



Zonta Club of Warwick Inc

Club No 1565

Area 4 District 22

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Service:

Rosa Hardy (Chair), Rhonda Betts, Faye Marley, Jen-Rose Holmes.

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Mary Goyne (Chair), Lois James, June Stewart, Dee Mayo, Louise Cox.

Advocacy:

Mary Johnston (Chair), Lyn Prowse-Bishop, Jenny Eldridge, Sally Carr.

Nominating Committee:

Jacinta Fromm, Dee Mayo, Louise Cox

(Karen Shepherd, Leanne Olsen, Jenny Loy, Jacinta Fromm to assist committees as required).

NEXT DINNER MEETING (3rd Tuesday of each month): 20th August 2013, at June's home, 80 Weewondilla Road, Warwick, 6.15 pm for 6.30 pm start.

Please contact Sally on daveandsallycarr@hotmail.com or phone **4661 4184** or text message to **0421 782 962** by Sunday 18th August, to advise if you are bringing guests, or if you cannot attend. June will appreciate knowing how many to set up tables etc.

NEXT BOARD MEETING (1st Tuesday of each month): 3rd September 2013, at 5.30 pm (approx 5.30-7pm). At this stage, the Board meeting will be held at Frankies, but Karen will confirm closer to the time.

**Next Meeting: Italian Night
Guest Speaker: Diane Lawlor.
(see Forthcoming Events)**

From President Karen

What a great month July has been with the Jumpers and Jazz events and also the weather has been wonderful.

A group of us went to the “Chocolate dipped letters” event at the Town Hall and had a great time; Jenny L has written a report for this newsletter, thanks Jenny.

Valerie presented the cheque for \$300 to Fiona Smaha (Mary J’s daughter) to buy equipment to take with her to the orphanage in China and Louise and I caught up with Fiona at the markets on the Sunday of Jumpers and Jazz. What a

wonderful young lady and a great inspiration to us all. I missed Fiona’s talk to our Club last September, and have invited her as a guest speaker when she returns from China.

A note of caution - please be very, very careful stepping down from the footpath outside Frankie’s. When leaving after our July meeting, Mary G had a bad fall and did a lot of damage to herself. We wish her a speedy recovery!

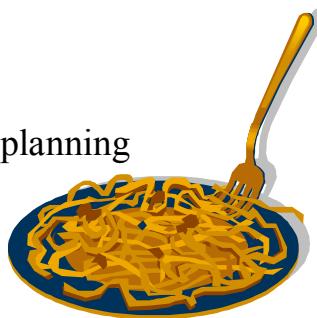
Regards

Karen

Forthcoming Events

August Dinner Meeting: 20 August 2013

Italian Night! Rosa and June are coordinating this meeting and are planning the menu etc. We thank you again June for hosting this event. If you are willing to assist with food or drinks, please contact Rosa on 4661 07617 (home) or on her mobile: 0409647759



As well as our usual monthly meeting, this event is our introduction to Zonta Club of Warwick Inc for potential new members. Mary G has asked each member to bring a guest! In previous years, everyone has enjoyed the extra camaraderie with the meeting being held in June’s home, and it is a great opportunity to discuss our projects and answer guests’ questions.

This year, we will have a guest speaker attend. Mary J has invited Diane Lawlor (an article about Diane was featured in an edition of People and Places). Diane now resides at Pratten after serving Australian Army for 45 years. She has received her second Federation Star, acknowledging her attainment of skills in many areas (military tactics, training of young officers etc). Diane’s leadership skills and practical abilities were a great asset as she organized the Pratten/Bony Mountain relief effort following the recent storm damage in that community.

Quilt Exhibit: 1 September 2013

Venue: Qld Art Gallery.

Cost: \$38 (return bus trip) + \$12 entry (and guided tour)

Limited to 40 people – so don't delay! This is a very well priced event!

This will be a great fellowship activity, as well as an opportunity to see exquisite display of quilts.

Tickets are available at Shelley's Curtain in Grafton Street, or by phoning Mary Johnston.

Publicity Barbecue: 15 September 2013

Venue: IGA – outside doors in the carpark

Time: Club members are needed from 7.00 a.m. to set up.

