



# NEWS

Zonta Club of Caboolture Inc  
Charter Date: August 3, 1993  
District 22 ... Area 1  
Club Number 1428

**JUNE 2012**

President: Patricia Clunes 07 5498 6066  
Treasurer: Pam Berkett 07 5498 5556  
Secretary: Glenda Moor - 3385 6160  
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We are charged for 20 meals regardless of how many attend our dinner meetings

Treasurer, Pam B

## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Thank you to those who managed the BBQ stand at Bunning's last Monday and the Charity Day Stand earlier in the month with some doing double shifts. Remember .... many hands make light work.

I hope all our members are keeping well and avoiding the flu like symptoms.

President Patricia

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR THE TREASURER!!!

Treasurer's report should have been received by now.

The cost per member for our dinner meetings is \$30. The club charges us \$25 per meal with the other \$5.00 being for club expenses ie guest speakers dinner, guest speakers gift, stamps etc

**If you miss a meeting** regardless of apology, you need to pay \$5.00 at the next meeting you attend.

If you are unable to attend a meeting please give Patricia a telephone call on 5498 6066 or 0410 617 825. If she doesn't hear from you by midday Monday PRIOR to the meeting she will presume that you are attending. If you then unable to attend after this time you will be liable for the cost of the meal - \$30.00.



Anne Teale 17 July  
Pam Termont-Schenk - 22 July  
Hope you both have a great birthday.

## THE BOARD BLOG

From the Board Meeting - 11 June

- Re grants we can apply for - if members agree it was suggested that we apply for a grant on behalf of Knitting 4 Brisbane's Needy. We would apply for the grant as 'sponsors' as they are not incorporated and we would manage the funds. The particular items that could be required are *petrol reimbursement* (Karen and Peter - both pensioners are the 'owners' of the group and drive from here to Hervey Bay, Proston, Taroom, Toowoomba, Gold Coast, Sunshine Coast, Ipswich etc collecting donations from various members/groups/organizations they then distribute to those in need. **Closing date is 31 July.**
- Toiletry Bags - Trudy Cooper (who was with Post Separation Group) and now with Uniting Care Community Indigenous Program Coordinator has contacted us

to see if we could give the organization she is managing some toiletry bags like we gave her for the post separation group. It was suggested that all toiletry bags be given to Gayle Torrens and others contact her when they require some.

(Some board members agreed with this idea but other felt that giving direct to the organization requiring them was a better idea)

- Estrella - Moreton Bay Regional Domestic Violence Service (Caboolture) Coordinator has requested personal care packs. We did supply these to Estrella a few years ago and then they weren't required.

Items she would like are *personal soap, shampoo/conditioner, comb or small brush, toothbrush/paste, sanitary products, hand cream/moisturiser, face towel or similar, deodorant (small), emery board (not nail files. No razors or anything sharp.*

- Dragons Abreast Bribie Island are having a function on Friday 27 July to raise funds for the L-Dex machine. Patricia and Sara have indicated that they will attend. Is anyone else interested?
- Letter has been sent to Minister for Health (Federal and State), local politicians and Mayor re support for an L-Dex machine in our area.
- The venue and meals for our dinner meeting were discussed. There are no other private venues available for us to meet. This is a dinner meeting and a cost of \$30 applies to those attending. The menu was sent to all members for their preferences and these have been sent to the club.
- Sue has tendered her resignation as chairman of service - a new chairman is required. One member has been approached by President Patricia. Is anyone interested in this position?

- A coordinator for LA&A is also required - is this you?



## SERVICE



**Wanted** - Chairman for Service Committee

**Birthing Kits** - From Cathy:

Saturday 30 June commencing at 9.30am

Please bring: - sewing kit, finger food for lunch, and a plant or clipping from your garden to Annette's and Phil's garden.

Do you have any breast cushions at your home? If yes, how many? Are they complete ones? Please let Patricia or myself know. ASAP

**Wanted:** Coordinator for LA & A

**JMK** - No applications have been received from District at the time.



## ORGANISATION, MEMBERSHIP & CLASSIFICATION



**No report.** Chris will speak at the meeting on a couple of items.

Chris Ellis  
Chairman



## PUBLICITY



**No report** as we haven't had anything to approach the papers to promote.

Glenda Moor  
Chairman



## FINANCE AND FUND RAISING

Art Competition has closed and no entries were received by closing date which was a shame.

We decided to cancel our Barefoot Bowls fundraiser as the Bowls Club advertises heavily for their free night on Wednesdays. We'll focus our energies on our Wine Tour and Fashion Parade events in September and October respectively.

Brenda Noonan farewell to be rescheduled as venue was not available. Now looking at a BBQ in a park with optional bike ride beforehand. Brennan Park, Bribie Island is a likely venue where Jurina Demaine and Brenda will speak. Raffle to be run also.

Committee recommends Fashion Parade proceeds are for women's emergency packs supporting women in crisis. We will also ask for any donations of unwanted travel size shampoos, conditioners, soaps etc to be brought along on the day.

