

ZONTA ON THE ROCKS.



Zonta Club of Rockhampton Inc
Member of Zonta International
Advancing the Status of Women Worldwide

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From the President:

Dear fellow Zontians,

With the beginning of our new Zonta year, it is time to take stock and set our aims and goals for the next year, perhaps two.

It is also good to stop and remember why we joined Zonta. Sometimes, we continue to do things because we always do them. It is good to stop and think why we started doing them in the first place. Remembering why we joined Zonta will (hopefully) provide some rejuvenation and enthusiasm to continue with the good work that Zonta does.

When we reflect upon the past year or two, the out-going executive needs to be commended on the work they did and the objectives they attained. They will be a 'hard act to follow'. In particular, I would like to thank Meredith for her excellent Presidency and leadership of our club over the last two years. The wonderful Presidents I have seen in my time here; Glenys, Jan,

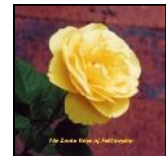
Margaret and Meredith have provided the highest of role models to which I hope to aspire.

I would encourage all club members to consider taking on positions of responsibility as this is one way in which you learn more about Zonta and the operational side of Zonta International. You have two years to think about, and prepare yourself for this, but only one year for taking on a directorship role on the Board.

Our Area Director is visiting our club this month and I am sure we all look forward to meeting her.

The Mackay Club has corresponded re taking our proxy to Convention later this month. They will forward a report about Convention upon their return and I am sure, we all look forward to seeing this. Until next month,

Regards,
Rosalie



PLEASE NOTE!

If you are
unable to attend
the dinner meeting,
please advise
Anna Tempest
Ph 4928 7880 (W)
Ph 4928 7125 (H)
by 10 am
on the Monday
before the meeting.

**Failure to
apologize will
incur payment
of \$30.00.**



**International
Convention
Orlando—Florida
USA
27 June—01 July
2014**



**Violence against
women and girls
happens everywhere.**

Join District 22 Zonta clubs in advocating to prevent and end violence against women in our local community and internationally.

Notices:

Calendar:

June:

- 10 Committee / Board Meeting
 17 Dinner Meeting
 28/29 Zonta Says NO stall @
 Central Qld Craft Expo 2014

July:

- 08 Committee / Board Meeting
 15 Dinner Meeting

Special United Nations Observances and Other Significant Days.

June:

- 05 World Environment Day
 06 World Refugee Day
 26 International Day against Drug
 Abuse and Illicit Trafficking

Dinner Raffle.

The supply of gifts for the Dinner Raffle follows the listing in the Members' Directory.

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| June: | Norma W |
| July | Janet Y |
| August | Elizabeth A |
| September | Margaret A |

Please give your raffle prize to Elizabeth.



MEETINGS.

Board Meeting:

6.30pm:

2nd Tuesday

of the month

Venue:

Comfort Inn

Club Meeting:

6.00 pm for 6.30pm

3rd Tuesday

of the month

Venue:

Comfort Inn

Committee Meetings.

Membership

Venue:

Comfort Inn

5.30 pm—

2nd Tuesday

of the month.

Advocacy / Program /
 PR & C/ United Nations/
 Newsletter /Archives:

Venue:

Comfort Inn

5.30 pm—

2nd Tuesday

of the month.

Service:

Venue:

Comfort Inn

5.30pm—

2nd Tuesday

of the month.

“Never lose a chance of saying a kind word.” — *William Thackeray*

June:

23 Deanne Smith



Please mark in your diary:

28th and 29th June

Central Queensland Craft Expo 2014

Walter Pierce Pavilion @

Rockhampton Showgrounds

Advocacy Committee asks Zonta members to set aside time to 'man' the ZontaSaysNO Stall at the Expo.

This is a great opportunity to spread the message.



Also mark **Sunday 17th August** in your diary—Afternoon Tea Function.

If you would like to contribute to your Newsletter please forward articles to Berenice Payne

either by

Fax: 4922 3315 or

Email: berenice.a.payne@bigpond.com

Deadline: First Tuesday of the month.



The Liz Davenport Dinner was a great success and our models—Meredith, Carry, Chris and Rosalie— “did us proud”.



“advancing the status of women through service and advocacy”

Our guest list totalled 125 and they enjoyed the evening.



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CHILD MARRIAGE

A global problem too long ignored

➤ Child marriage robs girls of every opportunity to thrive. A human rights violation, child marriage denies girls their *health, education and the choice* of when and whom to marry.

➤ Child marriage directly hinders progress on 6 of the 8 Millennium Development Goals. Unless the international community tackles child marriage, it will not fulfil its commitments to reduce global poverty.



What does child marriage mean for girls?

POVERTY

Child brides do not receive the educational and economic opportunities that help lift them and their family out of poverty. **THEY ARE MORE LIKELY TO BE POOR AND REMAIN POOR.**



EDUCATION

Child brides are likely to **DROP OUT OF SCHOOL**, hindering their personal development, preparation for adulthood and their ability to contribute to their family and community.



