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#### **PLEASE NOTE!**

If you are
unable to attend
the dinner meeting,
please advise

Anna Tempest
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by 10 am

on the Monday
before the meeting.
Failure to

apologize will incur payment of \$30.00.



Area 2 Meeting
29—30 March
2014
Hosted by Zonta
Club of Bundaberg



#### From the President:

Arrangements are well in hand for our Afternoon Tea – Retro and All Things Floral on O2 November. It will be a wonderful afternoon. Now we need lady power. I will bring a roster sheet to the meeting on Tuesday. Please volunteer to help setting up on either Friday afternoon or Saturday morning, during the Afternoon Tea or dismantling on Sunday morning. This is our major fundraiser so please support it.

Also in November on Thursday the 14th, Norma has organised an evening amongst the sartorial elegance of Blue Illusion from which we will receive a percentage of the sales. More details at the next meeting.

On November 25th, we have a Zonta says NO (to domestic violence) stand at the Heritage Village Markets. We hope as many of you as possible can volunteer some time at the Stall. There will be huge passing traffic.

We have been fairly quiet in the public arena this year so let's make a splash in November.

Margaret has volunteered to hold a Pamper Pack assembly morning in the coming weeks so gather up any consumables which we can use. Thank you to everyone who donated books to our Book Exchange. Surplus books were given to The Women's Refuge and St. Vinnies.

We had a good representation at the Noosa Conference. Thank you to everyone who attended on our behalf and special mention to Valda who represented us on the floor. We look forward to the Conference report at our next meeting.

Congratulations to Mary on receipt of her 30 year membership certificate.

I know work commitments weigh heavily on many members so let's share the Zonta responsibilities and enjoy each other's fellowship and support members who are carrying a heavy Zonta load as well. I don't want Zontians to get weighed under with paper work, so much so, that they walk away.

"Of all the things you wear, your expression is the most important"

- Janet Lane

Regards, Meredith.



Rockhampton Zonta -30 years of service

1983 - 2013

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#### Calendar:

#### **MEETINGS.**

**Board Meeting:** 

6.30pm:

2nd Tuesday

of the month

Venue:

**Rockhampton Plaza** 

Hotel.

**Club Meeting:** 

6.00 pm for 6.30pm

3rd Tuesday

of the month

Venue:

**Rockhampton Plaza** 

Hotel.

## **Committee Meetings.**

**MEMBERSHIP:** 

Venue:

**Rockhampton Plaza** 

Hotel

5.30 pm—

2nd Tuesday

of the month.

ADVOCACY+Program / PR & C/ United Nations/ **Newsletter /Archives:** 

Venue:

**Rockhampton Plaza** 

Hotel.

5.30 pm-

2nd Tuesday

of the month.

#### **SERVICE:**

Venue:

**Rockhampton Plaza** 

Hotel.

5.30pm—

2nd Tuesday

of the month.

#### October:

80 Committee Meetings /

**Board Meeting** 

15 **Dinner Meeting** 

#### November:

02 Retro Afternoon Tea

12 Committee Meetings /

**Board Meeting** 

19 **Dinner Meeting** 

24 Zonta Says NO Stall

#### Special United Nations Observances and Other Significant Days.

#### October:

11 International Day of the Girl Child

17 International Day for the

**Eradication of Poverty** 

24 **United Nations Day** 

Happiness is not something readymade It comes from your own actions.

- Dalai Lama

#### **Dinner Raffle:**

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

September: Cathy N-L October: Berenice P November: Iudie P December Chris P

Please give your raffle prize to Elizabeth. to co-ordinate.





#### October:

01 Cathy Neilsen-Lee

04 Jan Landsberg

10 Wendy Christie

11 Kaye Clark

23 Katherine Lord



#### Information Booth

Date: Sunday 24th November 2013 Time: 8.00 am to 1.00 pm

Venue: Rockhampton Heritage Village Markets

Boundary Road—Parkhurst

We know that violence against women affects families, communities and societies.

It is an issue that affects women of all social strata around the world.

Add this event date to your diary- your support is needed.



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.





### Our next club fundraiser and the support of all members if possible is required.



# Retro and All Things Floral - Prelude to Melbourne Cup

You and your friends are invited to join us for an afternoon tea with memories from the Retro years and pre Melbourne Cup fun





The RGS Rowing Club – Harman Street Wandal Saturday 2nd November from 2.00pm to 4.30pm. Enjoy a glass of bubbly or punch on arrival.