Expected to serve BBQ until 11.00 a.m.

This is an opportunity to promote Zonta to the local community – a flyer will be developed to distribute on the day.

Your assistance will be appreciated. Advise Karen at the next dinner meeting if you will be available to assist in any way.



Biennial District Conference, District 22: 28-29 September 2013

Noosa Convention and Exhibition Centre

Karen, Jenny Loy, Jenny Eldridge, Mary Johnston and Dee Mayo are planning to attend the conference.

Past Events

Fellowship Activity: Chocolate Dipped Letters

An afternoon was enjoyed by Zonta ladies as we attended the Chocolate Dipped letters event organised in conjunction with Jumpers N Jazz.

The guest speaker for the afternoon was Ruby Slippers. Afternoon tea was prepared by the chef from Spicer's Peak Lodge who was a major sponsor of the 2013 Jumpers N Jazz event.

The afternoon took the format of a TV show where local ladies were asked to write a letter to someone of significance in their life talking about their own life. These letters were read out on stage for all to hear. These letters revealed an insight into the lives of these ladies and the struggles they have had in life. After each letter was read out Ruby asked some questions regarding the content of the letter. After the four local ladies had read their letters Ruby read her letter.

Ruby was a councillor on the Toowoomba council for some years when Di Thorley was Major of Toowoomba. She is also a radio announcer in Ipswich but she has also felt the wrath of life and had a story of her own to tell. Ruby then sang some women's movement songs to finish the afternoon off.

During proceedings Tracy Vellacott thanked various ladies associated with the day's event and Zonta was mentioned because I had suggested Ruby Slippers as a speaker, telling Tracy I had heard her speak at a Zonta dinner held in Ipswich. Some free publicity which can only help the cause of new memberships I felt.

I am sure all who attended this event enjoyed the afternoon and the mountains of chocolate items on the table for afternoon tea.

Jenny Loy

Committee Notes/Jottings



**July Raffle: donated by Karen, and won by Rosa.
Rosa will donate the raffle prize for the August dinner meeting.**

Combined Zonta Clubs Area 4 Project: Olive McMahon Cancer Lodge (Toowoomba)

Some members were keen to hear the progress of the upgrading of the Olive McMahon Lodge, in particular the refurbishment of the room funded by Zonta Clubs in Area 4. Karen has received the following information from Rhondda Bridle (President Toowoomba Zonta).

'As you would know the lodge is used by patients who are receiving cancer treatment. All accommodation is free and individuals can give a donation if they so desire. Most rooms have two beds so carers can stay with their patient. The Combined Zonta Clubs of Area 4 are paying for one room over a 3 year period. So far: two clubs have paid for their share of the room in full and the other clubs have chosen to pay over the 3 years. West Moreton was the only club from Area 4 which chose not to support this venture.'

A plaque has been placed on the door of our room acknowledging Area 4 Zonta Clubs. Area 4 Zonta Clubs are also acknowledged on the donations board. Our PR lady is in the process of developing a brochure to distribute to all the clubs involved'.

Report for Zonta from Safe Haven Management Committee

- Incorporation has been achieved and we are now working on presenting an application to the Department of Fair Trading for registration as a charity.
- Ongoing fundraising is going well and many businesses and groups are keeping Safe Haven in mind e.g. Big W pentathlon, Scope donations
- Thanks to the tireless efforts of Bette Bonney, publicity of the Safe Haven continues and valuable liaison with organisations like the Qld Police Service continues to be developed.

- Recruitment, interviewing and training of volunteers under the auspices of Relationships Australia is also critical for the functioning of the Safe Haven and is an ongoing process.
- Groups and individuals are encouraged to become members of Safe Haven (Cost \$30).
- It is also worth remembering that the Safe Haven provides a service for the whole of Queensland.

Jenny Eldridge

Advocacy Notes – sent in by Jenny Eldridge (thank you!)

- September 21st is the **International Day of Peace**
- A special girls' speak out will coincide with the **International Day of the Girl Child** on October 11th. Our club will have a presentation on the nearest meeting on 15th October. You will recall that 2012 was the first International Day of the Girl Child. That day was inspired by girls themselves – this may be a good time to think about getting involved with active girl groups.

