



March 2012

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The Yellow rose
the Zonta symbol

Extracts from IWD message from our International President, Dianne K. Curtis

Dianne writes

“Celebrated annually on 8 March, International Women’s Day (IWD) is a global celebration of the progress made towards achieving real equality for women in all aspects of life. It is an opportunity for us all to reflect on the achievements of the past and to prepare for the challenges that lie ahead as we continue and strengthen our efforts to improve the lives of women around the world. International Women’s Day also coincides with Zonta Rose Day – a special day for Zonta clubs and Zontians around the world to raise awareness in their local communities of Zonta International’s mission to advance the status of women worldwide.

As you celebrate International Women’s Day and Zonta Rose Day, know that you have much to be proud of. As members of Zonta International, you have contributed to Zonta’s efforts to make lasting and positive changes in the lives of women throughout the world, including working to end violence against women and provide survivors of violence the services they need in El Salvador, Guatemala and Haiti. In Cambodia, Nepal and Uganda, you have supported efforts to prevent burns violence and have helped survivors of burns violence seek justice. In Rwanda, you are a part of a collaborative effort to ensure the first HIV-free generation by 2015; and, in Liberia, your efforts have provided hundreds of life-changing surgeries and rehabilitation services to women suffering from obstetric fistula, giving them back their lives.



..... I hope International Women’s Day is an inspiration to you as a district, as clubs and as members of Zonta International to continue to support our service and advocacy efforts that ensure a better future for women and girls worldwide.

Best wishes for a meaningful and memorable International Women’s Day and Zonta Rose Day!”

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Explore the District website for current information

www.zontadistrict22.org

Read about the International Service projects on the ZI website

www.zonta.org

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COMING EVENTS

ALL THURSDAYS IN MARCH

Zizzling at Bunnings 2 shifts: 7am – 11am & 11am – 3pm

8 MARCH – International Women’s Day UNIFEM Breakfast at Convention Centre

MONDAY 12 MARCH 2012

Dinner meeting at 7pm at USC

CROQUET EVENT - SAT 24 MARCH 2012

New Farm Croquet Club 3pm - 7.30pm

WEDNESDAY 28 MARCH 2012

Board meeting 6pm, Ashgrove Library

SUNDAY 1 APRIL 2012

Area 1 & 3 Meeting at Redcliffe

Note change to usual dates

MONDAY 2 APRIL 2012

Dinner meeting at 7pm at USC

WEDNESDAY 18 MARCH 2012

Board meeting 6pm, Ashgrove Library

Annual Dues

- for payment this month

Why not pay your annual dues by direct deposit online. It is an easier way to pay!
- our account is 034-002-992870.
Please describe clearly the purpose of the deposit e.g. include surname & the word “dues”.

Unable to attend a meeting? Ring Noreen to give apologies

Please **PHONE** apologies for Dinner Meeting to Noreen Gorman on 3371 5752
by **9.00 am** on
Friday 9 March 2012
(no emails please)

Without an apology, payment of
\$41.00 is obligatory.

If you are bringing guests to the Dinner Meeting or if you have any special dietary requirements please let Noreen know.

Please wear your *Name Badge!*

President's Update

At our February meeting we met three delightful women who having impressed the Awards sub-committee with their life stories were the successful recipients of an Advancement Grant. Each awardee had overcome significant setbacks and challenges in their past and were now pursuing studies to improve their work opportunities in the future. The grants were presented to Joy Gonpue a young African mother undertaking nursing studies, Vikki Looker, a mature-age student and single mother of four also studying nursing and Zuhra Razaie, a 27-year-old refugee from Afghanistan who aims to study fashion once her English studies are finalised.



**Gina Brosnan presents
Joy Gonpue with her**

Further to these presentations members voted to increase by one the number of Advancement Grants for the 2012-2013 Zonta year only. Any future increases over the current three grants per year will be made on a year by year basis, depending on the availability of funds.

Project now

On 28 February I was invited by Amena Reza from Zonta Brisbane Metro Breakfast Club to attend a meeting with other Zonta Clubs to hear about "project now".

This project is an ambitious initiative of the Rotary Club of Brisbane Planetarium and the Salvation Army to deliver a solution by providing a \$750,000 purpose designed residence on land provided by the Salvation Army in Red Hill. *Project now* will provide accommodation for up to twenty women recovering from alcohol, drug and gambling addictions.

Amena is encouraging Brisbane Zonta Clubs to join this initiative as partners and she stated that apart from it being a great project, she believes it is an opportunity for Zonta Clubs to band together to work on a "larger scale fundraising event" - which in turn raises our profile, tells a new audience about what we do and hopefully attracts some new members into the fold.

