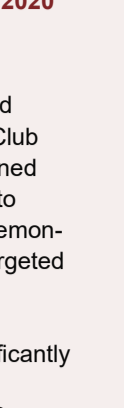




ZONTA
CLUB OF
ROCKHAMPTON INC

MEMBER OF ZONTA INTERNATIONAL
EMPOWERING WOMEN
 THROUGH SERVICE & ADVOCACY

ZONTA ON THE ROCKS.



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Message from the President:

eNewsletter: June 2020

Highlights of the year's activities for the ZONTA Club of Rockhampton Inc. included some very successful fund and awareness raising events and activities; updated Club branding and promotional publications; an active social media presence; re-enlivened Dinner Meetings with increased socialization; Centennial Celebrations; donations to ZONTA International; the recruitment of some new members, who have already demonstrated that they will be valuable contributors to the Club's mission; as well as a targeted Advocacy program, particularly during the *Sixteen Days of Activism*.

Unfortunately, as is the case with all other Clubs, our planned activities were significantly curtailed by the onset of COVID-19 with its social distancing implications. A *Spring Time Luncheon* held in September 2019 and an *International Women's Day Breakfast* in March this year were well patronized by women from Rockhampton and near-by Yeppoon and provided valuable opportunities to increase the profile of our Club and potentially attract members.

As the result of the curtailment of activities, including Dinner Meetings, that occurred from late March, we have not been able to follow up potential membership leads as yet. The Clubs image has, however, been enhanced by our new blue shirts bearing the ZONTA logo, revised information pamphlets, our presence at a Rockhampton market venue selling Lamingtons in the lead up to Christmas and the information displays, at local libraries particularly, that formed part of our *Sixteen Days of Activism*.

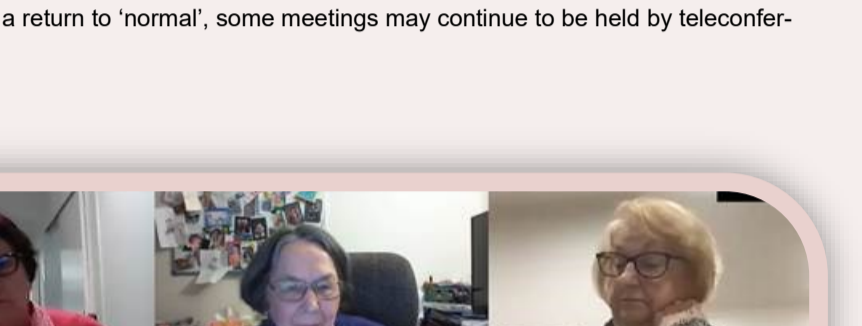
Thanks to the special efforts of one of our newest members, who has a passion for sewing, we surged ahead of demand in the supply of Breast Cancer Cushions for local Cancer sufferers. This is still the most valued and widely recognized service contribution to our local community, closely followed by personal care and household packs for the Rockhampton Women's Refuge.

The change to ZOOM Meetings, in the last couple of months, has alerted us to the opportunities to connect with and maintain involvement of members who find attendance at regular conventional meetings difficult to manage. It seems that, in this challenge, there is also an opportunity.

In all, the 2019/20 year for the ZONTA Club of Rockhampton Inc. resulted in many positive achievements and outcomes to be proud of. We also take the opportunity to thank Area 2 Director Sandy Peters and other Clubs and Zontians in Area 2, for their friendship and support. We also acknowledge the fine leadership of Sandra Venn-Brown, retiring Governor of District 22.

Catherine Dunbar
 President ZONTA Club of Rockhampton Inc.

Empowering Women Through Service and Advocacy



Message from ZI President Suzanne Von Bassowitz:

The Convention in Chicago was to be a celebration of Zonta's 100 years. President Suzanne von Bassowitz delivers a special centennial message to celebrate Zonta's 100th anniversary. [Click here](#) to listen.



One hundred years ago, a small group of pioneering women came together in Buffalo, New York with a vision to help all women realize greater equality while using their individual and collective expertise in service to their community. Their vision became

Zonta International

that has grown to more than 29,000 members in 63 countries, working together to make gender equality a reality for women and girls worldwide.



