Over the last seven years alone, Zonta International has contributed more than US\$4.5 million towards efforts by UN Women and the UN Trust Fund to end violence against women and girls around the world.

Diverse forms of violence have been addressed through these projects, including domestic violence, sexual violence, abuse linked to inheritance and property, early and forced marriages, acid attacks and trafficking. Programs engage women and men, girls and boys, from the community to the national level.

Focused on both responding to violence and addressing its root causes, these programs provide new tools and skills that can be sustained over the long term. Participants learn to effectively advocate for laws and policies, make alliances, establish and manage services and outreach programs, compile evidence and educate communities.

ZI/ZIF Partners (Cont)

Zonta International's partnership with the [U.S. Fund for UNICEF](#) began more than 40 years ago with six mobile medical units in Ghana. It was one of Zonta's earliest international service projects and the first time Zonta and the U.S. Fund for UNICEF came together to help women and children in need.

Recognising even then the lack of basic facilities in the rural areas of developing countries, Zonta International worked with the U.S. Fund for UNICEF to establish six mobile paediatric medical units to serve the health needs of mothers and children in remote areas of Ghana from 1972 to 1974. The units were staffed by physicians, nurses and other paramedic personnel and visited six villages a week, providing pre- and post-natal care, information on nutrition and family planning, and treatment of diseases, such as malaria, tuberculosis, trachoma and leprosy.

Zonta International's support for the U.S. Fund for UNICEF and its efforts to improve the lives of mothers and children globally has only continued to grow since that first project in Ghana. To date, Zonta International has provided nearly US\$6 million to the U.S. Fund for UNICEF to support projects in Afghanistan, Burkina Faso, Columbia, Ghana, Guatemala, Nepal, Rwanda, South Africa and Sri Lanka.

(Information taken from the ZI website <http://www.zonta.org/>)

Date Claimers

1 - 30 November 2016	Club Display, Bulimba Library
7 November 2016	Sausage Sizzle, Bunnings Rocklea
8 November 2016	Zonta's Birthday
14 November 2016	Board Meeting, Easts Leagues Club
21 November 2016	Monthly Meeting, Bulimba Library
25 November - 10 December 2016	Zonta Says NO to Violence Against Women campaign
25 November 2016	UN Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women/White Ribbon Day
27 November 2016	Sausage Sizzle, Bunnings Rocklea
10 December 2016	UN Human Rights Day
11 December 2016	Christmas Meeting/Function
19 December 2016	Sausage Sizzle, Bunnings Rocklea
16 January 2017	Fellowship Dinner, Easts Leagues Club
13 February 2017	Board Meeting, Easts Leagues Club
20 February 2017	Monthly Meeting, Bulimba Library
4 March 2017	Combined Areas 1 and 3 Meeting – Venue to be advised
13 March 2017	Board Meeting, Easts Leagues Club
13 March 2017	Club Charter Anniversary (28 years)
13-24 March 2017	61 st Session of the Commission on the Status of Women
18 March 2017	Trivia Night – Yeronga State High School
20 March 2017	Monthly Meeting, Bulimba Library
27 August 2017	4 th Annual High Tea
8-10 September 2017	District 22 Conference, Brisbane