

Southern Gold Coast Tweed ZONTA NEWS NOVEMBER 2023



Birthday GIRLS!

Pauline 01/11 Merle 12/11
Hope you had a great one

Rhonda 24/11 Pauline 1/12 Eileen 25/12
Have a great Birthday

Thought for the month of October

*"We need women who are so strong they can be gentle
So educated they can be humble
So fierce they can be compassionate
So passionate they can be rational
And so disciplined they can be free."
Kavita Ramdas, advocate*

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dinner Meetings

Monday 20th November
6 for 6-30 PM DST time
Secret Garden
South Tweed Sports Club

International Convention

2024
Brisbane Australia
27th – 30th June

President's Message

The end of 2023 is fast approaching and it won't be long before relaxing with family. Once again, we held another successful Bunnings barbecue at South Tweed and made a profit of over \$2000 with community members inquiring about Zonta and giving donations. It was a great team effort by all concerned including our twelve wonderful 'Friends of Zonta' volunteers, Alex, Brett, Ebony, Garry, Jenny, Kevin, Leonie, Pat, Robyn B, Robyn S, Ros and Yolanda, who gave up their time and energy to help us. Sincere thanks to everyone for their support.

16 Days of Activism

The 16 days of Activism against Gender Based Violence commences on November 25 and runs until 10 December. It aims to raise public awareness of gender-based violence and mobilise people everywhere to bring about change. The start of the campaign coincides with the UN designated International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women.

The statistics around domestic and family violence remains alarming. In Australia, 1 in 3 women have experienced physical or sexual assault in her lifetime. While campaigns across the world have led to awareness and increased reporting, some statistics still show that only half the assaults are reported to police.

Here are some things you can do during this time.

- Login to Zonta Says No and have a look at the information, tips and tools you can use including social media images and info graphics. Watch out for Queensland/NSW/Australian media releases for ideas for social media sharing during the 16 days. Share on your social media.
- Check the Zonta District 22 website for other club's events and look at our Facebook and the social media of other clubs and like, share or hashtag them.
- Start a conversation with your friends, family or community, so they know about the 16 Days of Activism, what Zonta does and why.
- Join Kay, Pauline and Yvonne to work at the Purple Tent Event at Southport on Wednesday 6 December, from 10am – 1pm Qld time.

As part of the 16 Days of Activism, the Domestic Violence Prevention Centre (DVPC) on the Gold Coast, in partnership with the GC Domestic Violence Integrated Response (GCDVIR) agencies are holding this day of pampering, fun and festivities for women who have experienced domestic and family violence. It is an opportunity for invited women to relax, connect, enjoy arts, crafts, beauty treatments, health and wellbeing activities and lunch.

#ZontaSaysNO #orangeyourcity [#16DaysOfActivism](#) [#zontainternational](#)

Looking forward to seeing you at our dinner meeting next Monday 20 November at 6.00pm for 6.30pm start **NSW DST**.

Warm regards

Yvonne



Service Report November

Photo of plants, pots, Christmas lights, and decorations and handed over to the refuge.

I met the manager of the refuge and together we gathered the goods she was after to decorate the refuge joining the tree we gave them last year. They are extremely grateful to Zonta

Carole