As a way of providing Zontians with a better idea of this initiative, a breakfast invitation has been extended to attend the Moonyah Recovery Centre on Thursday 15th March at 7am for a fellowship meeting followed by breakfast at 7.30am finishing at 8.30am. After the breakfast Major Graham Tamsett will show people around the complex and the site of the proposed Women's centre.

Penelope Wensley, Governor of Queensland, has just become patron of this project.

I will provide further information at our March meeting for members to consider prior to making a decision whether our club might participate.

For your diaries

**Area 1 & 3
Workshop
Sunday 1 April
2012
at Redcliffe**

The Board

President:	Margaret Marshall
Vice President:	Anne Vinning
Corres. Sec:	Jenni Jolly
Minutes Sec:	Anne Vinning
Treasurer:	Karen Peterson
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Committees	Meetings
Status of Women Service Awards Sub-Committee Chair: Gina Brosnan brosnang@brigidine.qld.edu.au	Meets prior to Dinner Meeting at USC 6pm.
Service and LAA Sub-Committee Chair: Jennie Watt jenniewatt@westnet.com.au	Meeting held Sept each year
Organisation, Membership and Classification Chair: Pamela Beavis pambeavis@optusnet.com.au	Meets prior to Dinner Meeting at USC 6pm.
United Nations Chair: Patricia Rego p.rego@uq.edu.au	Meets prior to Dinner Meeting at USC 6pm.
Public Relations and Communications Chair: Maggie Williams maggie.will1@bigpond.com	Meets prior to Dinner Meeting at USC 6pm.
Parliamentarian Barbara Newton	

Upcoming Area Meeting

The Area 1 & 3 meeting program, to be held Sunday 1st April is outlined below. It is hoped a number of club members will make an effort to attend this workshop. It is an opportunity to share ideas and explore strategies with other Zontians and to show support to Narelle as the next Area Director.



2012 - Area 1 and 3 Meeting

*Workshop Theme -
Exploring Our Zeco System -
Zonta Eco System
"Working in Harmony"*



*Sunday 1st April, 2012
Venue - Mon Komo Resort Hotel,
99 Marine Parade, Redcliffe 4020*

<http://www.monkomohotel.com.au/>
Host Club - Zonta Club of Redcliffe Inc.

More information
Email redcliffe@zontadistrict22.org
or phone 0457 426 806

Accommodation packages available
<http://www.oakshotelsresorts.com/zontaconference/>

- 0800 Registration -Tea and Coffee**
- 0830** Welcome – housekeeping – Welcome to country
- 0845** Address by Trish Collins, District 22 Governor
- 0915** Introduction to Membership Workshop Kelly Stokes – Exploring our “Zeco-system” and Zonta’s Special Days
- 0925** (Break into 4 groups – 4 scenarios (45-50 mins – to include moving to and from groups)
 - Changes in our “Zeco-system” – Diversity in Membership
 - Revival of our “Zeco- system” - New ideas & Interpersonal Behaviours
 - Balance in our “Zeco- system” - Social Interaction & Zonta Business
 - The Centre of our “Zeco-system” - Passion, Emotion & Advocacy
- 1015** Yoga – stretch
- 1030 Morning Tea**
- 1040** Reconvene – Evaluate Workshop (10 mins per group)
- 1125** Keeping our “Zeco-system” in order - club housekeeping - Trish Collins & Kelly Stokes
- 1200 Lunch** - Review posters, newsletters, socialise.
- 1245** Club showcases (10 mins each).
 1. Redcliffe– Breast Cancer Video –Side by side.
 2. Sandgate – Z Club challenges
 3. Brisbane Metro Breakfast – Project Now, linking Zonta ideals with other organizations.
 4. Beaudesert – Raising Funds through Educating Kids
 5. South Gold Coast-Tweed - Widening the horizons for membership.
 6. The 4 Sunshine Coast Clubs – Love Bites Program
- 1345** Introduction to 2nd Workshop “Zonta International Sets the Goals-Clubs Working in Harmony”. Judith Trevan-Hawke and Bev Bellett. (45 mins – to include moving to and from groups)
 - Project Now - Alternative Projects-How do we manage them? Amena Reza
 - Zonta Awards information and discussion Q & A. Jane O’Brien.
 - Love Bites – How do we do this? Could it be universal in our Area? Marilyn Holmes.
 - Do we comply with a regular Club Health Check, to prevent a myriad of problems?
- 1430 Afternoon Tea**
- 1445** Reconvene – Evaluate Workshop. (10mins per group)
- 1530** Laughter !
- 1540** Presentations.
- 1555** Door and Raffle Prize Draw.
- 1600** Introduction of new Area Directors and Thank you’s.

