



August Newsletter, 2017

President's Note:

Hello Members

Last Sunday was International Friendship Day. This is an initiative that follows on the proposal made by UNESCO and taken up by the UN General Assembly in 1997, which defined the Culture of Peace as a set of values, attitudes and behaviours that reject violence and endeavour to prevent conflicts by addressing their root causes with a view to solving problems. The UN proposes the idea that friendship between peoples, countries, cultures and individuals can inspire peace efforts and build bridges between communities. Further, they place particular emphasis on involving young people, as future leaders, in community activities that include different cultures and promote international understanding and respect for diversity. I have been thinking a lot about friendship in its many expressions since the weekend. By chance, I was invited as a guest (with no association with Zonta) Saturday evening to an AA Youth event, "Ain't AA got talent" where members were fund raising to support their work in Youth AA. There are varying views on the approach of AA. I have to say I was amazed and humbled by this group of young people that may be less well known, and where young members are involved in helping each other. The hall was overflowing, the donated food was in abundance, the talent was offered in fun and goodwill, and most notable was the pervading friendship and support that is integral to their journey and ignores social strata. There are some impressive achievements among these young community members. I am pleased to be their friend and wish them every success in their endeavors to sustain sobriety. Alcohol addiction plays a significant role in domestic and family violence or violence generally, and its control has to include our youth.

Friendship or fellowship through our Zonta membership was also enjoyed by our members while out and about in July and invariably members comment on enjoying these events. With four Board members, I attended the Area 1 Officers Training Day organised by our Area 1 Director, Lyn Agnew. There is always something to learn from other Zontians and experiences to share. Between us we took lots of notes for further discussion and new contacts have been initiated. A small group of members, a friend, and partners attended a back of house Q'ld Museum tour. We were given a fascinating smorgasbord of the functioning of the Museum from social to biological sciences and an introduction to next generation technologies. Many thanks to the Museum for a wonderful afternoon.

Members gathered to make about 70 more breast cushions while sharing some friendly chat at Anne's home and these have already been taken by a local hospital. Our volunteers held a stall at the winter Excess Baggage secondhand market. We collected \$204, had a fun time, and surplus clothes were taken to the Brain Injuries and Windsor Road (supports homeless people and recovering addicts) thrift shops. Thanks to everyone for the donations and to our helpers and a very big thank you to Maggie who prepared and priced the sale items.

Members have approved a service grant for Chisholm Inc. to provide much needed shelving in their units and Go-cards for essential transport for resident Mums and children. The Grants Committee is preparing for our next round of grants. This brings me to remind all of our next fund raiser at Blue Illusion with Siti and a "surprise" model (see below).

Don't forget we will start our next dinner meeting at 6.45pm on the 14 August as we have a full agenda including a guest speaker (see below), Elizabeth's membership induction, and hopefully a JMK award presentation, as well as club business. See you then,
Regards, Trish

August Dinner Meeting: Monday 14th August, 6.30pm for 6.45pm **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.

Direct credit payment to Zonta Club of Brisbane North; BSB: 034-002; Acc. No.: 000992870

Upcoming diary dates:

12/08/17 Blue Illusion Fashion Workshop
14/08/17 Dinner Meeting
23/08/17 Board Meeting

8-10/09/17 District 22 Conference, Brisbane
24-26/11/17 ZSN at shopping centres
25/11/17 International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women

Dinner meeting guest speaker



Our guest speaker at our August dinner meeting is Dr Hannah Krause AO. Hannah is a urogynaecologist at Greenslopes Private Hospital who has an interest in pelvic organ dysfunction including pelvic organ prolapse and female urinary incontinence. In 2016, she was awarded an Order of Australia for distinguished service to medicine in urology and gynaecology, particularly through surgical assistance to women in developing countries. Over the past decade she has gained experience working in Ethiopia, Bangladesh, Liberia and the Congo.

District 22 Conference



The District 22 Conference is on from Friday 8th - Sunday 10th September at Royal on the Park, Brisbane. All details are on the Zonta website www.zontadistrict22.org. We have 7 members attending at last count and volunteers to assist with our tasks to help with protocols and monitors and to host our marketplace table.

Advocacy



Date claimers. We plan to have a community table at the Indooroopilly, Kenmore Village and Brookside Shopping centres at the beginning of the 16 days of activism, 24,25, 26th November. Note the dates in your diary if you can join the roster. The Advocacy Committee is looking at interesting ways to engage passers-by -stay tuned.

Fund raising



Our Blue Illusion fashion workshop will be held at 12.30pm, 12 August, at the Blue Illusion store at Indooroopilly Shopping Centre, 2nd level. If you want to be sure of a seat and goodies RSVP to Trish. If you can't make it at 12.30pm, you can still call be an do some shopping as a percentage of takings from 12.30-3.30pm go to our Club service projects.

Come and support our members modelling for the day.

ZCBN out and about



At left are Beverley and Maggie at the Excess Baggage secondhand market in July.

Our members, a friend, and a couple of member's partners (not in the photo) at the Q'ld Museum back of house tour.

