



NEWSLETTER JUNE 2013

A Note from our President -Philippa Fenwick

Thank you for electing me your President for another year. I'd like to welcome the new board members—Ros Beveridge, Margaret Finnegan and Zora Abbot, and I would also like to thank the outgoing board members Rachel Mackie, Gail Matthey and Michelle Glanville for the work that they have done over the past twelve months.

Congratulations must go to all the volunteers who made the garage sale a great success, it was thought that we might not continue with this due to the work involved however this year it was a lot easier to dispose of the unsold items by taking them to the Salvation Army in Cleveland. It was decided at the board meeting to rebook for the same weekend next year and to ensure that we pay for some advertising again as this was a contributing factor to its' success.

Thank you to the "cooks" who prepared sandwiches, cakes and biscuits not only for Relay for Life but also for the stall we had at the recent Rotary Bookfest which coincided on the same day.

We are underway to secure a Guest Speaker for the IWD Dinner next year so we can start advertising it earlier.

I send my apologies for the June meeting, I am currently on my way to Vanuatu for a weeks holiday and don't land back in Brisbane early enough to attend.

Philippa

Latest news.....

Some interesting information about an International Project:
Zonta International is supporting efforts to empower women in rural Samoa to combat violence. The Samoa Victim Support Group (SVSG), the project's implementing organization in Samoa, launched their new help line for victims of violence. The launch was a great success. The Samoan Prime Minister was keynote speaker and commended SVSG's contribution to the community and their efforts to help the population of Samoa. He asked all the TV and radio stations in Samoa to inform the public about the help line.

Our Next Meeting:

Monday 10th June

6.15 for 6.45pm start

Apologies \$2 admin fee when apology is given to Treasurer (Gail ph 0407669357) by Thursday prior to meeting. After that date \$30 is due and invoice will be sent.

Wine Drive

There are still some boxes of wine left if anybody is interested—There are 3 boxes to choose from—each box contains 6 bottles and cost is \$60

Please let Debbie know if you would like to order some.

World News of interest:

A powerful symbol of rising equality and women's empowerment

Women from around the world are scaling their way to the top but still some barriers remain.

Last week a 27 year old graphic artist named Raha Moharrak made headlines as the first Saudi woman to reach the summit of Mt Everest. On the same day she reached the summit, the first woman from Pakistan, Samina Baig, did the same. The next day, the first twins, 21 year old Tashi and Nancy Malik from India, made it to the top of the world's highest mountain. The next day, an Indian woman, Arunima Sinha, became the first female amputee to reach the summit.

"By scaling new heights and making history, these women are an inspiration for women everywhere who want to realize their potential" said Lakshmi Puri, Acting Head of UN Women. "Beyond the physical challenge of climbing, these women had to overcome a mountain of obstacles and discrimination to realize their dream. This is still the reality for a majority of women everywhere".

Harsh conditions and high altitudes are not the only challenges these women have faced. Moharrak climbed Mt. Everest as the youngest and only female in a four-person team called Arabs with Altitude. But before even setting foot at the base of the mountain, she had to persuade her family to let her go. "Convincing them to let her climb was as great a challenge as the mountain itself" according to her biography on the climbers' website, Arabs on the Top of the World. Now the family fully supports her efforts.

Today, more and more women can say that they have stood at the top of the world, one that is very different than it was 60 years ago, when a British expedition ascended Mt Everest for the first time.

"Through determination, strength and will, these women are a symbol of rising equality and empowerment for women worldwide" Ms Puri said.

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Garage Sale— what a success!

Our recent Garage Sale was a great success and raised \$1557. Due to this the board have decided that we will go ahead with this event next year on the same weekend in May.

Thanks to everyone who contributed with items and with their time.

Other Upcoming Events:

Zonta Fashion Showcase 15th June: this event is to raise funds for Project Now—to be held at Brisbane City Hall 2pm. A group of ladies from our club are attending.

Handover of Quilt (upcoming raffle prize) Wed 3rd July: some members will be attending this to show our appreciation and take photos.

Wed 7th August Presentation re Bursaries to Moreton Institute TAFE: to be held at Mt Gravatt Campus 10am.

August 29th—Fashion Parade presented by Liz Davenport. This is going to be a major fundraiser for us and getting Zonta awareness out there in the community again. The function will be held at the Icon Bar at Cleveland. Stay tuned for further information.

Sept 27—29: District 22 Conference, Noosa.

10th November 2013: Club Social Event—River Cruise

IWD Dinner—6th March, 2014

27 June—1 July 2014: Z1 Convention, Orlando, Florida