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

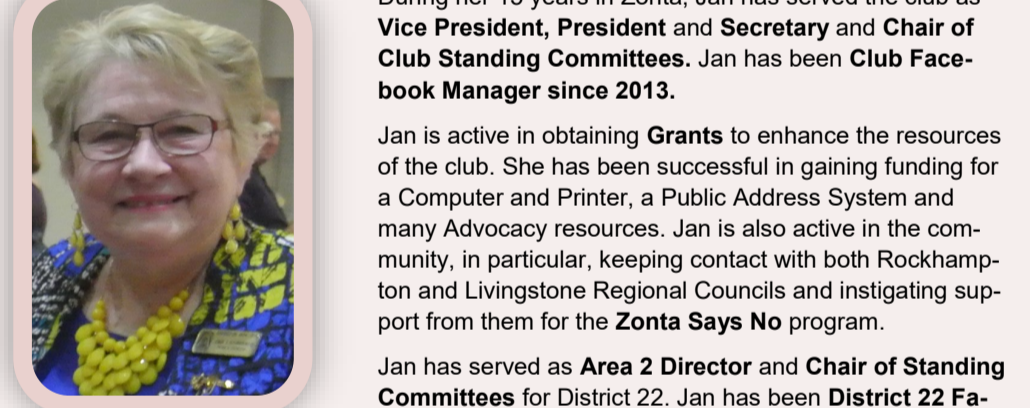
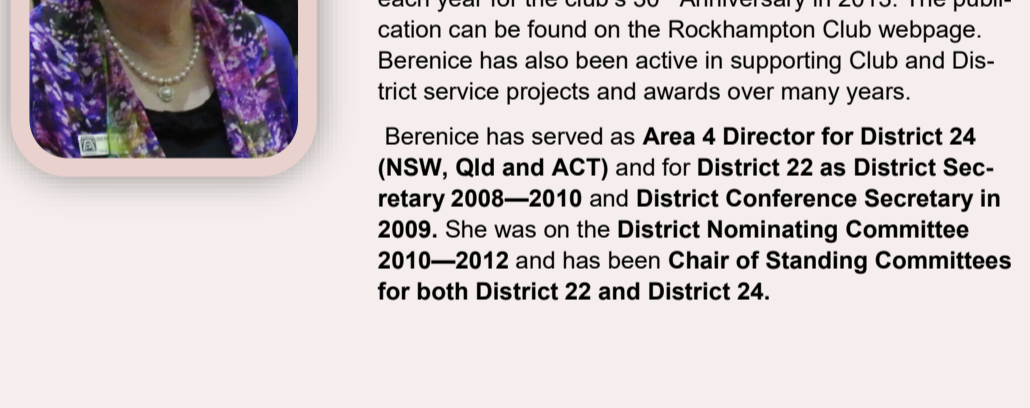
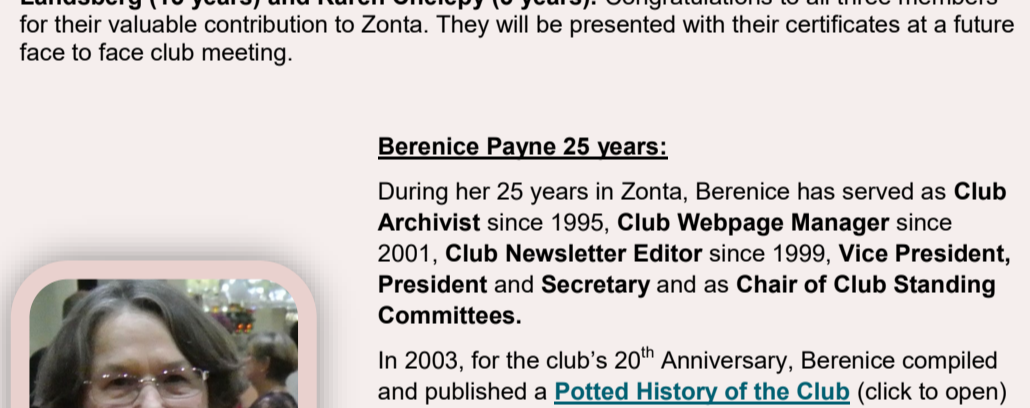
'empowering women worldwide through service and advocacy'

Teleconferences:

Zontians throughout the world have changed the way they meet in a positive way to respond to the challenges of a world pandemic. Members of our club have taken up the challenge and all meetings since March have been held by teleconferencing.

Teleconferencing has enabled our club to successfully hold Club and Board Meetings (Club meeting photo 1), Committee meetings (Membership Committee photo 2), and members have attended the Covid Morning Tea (photo 3) each week. The Covid meet was organized by District Governor Sandy Venn Brown. The online morning tea is a social get together each week where Zontians across the state are able to meet and chat.

