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A member of Zonta District 22, Area 3 Connviction, Commitment, Courage



February 2016

President—Deb Kellie

Another year begins... And already it is eventful, or should that be "event full"?

Leaving aside the excitement of Trump fever spreading across the globe we're seeing a new rise in good old fashioned feminism, which ought to bode well for service clubs such as ours.

Membership has to be prime in our minds and actions over this biennium. If you've read the agenda, you'll see that we are losing our three foundation members: Phyllis, Kath and Barbara Carter.

I hope you will all be at the dinner meeting as we bid them farewell, in the company of our District Governor, Ans Van Erp. Ans is delighted to attend on Monday evening to induct our newest member, Kathy Novacsek, into the club formally. On the membership front, we've had an invite to speak to teachers at the Bayside College on their International Women's Day morning tea to tell them all about Zonta.

As you contemplate what you can do to boost our club's membership reach, don't forget that it will soon be time to elect board members.

Our nominating committee would like to know a little more about everyone, in terms of potential contributions to our Board, so before the March dinner meeting perhaps you might jot down in an email to me what you think you'd like to do for our club ;-).

An immediate thing everyone can do is to get a table together for our International Women's Day dinner – now only 3 weeks away. Angela and her IWD planning sub-committee have a great evening planned and she'll tell us more about it on Monday.

We need donations for raffle prizes on the night – if you can lean on any business to donate something that would be fantastic – even better would be bringing something along on Monday night! Don't forget we have a new venue – the Redlands RSL at 8 Passage St, Cleveland.

Hope to see as many of you as possible on our first dinner meeting of the year! If you can't make it don't forget to let Savannah know by close of business tomorrow (Friday).



Birthdays in February

Marílyn Smíth

12 February



February Meeting

District 22 Governor Ans Van Erp will be our guest speaker, Ans will also induct our newest member Kathy Novscek. Which is the good news. However,

It is with personal sadness that the editor acknowledges that this meeting will also farewell our three remaining foundation members. This signifies a great loss to the club in particular and to Zonta in general. The wealth of knowledge and service these ladies have provided to Zonta and the community over the 35+ years of their membership should not be underestimated. Thank you, Ladies, for your contribution and we wish you well in your retirement and hope we stay in touch.

Please read the very real sentiment expressed in our retiring members letter in correspondence.

Club Projects

With our IWD Dinner happening shortly. Members are reminded to book and pay for themselves and guest as soon as possible to facilitate planning.

Donations of raffle prizes to be bought to the meeting to allow for wrapping and cataloguing. Any Zollies you have should also be returned at the meeting.

YWPA applications have closed and the IWD team will no doubt be telling us more at the February meeting.

Last Meeting

President Deb Kellie welcomed members and guests Kathy Novascek, (Prospective Member), Terry Bradley (Silky Oaks), Rosemary Skelly and Valda Carrington (Maybanke)

Our usual generous Christmas Hampers were well received by the representatives of Silky Oaks and Maybanke. They spoke of the services offered by their organisations and the increasing need for their DV support services and accommodation.

Mention was made of the need for perpetrator programs to enable behavioural change.

Janet was able to advise that her loose change jar added a very healthy \$318.00 to Club funds, very painless fundraising Thank you Janet.

Member Profiles

Date Claimers

13 February 2017 Dinner Meeting RSL Club Cleveland

2 March 2017 IWD Dinner Redlands Sporting Club

4 March 2017 Combined Areas 1 and 3 Meeting – Maleny Community Centre
5 March 2017 Chicks in Pink Fun Run (see below)
13 March 2017 Brisbane East Club Charter Anniversary (28 years)
13-24 March 2017 61st Session of the Commission on the Status of Women
8-10 September 2017 District 22 Conference, Brisbane
29 June-3 July 2018 64th ZI Convention, Yokohama, Japan

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Mater Chicks in Pink - Supporting women with breast cancer; Mater - Exceptional People. Exceptional Care.RACQ Insurance - Queensland's leading insurance provider. BEFORE WE CREATE A SEA, YOU NEED TO MAKE A FEW WAVES

<u>Registrations are now open</u> for the RACQ International Women's Day Fun Run on Sunday 5 March 2017. This sell-out event promises to be bigger and pinker than ever in 2017 with a NEW 10 km inner city loop. By <u>signing up today</u> you can be part of Brisbane's biggest celebration of women, all while increasing the practical support available to women with breast cancer.

When you think **15 934 Australian women*** will hear the words 'you have breast cancer' this year—getting together and showing your support for them by raising awareness (and your heartrate) at the RACQ International Women's Day Fun Run seems easy, right?

AS I GET OLDER I REALIZE:

- 1. I talk to myself, because sometimes I need expert advice.
- 2. Sometimes I roll my eyes out loud.
- 3. I don't need anger management. I need people to stop pissing me off.
- 4. My people skills are just fine. It's my tolerance of idiots that needs work.
- 5. The biggest lie I tell myself is "I don't need to write that down, I'll remember it."
- 6. When I was a child I thought nap time was punishment. Now it's like a mini-vacation.
- 7. The day the world runs out of wine is just too terrible to think about.
- 8. Even duct tape can't fix stupid, but it can muffle the sound.
- 9. Wouldn't it be great if we could put ourselves in the dryer for ten minutes; come out wrinkle-free and three sizes smaller?
- 10. "Getting Lucky" means walking into a room and remembering why I'm there.



After accidentally drinking polluted tap water at age 12 during a trip to India, Kavita Shukla credits her grandmother's homebrewed spice tea with keeping her from getting sick. The then middle schooler became intrigued by the idea that certain spices could have antibacterial properties and, upon returning home to Maryland, she started running experiments with spices, pond water, and produce. Now 30, Kavita has gone from being "this weird kid with rotting strawberries in my garage" to being the founder of a successful social enterprise, Fenugreen, dedicated to reducing the food spoilage that contributes to world hunger.

On average, 25% of harvested produce is lost to spoilage, wasting tremendous amounts of water and fuel in the process, so Kavita was excited by the potential of finding a way to cut down on such losses. She spent her high school years further experimenting with spices and eventually discovered a combination that could keep fruits and vegetables fresh two to four times longer than normal by inhibiting bacterial and fungal growth. By the time she was 17, Kavita had invested \$1,500 that she had won at science fairs into a patent for her special spice-infused paper that she called FreshPaper.

As an undergraduate at Harvard, Kavita tried to set up her enterprise as a non-profit in order to get FreshPaper to those in need in developing countries but she says "that didn't go anywhere" after it failed to attract the interest of donors. Eventually, she and her company co-founder Swaroop Samant decided to manufacture a thousand sheets in her Kavita's kitchen and give out samples at a local farmers' market to see if there would be consumer interest in her invention. They made \$600 in sales on their first day, and were greeted with crowds waiting to buy the unique paper every time they returned.

Since then, Shukla and Samant have founded Fenugreen, a social enterprise company which sells FreshPaper to those who can afford it and donates it to food banks to reach those who can't. The company now sells to several major grocery store companies in the US, as well as to 35 countries around the world. They are also evaluating how they can collaborate with international NGOs working with farmers in developing countries to improve harvests by reducing spoilage. And, this experience of turning her middle school invention into a growing social enterprise has been thrilling for this young entrepreneur: "We went to the farmers' market because it was all we could access. It's so incredible, this power of putting innovation right in the hands of the end user."

If you'd like to learn more about Kavita's invention, you can find FreshPaper on Amazon at $\mbox{http://amzn.to/2ehnzjM}$

