

Zonta supports Ukraine

HAVING evolved since its inception in New York over a century ago by a group of professional women encouraging 'the education of girls', Zonta has grown to 1,133 clubs across 63 countries. Zonta Club of Blackall Range continues to advance their mission and is currently supporting three Zonta clubs in Ukraine, with club president Ann Koenig sharing that Zontians worldwide are currently financially supporting the clubs, which are located close to the western border where refugees are fleeing. Ukrainian Zontians are hosting refugees, coordinating first aid, and helping with transport.

In presenting a proposal for the club to donate funds with other Zonta clubs in the region for the needs of the women of Ukraine, Ann said the Ukrainian Zontians had sent the following message to Zonta International:

"We are calm and resolute; we keep in touch with family and friends. The main thing is that we maintain our strength of spirit - then we will not be defeated. Today, Ukraine needs us, and we are called on to give a part of ourselves if we are to live in a democratic country governed by the rule of law."

It comes as Maleny's Zonta club continues to grow, with its newest member, Lynne Somerville, recently



Zonta club members Margaret Henderson, Lynne Somerville and Ann Koenig

inducted sharing she is thrilled to find a club to give service to her community and support women.

"For many years I have been a retailer in antiques and old wares, and a yoga teacher for 15 years and I was delighted to find an organisation like Zonta in Maleny whose aim is to give service to women both locally and internationally. It fits the bill for me," said Lynne.

Ann said the club was always looking for new members with business and professional women in the Blackall Range area encouraged to contact the club at info@zontablackallrange.org.au. More information can be found on the club's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/ZontaClubOfTheBlackallRange