Your support is much appreciated and will help Zonta to fund local and global projects to improve the lives of women.

Afternoon entertainment will include

A Vintage Fashion Parade—by Narelle's Vintage Clothing A Contemporary Fashion Parade—by Noni B

> A Prize for the Best Hat of the Day (Donated by Joy McCartney)

Lucky Door Prize L Multi-Draw Raffle Melbourne Cup Sweep



\$25.00 per person - All tickets must be prepaid RSVP – with payment by Friday 25th October

Bookings: Anna Tempest: Ph: 4928 7880 and Elizabeth Acton: Ph: 4921 4211 (W) 4922 4944 (H) Email: elizabeth@actonsuperbeef.com

> Payment Options: Cheques payable to: The Zonta Club of Rockhampton Inc. PO Box 323, Rockhampton. Q 4700

Direct Payments: A/c Name: Zonta Club of Rockhampton Inc. BSB: 813-049. Account No: 100026270 (Please put your Surname & Retro for identification purposes)

Please inform Elizabeth Acton of any Special Dietary requirements (Including vegetarian)

Phone: 4921 4211 or email: elizabeth@actonsuperbeef.com









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# District 22 Conference—Noosa 27—29 September 2013



#### Impressions of the 2013 District 22 Conference from attendees:

<u>Valda.</u> I attended the 3rd District 22 Conference at Noosa as your delegate, and once again enjoyed the friendship and fellowship of attending Zontians from other clubs. Judith's DG presentation was interesting, and some points were that Zonta needs to be visible and creditable for a VIA-BLE FUTURE, we need to be relevant to attract new members and we join for SERVICE, we stay for FRIENDSHIP. Wonderful guest speakers addressed the Conference namely our 2 YWPA winners, the 2 Jane M Klausman winners, and the Amelia Earhart winner. How these young women do all they do and still fit in their studies is absolutely remarkable. The future of Zonta is secure if we can encourage these women.

Jan. This District conference was the fourth that I have attended, so I am becoming more familiar with the procedures and the people. Each has similarities and differences, but each also has its own uniqueness. The Noosa Convention and Exhibition Centre at Noosaville and the Australis Resort accommodation proved to be a good choice for a venue, with good amenities and food. Also close to shops for a spot of retail therapy! This Conference had a distinct orange and "Zonta Says NO" theme, very evident from the start at the informal Welcome Party on Friday evening - orange clothes, Zonta Says No T shirts, badges, stickers and bookmarks, not to mention all the banners. The Welcome Party was a good introduction to the weekend and a chance to catch up with old friends and meet many new ones, as there was a large contingent of "first timers" at this conference. Networking with other Zontians is an important part of any conference and there were plenty of opportunities at breakfast, lunch and breaks. The Rockhampton members, however, always have to juggle networking with selling our ever popular eco bags at the marketplace!

The calibre of all speakers and presentations was exceptional and inspiring – reigniting the Zontian passion! So make sure that you read the ones posted on the District 22 website. I was honoured to be elected as the Area 2 Director for the 2014 -2016 Biennium, no doubt a big learning curve, but a role that I am looking forward to. So hopefully I will see a large Rockhampton contingent at the 2015 Conference!

Berenice. Seven Rockhampton members attended the District 22 Conference in Noosaville, one of the best representations number wise. The accommodation was excellent and the venue a great choice in that the surrounding area offered many possibilities for those wishing to spend extra time in the area. The 'meet and greet' on Friday evening saw some Zontians attend for this introduction to the weekend. With all of the formal proceedings of the conference confined to Saturday and the Sunday morning session, it did appear that there was a consciousness of not running over time and sadly that did happen. The Award winners were a pleasure to listen to as is always the case with these highly intelligent young women. Sessions presented by Zontians with a lengthy experience of Zonta membership/knowledge, were well supported by PowerPoint presentations and were well received. The information gained by Zontians from those sessions was immense. The business sessions at times were a little out of order with the need for parliamentary procedure to be tightened. There was a different approach to the memorial service but even so, quite appropriate. The emphasis on the Zonta Says NO campaign was evident and should encourage clubs to be involved. The official photographer was very prominent taking Conference photos and I do hope that all clubs have access to them as the opportunity for individuals to take photos was slim. The set-up of the actual conference room was disappointing as the screen for displaying presentations was set so low that the stage was not able to be used during a presentation. This meant that the official party had to be seated out of sight for the duration of the conference.