Our next Bunning's BBQ is Monday 16<sup>th</sup> July. We need 3 people per shift. The roster will be available at the meeting if you can please help us out

Sara Allard  
Chairman

## **CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS REPORT**

I would like to state that our Proxy for the 2012 Convention, District Governor Elect, Judith Anderson appreciated the face that our Zonta Club provided her with information about how we would like her to vote on our behalf for each Bylaw and Resolution.

Sandra Cooke  
Chairman

## UNITED NATIONS REPORT

### **ALGERIA ELECTS WOMEN LEGISLATORS IN RECORD NUMBERS**



Algeria has become the first and only country in the Arab world to have more than 30 per cent of its parliamentary seats held by women, according to the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU). IPU reports that 145 women were elected as parliamentarians during last week's elections in Algeria. In the outgoing parliament, women MPs accounted for less than eight per cent of the elected legislators.

Jemini Pandya, spokesperson for the Inter-Parliamentary Union, says Algeria is now ranked among the top countries worldwide with a large proportion of women legislators.

*"The outcome of these latest elections means Algeria will now leapfrog into the top 25 countries. The large increase in the number of women now in the Algerian parliament has partly been the result of a new law on women's political participation. In a proportional representation system, it*

*set quotas for women candidates on political party list depending on the size of a constituency."*

Lorraine's comment: As I read the above on ZI website, I remembered that earlier in the year I had read some figures about female representation in the various State Governments and the Australian Federal government that left me underwhelmed with confidence for our democracy. I searched again and came up with the following:

According to data from the Australian Centre of Excellence for Local Government, there are approximately 200,000 elected members and employees in local government. Around half of all employees are women and yet:

- Women represent less than 30 per cent of councillors and elected members
- Only 20 per cent of women are employed as senior executives, and
- Only seven per cent of CEOs are women,
- According to the Australian Bureau of Statistics, women comprise half of Australia's total population (50.2 per cent in 2010).<sup>[3]</sup> However, as Table 1 shows, women comprise less than one-third (30.1 per cent) of all parliamentarians in Australia's parliaments. In the Commonwealth Parliament, there is a higher proportion of women in the Senate or upper house (38.2 per cent) than in the House of Representatives or lower house (24.7 per cent). The Senate has traditionally had a higher proportion of women than the House of Representatives. This is also true of those states with a

bicameral parliament, with the exception of Victoria where women comprise one-third of both chambers.

- **Table 1: Composition of Commonwealth, state and territory parliaments by gender, as at 1 January 2012**

| Parliament   | Lower House |            |            |             | Upper House |           |            |
|--------------|-------------|------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|------------|
|              | M           | F          | Total      | % F         | M           | F         | Total      |
| C/wealth     | 113         | 37         | 150        | 24.7        | 47          | 29        | 76         |
| NSW          | 72          | 21         | 93         | 22.6        | 29          | 13        | 42         |
| Vic          | 59          | 29         | 88         | 33          | 27          | 13        | 40         |
| Qld*         | 57          | 32         | 89         | 36          | -           | -         | -          |
| WA           | 48          | 11         | 59         | 18.6        | 19          | 17        | 36         |
| SA           | 35          | 12         | 47         | 25.5        | 15          | 7         | 22         |
| Tas          | 19          | 6          | 25         | 24          | 9           | 6         | 15         |
| ACT*         | 10          | 7          | 17         | 41.2        | -           | -         | -          |
| NT*          | 17          | 8          | 25         | 32          | -           | -         | -          |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>430</b>  | <b>163</b> | <b>593</b> | <b>27.5</b> | <b>146</b>  | <b>85</b> | <b>231</b> |

\*Single chamber only Source: Data compiled by J Wilson, Parliamentary Library, from published sources

So, Zontians of Queensland, what do you think about our real situation? And, what has changed since these Queensland figures were published? [ State election 2012] I also came upon this gem:

The first election in which women were able to vote for an Australian parliament was in South Australia in 1896. The Adelaide Observer (2 May 1896) was impressed by the refining influence of women voters on the electoral process, and inspired to reproduce these verses written in anticipation of the event:

Lovely woman, hesitating  
 Round the booths in sweet dismay  
 Her gentle bosom palpitating  
 Lest she cast her vote away

And when she glides in graceful, pretty,  
 To vote in her most charming frock  
 The poll clerks in suburb and city  
 Will thrill with an electric shock.

Lorraine Samaraweera - Coordinator

### Hostess List Zonta for 2012- 2013

If you aren't coming to the meeting can you please telephone the next person on the list and ask if they could be the hostess.

|                  |                  |                     |               |
|------------------|------------------|---------------------|---------------|
| January 2012     | <del>Sue D</del> | <b>JANUARY 2013</b> | TO BE ADVISED |
| February         | Anne             | February            | TO BE ADVISED |
| <del>March</del> | <del>Cathy</del> | March               | TO BE ADVISED |
| <del>April</del> | <del>Chris</del> | April               | TO BE ADVISED |
| <del>May</del>   | <del>Edith</del> | May                 | TO BE ADVISED |
| June             | Annette          | June                | TO BE ADVISED |
| July             | Deb              |                     |               |
| August           | Karen            |                     |               |
| September        | Lorraine         |                     |               |
| October          | Susan            |                     |               |
| November         | Robyn            |                     |               |
| December         | NO MEETING HELD  |                     |               |