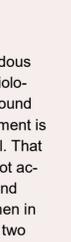




ZONTA
 CLUB OF
 ROCKHAMPTON INC
 MEMBER OF ZONTA INTERNATIONAL
 EMPOWERING WOMEN
 THROUGH SERVICE & ADVOCACY

ZONTA ON THE ROCKS.



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Message from ZI President: eNewsletter: August—September 2019.

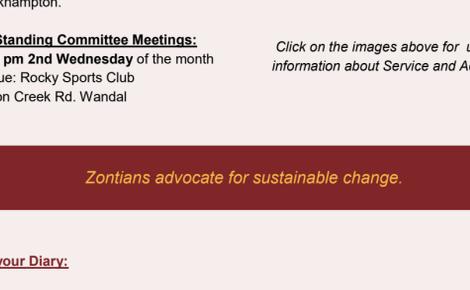
Dear Zontians,
 Since Zonta was founded in 1919, most societies have undergone tremendous changes; one of them is the movement toward gender equality. Some sociologists even call it, along with the movement for human rights, the most profound and most consequential change of all. Well, for Zonta members this movement is not yet enough. Our reason to be around, therefore, has not changed at all. That 650 million women in the world were still girls when they were married is not acceptable. Nor can we tolerate other forms of violence inflicted on women and girls. While in industrialized countries we advocate for equal pay, 830 women in less fortunate societies die every day during pregnancy or giving birth and two million suffer from obstetric fistula.

At this year's Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) it became clear that the progress we have seen cannot be taken for granted. We need to raise our voices and stay engaged in the empowerment of women. In order to be successful, collaboration and partnership are indispensable. I am glad to report that we have strengthened our partnerships and relations with likeminded organizations at the CSW and in other forums. The record number of 112 Zontians who attended the inspiring discussions and meetings at the CSW in New York between 10 March and 22 March saw firsthand how our partnerships with UNICEF USA, UN-FPA and UN Women translate into advocacy activities and how we collaborate with Girls Not Brides and Unchained At Last to end child marriage.

The Zonta world is celebrating our centennial anniversary with multiple efforts. Charity stamps and stickers, grants and awards, special donations, concerts, panel discussions and many other events give proof of our unfaltering commitment to our mission. It is amazing to feel the enthusiasm and the creativity that fuel the efforts to speak about Zonta's achievements in the past 100 years and our aspirations for the future. On behalf of the entire Zonta International Board, I thank you for all the great things you do.

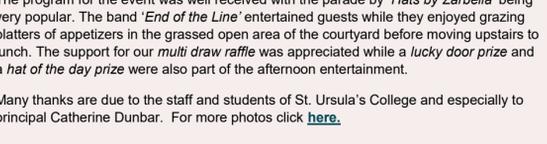
Cordially,
 Susanne von Bassewitz
 Zonta International and Zonta International Foundation President, 2018–2020
 From Issue 2 of *The Zontian* magazine.

ZI President Suzanne Von Bassewitz at Australia/New Zealand Centennial Conference.



If you are unable to attend the dinner meeting, please advise Elizabeth Acton elizabethacton@cqnet.com.au (Ph: 4922 4944) by 10 am on the Monday before the meeting.

Failure to apologize on time will incur payment of \$27.50.



Meetings:

Club Meeting:
 6.30 pm: 3rd Wednesday of the month
 Venue: The Stirling—Albert Street Rockhampton.



Board Meeting:
 5.30 pm: 3rd Wednesday of the month
 Venue: The Stirling—Albert Street Rockhampton.



All Standing Committee Meetings:
 5.30 pm 2nd Wednesday of the month
 Venue: Rocky Sports Club
 1 Lion Creek Rd. Wandal

Click on the images above for updated information about Service and Advocacy

Zontians advocate for sustainable change.

For your Diary:

- 9th October:** Committee Meetings—Rocky Sports Club
- 16th October:** Board / Club Meetings—The Stirling
- 24th October:** United Nations Day (theme for October Dinner meeting)
- 12th November:** Committee Meetings—Rocky Sports Club
- 19th November:** Board / Club Meetings (theme Zonta International 100th birthday)
- 25th November to 10th December** 16 days of Activism—[Zonta Says NO to Violence Against Women](#)
- 7th December:** Club Meeting / Christmas Party (Lunch—to be held at Roslyn Bay)
- 8th December:** Stall at Kern Arcade Markets (commencing 8.00 am)



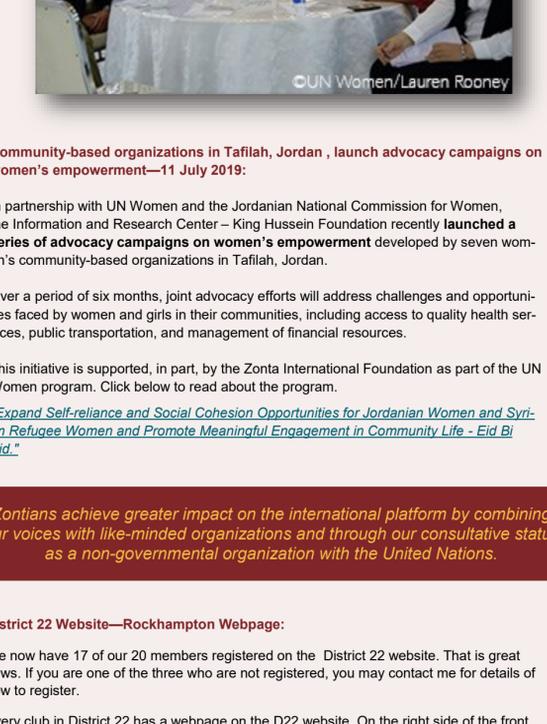
Zontians invest in an equal future for women and girls.

