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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Dear Zontians

We celebrated our 33rd anniversary of Charter with a lovely evening at Anthea and Tim's place... thank you for hosting... the celebrations continued on Friday.

What a wonderful International Women's Day Luncheon! The service committee have once again delivered, Thank You! What a wonderful way to celebrate IWD with our friends of Zonta and three great and supportive Honzons. Our guest speaker Sue Wighton delivered very entertaining perspective on Choosing to Challenge and the way women embrace growing older, I am sure most of us put our hands to our chins and to ensure that little thin wiry hair was not showing. It was lovely to have District Governor Bridget Mather and ZI Committee Member Denise Conroy for the day along with ZI JMK award winner Sanuri de Silva to I am sure that women's financial futures will be on agendas for the years to come. Congratulations to Renae Duff the winner of our superb quilt, and to all other guests who took home some of the lovely, donated raffle prizes. Thank you, Denise Martin our MC, for keeping the tight time schedule adhered too, so much to get through, perfect timing.

On International Rose Day the 8th of March I hope that you all remembered to write/tell another woman who has been an inspiration in your life, women putting some positive thoughts to other women in their life.... Empowering indeed!

On Friday, the 5th it was announced that Brisbane, Australia & District 22 will host the 2024 Zonta International Convention.... I encourage all our members to save the date and join our fellow International & national members to attend this event.

I encourage all members to Donate to the Share the Dignity - March Dignity Drive.... Woolworths Beaudesert once again have a drop off point for all type of sanitary items during the month of March.

I have been enjoying my time away recharging the batteries, no rest for the wicked!! straight back into it next week with the pitch night on the same night as our dinner meeting, look forward to seeing you there.

Yours in Zonta

Michelle

DATE CLAIMERS

Tuesday 16th March

Board/General Meeting
RSL at 5.00/6.00 pm

Thursday 25th March

Coffee at Everyday's

Saturday 8th May

Area Meeting Venue TBA

September 4-6

District Conference in
Mackay

June 25—29, 2022

Zonta's 65th Convention
Hamburg, Germany



*Next Dinner Meeting
Tuesday 16th March 2021*

at

Beaudesert R.S.L at 6:30 pm

Committees will meet at 6:00 pm

Board will meet at 5.00 pm



Please order your meals before the meeting.

Let **Pam** know if you are an **apology**. This is now mainly for setting up of the room.

Txt or call on 0432 192 212— or email her on prograss@bigpond.com preferably by Monday arvo.



Our wonderfully, successful IWD luncheon: Above The Zontians who attended with an obscured DG Bridget and Sanuri. Left: DG Bridget introducing Sanuri, our JMKlausman Award winner: Right: the very entertaining Sue Wighton. Check our fb page for more photos Zonta Club of Beaudesert Area Inc.



District 22 Governor: Bridget Mather
District 22 Website: <http://www.zontadistrict22.org>

Area 3 Director: Jo Diessel

Member's Biographies: This month it is Susan Topping who joined Zonta in July 2004, the same time as last month's, Alice Warby.

On 6 Dec 1957, New Hanover Island, PNG, there was a premature home delivery. My father's contribution was to walk the dog and say, "Just call her Susan." His diagnosis was a coconut-felled chicken that Mum didn't want to waste.

My first trip to Kavieng on a copra boat one month later resulted in being treated in the non-white hospital. Thus home for me has always been a multi-cultural island with swaying palm trees, glorious sunsets, afternoon rain and pounding waves. With independence looming, our family traded copra for cattle and 1964 found us on Helenslee Station, south of Homestead, west of Charters Towers.



Battling phosphate deficiency, drought and debt, we were saved by Mum, with now six children, working at the Pentland meatworks. She gave her first \$100 per week pay to Helenslee. We children attended the Homestead one teacher school and my German grandparents, who had followed us from PNG, babysat during the week. My maternal Grandma's father was one of many Lutheran pastors in Riga shot by the Russians in WW1 which challenged me to commit my life to God.

High school years were good to me, not least was having the deputy principal as my year 11 and 12 English teacher. Needless to say I became a teacher and then his wife. After a brief stint teaching at Mt Carmel/ St Mary's College, Anna arrived and Bob was promoted to Thursday Island, our choice. It was an island home again for seven wonderful years.

After 1989 in Atherton, with four young children, we accepted a calling to the Solomon Islands, where Bob taught English and I taught correspondence for two years at Su'u on Malaita Island before moving to Beaudesert in 1992.

Beaudesert offered many opportunities for involvement, namely being active in church, school and community. Gradually as the children left home, I edged back into teaching working with Bob at the Kingston Learning Re-engagement Centre around the time I joined Zonta.

Retirement has been an upwards roller-coaster with rescue surgery, children's marriages, grand-daughters and travel. Our garden has also bounced back after drought and neglect. Kooralbyn is now our home.

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President Michelle inviting our remaining Charter Member, Joan, to cut the beautiful pistachio cake for Beaudesert Zonta's 33rd Anniversary.

In April there are no birthdays so let's mention those upcoming ones in March again.

Margie Brennan on the 13th. At the end of the month is Alice on the 27th....



MANY HAPPY RETURNS TO YOU ALL



Thursday, 25th March is the date of our next coffee morning.
We'll meet again at Everyday's.

The way I see it, if you want the rainbow, you gotta put up with the rain." — Dolly Parton