



December Newsletter, 2016

President's Note:

Dear Members

Wow, the end of the year is looming and a great year I think it has been for our Club. In the era of changing society attitudes to Club membership and the waning participation of baby boomers who embraced this type of activity so well, our Club like many others has challenges to address. We have made lots of progress though in increasing our external visibility through updating our website and newsletters, through our advocacy activity, and in diversity in our fund raising. Not all our endeavours have resulted in accumulation of funds; however, this must be weighed up against the value of the fellowship and our other key objective in advocating for women and girls where we have been very successful. In the new year, addressing membership will be a priority linked in with our service and advocacy objectives.

This last month has been particularly busy. So many thanks go to our membership who support our advocacy ideas and to those who could be available hands on to see them through visiting shopping centres and posting notices in public places; to those who endure unreal conditions at sausage sizzles and sew breast cushions; to those who donate and deliver craft wool, material and little luxuries for resident of recovery centres and refuges; and to those who read numerous applications for awards and must choose between so many worthy applicants.

I send you all my very best wishes for this festive season and for 2017. For those travelling keep safe and for all take time to relax and be happy. I look forward to next year.



Regards
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December Dinner Meeting: Monday 12th December, 6.30pm for 7.00pm **Cost:** \$47.50

NB: Please advise Jenny Grant-Taylor by 9.00am Friday before if you are unable to attend. 335 335 91 or jgrant-t2@bigpond.com. Hon Zons invited, advise Jenny of attendance.

Diary Dates 2017:

Dinner meeting: 12th February

Board meeting: 25th January

Movie Night: March

04/03/17- Area 1 and 3 Combined Meeting

07-08/03/17-International Women's Day

10/09/17- District 22 Conference

December 2016 Dinner Meeting

DIY hamper raffle prize



Don't forget to bring along a contribution to our DIY hamper for the raffle prize. Just a simple inexpensive item you can collect when supermarket shopping. Ask if you would eat or use it yourself as the judge of suitability. I have an offer of wine and there is a bottle of champagne for a second draw prize so please, no more alcohol. There will be a special container when you check in for dinner to collect the goodies.

Pamper packs



Another reminder, please bring your contributions to the pamper packs for Chisholm to the December dinner meeting. Margaret circulated the list at the last dinner meeting; contact Margaret for further info. Also any good quality handbags you no longer require would be greatly appreciated by Chisholm for their clients escaping domestic violence with no possessions so bring them along.

Fund raising

- Plans are underway for a Movie Night next March and action will begin in earnest early in the new year.
- Our sausage sizzlers endured another hot summer day yesterday at Bunnings and thanks go to our Zontian and Hon Zon helpers. We wait to hear about rosters for next year.
- We have some clothes left from the secondhand sale and it is suggested we look to a winter sale next. Any suggestion of suitable sale venues are welcome.

Breast cushions



Anne has delivered the last of our breast cushions this month. She has gathered more materials to re-stock and a stack of cut-outs will be sewn up over the break ready for assembly in the new year. Consider volunteering when Anne circulates the date for their assembly as it is a great chance for informal chat and relaxation.

Club advancement awards



The Awards Committee has undertaken yet another challenging task to come up with recommendations of 4 young women for our advancement grant and awards. The field was competitive and it was recommended and agreed for our Club award that 2 applicants share the award. These will be presented at our February dinner meeting where we will also have our Area Director, Lyn Agnew as a guest.

International Women's Day, 2017

The UN International Women's Day Breakfast in Brisbane will be held at the Brisbane Convention Centre on 10 March, 7-9am. Early bird tickets cost \$80 and sales close on 22 February 2017. If members wish to make a joint booking and make up a table, I need to know ASAP, and will need to get guaranteed payments to avoid no shows or no pays.

Zonta Says No Campaign



The Campaign is still under way until the 10th December. Members together with Lyn Agnew, our Area Director, had a busy and successful few days at the Indooroopilly and Kenmore Village shopping centres with handouts and our orange lady and child. Read Vicki's email summary keeping all up to date. A big thank you for the great effort from all involved (See photos below). Bonuses were past members who visited the displays and some interest from potential new members.

Ros Kinder is circulating statement sheets on each of the 16 days of activism with brief local data on aspects of domestic violence and women. Be sure to read these as they are very informative.

ZI and D22 news

The websites and Facebook pages are filled with news of activity for the Zonta Says No Campaign at present. Make sure you check them out and be inspired by the creativity and effort of fellow Zontians and be inspired for activity and collaboration in 2017.

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