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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Dear Zontians

How fast is this year moving, End of Financial Year has been and gone, but COVID-19 is still here reminding us all not to become complacent.

With the first ever election held by electronic means, the process was not complicated and was easy to complete I was happy to say I was a part of it, with only one runoff vote to be done for vice president the process was relatively seamless. With the Election Results being posted we now say good by to our 2018-2020 President Suzanne von Bassewitz and her board and welcome the new biennium President, [Sharon Langenbeck](#) and her new Board and we are looking forward to the working with them and their Biennium goals. Special mention should go to Souella Cumming of District 16 New Zealand for her election as an International Director and Sharyl Scott of District 24 ACT & NSW for her election as a Member of the International Nominating committee. Nice to see some

ANZAC spirit in the International Board.

I wish to say thank you to those ladies who can make the last-minute planning morning tea on Sunday at the information Centre @9.30am, and I apologise for the lateness in its planning. This EOFY has been a doozy taking my much-needed spare time away. I look forward to setting the next years events in motion, albeit with some adjustments most probably made with the event of COVID-19 restrictions playing some part.

On Saturday Morning @ 7am AEST our new District Governor – Bridget Mather will be sworn in via Zoom, we look forward to working with the new District 22 team for the 2020-2022 biennium. Thanks to Sandy Venn-Brown and her team for their guidance and leadership of the past biennium, Steve has been helping her count day the days to the end of her term.

We must congratulate our club being one of only five clubs in District 22 with our Zonta International Biennium Membership Achievement recognition award for membership growth of more than 30%. Thank you to the Membership Committees over this time for their great work, and to our newest members for joining us in Zonta Fellowship.

Look forward to seeing you all very soon.

Yours in Zonta

Late local news... although the Show has been cancelled there is still going to be a Garden Competition. Entries close: 11th Sept Judged: 14th. Entry forms at your favourite nursery.

DATE CLAIMERS

15th July 2020

Election results
from Convention

18th July 2020

Installation of new International
Board

Sunday 19th July

Planning Day at Info Centre
9.30 am

Tuesday 21st July

Board/General Meeting
RSL at 5.00/6.00 pm

Thursday 30th July

Everyday's



Tough times never last but tough people do.

Robert S. Schiuller

*Next Dinner Meeting
Tuesday 21st July 2020*

at

Beaudesert R.S.L at 6:30 pm

Committees will meet at 6:00 pm

Board will meet at 5.00 pm



We are still ordering and paying for our meals at the Bistro and now the upstairs bar is open.

While things are still a bit uncertain we are to let **Pam** know that we are attending.

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

Remember we now are paying the \$5 in our fees so we no longer pay at the meeting.



Thursday, 30th July is the date you can put in your diary for our ever-popular coffee date. It will be at Everyday's again and I'll let you know if we need numbers or whether we will just turn up if we can.

DISTRICT 22 NEW BOARD

DISTRICT GOVERNOR –

BRIDGET MATHER zontad22governor@gmail.com



Bridget joined the Zonta Club of Mackay in 1996 and has served on the Club's board in a range of positions.

She is a member of the Zonta E-Club of Queensland.

Bridget brings a wide range of skills and experience to the role of District Governor in management, an MBA, and strong understanding of governance, strategic planning, and change management. She was Area 5 Director for the 2016-2018 biennium and Lieutenant Governor and District Membership Chairman for the 2018-2020 biennium.

AREA 3 DIRECTOR – JO DIESEL zontad22area3director@gmail.com

Jo is a member of the Zonta Club of East Brisbane



The new District 22 Board is now in office and you should check them all out on the D22 webpage.

<http://www.zontadistrict22.org/who-we-are/district-22-board/>

Also all of the District committee chairmen, which includes Michelle as YWPA chairman.

<http://www.zontadistrict22.org/who-we-are/district-22-committees/>

The election results were published today and we sadly note that some of our Australian nominees were not successful. Check out the our new ZI Board.

https://www.zonta.org/Web/My_Zonta/Tools/Membership_Tools/Elections_and_Voting

NEW INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS post CONFERENCE

ADOLESCENT GIRL'S HEALTH & PROTECTION IN PERU

DELIVERING SURVIVOR-CENTRED, GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN & GIRLS IN PNG & EAST TIMOR

Plus continuing with: LET US LEARN MADAGASGAR & ENDING CHILD MARRIAGE IN VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

District 22 Governor:

Bridget Mather

District 22 Website:

<http://www.zontadistrict22.org>

Area 3 Director:

Jo Diessel

Member's Biographies: This month it is Joan Gray, a member for 32 years.



I was born at Esk in the Brisbane Valley and grew up on a farm in the small district of Bryden. My two brothers, my sister and I attended the little one teacher school where we made up about a quarter of the pupils. As there was no secondary school near Bryden I went to board at Ipswich Girls Grammar for four years and I still have lunch occasionally with some of those "girls". After Senior I went to UQ and then Kelvin Grove Teachers College.

My first teaching appointment was at Mitchell west of Roma—an eye opener for someone who had not been west of Toowoomba. After that I was transferred to Wandoan where I met my future husband, John, who was working for Elders. We married in 1965 and having done "country service" with the Education Department, I then did country service with Elders; Gympie, Goondiwindi, Injune, Wandoan, Chinchilla, and Nambour. We enjoyed those small country towns and they were a great place to bring up our three children - Scott, Michael and Catherine. I really appreciate what they have achieved and the way they support me. I am now delighted to have seven grandchildren who are a joy.

When the children were all at school I returned to teaching full time at Maroochydore High for nine years until we moved to Beaudesert in 1984. I taught at BSHS until I retired in 2000 after a serious illness.

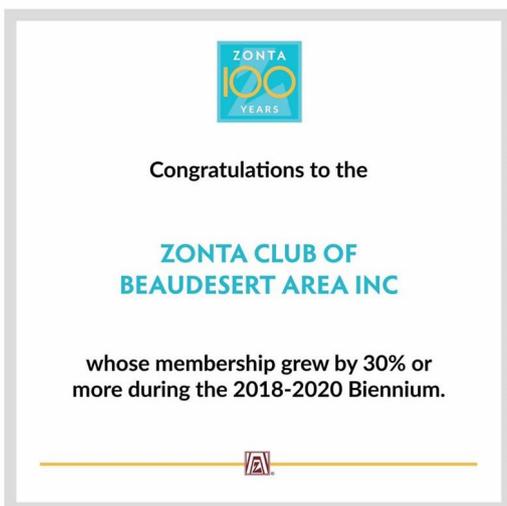
I have always been a very keen reader and my other interests are gardening and, to a lesser extent these days, sewing and quilting. Having joined U3A, I enjoy a number of their activities including Nordic walking to try and keep fit.

In 1988 I was a charter member of the newly formed Zonta Club and have held various positions including President and numerous terms as Treasurer. Through Zonta I have met many friends and have really enjoyed working on the various projects supporting the great work that Zonta does. I am not as involved now as I was in earlier days but I really appreciate belonging to the club and am delighted that it has so many great members and continues to grow. I think it plays an important role in the community.

John was diagnosed with Parkinson's in 2005 but before his health deteriorated we were able to have a number of great overseas trips.

My greatest challenge has been caring for John as his condition worsened. Being a carer is certainly demanding and exhausting. The support of some Zonta members was very much appreciated. Eventually he went to Wongaburra for a few months and died in November 2017.

And so, after 52 years of marriage here I am learning how to make my own way in the world.



↑ For those of you who don't have fb, this is from Anne B as A3 Director.



August has two of our group's birthdays

Jane Blunck on 15th

Robin Powell on 20th

Many happy returns to you both