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***NEWSLETTER –DECEMBER 2011***

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

International Women’s Day Breakfast Thursday 8th March 2012

DINNER MEETING DETAILS

Tweed Heads Sports Club at 4 Minjungbal Drive, Tweed Heads South,

In the The Secret Garden room on **Monday night 16th January**

**6-30, FELLOWSHIP DINNER 7PM**

**COST $20-00**

**APOLOGIES to MARIE-ELISE *By SUNDAY 15th January***

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**Or** text 0412 632 304.

FAILURE TO DO SO MEANS YOU WILL BE CHARGED FOR DINNER

***THOUGHT OF THE MONTH***

[**Christmas gift suggestions: *To your enemy, forgiveness. To an opponent, tolerance. To a friend, your heart. To a customer, service. To all, charity. To every child, a good example. To yourself, respect.***](http://www.christmas-quotes.org/quote/10)

[Oren Arnold](http://www.christmas-quotes.org/author/Oren_Arnold)

**Advancing the Status of Women World Wide**

***Zonta Club of Southern Gold Coast Tweed***

**PRESIDENTS REPORT DECEMBER, 2011.**

This year has certainly flown. Christmas is but a heartbeat away. Preparations are underway for celebrating the season with friends and family. Our Zonta family, are thinking of 2012, what to do to fundraise and how to keep up the momentum. All too soon March is not far away and our club will celebrate its 20th International Women’s Day. We plan on making this a breakfast to remember. I would remind members that we are but a small club in comparison to our sister Zonta Clubs, just 12 members to make 2012 the best yet. Lesley has sent out the jobs list, she will be waiting to hear from you and how that you can help. Remember to google or look up our guest speaker…Robyn Hendersen, a brief profile will be on the invitations, these are on their way to the printer.

My thanks to Susie and Marie-Elise for representing Zonta at the World Aids Day stand on Dec. 1st. This was at the Tweed Hospital Foyer and passersby also made financial contributions to our projects. The Nurse Unit Manager of Maternity John Flynn Hospital, Gaylene, will be donating funds to our Birthing Kit Project on behalf of Ramsay Health. It is certainly wonderful to have contributions coming in. It makes all the publicity and letter writing extremely worthwhile.

Members enjoyed “Bad Year for Tomatoes” at the Tugun Little Theatre, this was also our Christmas Party my thanks to those who were able to share the night. Certainly “Keep it in Your Knickers” was a great read and we all enjoyed meeting Judi Sanders author and guest speaker at our November dinner meeting. My apologies, I asked for volunteers to help out this past Sunday, packing hampers for the Gold Coast Basket Brigade, due to a back injury I was unable to make it. I am scheduled for cortisone injections on Friday; I hope to be back on my feet before Christmas.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all Zontians a wonderful Christmas, a Happy and Healthy New Year. Your board members have some new projects in mind for next year; we hope to make 2012 as rewarding and “giving” as possible.

Please remember the reason for the season…my heartfelt thanks to all members, for all your contributions and help over the past year.

Kaye Lollback

President,

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 **NOVEMBER MONTHLY REPORT FROM**

**Marie-Elise Allen,
Director, United Nations. Organisation, Membership & Classification
Zonta Club Southern Gold Coast/Tweed**

Thursday 1 December, 2011

**Action taken during the month of November 2011:**

The following tasks have been completed since the last Board Meeting.

1. November 5th, I attended the Jean hailes Health Expo with Kaye and Lesley-Anne. It was a great day. Made connections which may result in more members, as well as some of those visiting our stand willing to be Guest Speakers at our dinner meeting. For me the highlight of the day was certainly meetin Dr Rosie King, who thoroughly entertained us with a most memorable presentation.

2. Thursday 17th November, I attended the Tweed Shire Womens Service Annual General meeting as a representative from ZONTA. Reading through the Annual Report one can only be in awe of the number women and children who enter into their crisis accomodation centre seeking safety. 51 women, 44 girls and 29 boys were assisted in the past year.

###### 3. Friday 18th November I attended the Bond University Health Science and Medicine Student's Association brunch. Kaye gave a great presentation informing attendees about Zonta projects both locally and overseas, and how Zonta is committed to

* Helping women overcome gender barriers to educational and professional advancement,
* Ensuring that women and children have access to affordable, life-saving health care,
* Providing opportunities for women to earn higher wages and achieve economic independence, and
* Striving to end violence against women while helping survivors of violence rebuild their lives.

######  Judging by the looks on some of males faces, she had their attention.

######  I gave a short mention of membership, asked for the students to visit our facebook page and was approached by a couple of students after the event to assist with the promotion of an awareness day planned for 6th february, 2012 on Female Genital Mutilation. As a Zontian, this is something I am looking forward to being part of. The film Desert Flower, will definately be on the agenda around this time.

###### 4. I also went to see the premiere of Yogawoman at Byron Bay. This was an awesome documentary put together by a woman ( and her husband) about female yoga instructors amd how they changed the face of what it means to do Yoga. very inspirational women, all of them.

###### 5. The Zonta Christmas Party at Tugun Playhouse where "A Bad Year for Tomatoes" was staged, was an entertaining night. It was lovely to have Judi Sanders join us for the evening

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**Membership:**

Judi Sanders who was our guest speaker at the November is interested in joining our club and Ann McKenzie from Bray Park in Murwillumbah, is also looking to become a member in the New Year

**Fundraising:**

I attended Tweed Hospital on World AIDS day and raised $130 from the sale of red ribbons, badges, tea towels, drink bottles and shoping bags. Thanks to Susie Dunn, who organised the table and all the World AIDS Day goodies that were available.

All eyes and energy and hands are now focussed on International Women's Day for 2012.

Marie-Elise Allen

Membership Chair