Lunch—St. Ursula's Hospitality Centre—Yeppoon:

The recent function held in Yeppoon was a very successful event. We have received very positive feedback from many guests with many compliments regarding the food. There was a good mix of Yeppoon and Rockhampton guests with some Yeppoon guests as first time attendees.

The program for the event was well received with the parade by 'Hats by Zarbella' being very popular. The band 'End of the Line' entertained guests while they enjoyed grazing platters of appetizers in the grassed open area of the courtyard before moving upstairs to lunch. The support for our multi draw raffle was appreciated while a lucky door prize and a hat of the day prize were also part of the afternoon entertainment.

Many thanks are due to the staff and students of St. Ursula's College and especially to principal Catherine Dunbar. For more photos click [here](#).



Zontians volunteer time and talents in initiating changes that will strengthen women's role in the world.

Zonta Centennial Conference—Brisbane Convention Centre:

What an amazing experience it was for Trish, Berenice, Valda, Elizabeth and Jan to attend the Centennial Conference in Brisbane recently. Over 750 Zontians from all parts of Australia and New Zealand gathered to enjoy fellowship and friendship, while attending District Meetings for Districts 16, 22, 23 and 24. They were also privileged to hear some amazing young women give excellent presentations during the weekend. Berenice represented our club as Delegate.

Zontians were honoured to welcome the Zonta International President Suzanne Von Bassewitz to the Conference. Past International Presidents were acknowledged for their contribution and commitment to the organization. Gala evening activities, a Cocktail Party and a formal Conference Dinner, were also highlights of the weekend.

For all of us, it was a time to meet up again with Zontian friends, and whom we have met over time at other Area Meetings, Conferences and Conventions, for Valda, from the Convention in Sydney in 1984.

We were thrilled that our Zontian friend of many years, Gail Sellars of the Gladstone Club, was named as a Dianne Leggo Award Winner. Congratulations Gail.



Zontians participate in service projects that empower women worldwide and help women to achieve their aspirations and enjoy a better quality of life.



Zontians advocate Zonta International's position on women's issues locally and internationally, safeguarding women's rights as human rights.

From the Zonta International Foundation Website:

From 28 – 31 July 2019, ZI President Susanne von Bassewitz and three Zontians visited the UN Women 'Eid bi Eid' (Hand in Hand) project in Jordan. The ZI President spoke about the visit at the Centennial Conference held recently in Brisbane.

Community-based organizations in Tafilah, Jordan, launch advocacy campaigns on women's empowerment—11 July 2019:

In partnership with UN Women and the Jordanian National Commission for Women, the Information and Research Center – King Hussein Foundation recently launched a series of advocacy campaigns on women's empowerment developed by seven women's community-based organizations in Tafilah, Jordan.

Over a period of six months, joint advocacy efforts will address challenges and opportunities faced by women and girls in their communities, including access to quality health services, public transportation, and management of financial resources.

This initiative is supported, in part, by the Zonta International Foundation as part of the UN Women program. Click below to read about the program.

["Expand Self-reliance and Social Cohesion Opportunities for Jordanian Women and Syrian Refugee Women and Promote Meaningful Engagement in Community Life - Eid Bi Eid."](#)

Zontians achieve greater impact on the international platform by combining our voices with like-minded organizations and through our consultative status as a non-governmental organization with the United Nations.

District 22 Website—Rockhampton Webpage:

We now have 17 of our 20 members registered on the District 22 website. That is great news. If you are one of the three who are not registered, you may contact me for details of how to register.

Every club in District 22 has a webpage on the D22 website. On the right side of the front page of each club webpage, there are four sections containing information about the club.

1. Latest Zonta Club News
2. Zonta Club Newsletters
3. Club Archives
4. Club Information and Reports

The first three of these sections can be accessed by all District 22 Zontians and the public.

The fourth section, Club Information and Reports, can be accessed only by Zontians from the particular club who are registered on the District 22 website.

Please note:

The Rockhampton Club monthly minutes are being posted in the fourth section (Club Information and Reports).

This means that the minutes on the website are available only to registered members of our club. Click [here](#) to check out our webpage.

Zontians encourage and help students to develop leadership skills, explore career options, and participate in community projects.

Eco Bag Sales at Conference:

Thank you to Valda and Elizabeth who manned the Eco Bag stall at Conference. The sales at Conference exceeded expectations and was all due to their diligence in manning the stall during every possible minute available to them.

Zontians envision a world in which women's rights are recognized as human rights

Zonta International—Down Under and Across the Ditch:

Our club has purchased a copy of this history book for our archives.

The book commences 'Zonta first came to the Southern Hemisphere in 1920s when a club was established in Sydney. It lasted till 1935, just before WW11 broke out. In 1965 a club was formed in Auckland.' This club was the first of the many clubs now scattered through Australia and New Zealand.

An interesting story about our 4 districts follows.

Zontians unite with other members to foster high ethical standards and world fellowship.

Dinner Raffle:

Gifts for the dinner raffle follow the listing in the Members Directory.

- September: Berenice
- October: Meredith
- November: Anna
- December: Gaylene

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

Zontians connect with Zontians from all professions and cultures worldwide and share their passion in organizing women's projects.

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Contributions to this Newsletter are welcome.
 Please email articles/photos to Editor—Berenice Payne.

A PDF version of this eNewsletter is available [here](#).

Zontians discuss viewpoints with other Zontians and benefit from the exchange of ideas.

Zonta clubs around the world.

(Click [here](#) to find Zonta Clubs around the world).

Zonta District 22
 Queensland and Zonta Club of Northern Rivers Inc. NSW

As a Zontian, you are one of 29,000 Zontians celebrating a century of service and advocacy empowering women.