



ZONTA Club of Roma

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Zonta International is a worldwide service organization of executives in business and the professions working together to advance the status of women.

Newsletter – July2009

District 22 Governor: Vicki Varthas

Area 4 Director: Robyn Burton-Ree

President's Report Jill Sabine

Dear Members

I thought I was so organised this month that I even tried to schedule our board meeting for the first Tuesday of the month. July will enable us to catch our breaths a little and prepare for the rest of the years activities.

After much debate we have settled a couple of matters. Firstly we are now the proud owners of a brand new box trailer. Secondly, it was decided at the last meeting to proceed with the Zonta Ladies Race Day and we have a very experienced, capable committee organizing this event.

I must comment on the very thought provoking talk that Jean Benham gave at our last dinner meeting. I think everyone would agree it is a much specialized area and a lot of work needs to be done to help the indigenous communities to better their education and health. I commend Jean for the work she is doing.

Ann, Scott and I had the pleasure of attending the Lions Changeover on the 4th of July. It was a very enjoyable night. It gave me some insight into how another club celebrates the event. It led me to ponder some small changes that we could possibly integrate into our club. I will mention this at a later date. Unfortunately I will be unable to attend the Rotary Changeover on the 18th, but I hope we will have representation from Zonta attend on the evening.

I sent an email to everyone to let you know that Loins are having a BBQ to thank everyone who helped out for their conference last year. If you are interested in attending please let Chris Beling know for catering purposes. It is the Sunday following Dog's Day Out and will be at Lions Park from 12 noon.

Jenny has organized our Art Union and has secured seven nights at the Seaview Resort, Mooloolaba. We can commence selling tickets immediately and with the up coming events we should sell a significant number between now and Christmas. It will be drawn at the Christmas Street Party on the 3rd of December. Everyone, please take a book or two of tickets to sell to family and friends.

I have read through all the surveys and it seems that the majority are keen to have our Christmas party in late November early December. The Christmas party has been in lieu of our December meeting.

The changeover resulted in mixed and varied comments so I will inquire what other clubs do when I attend the workshop in Toowoomba in August.

I would like to say welcome back to Vicki Beitz after her trip to Vietnam and say au revoir to Jenny who is off at the end of the month to South Africa.

Jill Sabine

JULY ROSTER

| DUTY | ZONTIAN | DATE |
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| Blessing | Heather Mawn | 28th July |
| Objects | Netty Jensen | 28th July |
| Raffle | Sally F/Judy Harland | 28th July |
| MOW | Jill Frith | 22nd July |

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



Our August Birthdays are:
Betty Bates on 4th, Ann Leahy on 8th
and Vicki Holberton on 16th..
Many Happy Returns to you all.

Status of Women & Service Vicki Beitz

Our group met on the 7th and Seniors Morning Tea is the only thing on our Agenda at the moment. It will be at the Roma Community Arts Centre and the poster will go out with this newsletter. Do your bit to spread the word - bring your mother or ask a neighbour. Zontians please arrive about 8:30, with a plate in hand!

Vicki

Dogs Day Out
Sat. 8th August
10.30am - 2.30pm
Cultural Centre
Parklands

Ladies it seems lots of things on this day for Zontians so I need to know if anyone is available to help. So far it is just me and if this is the case we may have to call it off. If you can help let me know soonest by email ...dm

**Please let Jill Sabine know if you will not be attending the meeting on Tuesday. 46226433.....46227166
In the absence of an apology, an invoice for \$15 will be sent to non-attending members to cover the cost of their meal.**

Organisation, Membership & Classification

Heather Hall

Our first formal meeting was held on Wed 8th of July

Several new prospective members were discussed with each member of OMC to contact one of these people and ascertain their interest in joining Zonta. Currently we have 26 members with several on leave of absence. We have planned around increasing this to approx 30 by the end of this year with a view to reaching the number we had in early 2008. Could all members give us feedback on our recruitment drive and bring names of people who they feel maybe interested in joining. Any Zonta club is only as strong as the individual members and this strength is what keeps the club going. We would like to see the club achieve one of the OMC programme goals of having a total net gain in membership each year hence the reason behind our discussions.

We re-visited the OMC directory and will find this very useful in mentoring new and existing members. Reasons why members leave was discussed and strategies to prevent this are to be introduced including a mentoring/ buddy system, more informal contact for members with opportunities to have fun together without having to structure this around a fund raising event.

The core business of Zonta is to be highlighted with the international view to be a very important consideration.

The HON ZON dinner and Christmas party dates are to be decided so that members can make plans around these two events.

Leslee Sabine will be away for some weeks now awaiting the birth of her second baby due later this month. Leslee, we wish you and Ross all the best and look forward to you bringing our newest Zonta baby to a meeting for us to meet.

Heather Hall

P R Committee

Kell Freeman

The PR committee has had a busy month. Denise sent out the 2009/10 calendar which now runs from June to align with Zonta changeover. Please note when you have meeting duties and arrange to swap with someone if you're unable to fulfil. **CHANGE: September meeting - 22nd**

Kerri has updated and passed out the Membership Register. Please advise any changes in your contact details throughout the year to Kerri. **CHANGE: Take out Vicki Beitz' work telephone number.**

Jean Benham spoke at the June meeting on the work she's doing in the aboriginal community at Charleville, discussing some of the difficulties in both providing and accessing health services. Jean explained her approach of CARES - Community, Access, Respect, Empathy and Support. How to help? Jean encouraged us to develop our awareness and understanding of the issues.

In line with our aim to raise the profile of Zonta International projects in the club, at this month's meeting Denise will introduce some, and explain the difference between Z and B projects. Marj will check the 'What's New' column on District 22, Area 4 Website and advise if there's anything of interest.

Denise has sent out an email explaining how to register on the website, you need your membership number which you'll find on the address page with your Zontian Magazine which came recently.

Congratulations to the F&F committee for a great night at the movies.

Kell Freeman

Finance & Fundraising

Jenny Loughnan

The Fin and Fun ladies finally managed to meet face to face, had a very useful meeting and good chat.... all part of the mentoring and enrichment program!!

Discussion was held on the following items which I am sure you are all aware of but please note in your diaries.

We have **Dogs Day** out 8th August: Denise has put her hand up to coordinate this, but will need a couple of helpers.

Food and Fire Festival 12th September: Should only require soft drinks. As I will be away until early Sept I shall need a coordinator to be the contact "just in case person".

Zonta Race Day 17th October: The Race Committee has met and have lots of avenues to follow. Please put your hand up to assist if at all possible. I am sure we will be informed of our role well before the day.

Please keep in the back of your minds **Q150** Movie Nights on 30th and 31st October; **Roma Cup** Fashion on the Field November (4 volunteers); **Christmas Street Party** 1st Thursday in December

There are also the **Art Union** tickets. Jill Baker And Sea View Resort gave us 7 nights in a 2 bedroom apartment. We will be selling tickets at each of these functions as well as to our friends, enemies and others besides. I have permission from council for selling tickets and will pass around a volunteer sheet at the meeting, but of course if you are not there and would LOVE to help, please contact me. I will be giving each member their own book to sell, those not at the meeting I shall post.

And last but by no means least we are now the proud owners of a steel grey box trailer. This will be used to transport softdrink, the "borrow" trough from Lions, our Tent and anything else our little hearts desire. As Denise said a few years ago, every girl needs her own trailer!!

Yes we are going to be busy but many hands make light work and think of the good we are doing both in our own community and for hopefully women worldwide.

If anyone has problems or questions re any of these functions please email or ring and I will try to assist (if I am not being eaten by a lion; I will be out of circulation for August).

Jenny