Jenny has accessed this information from Mary Ann Tarantula, Zonta International United Nations Committee Chair.

'Girls all over the world face the same problems as women when it comes to violence, education, health, trafficking, etc. They also suffer from forced early marriage and domestic slavery. Recently, the African Regional Domestic Workers Conference "celebrated" the second anniversary of the UN International Labor Organization's Convention 189 (Decent work for domestic workers). It is a treaty adopted that offers specific protection to domestic workers. It requires States which ratify it to take a series of measures to assure decent work for domestic workers. Recently the emphasis has been on child domestic workers who are deprived of education and decent living conditions so that they are virtual slaves. The problems of domestic workers are primarily those of women and girls as they make up the majority of the domestic work force'.

Donation to Tasmanian Zonta Club

Mary J and her companions in the Warwick Artists Group made and donated quilts for distribution to communities affected by the bushfires earlier this year, and Karen has been liaising with Presidents of Zonta Clubs in Tasmania. We are advised that the quilts will be sent to Tasmania's Derwent Zonta Club and will be distributed by Odele Glenn. The contacts that Karen found through Zonta said that the quilts will lift the spirits of people living in sheds and caravans. It has been a cold and wet winter, and people are feeling they have been forgotten. NB: Some additional quilts have also been donated to support the fund raising efforts of the Pratten / Bony Mountain relief program for local people who lost their homes in the recent storm.

Members' News

As you read in Karen's report, Mary G fell in the gutter outside Frankie's after the July meeting. She tells me that she 'luckily only' broke her fibula, and somehow managed to walk on her leg for 6 days before getting an Xray! But on a happier note, Mary and Phil have had Chris, Amanda and Andrew home from America, and are spending some time together at Straddy.

Val Rose is the guest speaker at the QCWA Condamine Valley Branch Annual Meeting on Friday 16th August. Zonta Club of Warwick received an invitation for two representatives to attend – Jenny E and Jen-Rose are to attend. Val will be speaking on the work undertaken by the Loaves and Fishes Foundation (Chinese orphanage where Fiona Smaha donates her skill to work with children with cerebral palsy, and to train the resident staff). CWA had also supported this project donating money towards the cost of a wheelchair.

Members' Contributions

Members are asked to suggest venue options for our Board and Dinner meetings. Karen advises that Frankie's is not always available for our monthly meetings. If you have a suggestion, please contact Karen.

General Information

Event for Disabled and School Communities: 9th September 2013.

Jon Colfs and Elizabeth Ure, the team behind the new and very popular What's On Southern Downs website, are bringing Lizzie Wagner to Warwick to present 3 personal well-being and empowerment sessions. Lizzie is a highly regarded keynote speaker and former international model Lizzie Wagner. The three sessions will target

1. High-school students. This session will be held in SOTE Hall
2. Local disabled community
3. General public and Warwick business people. Tickets will be sold for this session.

Sponsors are needed to cover the costs of the sessions for students and disabled. Contact Jon from What's On Southern Downs on 0402 447 857 to get more details.

Mary J has sent in this update. The other news is that Karen's persistence has found a person at the Neighbourhood Centre in Dunally in Tasmania who is delighted to accept the quilts that were sewn by the members of the Warwick Artists Group. We were despairing of finding a contact as groups such as Red

Cross and CWA both would only send cash donations. We gave a number of quilts to the fundraiser for Pratten Bony Mountain disaster, were so pleased to be able to send them to people who had lost everything. The contacts that Karen found through Zonta contacts, said that they will lift the spirits of people living in sheds and caravans. It has been a cold and wet winter, and people are feeling they have been forgotten. I will post them today. I will try to get some publicity for both clubs



Birthdays

August: Lyn (20) and Jenny E (23)
- celebrate in style!

September: Leanne (12), Val (29) and Faye (29)
- our best wishes for a very happy day!

Please send all contributions to the newsletter to
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Deadline for next edition: 8th September 2013
Next issue: sent to members by 10th September 2013