When there is a return to 'normal', some meetings may continue to be held by teleconference.

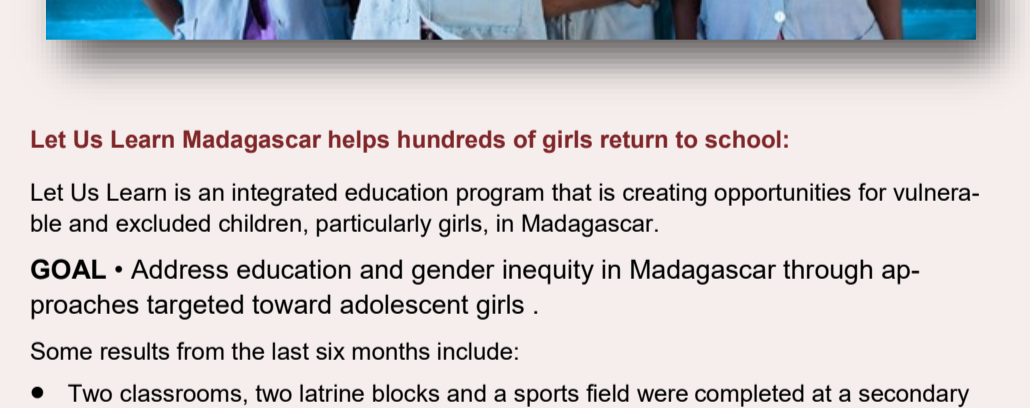


Zontians volunteer time and talents in initiating changes that will strengthen women's role in the world.

All Area Webinar—District 22:

Approximately 110 Zontians across District 22, attended an All Areas Webinar on 16th May which had a very successful outcome. Six Rockhampton members attended and agreed that it was a very worthwhile meeting. A variety of speakers covering different subjects presented during the day. Topics were varied, including speakers from Townsville Hospital and Health Service, a well being and education manager from the Qld Rugby league, a small business founder and operator and a representative of the Toowoomba Women's Collective speaking about Protea House. A question time followed each of the speakers. Breaks in the program were welcome and members enjoyed Ans' Keep Fit and Alert activities. At the end of the day all comments about the meeting were very positive.

This was a great way to ensure the Area Meetings which were in doubt were still covered. Thank you to the organizers and presenters of the webinar for a successful answer to the problem.



Zontians are achieving global impact through local action.

Length of Membership Awards:

The Length of Membership Award is presented to members who have provided service to the organization for a major milestone of at least five (5) years of membership. These awards will honour members who have made such a strong contribution to improving the status women throughout their years of membership.

Membership Awards this year are being presented to **Berenice Payne (25 years)**, **Jan Landsberg (15 years)** and **Karen Chelepy (5 years)**. Congratulations to all three members for their valuable contribution to Zonta. They will be presented with their certificates at a future face to face club meeting.

Berenice Payne 25 years:

During her 25 years in Zonta, Berenice has served as **Club Archivist** since 1995, **Club Webpage Manager** since 2001, **Club Newsletter Editor** since 1999, **Vice President, President and Secretary** and as **Chair of Club Standing Committees**.

In 2003, for the club's 20th Anniversary, Berenice compiled and published a **Potted History of the Club** (click to open) for the years 1983 to 2003, covering in part, details of club's Fundraising and Donations. The history was then updated each year for the club's 30th Anniversary in 2013. The publication can be found on the Rockhampton Club webpage. Berenice has also been active in supporting Club and District service projects and awards over many years.

Berenice has served as **Area 4 Director for District 24 (NSW, Qld and ACT)** and for **District 22 as District Secretary 2008—2010 and District Conference Secretary in 2009**. She was on the **District Nominating Committee 2010—2012** and has been **Chair of Standing Committees for both District 22 and District 24**.

Jan Landsberg 15 years:

During her 15 years in Zonta, Jan has served the club as **Vice President, President and Secretary and Chair of Club Standing Committees**. Jan has been **Club Facebook Manager since 2013**.

Jan is active in obtaining **Grants** to enhance the funding of the club. She has been successful in gaining funding for a Computer and Printer, a Public Address System and many Advocacy projects. Jan is also active in the community, in particular, keeping contact with both Rockhampton and Livingstone Regional Councils and instigating support from them for the **Zonta Says No** program.

