



NEWSLETTER

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BIRTHDAYS for FEBRUARY AND MARCH

Glenda on 14/2 and Cecil on 23/2.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

Welcome to my 2nd newsletter of the year. I am very excited and looking forward to March. It is going to be very busy for us all.

We are on track to have a good number of people attending our International Women's Day Lunch with at least six (6) high schools, a large group of Red Hatters, a group of residents in Beachmere Bay and Plantation over 50s Resorts, Bribie Pink Dragons to mention a few.

Thank you so much to the Events Committee for your exceptional work, planning and dedication to ensure that we have another successful event.

BBQ: Let's hope that the weather gods are kind to all who will be setting up, cooking, serving and cleaning up.

AREA 1 Meeting:

I ask that, as many members who can attend please do so. For our new Caboolture Zontians, this is a wonderful opportunity to see how Zonta 'works' from outside our club boundaries.

You will get to meet like-minded women from Zonta Clubs in our area and hear from their Service, Advocacy and Events Committees.

As many of you know Lawrence has been invited to sit on a panel and give his opinions on his membership into our club. I for one wouldn't want to miss this as I'm sure he will keep everyone entertained!!!

I will be a wonderful day hosted by our Area Director Gwen Jull (who will be at our IWD Lunch).

I am particularly looking forward to this day as it is 'at home'...The Caboolture Hub, King Street, Caboolture. Please register as soon as possible. The fee covers morning tea and lunch.

DV Assemblage:

I have sent an RSVP to indicate that approximately 6 to 8 members will be attending. We have been invited to set up a small display table of our Advocacy program. I have spoken to Cecil and she and her committee will be looking after this.

Late Note: I have heard that Ken Wallman (the late member Diana's husband) has returned to England to take care of his young great grandchildren whose mum is battling cancer the same/similar to what Diana had. The daughter was diagnosed with this cancer prior to her wedding last year and was able to have treatment allowing her to walk down the aisle but it appears to have returned. Ken hopes to be back in Australia sometime around June.

Take Care fellow Zontians.

Sue Droughton
President



SERVICE COMMITTEE REPORT

No meeting in February due to severe weather event.



MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Prospective Members

A coffee morning with Olga Catalano and Lynda Galway was held at Café 63 Morayfield on 16 February 2023. Both Lynda and Olga had decided they wish to become members of the Zonta Club of Caboolture.

They will wait until June to join as new members so that all our fees can be paid together.

Letters to Board and Club members will be emailed by next month. Lynda and Olga have many talents to bring to our club.

Club Membership Booklet

Glenda and I went through the Booklet to make sure the format was all uniform and to update the photos to more recent ones. The booklet has been sent to the rest of the Membership Committee to have a final check before we get them printed at Terry Young's office. We will check with each member at the February dinner meeting to make sure if members would like a hard copy or just one emailed to them.

New Member Dress Shirts

Sue Droughton was going to check with the sewing ladies at Palm Lakes Resort to see if they could help us with the making of our Member Dress Shirts. I will bring the pattern to the dinner meeting so Sue can let them have a look at the style.

30th Anniversary Lunch.

We are still looking at ideas and venues for our 30th Birthday lunch. Once that is decided we will send out a 'Save the Date' invitation to everyone.

Orientation of Newer Members

The Membership committee is going to arrange an Orientation meeting with the members who have joined our club in the past year or so. This is so we can see how they are going and if they have any questions or concerns. The date and venue is still to be decided.

Pam Berkett - Membership Chairman



EVENTS COMMITTEE REPORT

The Events Committee and others met at the home of Deb and Arthur to pack the gift bags and wrap raffle prizes for our IWD Lunch on 3 March. Thanks everyone for donation of prizes for our raffle or collect raffle prizes from businesses in our area.

The next meeting will be at Annette's home on Saturday 15 April commencing at 10.00am.

A 'thinking of you' card has been forwarded to Sarah on behalf of all members.

Patricia Clunes Events Chairman

ADVOCACY REPORT

Advocacy Committee members met at Cecil's home, 8 February 2023

Present: Pam Berkett, Lawrence Ezedinma, Siti Constable, Cecil Nielson.

Apologies: Edith Fogg, and Susan Lepper.

Susan indicated that she would be attending the Events Committee meetings to understand more about how our club operates. We thank Susan for her input to the Advocacy Committee so far, and hope she will be able to continue to contribute, even if she cannot attend Advocacy Committee meetings at this stage.

Advocacy Committee Budget: Attention was drawn to the overall budget, checking and clarifying what had been approved.

Purchase and Repair of Banners: Richard Droughton is willing to help repair the banner that was damaged in November 2022.

Area Meeting: Lawrence has been asked to speak at the forthcoming Area Meeting.

Upkeep of Orange Figures: The cut-out fitting section on the extra bases for the orange figures has been placed upside down and if used, do not stabilise the figures. Cecil and Pam will negotiate with the Burpengary Men's Shed for replacements, and extra figures.

Zonta Garden, Burpengary Police Station: There is a need to make regular checks regarding the upkeep of the garden.

Signs for Male/Female Toilets: At this stage Advocacy Committee did not have copies of the signs. It was agreed to follow up with Carole before she leaves for Thailand.

UPDATE: Cecil visited Carole on Thursday 16 February, and Carole explained progress so far, and gave the sample signs to Cecil. The sample sign needs our Zonta QR code. Quote from Officeworks for printing A5 size plus lamination is \$400 for 200 copies.

Gym Event, May: The Advocacy Committee is suggesting that in May, awareness of DV, and taking action against DV, will be highlighted through competitive gym events to reach younger people. Lawrence and Susan are meeting to decide which activities to include, and seeking gyms to collaborate. A report on planning progress will be available after 2 weeks.

Child Marriage: Thanks to Lorraine's earlier plan of action which suggested to clubs to write to their politicians, and Carole's mammoth task of writing to Queensland politicians, the Chief Policy Officer responded on behalf of the Premier of Queensland to outline plans for action to combat violence against women and children through funding from the Federal Government to each state/territory. Child marriage was acknowledged as a form of abuse and can be included in the funding arrangements. A draft letter of reply compiled by Edith has been submitted to the Board, thanking the government for recognising child marriage as one of the issues, but also drawing attention to some points for consideration in the forthcoming action plan of the Queensland Government.

District 22 Strategic Plan: A quick overview showed that our Club is fulfilling requirements by the District regarding matters of advocacy.

Moreton District Domestic Violence Services 28 March: Our Club has an invitation to attend this function and the Advocacy Committee will be well represented.

Next meeting: Wednesday 1 March (first Wednesday of the month).



COMMUNICATIONS

Sue Droughton continues her 'chats with Rosemary on our local radio station on a monthly basis.

Our wonderful new bookmarks have been completed and printed. Thank you Lynda.

MEMBERS OUT AND ABOUT

On Saturday 18 February, we met at Symes to pack the IWD gift bags and wrap the many beautiful raffle prizes.

We were then treated to a lunch of wood-fired pizzas with chef Arthur pouring us drinks, making the coffees and of course making the pizzas. Thank you, Deb and Arthur, for your wonderful hospitality.



Date Claimers for 2023: Mark them in your diary

- Dinner Meeting 22 February 2023
- IWD Lunch - Doors open at 10.30am.
- Area 1 Meeting Caboolture Hub 18th March 2023
- Domestic Violence Assemblage - Tuesday 28 March.
- Dinner Meeting 29 March 2023.
- District 22 Conference (to be held in Mackay) 8th-10th September 2023.