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As a regular attendee at Conferences since 2001, it is hard not to make comparisons with the previous six Conferences which I have attended. My first Conference in Tamworth as a First Timer was a very uplifting and engaging experience. I was taken by the 'pomp and ceremony' of the Friday evening Opening Ceremony which included the Flag Parade and the address of a keynote guest speaker followed by a 'meet and greet'. That set the tone for the weekend. The weekend was full of opportunities to talk and meet with other Zontians, learn of the successful projects/ activities of other clubs and see them acknowledged for their work. First timers were afforded a session specifically to introduce them to Conference procedure. Zontians also observed how the business sessions were conducted through the roles of the District Governor and Conference Parliamentarian who controlled the procedure and the pro and con discussions which took place re motions and resolutions. District Areas were also allotted time for members to meet.

I realize that the shortened length of the conference formal sessions was a 'trial' for this Conference and many thanks are due to the organizers of the 2013 Conference. However, I do hope that we return to the timing of previous conferences, with a Friday evening Opening Ceremony, a full Saturday of proceedings followed by the half day on Sunday. That will also take the pressure off the decision as to which sessions to include and which to exclude. If Zontians are to travel long distances, we need to ensure that the weekend is worth the expense that most members incur.

Norma. Zonta conferences have a lot to offer the Zontian attendees. From formalities, familiarities, fun, friendships, food, fashion to all things covered by the remaining letters of the alphabet. The FORMALITIES included the impressive flag ceremony, the memorial to lost Zontians, and my interest, the meeting procedures. While in our local Club, there is a more considerate approach, boarding on the casual with regards meeting procedure, the Noosa Conference gave experience in how more contentious debates are handled. I recognised a few meeting procedure mistakes, but they were not detrimental to the outcome. One of the disappointments in the conference was the lack of opportunity for Clubs to raise issues from the floor.

FAMILIARITIES were in the shape of the routine aspects of Zonta conferences, though this conference saw the eliminations of some of these familiar things. Like the Zonta bag, and no time for the areas to meet as a group or for first timers to be educated in the pros and cons of the Zonta conference format.

FUN - There is always time for fun, both during the conference hours and before and after, and fun was had at the dinner which included the Liz Davenport FASHION show, which was entertainment in itself, and even more fun when we had the opportunity to try on, if not buy these gorgeous outfits.

FOOD – A lesson learned in regards to food was to ensure a quick service when hundreds needed to be fed in a short space of time. Long queues are not acceptable, as was the case at the lunches. But the food was good.

FRIENDSHIP-In our busy local lives, it is good to have the opportunity to spend quality time with our own members, as well as meeting and re meeting with colleagues from other clubs.

It is important to attend Conferences where the emphasis is on the broader picture of Zonta International and puts into perspective why the status of women throughout the world needs to be constantly addressed. This perspective was highlighted in the addresses by many of the very talented speakers and in particular, the need to support the campaign of Zonta Says NO to violence.

# **Club News**



Our club celebrated International Literacy Day at the September Club meeting.

Therese Higgins, librarian at a local Secondary School, gave an address re the modern library in the secondary school.

At our Anniversary Celebration Lunch,
a Zonta Rose was given
as a lucky door prize.
Laraine Lawton, who has been
a supporter of Zonta for many years,
won the prize.
It was great to receive this photo
from Laraine telling us
that the rose was thriving.





Congratulations to Kaye,
who donated art work and audio tapes
to the Conference Auction.
These donations raised approximately \$500
of the sum total of \$6,500.
The funds raised will go to the
Zonta International Foundation.

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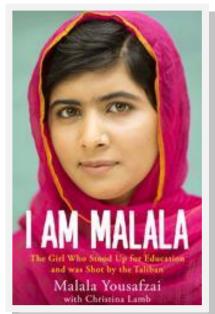
#### Visiting Longreach Zonta Club (Berenice).

