



Advancing the Status of Women Worldwide

ZONTA CLUB OF BRISBANE NORTH INC
NEWSLETTER April 2009
 PO Box 368, Spring Hill, Qld, 4004

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Some Dates to Remember

Zonta Club of Brisbane North Inc

Dinner Meeting United Service Club	Monday 6 April 6.30 p.m. for 7 p.m.
Board Meeting – 20 Millwood St Bardon, Brisbane	Monday 27 April
2001-10 International Decade for a Culture of Peace and Non-violence for Children of the World 2009 Year of Reconciliation and Natural Fibres	
Apr 7 World Health Day	
Apr 22 Earth Day	
Apr 24 Arbor Day	
May 3 World Press Freedom Day	
Sep 25 – 27: District 22 Conference Townsville - a must for all members	
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Newsletter Editor Barbara Newton Ph: 07 3376 1186 bigred_bln@hotmail.com	Ed says "Greetings from Shetland!"
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Without an apology, payment of the new cost of \$37.00 for the meal is obligatory.

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Thanks.

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President's Message.

Hello everyone!

Margaret, Pam, Narelle and I attended the **Area 1 and 3 (District 22) Workshop** last Sunday and had a very profitable day. I would like to take this opportunity to outline some of the issues and outcomes of the day for us all.

It was gratifying to note that I was one of 1221 members of 48 clubs in QLD and that our District was rated as 4th highest in terms of monies sent to the Zonta International Foundation. This is something we can take pride in. We have a **new District Newsletter** and a **new look website (zontadistrict22.org.au)**.

District Governor Vicki Varthas gave us an enthusiastic invite to the **2009 Conference** to be held in Townsville on **25th-27th September** and encouraged all who can, to attend.

Vicki explained that a key issue for this biennium is **membership - how to recruit, retain and rejuvenate members**, especially from newer different classifications. To that end, professionally planned and run, interesting and inclusive meetings are very important when time is short. Vicki stressed **advocacy** as a way of revitalising a club. She suggested talking to heads of local service agencies to find out what needs are not being met. She stressed the need to keep things simple and to have fun! **Trish Collins, OMC Chairman for District 22**, pointed to the useful template for membership plan on the web. Our goal is to increase membership of each club by 2%.

With the above in mind, and to help make our meetings more interesting and informative, the **Board has agreed, at our recent Monday meeting, to trial two initiatives at the April meeting** for your approval:

- (i) a very brief segment entitled, *Did you know?* in which a member (a different person at each meeting) would highlight something from our manual, bylaws or history that is relevant or interesting or important for us to know, and
- (ii) another very brief vignette giving each member (one per meeting) the opportunity to explain what was happening in her life at the time and what was currently important to her.

We felt this would be a great way to get to know more about Zonta and each other.

Our club offers all members the opportunity to take on leadership roles.

The skills of all, regardless of age or experience are valuable, and need to be harnessed. It was suggested that the Nominating Committee was a core Committee for each club as its members were responsible for 'woman-power planning' by encouraging every member to participate in some aspect of leadership at club level at some stage. **My personal and sincere thanks to June Halliday** for ably chairing that committee in the past, as well as to its faithful members for the good job they have done in the past. Thank you to **Linda Fletcher** for taking on the new role of Chairman of the Nominating Committee, who now faces the urgent task of preparing a new slate of

candidates for the changeover of leadership. Please consider carefully the role you might be able to play in our club!

Guest speaker, the Lady Mayoress, Lisa Newman, spoke of her passion for helping the homeless through the **Lord Mayor's Community Trust** and her belief that *You can change the world one person at a time!* She told us many moving stories and importantly, highlighted the long-term outcomes of the ripple effect. It is alarming to think that QLD has the highest percentage of homeless youth in Australia and one quarter of the homeless in Australia. Lisa also spoke very highly of the work of **Southside Education** in which 100 desperate young women living in parks or squats are passionate about their high school education.

Ros Kinder spoke about our governing documents and the separate bylaws which govern ZI and each individual club. We are bound by ZI bylaws which can only be changed at international conference. However, notices of motion for the upcoming District Conference in Sept. can include proposals for changes to bylaws, policies or anything else we might want to debate. **At club level our bylaws need regular review as they could be old or out of date.**

The issue of projects was again brought up, distinguishing between 'Z' projects and 'B' projects which were more general and could, hypothetically, be undertaken by any service club. Z projects on the other hand, must be aligned with Zontian principles, be attractive to members who can get personally involved, and have a very clearly and easily explained purpose and plan.

We also heard a very moving talk from an indigenous recipient of a University bursary now studying for a Masters in Psychology. She saw herself as the outcome of the "drop in the ocean" process, one who had lived through difficult times in a family broken through substance abuse and mental illness, but given significant emotional and financial help through the bursary. She was indeed an inspiration and received a rousing, standing applause.

I conclude this summary with a definition of commitment from Abe Lincoln which has again inspired me and one which all would agree characterizes the essence of our efforts is Zonta:

Commitment is

- ❖ The words that speak boldly of your intentions
- ❖ What transforms a promise into a reality
- ❖ Making the time where there is none
- ❖ The stuff of character
- ❖ The power to change things
- ❖ The daily triumph over skepticism

I look forward to seeing you all on **April 6th** when **Dr Richards will be speaking to us on the neuroscience of the brain.** Have a great week.
Pauline



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Board Meeting	22 June
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President's Message

Having sat here for some considerable time decided that I would just let the fingers do the walking and then see what 'came out'. There has been a considerable delay from the first time that I sat down to pen this message. My sincere apologies to Barbara who has been waiting very patiently to send out the Newsletter.

My thoughts keep going back to the enormity of the task that I have taken on in representing you all at the newly elected President of the Zonta Club of Brisbane North Inc – our Club.

In the five and a half years as a member of our Club I have learnt so much about Zonta International and how fulfilling it is to belong to a service organisation and the genuine fellowship this brings. I am grateful for the many mentors I can seek advice from within our Club and this is comforting for me.

On Saturday we had the changeover Board meeting and so my journey as President begins.

Congratulations to Harriet McMicking, third year Bachelor of Business student at the Queensland University of Technology on her successful nomination for the Jane M. Klausman Award and I look forward to meeting and hearing from Harriet on Monday night. She is also keen to broaden her understanding of the global market place and different cultures through a student exchange in Chile. Harriet ultimately hopes to connect with the Latin speaking markets of Latin America. Thank you to Gina and her Committee for their work in the selection of the Jane M. Klausman Award.

Also many thanks to Peter Hollis who has sent through a cheque for \$500 as a donation towards our Fair. Peter has been a great supporter of our Club and I will write a letter of thanks on behalf of all members.

The other good news on the Fair front is the granting of \$3600 from the Lord Mayors Community Initiative Fund towards the costs of running our Fair. This will significantly support our fundraising as the grant will meet many of our outlays that eat into the precious funds that are raised through the hard work of all our members.

I am looking forward to the induction of the new Board (though a little nervous) and the next twelve months as we work hard in 'advancing the status of women' through our many Club activities.

Best wishes

Narelle



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Board Meeting	24 August
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