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Annette Lovering 8 December
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President's Report January 2025

2024 has gone and we started 2025 with our planning day deciding what we will spend the money we made during the past year. It was a profitable year and everyone worked extremely hard to achieve these results. I would like to say thank you to everyone for the hours they dedicated to Zonta. I would also like to thank their family and friends who also helped us during 2024.

As you all know Lynda Galway now belongs to the club of Qld and I am sure you will all agree she went above and beyond in all her efforts for our club in her role as Treasurer, Co Advocacy chair, Web master, Facebook and especially organising the Women's Wellbeing

Expo. We will miss her passion for everything she did.

I received an email from Zonta International relating to District and Club Affiliation Agreements. Our club should soon be receiving a District Affiliation Agreement form that we have to return to ZI Headquarters. I don't recall our club receiving this form before but when it arrives I will inform our club members.

Each month Zonta international sends us a Zonta-related email so our club can show our Zonta Spirit. I am not sure if anyone has noticed the one I have been sending this month. I didn't send it with every email but if I had an email to send to people than club members I would include it. Here is what it says:- It's related to Amelia Earhart month

From geologists to astronauts, our Amelia Earhart Fellows are changing the world. This January, we invite you to join Zonta International as we 'Take Space' for Amelia Earhart Month. Learn more about our Fellowship that expands the horizons for women pursuing Ph.D./doctoral degrees in aerospace engineering and space sciences at: www.zonta.org/AEFellowship

On 14th January Carole Tomvald, Sue Droughton, Patricia Clunes, Glenda Moor and I had a meeting at Sue's home with our Auditor Jennifer Thompson. This meeting was to clarify some details relating to how we record any money or tyro payments we receive from members or others. Lynda gave us a sample of what she thought we should have and Jennifer simplified it a little. I will bring a sample of the finished forms to the dinner meeting. We are also required to have a receipt book to give a copy of the receipt to anyone who pays in cash.

Also the dinner meeting cash and tyro figure needs to be reconciled each month to show if we had a shortfall with the money received for dinner meetings or if we paid for guest speakers dinner\\$. Jennifer has given us a booklet for our Club that she has designed. It is called Financial Management and Internal Control Guidelines. It is only a generic booklet at the moment but our club can add or delete information so that it relates to our club.

Each member of the board will look at it and add their comments and then we will bring it back to the club. This may take a couple of months.

Dates to remember for January -08 March

- 1-31 January: Amelia Earhart Month
- 8 January: [CSW69/Beijing+30 Conversation Circle](#)
- 11 January: Amelia Earhart Day
- 12 January: [Zonta Says NOW Intercontinental Think Tank](#)
- 15 January: [CSW69/Beijing+30 Conversation Circle](#)
- 16 January: [Aerospace Advancements in Your Daily Life Webinar](#)
- 16 January: [New Member Orientation](#)
- 20 January: Zonta International Headquarters closed in observation of Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- 22 January: [CSW69/Beijing+30 Conversation Circle](#)
- 24 January: International Day of Education
- 26 January: [Zonta USA Think Tank Presentation: Achieving Gender Equality](#)
- 29 January: [CSW69/Beijing+30 Conversation Circle](#)
- 5 February: [CSW69/Beijing+30 Conversation Circle](#)
- 11 February: International Day of Women and Girls in Science
- 12 February: [CSW69/Beijing+30 Conversation Circle](#)
- 17 February: Zonta International Headquarters closed in observation of President's Day
- 19 February: [CSW69/Beijing+30 Conversation Circle](#)
- 20 February: World Day of Social Justice
- 8 March: International Women's Day and Zonta Rose Day

Regards,

Pam Berkett President



MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Prospective Members

Our club has been contacted by three ladies who are interested in joining our club. I have contacted all three and let them know when our January meeting will be. Two were contacts from gift wrapping and one made an enquiry via Facebook.

Their names are Jenny Fletcher, Deborah Holland and Kerrie Myers.

Club Health Assessment Form

I have received some Health Assessment forms back from members. If you have not emailed or given me your form could you get them to me by our January meeting if possible.

Twinning Club

Our club used to have a twinning club a few years back and it was a Zonta Club in New Zealand. Our club used to send our newsletter to them, and they sent theirs to us. It was great to hear how other clubs were going and what they were doing. I will inquire with our Area Director as to how we go about doing this again. It can be a club in any part of the world.

Membership Chair and Committee



SERVICE COMMITTEE REPORT

January 2025

Thank you to all members for entrusting me to be the Chair of the Service Committee for another year, it is truly an honour to be Chair of such an important Committee.

Our last Committee meeting was held in November 2024.

At this meeting our 2025 budget was finalised with decisions to drop some old projects, but more importantly to embrace new projects.

