



November Newsletter, 2016

President's Note:

Dear Members

At the front of our minds these last weeks was the news our fellow Zontian, Noeleen Foggen, had passed away. Several members were present at Noeleen's funeral where I was invited, in Anne-Marie's absence, to contribute to the eulogy sharing Noeleen's many community contributions. At our dinner meeting and the funeral, I felt an uplifting feeling of love for, and respect and appreciation of a woman who gave to her family and the community through her many activities, including Zonta, with thought, kindness and compassion. Noeleen will be very much missed and we have a lot to learn from reflection on her life and her example (see below).

In our ongoing service efforts, it's pleasing to hear from Birthing Kits Australia that the last 600 kits we assembled were sent as part of a 1,500 kits shipment to one of their regular partners based in Uganda. For our next activity see the note below regarding collection of little luxuries for the clients at Moonyah at our dinner meeting in November. At the Excess Baggage second hand clothes stall last Saturday we made a modest profit financially although had an enjoyable gain socialising; gossip among tables was that it wasn't one of their busiest days. Maggie, thank you so much for preparing items for sale and thank you Glenda for organising behind the scene. Also thanks to Jenny, Karen, Cheryl and Linda for coming along to help and to all those who donated items.

Thanks to Barbara, Paulette and Pam who came along to the Ferny Grove Festival. We talked with passers-by about Zonta and domestic violence prevention and we collected some fabric art on happy themes drawn by children and young people (See photos below). I will use these to make some patchwork hangings and Chisholm's Director tells me they would be very interested in these to brighten some bare walls or even for their residents to contribute some fabric art squares. Vicki has been very busy in setting up advocacy activity with our Club to have a presence at some local shopping centres to raise awareness of prevention of violence against women during the 16 days of activism (see diary dates and below). Be sure to be at the November dinner meeting to hear more and volunteer to be involved. We also have the CEO and Director of the Queensland Museum, Professor Suzanne Miller, at the meeting as our guest speaker so be sure to be there.

Regards

Trish

November Dinner Meeting: Monday 14th November, 6.30pm for 7.00pm **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

Diary Dates 2016:

14/11/16 Dinner Meeting 23/11/16– Board Meeting
White Ribbon Day & 16 Days of activism
4/11/16- Brisbane Breakfast, White Ribbon Day B'fast
25,27/11/16- ZCBN at Indooroopilly Shopping Centre
26/11/16- ZCBN at Kenmore Village

2017 date savers

04/03/17- Area 1 and 3 Combined Meeting
07-08/03/17-International Women's Day
10/09/17- District 22 Conference

A tribute to Noeleen Foggon



Noeleen joined our Club in 1991 and was President from 1997-1999. She was a dedicated Zontian who continued to keep up with Club news even as her health was fading. The photo of Noeleen and her husband, Miles, at left was taken at our Christmas meeting in 2015. Miles told us she was determined to attend that meeting and the photos tell all how much she enjoyed being with her fellow Zontians. Members have reflected fondly on Noeleen, of her friendship and kindness, her calm and positive attitude, her capable term as President, her support for new Club members and member's welfare, and her passionate support for service projects and helping others.

Noeleen was involved in many other community activities with equal vigour and commitment: she served on the Board of her school, St Hildas, and on the Anglican School's Diocesan Committee, was Treasurer at St Michael & All Angels parish and was involved with her local croquet club. Retirement was not a barrier for Noeleen and she took on even more commitment as an Airport Ambassador assisting international travellers on arrival.

Miles is an Honorary Zontian who, as her loving partner, was a support for Noeleen in her commitment to Zonta and other organisations. Our thoughts go to Miles, Noeleen's family and friends at the loss of our fellow Zontian who was an outstanding model of commitment, conviction, and courage to which we aspire and of selflessness in working to improve the life of others.

November 2016 Dinner Meeting



Professor Suzanne Miller, CEO and Director Queensland Museum Network and Chair of the Council of Australasian Museum Directors will be our guest speaker at the November dinner meeting. Remember it is also birthday time!

Little luxuries



Major Tamsett from Moonyah early this year mentioned various ways we could contribute to the recovery programs for their clients. One was the wool and material remnants for craft activity that we donated and another was collection of free toiletries that we are offered in hotels, inflight etc. that can offer a little practical luxury for their clients. Karen has been actively collecting these items and called for further donations that should be brought to the November dinner meeting.

16 days of activism



Make a note of the diary dates above for 25-27 November at the beginning of the 16 days of activism when we will have a community information table at Indooroopilly Shopping Centre and Kenmore Village. Vicki will brief members at the November dinner meeting when we will make up a roster for these days so check your diaries before then.

ZI and D22 news



UN Committee. See below a note from Bridget Mather, D22 UN Chair regarding the D22 UN Committee. Members, if you would like further information let me (Trish) know and I will provide Bridget's contact details.

*As an organization with a long history of support for the United Nations, Zonta welcomed the adoption of the Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development and the SDGs in 2015 and the inclusion of gender equality as a necessary prerequisite for sustainable development globally. Although we support all the goals, our **particular focus is on Goal No. 5: Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls.***

The other UN connection for Zonta is through the biennium projects. With an eye to 2030, Zonta is partnering with three United Nations agencies on innovative projects to empower women and girls.

- *support for the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) to eliminate fistula and improve maternal health in Liberia and to delay child marriage in Niger.*
- *partnering with UN Women to address human trafficking and unsafe migration in Nepal*
- *partnering with the U.S. Fund for UNICEF to create opportunities for vulnerable and excluded girls to realize their rights to an education in a secure and protective environment in Madagascar.*

As the UN District Chair I would like to form a small committee of interested members from across the District. I do not see this as an onerous work load (probably 2-3 teleconferences a year and a variety of email communications) but more of one to keep clubs strongly connected to the UN focus of Zonta International and to develop and share information/activities that clubs participate in across the District as they relate to the UN.

Bridget has extended an invitation to Club Presidents/local UN reps to join this District committee.

Meetings 2017

The next Area 1 and 3 Meeting will be hosted by the Zonta Club of Blackall Range Inc. on 04/03/17 at the Maleny Community Centre. Lovely spot for a weekend away.

The District 22 Conference will be held at the Royal on the Park, Brisbane, 07-10/09/17, and there will be a call for volunteers to help in due course.



Yes, it is true, the UN appointed **Wonder Woman** at left as the UN Ambassador for gender equality. I am sure many of you were as surprised as I was. Our ZI President Sonja has expressed her concern to the UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon and outlined many flaws in this decision (see my email dated 29/10/16 for detail of the communication and the President's Corner on the ZI webpage at <http://www.zonta.org/>).

ZCBN out and about

Excess Baggage second-hand clothes stall- ready for customers

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Ferny Grove Festival

