



ZONTA Club of Roma

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Newsletter – April 2009

District Governor: Vicki Varthas

Area Director: Robyn Burton-Ree

President's Report Heather Hall

Dear Members

This is my last report before the AGM and our new Zonta year starts with a new fresh board and president leading our club for the next 2 years.

This month has been very busy with Easter then the Area 4 meeting here in Roma last weekend. The area meeting was a very successful event with small representation from other Area 4 clubs but for those who attended the feedback was very good.

Our District 22 representatives were Vicki, Trish, Ros and Denise and we as a group were able to gain a huge amount of higher level Zonta knowledge which is as important to us as individuals and as a club. Ros as the Web Master was able to assist members with their registration on the website which is a very useful tool for all members.

Our guest speakers Cheryl and Ros were greatly appreciated by the delegates and Ros touched many of us with her session on her work with women and girls in PNG.

Many people worked very hard to make the area meeting the success it was, Kell, Nette, Heather M, Kerri, and Jenny were the organising committee and it was a pleasure to work with these people achieving the outcome we had. Thank you to all of you and thank you to the Roma Club members who attended and helped make the meeting so interactive and successful.

Our District 22 Conference is in Townsville this year and I would encourage all of you to give some serious thought to attending this event. It is very worthwhile and a wonderful opportunity to network with other Zontians and just generally has a good time. Denis Martin is taking nominations and would love to hear from you.

Our AGM is next week and then Changeover in May so I would encourage all of you to plan towards both these events. Our new board is nearly finalised and we have some exciting plans for the next 2 years.

Our membership has dropped off a little so that will be a focus for our club to seek new members, support our existing members and to ensure that everyone gains something from their membership.

I wish Jill Sabine, our incoming president, all the best for the next two years and I know Jill will do a sterling job as our President and that she has the support of all of the board and club members. To those of you who have been on the board with me and the other club members in my term as president, I thank you. You are a wonderful, powerful group of empowered women and I can see the future of Roma Zonta being very successful and achieving at a very high level. It has been a pleasure to be president for the past two years and I know as an individual and a Zontian I have learnt a lot, had some challenging times but overall it has been an honour to serve with you all – thank you

Yours in Zonta.

Heather Hall

President.

Finance & Fundraising

Hello Ladies

The year is drawing to a close and I am soon to hand the reins over to Jenny L. We have had a very busy couple of months with IWD; Shannon Noll; Clay Target Club and Easter. We have one function left before changeover and that is the workshop.

Due to the rainy weather (and I am not complaining!!) Easter was a little down. Janice and I went to the Poets campfire on Friday and made a whole \$18 but we thoroughly enjoyed the show and I think we were adopted by the poets. Saturday we totalled \$295.20 and Sunday \$147.00.

I am afraid that quite a few of our committee meetings were done via e-mail due to our hectic lifestyles and I am sorry that this one is also. I would like to get together next month before changeover so we can have a coffee together as a group for the last time. That would be the week of 11th - 15th May. Can you let me know ladies if/when you may be available. It can be lunch-time or after work whatever would suit.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank every-one on the committee for their involvement and especially to Janice for being my very reliable back-up.

If anyone has anything they would like to bring up please do so.

Cheers

Jill

Chairperson Finance & Fundraising Committee

...and from Jill as **TREASURER**: I would like to take this opportunity to thank every for their assistance throughout the year, especially Janice for stepping in for me when I was away, as I usually left a list with her. I would also like to thank Judy Harland who gave up her time to input data, prepare the budget report and get it off to Bob Coomber for audit.

All members renewing their membership have done so and the paperwork for Zonta International has been finalised. We were lucky enough this year to have some surplus funds in our fundraising account after our standard donations were allocated. We donated funds to the North Qld Flood Victims; Angel Flight;

Organisation, Membership & Classification

OMC members did not meet this month but the induction plans for Susan Ryden are continuing. Susan will be inducted at the dinner meeting in June and Susan will continue to attend our dinner meetings as a guest until that time.

Membership numbers for the new Zontian year is 28 which includes 1 member as Leave of Absence. Although we did farewell Jo, the Dalgleish family move away is still unsure so Jo will continue to support our Club.

I wish the incoming OMC committee success in the coming year

Cheers

Judith Harland

Chairperson OMC Committee

P R Committee

We unfortunately did not have a face to face meeting again this month. Our committee is rather small with committee members on leave of absence and resigning from the club. The committee members left are very busy people with both work and family commitments which I know all members of the Zonta Club of Roma are but we struggle to find a convenient time to meet.

There will be no guest speaker at the dinner meeting this month due to the AGM followed by the dinner meeting. We have organized for Jean Benham to speak at one of our dinner meetings but no date has been confirmed as yet. Next month we will be racking our brains for names of more guest speakers to come and speak at our dinner meetings.

The new PR Committee members will need to work on upgrading the Roma Zonta Club Web site.

That is about all PR Committee has to report for the month of April, 2009.

Leslee Sabine

Chairperson PR Committee

Zonta Dates to Remember

- ⚙ 28th April – dinner meeting
- ⚙ 16th May 2009 – Birthing Kits
- ⚙ 23rd May 2009 – Change Over
- ⚙ 12th September 2009 – Food & Fire Fest

APRIL ROSTER

Reminder – If you are unable to do your rostered task, please arrange a swap.

DUTY	ZONTIAN	DATE
Blessing	Judy Harland	28 th April
Objects	Jill Frith	28 th April
Raffle	Lesley Dillon	28 th April
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Please let Lesley Dillon know if you will not be attending the meeting on Tuesday.

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In the absence of an apology, an invoice for \$15 will be sent to non-attending members to cover the cost of their meal.



As the April Birthdays are all over:

Jill Sabine & Frankie Kimlin on the 13th and Jo Dalglish on 22nd – we trust you had lovely days girls...

I thought we could plan ahead for May

Marj Harms on 20th, Barb Ruthof on 27th and Heather Geary on 29th..