INEQUALITY

Child brides normally have **LITTLE SAY IN WHEN OR WHOM THEY WILL MARRY.** Marriage often ends girls' opportunities for education, better paid work outside the home and decision making roles in their communities.



HEALTH

Child brides face high risk of death or injury: girls who give birth before the age of 15 are **5 TIMES MORE LIKELY TO DIE IN CHILDBIRTH** than girls in their 20s. Their children are less likely to live beyond their 1st birthday.



HIV/AIDS

Child brides lack the knowledge or power to abstain from sex or negotiate safe sexual practices, leaving them at increased **RISK OF HIV/AIDS AND OTHER SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES.**



VIOLENCE

Child marriage puts women and girls at increased risk of violence throughout their lives. Child brides are **MORE LIKELY TO DESCRIBE THEIR FIRST SEXUAL EXPERIENCE AS FORCED.**



TOGETHER WE CAN END CHILD MARRIAGE. JOIN THE MOVEMENT.

www.GirlsNotBrides.org

[#EndChildMarriage](https://twitter.com/EndChildMarriage)



On the Zonta International website there is a page titled **Be Informed** where you can stay up to date on current news from Zonta and around the world—from women's issues to the Zonta Newsletters.

Follow this link to access this webpage

<http://www.zonta.org/BelInformed.aspx>

Global News:

- ⇒ Statement against child marriage in Iraq and the world
- ⇒ A Statement Regarding Kidnapping of Schoolgirls in Nigeria
- ⇒ *HuffPost*: Four Women's Issues That Haven't Changed Since 1911
- ⇒ *Girls Not Brides*: Child Marriage: Where Does it Happen?
- ⇒ *CNN*: Teach a Girl, Enrich the World
- ⇒ *PassBlue*: Syrian Women Win Active Role in Geneva Peace Conference

Get the facts:

Up-to-the-minute reports and studies about the issues Zonta is facing.

- ◆ The Millennium Goals
- ◆ Gender Equality
- ◆ Committee for the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women
- ◆ World Population 2013
- ◆ Children and AIDS



Zonta International Convention Rotterdam—2008

Zonta International seeks to advance the status of women worldwide by improving the legal, political, economic, educational, health and professional status of women at the global and local levels through service and advocacy. With the generosity and collective action of Zontians and friends around the world, Zonta International has supported projects in 56 countries, provided scholarships and awards to women around the globe, and been a powerful advocate for change in our local and international communities, thereby transforming the world and women's place in it.

As a member of Zonta, you can gain the most from your membership by being an active and responsible member. The points below from the Zonta International Club Manual will help you to achieve great satisfaction from being a member of this great organization.

Member Benefits:

Zonta membership provides the opportunity to:

- ◆ Socialize and network locally, nationally and internationally with experienced, involved professionals working in many different fields, who seek to help women reach their potential.
- ◆ Work together, through service and advocacy, towards common goals, i.e., the objectives of Zonta.
- ◆ Experience the warmth of international fellowship. Members are welcomed at Zonta clubs worldwide.
- ◆ Develop leadership skills and promote personal growth and self-confidence by participating actively in committees and accepting leadership roles on boards in a friendly, supportive atmosphere.

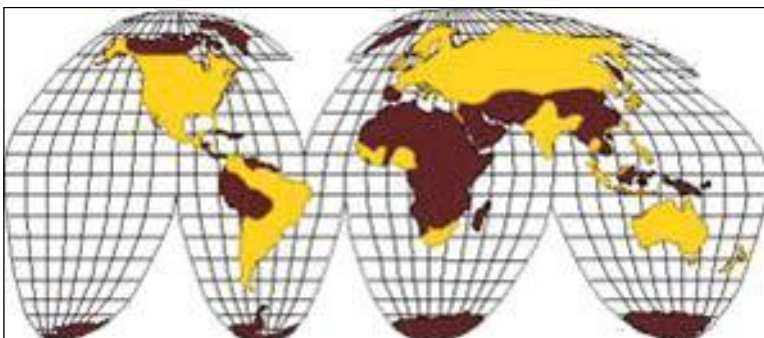
Member Responsibilities:

The responsibilities of a club member are to:

- ◆ Pay all dues, fees and assessments promptly.
- ◆ Attend club and relevant committee meetings and club events.
- ◆ Be familiar with club bylaws and parliamentary procedure.
- ◆ Participate actively in meetings and deliberations and accept majority decisions.
- ◆ Accept leadership roles and give time, talent and enthusiasm to the organization.
- ◆ Identify and suggest prospective new members.
- ◆ Attend area meetings/workshops, district conferences and international conventions, if possible.
- ◆ Financially support the programs funded through the Zonta International Foundation.
- ◆ Keep informed about Zonta International and its activities through *The Zontian*, monthly e-newsletter, social media tools and/or the Zonta International website (www.zonta.org).



Zonta maintains a presence in countries marked in Gold.



District 22

- A Queensland Australia
- B Northern Rivers Inc.
New South Wales Australia