The new projects are Back to School, an initiative by Ali Heeps from Richardson & Wrench, the Courageous Girls Club and the Caboolture Hospital DV program run by Hannah Knowlman.

I am presently following up the yearly support that we give to the Alola Timor Leste and the Coral Sea Foundation, as we seem to have lost contact with these organisations.

I am also extremely pleased that our club has the funds available to continue with our very important projects.

Of course, this is largely thanks to the Events Committee for organising very successful fund raising events, especially Christmas gift wrapping. A special thank you to Patricia and her team for their commitment for the hard work and long hours for raising so much money at gift wrapping.

At October's dinner meeting the club passed a motion that we would in future, collaborate with Sister Veronica from St. Michaels re our yearly project of packing Birthing Kits.

We will still pay our contribution for the kits, but Sister Veronica will coordinate the delivery, pick up and packing of the kits. Fortunately, she has a younger and larger team to be on hand for the hard work.

Our packing day for 2025 is Saturday the 23rd of August, with a prepack still to be confirmed, but it will probably be Thursday the 21st.

Sue Droughton
Chairman
Service Committee



EVENTS COMMITTEE REPORT

Thank you to everyone for your help at the recent Gift Wrapping Campaign. I was getting desperate with the last week looming and only a handful of members and a few volunteers were able to help however it all came together in the end. The Gift Wrapping Totals for us were \$13303.40 (cash) and \$6761.50 (tyro)

BBQ – 16 February Roster has been sent to everyone. Who is able to help?

IWD – North's Leagues Club has been booked for our IWD lunch on Friday 7 March. Karen and Patricia to meet with Nick at the venue re menu, table decorations etc. Guest Speaker is Katherine Grigg (a young engineer)

Instead of gift bags this year we will have a little hessian bag with chocolates at everyone's place setting.

Annette to source the Sunflower Farm at Wamuran for our table decorations.

Pam to source the cost of Hessian and chocolate hearts.

Deb to source the ribbon.

Kathy will be the MC.

4-5 Trade tables required. 2 are confirmed (Jewellery and Candles), 1 other is a possibility and sourcing others. Do you know anyone who makes handmade soaps?

FASHION PARADE – The hall is unavailable for the fashion parade this year due to it being fitted with air-conditioning!!!.

Annette to see if Burpengary Hall is available and if not, which other halls would be suitable.

As it is difficult to find a place that would like to do the parade we thought we would try entertainment ie Bayside Divas, Elvis impersonator, etc Pina Colada Fashions at Burpengary/Bribie Island was suggested as a possibility.

Next Meeting Sunday 9 February at Deb's home.

Patricia Clunes
Events Chairman

ADVOCACY REPORT

December saw a continuation of the advocacy work from November. As part of the 16 Days of Activism, members manned the Advocacy Stall outside Best and Less, Morayfield Shopping Centre on Saturday, 30 November and Sunday 1 December. This was a valuable opportunity to engage with members of our local community and gauge the interest and appreciation for the work Zonta continues to do locally, Australia wide and internationally. Members of the public approached me during my shift to tell me of their appreciation for the work of Zonta, particularly in the awareness against Domestic Violence.

Special wishes go out to Cecil as she continues to recover, all the while, maintaining her commitment to the varied roles she delivers, both in Advocacy and other committees in our club.

The work from the Women and Girls' Wellbeing Expo, the 16 Days of Activism (including the Walk Against Violence and the Orange silhouette displays), along with the Advocacy Stall at Morayfield Shopping Centre continue to strengthen our club's profile within the Caboolture region.

Our First Advocacy meeting for the year was held by Zoom on Thursday 16 January 2025. The committee has finalized the Advocacy Budget for 2025 and discussed the ongoing projects for further deliberation and approval at the Planning Meeting. The Committee hopes to give additional focus to the rollout of toilet signage, collaboration with local Gyms during DV awareness month in May and a follow up of the Zonta commitment to end Child Marriage and forced Marriage in Australia.

An appropriate date for the February Advocacy meeting will be organized at the January Dinner meeting.

Susan Lepper
Advocacy Chair

CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS REPORT

No Report.

Cecil Nielson,
Chairman Constitution/Bylaws Committee

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Pam Termont Schenk, Lawrence Edezinma, Patricia Clunes

The nominating committee would like to say that we will be having our AGM in April and we will have Board Elections this year as well. So please consider taking up the opportunity.

This is what the procedure says needs to be done in January.

DATE CLAIMERS:

BBQ - SUNDAY 16 February Are you available to help in any of the time slots?

SATURDAY 12 APRIL. Are you available to help in any of the time slots?

MEMBERS OUT AND ABOUT in NOVEMBER - DECEMBER - JANUARY.

Karen Whalan and
Lyn Howells
delivered 20 Breast
Cushions and 10
Seat Belt Buddies to
Meghan and Amy at
the Caboolture
Hospital.