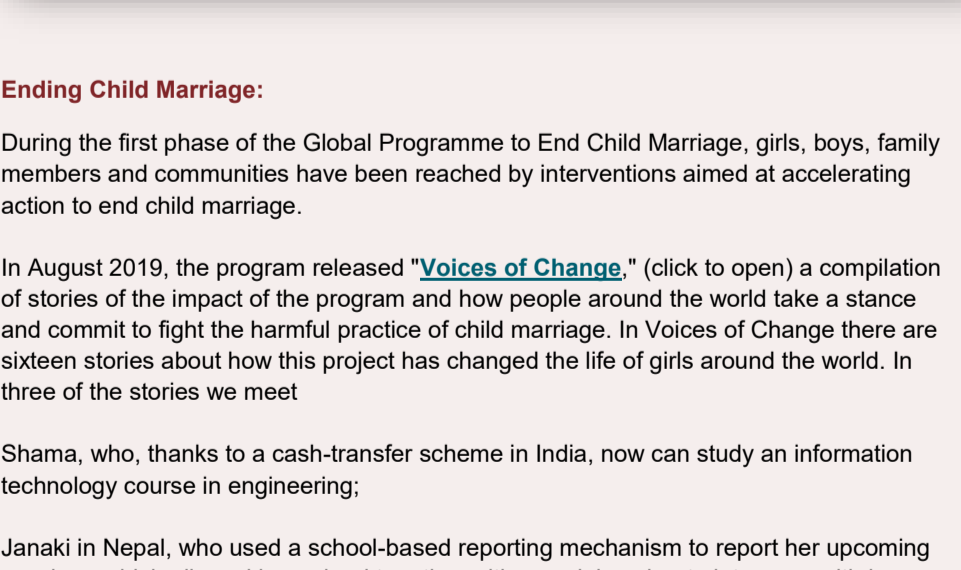
Jan has served as **Area 2 Director and Chair of Standing Committees** for District 22. Jan has been **District 22 Facebook Manager since 2017**. Jan is a keen supporter of **Advocacy** and the **Zonta Says No** program at both Club and District level.

Karen Chelepy 5 years:

Although Karen has not yet held an executive position in the club, Karen has been very active in the club's fundraising and service projects areas. Her skill in obtaining raffle prizes, selling tickets and generally persuading members to be involved, is acknowledged.

Her involvement in the 'Wellness Expo' meant that the club was encouraged to participate more widely in the expo. The club now has a stall each year, which has involved more member participation. Karen's gentle manner in personal interactions with members is a 'must mention'.

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



Let Us Learn Madagascar helps hundreds of girls return to school:

Let Us Learn is an integrated education program that is creating opportunities for vulnerable and excluded children, particularly girls, in Madagascar.

GOAL • Address education and gender inequity in Madagascar through approaches targeted toward adolescent girls.

Some results from the last six months include:

- Two classrooms, two latrine blocks and a sports field were completed at a secondary school.
- 1,156 children (more than 600 girls) in 825 households were enrolled in the conditional cash transfer program for 2019-2020.
- 1,037 out-of-school children (more than 550 girls) benefited from catch-up classes before the start of the school year.

As of 29 April, 2020, 128 confirmed cases of COVID-19 have been recorded in Madagascar, where girls from the poorest and most marginalized communities will likely feel the spill-over effects of the crisis the most.

[Click here](#) to read more and to find out how the project is addressing COVID-19. From Zonta.org

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.



Ending Child Marriage:

During the first phase of the Global Programme to End Child Marriage, girls, boys, family members and communities have been reached by interventions aimed at accelerating action to end child marriage.

In August 2019, the program released "**Voices of Change**," (click to open) a compilation of stories of the impact of the program and how people around the world take a stance and commit to fight the harmful practice of child marriage. In *Voices of Change* there are sixteen stories about how this project has changed the life of girls around the world. In three of the stories we meet

Shama, who, thanks to a cash-transfer scheme in India, now can study an information technology course in engineering;

Janaki in Nepal, who used a school-based reporting mechanism to report her upcoming marriage which allowed her school to together with a social worker to intervene with her parents before the wedding took place;

Atsede, who is a leader of a Women's Development Group in Ethiopia, arranging dialogues in the communities on the harms of child marriage; and Alice, who joined an adolescent girls' group in Sierra Leone and was supported to go back to school after getting pregnant as a teenager; among others.

From [unicef.org](#).

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

Meetings for June:

All meetings for the month of June will be held by teleconference. The Secretary will notify all members re the schedule for Board and Club meetings.

For other standing committees and ad hoc committees the chair of that committee will schedule the meetings.

The club ZOOM account will be used.

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

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

Zonta clubs around the world.

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

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