



## March Newsletter, 2018

### President's Note:

Dear Members

International Women's Day and Zonta Rose Day is coming up this week. The UN theme for International Women's Day 2018 is "Leave no woman behind", examining "the vital role that women play in humanitarian and disaster planning and response. UN events will explore the impacts disasters have on women and girls, and highlight the important roles that women play in risk reduction, rebuilding, rehabilitation and peace processes". I will be attending the Brisbane IWD Breakfast on Tuesday with some other members to hear panelists speak of their experiences at the coal front in some of the world's disaster areas. I am expecting some of these women's experiences will seem incredible to those of us living in Brisbane. Closer to home I was interested to read in a weekend newspaper, opinions of a cross-section of local women on achievements and ongoing needs for women in our community in 2018. Many were predictable; #MeTo, #TimesUp etc. One that caught my eye was from the Principal of Brisbane Girls Grammar School. Here is what she said." I would like to see a change in the tone of public conversation, which has become so strident and polarising, to allow people to honestly and respectfully express their views and to listen to one another. We can celebrate (that) the voice for change has a tone to it now that says, "enough is enough, just do it". There is an optimism that change will happen". That first sentence is so important.

The other major event this month is our movie fund raiser. See the messages below about getting tickets back, and donations to afternoon tea and the raffle. Many thanks to members and two of our Hon Zons, Gary and Ian, for stepping up to the offer from Bunnings for a sausage sizzle last week – great day.

I have included below some photos from our afternoon tea where our Club Advancement Grants were presented. All unanimously agreed this was a huge success. Our grant recipients brought along their families and mentors, they shared their stories and chatted with us over tea. We were privileged to have Carol Fripp and her husband attend also. Carol was involved in the establishment of the Club Advancement Grants and she was delighted to address the gathering and catch up with old acquaintances. Thank you to Gina and the Awards Committee, and to all others who helped make this a successful event for our grant recipients and for some casual fellowship among members.

As we are planning for our next Zonta year any helpful suggestions for activities to enhance membership, fellowship, service, fund raising, or the functioning of the Club generally are most welcome.

Best wishes Trish

**March Dinner Meeting:** Monday 12 March, 7pm 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](mailto:jgrant-t2@bigpond.com).

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

### **Upcoming diary dates:**

06 March - IWD breakfast  
12 March - Dinner meeting  
25 March- Afternoon at the movies  
28 March - Board meeting

9 April - Planning meeting; Club Board voting  
21 April - Areas 1&3 meeting, Beaudesert  
14 May - AGM  
11 June - 40<sup>th</sup> birthday meeting  
29 June -3 July - ZI Convention

### **March dinner meeting**



- Extended time -Complete your member survey for our 2018-2019 planning, email to the President or bring with you to the meeting.
- Bring donations for the raffle at the movie afternoon (see below)

### **Fund raising**

#### *Sunday Afternoon at the Movies*

**The Regal Twin Cinemas, Graceville 3.00 pm 25 March**

Tickets \$25 per person includes afternoon tea (3pm start for afternoon tea) and cinema entry (4.20pm for movie start)

RSVP to Jenny Grant Taylor by 18<sup>th</sup> March 2018. [jgrant-t2@bigpond.com](mailto:jgrant-t2@bigpond.com) or 0417 745 919



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### **Call for donations for our gourmet hamper to be raffled at the movies**

To be sure we have lots of different items, a file will be forwarded together with the newsletter recommending items you might bring – same as for Christmas. Shelf stable items only please.

### **We will call for afternoon tea donations at the dinner meeting**

## Have you got any bright and/or new ideas?



If you have any bright and/or new ideas for enhancing membership, fellowship, service, fund raising, or the functioning of the Club generally, please contact your President, a Board member, or committee members, as they would greatly appreciate your contributions.

### Advocacy

The Combined Brisbane Clubs Zonta Says no Campaign group will be meeting on 15 March.

To date, the following activities have been confirmed to help raise awareness of prevention of violence against women:

- ZSN Banner hung on Story Bridge 12-25 November 2018;
- Story and Victoria Bridges, Tropical Dome lit orange 19 -25 November 2018;
- Kurilpa Walk Bridge lit orange 19 -24 November 2018;
- City Hall and King George Square lit orange 19 November 2018; and Transurban have indicated support by lighting the Sir Leo Hielscher Bridges orange.

Any suggestions you have for other structures to be lit orange during the campaign e.g. the Channel 7 Wheel, Treasury Casino etc please advise Trish or Vicki and better still if you have a contact whom the Group can approach let us know and we can pass it on.

### Zonta International



29 June – 3 July 2018

See all the details in *The Zontian*. Early bird registration is now closed.

### Club Advancement Grant presentation afternoon tea