International days coming up

8 March International Women’s Day

7 April World Health Day & Day of Remembrance of the Victims of the Rwanda Genocide

Club Achievement Checklist

International President, Dianne Curtis says that “being a Zonta member is a great honour; and, as Zonta members, we also have the great responsibility for the development of our clubs, the strengthening of our organization at all levels and the fulfilment of our mission and goals.”

President Dianne wants clubs to assess their activities and achievements throughout this biennium and has commissioned a checklist that clubs can complete and submit prior to the Convention. Special recognition will be given to clubs at the Convention in July that answer YES to at least a certain number of questions at an identified level provided in a given table.

The Board in looking at this checklist felt that it would be of value for the membership to complete the checklist and thereby identify areas that we, as a club, can look to strengthen in the biennium ahead.

Entertainment Books

Thanks to Heather Mohay for the idea and subsequent research we have decided as a Club to sell Entertainment Books this year as a fund raiser.

The books cost \$65 each and for every book sold the club gets \$13. Many of you will be familiar with the Entertainment Book. It contains discount offers for many restaurants, hotels and other businesses (eg Coles) in Brisbane, the Gold and Sunshine coasts.

A flyer has been sent out by email and additional copies will be available at the March meeting to distribute to friends and colleagues. The expectation is that we will have firm orders at this meeting and payment if possible. Alternately books can be ordered in March and then paid for and delivered at the April meeting.

This is a fundraiser where the benefit also goes the purchaser as recovery of the initial outlay is recouped after using only a few of the vouchers available.

It is hoped many members will both promote and support the sale of these books.

Order your new 2012 | 2013 Entertainment™ Book... discover the best deal of all!

Choose what you want to do and when you want to do it with hundreds of valuable offers. Receive up to **50% off** and **2-for-1 offers** valid now until June 1st, 2013!

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Arts, Sports and Attractions • Underwater World • Brisbane Lions • Brisbane Roar • Moonlight Cinema • Queensland Ballet • and many more...	Retail and Shopping • coles • METALICUS • BIG W • REVIEW	Travel, Leisure and Accommodation • Rydges • Parklodge • The Esplanade Hotel • Sunshine Anello • and many more...		

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 \$13 from each Book sold goes straight towards our fundraising
 Contact: Heather Mohay Phone: (07) 3381 2087

Name: _____ Phone: _____
 Address: _____
 I would like to order: _____ @ \$65 each (GST incl) = \$ _____
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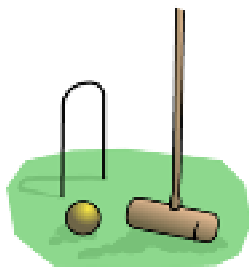
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 Thank you for your support. Plus, if you order your Book before April 2nd we will send you Bonus Offers worth over \$180 that you can use straight away! (www.esplanade.com.au)

To view the new 2012/2013 Entertainment Book on-line please visit www.esplanadeclubbook.com.au/entertainment-media

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Update on projects

Croquet Event - 24 March



Our fundraising Croquet event is fast approaching. Are you able to support this event and also bring along some friends? Noeleen as the organiser is keen to receive your indications of support. **Get in early** as numbers are limited to 32 players. Equipment and basic instruction in the game of Croquet will be provided.

DATE : Saturday, 24th March

TIME : Play starts 3pm, followed by light buffet dinner (finishing around 7.30)

VENUE : Merthyr Croquet Club, New Farm Park (enter off Dixon Street)

COST : \$30 per person

BYO : Refreshments (soft drinks/bottled water available for purchase)

Sun protection & Closed-in footwear (essential to be able to play)

Payment required at March meeting. Enquiries to Noeleen Foggon ph: 3358 2916

Chisholm Refuge Update

At the last meeting it was decided that Chisholm Refuge would be asked to submit a Service Project Grant application for the upgrade of the children's playground area – involving replacement of sand pits and soft bark rubberised flooring, outdoor setting and BBQ. Service Grant subcommittee will then consider this application in the usual way. The preparation of the application has been undertaken with the able assistance of Maxine Chaseling providing support to the staff of the Refuge to complete the process.

In January, the Zonta Club of Sandgate were approached to jointly fund this activity and it is pleasing to report that the President, Jane O'Brien has indicated that their club has just presented the Refuge with \$2,000 towards this project.

Sausage Zizzle - help needed

To date our sausage sizzling has raised over \$11,000 for the club. The Zizzle activity will continue for only two more months now – with four more Thursdays in March, five Thursdays in May and one Saturday on 28 April.

Volunteers are needed for the latter part of this month. Are you available to volunteer for either the morning shift (7am-11am) or the afternoon shift (11-3pm) on any of the following days: 15th, 29th March or 28 April? If so, please let Pam or Margaret know.