



ZONTA Club of Roma

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status of women.**

Newsletter – June 2009

District 22 Governor: Vicki Varthas

Area 4 Director: Robyn Burton-Ree

President's Report Jill Sabine

Dear Members

First of all I would like say thank you to everyone who attended Changeover. Unfortunately it clashed with the Picnic Races due to a change of date from March to May. It was, however a very enjoyable evening. The venue and the food were superb. Bruce and Mary along with the staff at the Starlight did a wonderful job. A special thank you must go to Barbara who single- handedly decorated the function room, it was magnificent.

Now, down to business, I have sent out emails to the committee chairs asking them when and where they will be holding meetings. I would like to attend at least one meeting of each committee this year. Kell has been the first cab off the rank and invited me to attend their meeting on Tuesday prior to the board meeting. Thank you Kell.

There are now a few events to add to our calendar for the coming months. First up we have a movie night on Thursday 18th of June called Angels and Demons kindly organised by Janice. I hope everyone can assist in some small way to make this a successful event.

We have been approached by the organisers of Dogs Day Out to sell drinks. The date for this is Saturday 8th of August from 10:30am to 2:30pm in the Cultural Centre Parklands. Please let Jenny know if you are available to assist. Also on the 8th of August there is an Officers and Directors workshop in Toowoomba. Some of us attended last year and found it to be very informative so I am hoping we will have some members attend again this year.

The Council has approached us to sell drinks and/or snacks for the Q150 Outdoor Film Festival on the 30th and 31st of October. This should be an entertaining weekend. We also have the Seniors Morning Tea, Food and Fire Festival as well as District Conference in Townsville, and this is the year designated for the Art Union. It seems we will have something happening each month until the end of the year so I hope everyone is ready for what could become a very busy year.

I have now obtained two quotes for a 6x4 trailer. Heather H was kind enough to drop into Miscambles Steel and Tube and get a quote from them. Their price is \$1300.00. This includes a spare wheel and Jockey wheel. The other quote was from O'Toole Rural Traders. Their price is \$875.20 and this includes the Jockey wheel. I am a little surprised at the difference in price so we will have to compare the quality of each trailer. I am investigating the cost of painting the trailer in the Zonta colours with our symbol on the sides. I will report on this as soon as I have some quotes.

Heather H has some names of prospective new members. If anyone has names they would like to put forward please let Heather know. We would like to get our numbers up again this year.

Lastly, I cannot conclude my report without mentioning that we have two ladies off on great adventures. Jenny Loughnan is off to South Africa and Vicki Beitz is off to Vietnam. We hope you have a wonderful time ladies and we will eagerly await your return so we can hear about your travels.

Look forward to seeing you at our meeting on the 23rd.

Jill Sabine

**Please let Lesley Dillon know if you will not be attending the meeting on Tuesday. 46224549.....46223122
In the absence of an apology, an invoice for \$15 will be sent to non-attending members to cover the cost of their meal.**

Finance & Fundraising Jenny Loughnan

Fin and Fun just want to remind everyone about the Movie Night on 18th June. To continue our reputation of good & plentiful tucker, even if you are unable to attend please organise a plate of food. Arrange it with a friend or contact Janice to organise a drop off point.

Organisation, Membership & Classification Heather Hall

The OMC committee for this year is made up of Lesley D, Netty, Anne, Leslee S, Barbara and Heather G. We have not yet had a formal meeting but hope to do this before the next dinner meeting.

We have several people who are interested in becoming members of our club and orientation and invitations will be forwarded to Board as soon as possible. These people are from a variety of backgrounds and this will serve to strength our club should they become members.

Part of being on the OMC committee is to provide support to existing and new members and as chair I hope we can explore new ways to achieve this outcome. Lack of support as a new member has been noted as a failing in the club and this is an important issue to address for the new club year.

If there are women in our community who you believe would like to join Zonta please forward them to members of the committee so we can formalise the process for them.

Currently we are below our target membership level and one of our goals for the year is to see an increase in our membership.

Leslee is soon to be have her second baby and we all wish you well.

Look forward to receiving prospective new members names from you all.

Heather Hall

JUNE ROSTER

DUTY	ZONTIAN	DATE
Blessing	Betty Bates	23rd June
Objects	Lesley Dillon	23rd June
Raffle	Heather G & Barbara	23rd June
MOW	Frankie Kimlin	24th June

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

Zonta Dates to Remember

23rd June– dinner meeting

30th June 2009 Early Bird Fee for Conference ends

8th August - Dog's Day Out

12th September 2009 – Food & Fire Fest

25th September 2009 District 22 Conference - Townsville



Just mentioning the June Birthdays again:

Susie Ferrier on 12th June and Heather Mawn on the 26th

And July it's: Leslee Sabine - I guess she will celebrate with a new baby..

Status of Women & Service Vicki Beitz

As Vicki Beitz is away, I had our meeting at my place on Monday 8th – unfortunately only one of our committee was able to attend. However, Frankie will talk to the Council about using the same venue as last year (i.e. room at back of Arts Centre) for the Seniors morning tea. She will ask them what is on around the town in August and decide on a date towards the end of August if it is suitable. I will ring Elvie Cormack about playing some music (maybe a sing-a-long) on the day. That is about all we discussed over a wine or two!!

Heather Mawn

P R Committee Kell Freeman

Our first column for PR 2009/10 will be used to introduce ourselves, and flag a couple of ideas we have for the coming year. Denise Martin, is a past PR Chair and I look forward to her guidance and support as PR's Second in Charge. Committee members are Jill Baker, Kerri Hacker, Marj Harms and Suzie Ferrier who is also the Meals on Wheels Roster Convener. With half our committee living 45 minutes or more out of Roma, we have 'gotten together' via email this month, with a quick face to face meeting to finalise arrangements.

Please advise changes in your contact details to Kerri Hacker and Kerri will update the Membership Register and redistribute.

You will soon receive a Calendar for the 2009/10 Zonta Year which will have details of your meeting responsibilities such as Zonta Blessing and raffle. If you're unable to do so on the nominated date, please arrange to swap with someone.

In addition to promoting the work Zonta does in the community, we propose to raise the profile of Zonta International projects within our club. Our new Roma Zonta UN Representative, Stelarose Owens, has agreed to research and present some of these at meetings later in the year. We will also keep an eye on the 'What's New' column on District 22, Area 4 Website so we can keep members updated. At the moment we're helping Fin and Fun promote the Angels & Demons Movie Evening, Thursday 18 June.

If anyone has any ideas, or photos for PR, please tell us. For now, welcome to the PR committee and best wishes to your committees in the coming year.

Kell Freeman