Recently, while paying a visit to Longreach, I was fortunate to be able to attend the Zonta Club's September meeting. I very much enjoyed the evening and learnt that, although membership of the club numbers twelve, there is no lack of enthusiasm when it comes to organizing functions to raise funds for club projects. Self-catered lunches and dinners are on the list as well as awards for young women. In a small community like Longreach, where Zonta is competing for the fundraising dollar with many other organizations, this is no mean effort. I enjoyed meeting up with President Jen, Barb, Alleyne, Karol and Lisa and thank them for their well known country hospitality.

On a lighter note, you must visit Longreach if only for the shoe shop called Shoe B Doo. Most Zontians have a reputation for being 'shoppers' and would be in shoe heaven in this shop. It equals, if not betters, any shoe shop I have seen. Evidence below. While there, make sure you also visit the two iconic museums—The Stockman's Hall of Fame and the Qantas Museum.



## International Day of the Girl Child—11th October by Jan Landsberg—District UN Chair.



I am writing this on Friday 11th October which is the **United Nations** second "International Day of the Girl Child", with the theme for 2013: Innovating Girls' Education.

I have also just listened to an inspiring interview on ABC Breakfast with Malala Yousafzai. She is an inspiring young woman, so articulate and passionate about education for girls. She is determined to return to Pakistan to continue her work advocating for girls' education, despite still getting death threats from the Taliban.

It has been exactly one year since Malala, now just 16 years old, was shot in the head by the Taliban for speaking out about girls' education. One year on and Malala has not only survived, but has become a world-recognised activist and a symbol of hope for millions of girls!

Malala started blogging for the BBC about girls' education rights at the age of just 11 years old. She was this week awarded the EU Human Rights Award and is a front runner for the Nobel Peace Prize this year. Last month she received the Children's International Peace Prize and has been featured on the cover of Time Magazine as one of the 100 most influential people in the world. She has now written a book "I am Malala".



#### From the web:

"The world has made tremendous progress with education of girls over the past decades.

More girls are in school today than ever before.

But there are still 31 million girls who are out of school today and 17 million

who will never step foot in a classroom in their lives."



UNICEF Ghana 2013
UN Women Australia –
"We cannot improve girls' access to education without eliminating discrimination and violence against women and girls".

The Zonta Says NO Campaign is therefore so vitally important in many ways!

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#### District 22 Board-2014-2016 Biennium

(elected at Conference and to take up positions in July 2014 after Convention).

District Governor: Judith Trevan-Hawke

Lieutenant Governor: Amena Reza
District Treasurer: Elaine Harrington
Area 1 Director: Christine Stewart
Area 2 Director: Jan Landsberg

Area 3 Director: Vacant (to be filled by District Board)

Area 4 Director: Sandra Venn-Brown
Area 5 Director: Marie Cameron

District Secretary: To be appointed by District Governor

#### From the Zonta District 22 Website:

District Conference is the time each two years that we come together to determine the future of our District and elect our District leaders for the next biennium as well as renew friendships from previous Conferences and Area Meetings and make new friends from other Clubs. The **2015 District 22 Conference will be held 9-11 October 2015.** Further details will be provided closer to the date.

The following presentations from the District 22 Conference at Noosa are available on the District 22 Website. Click <a href="here">here</a> to access them.

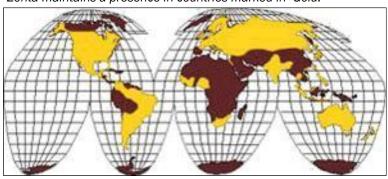
- ⇒ Presentation by Denise Conroy The Advocacy Jigsaw
- ⇒ Presentation by Dr Joy O'Hazy Birthing Kits
- ⇒ Presentation by Ros Kinder Zonta Breast Care Cushions
- ⇒ Presentation by Ans Van Erp & Amena Reza Zonta Says No
- ⇒ Presentation by 2013 Amelia Earhart Fellowship Winner Jendi Kepple
- ⇒ 2013 Update on ZIF Project in Rwanda
- ⇒ Ending the Problem of Fistula in Liberia
- ⇒ Remembering Friends
- ⇒ "One Woman" A Song for UN Women
- ⇒ 'Bright Idea' postcards
- ⇒ 2013 District Conference analysis of feedback questionnaire



62nd
Zonta International
Convention
27 June—01 July
2014



Zonta maintains a presence in countries marked in Gold.



#### District 22

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

