



October 2011

PO Box 368, Spring Hill, Qld, 4004

COMING EVENTS

MONDAY 10 OCTOBER 2011
Dinner meeting at 7pm at USC
Guest speaker: Dr John Bowles
Presentations of Service Awards

WEDNESDAY 26 OCTOBER 2011
Board Meeting 6PM

MONDAY 14 NOVEMBER 2011
Dinner meeting at 7pm at USC
Zonta Birthday Celebrations
Guest Speaker: Heather Mohay

ALL THURSDAYS IN NOVEMBER
Zizzling at Bunnings 2 shifts: 7am–11am
& 11am –3pm

MONDAY 12 DECEMBER 2011
Brisbane North Christmas Function

The Yellow rose
the Zonta symbol



Memorial Service District 22 Conference

Organising and presenting the Memorial Service at the recent District 22 Conference in Brisbane was never going to be an easy task for us with our club having three members among those being remembered. It is hard when you are up on stage, as President Margaret and I were, to gauge the overall effect of the Service but, when we moved through the audience at the conclusion of the Service, the comments were very positive.

It was a great team effort.

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web
Explore the District
web site for current
information

www.zontadistrict22.org

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site

www.zonta.org

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Peggy, Gina and Narelle representing BN at the Conference

Thank you to everyone who suggested readings, poems and music. Even though the Protocol set down by Zonta International was very restrictive, all your suggestions certainly helped me with the parts I had to contribute. Thank you to the members who wrote the Tributes to Joan, Margaret and Jocelyn. We all need to thank President Margaret who chased up the Tributes from other clubs (and had to summarise them during the Conference), organized the layout and printing of the Service booklet, prepared the powerpoint of photos, provided the candle and everything else!

We thank you, Chieko, for sourcing what I can only describe as beautiful, voluptuous yellow roses. We thank Narelle for all her help - providing the vase, lighting the candle and placing the roses one by one in the vase. We thank the members who handed out the Service booklets on the morning and the two anonymous Hon Zons who sourced and edited the music we used. I confirm we did "remember and pay tribute to all Hon Zons who" had passed on - and so started the precedent for District 22.

Barbara N

Unable to attend a meeting? Ring Noreen to give apologies

Please **PHONE** apologies for Dinner Meeting to Noreen Gorman on 3371 5752 **by 9.00 am** on **Friday 7 October 2011.**
(no emails please)

Without an apology, payment of \$40.00 is obligatory.

If you are bringing guests to the Dinner Meeting or if you have any special dietary requirements please let Noreen know.

Please wear your *Name Badge!*

President's Update



Chieko and Pam enjoying time at D22 Conference

It was encouraging to have eight members of our Club registered for the D22 Conference, including Narelle as a member of the Conference Committee.

Our congratulations are also extended to Narelle who gained appointment as the Area Director for Area 1 for 2012-2014.

I think we all really enjoyed the Conference. For me it provided many examples of why I am pleased to be a Zontian and why it is important to contribute to projects that assist women to improve their situation. As International President Elect, Lynn McKenzie reminded us, we aim to give a "help up" rather than a "hand out" in our efforts to improve the situation of women around the world. Thank you to Pam for her report of the Conference proceedings in this newsletter, who along with Anne Vinning was a first timer!

I am also grateful to Barbara for the program she designed for the Memorial Service held during the Conference. In her research about the Zonta emblem she used as part of the service, she found information about the Lakota women. These women seemed to have had similar caring ideals on which Zonta is based. See Barbara's article on P4.

We welcome to our October Dinner meeting representatives of the organisations that have been successful this year in attaining our Service Grants — these organisations include Vulcana Women's Circus and the Sudanese Women's Sewing Group.

Members on the move

These are the travellers this month —

Anne-Marie is in America for October;

Heather Mohay and Anne Vinning are in Europe;

Trish Meaney away for the month; and

Noeleen Foggon is off to Africa on safari and will then head to Europe taking LOA until the end of January.

For your diaries

Next Area
Workshop
Sunday 1 April
2012
at Redcliffe

The Board

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| President: | Margaret Marshall |
| Vice President: | Anne Vinning |
| Corres. Sec: | Jenni Jolly |
| Minutes Sec: | Anne Vinning |
| Treasurer: | Karen Peterson |
| Directors: | Maree Crawford Kara Bowman Heather Mohay Maggie Williams Pam Beavis |

Committees

Meetings

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| Status of Women Service Awards Sub-Committee Chair: Gina Brosnan brosnang@brigidine.qld.edu.au | Meets prior to Dinner Meeting at USC 6pm. |
| Service and LAA Sub-Committee Chair: Jennie Watt jenniewatt@westnet.com.au | Meeting held Saturday 10 September 2011 |
| Organisation, Membership and Classification Chair: Pamela Beavis pambeavis@optusnet.com.au | Meets prior to Dinner Meeting at USC 6pm. |
| United Nations Chair: Patricia Rego p.rego@uq.edu.au | Meets prior to Dinner Meeting at USC 6pm. |
| Public Relations and Communications Chair: Maggie Williams maggie.will1@bigpond.com | Meets prior to Dinner Meeting at USC 6pm. |
| Parliamentarian Barbara Newton | |

Report of the District 22 Conference

The District 22 Conference was held at the Novotel Hotel, Brisbane from 23-25 September 2011 and was attended by 198 delegates with representatives from most of the clubs in District 22. The program theme "Together as One" focused on the three elements of being **vital, visible** and **viable** in our work as Zontians and the program and workshop topics were centered around these elements.

Day One enabled staggered registration and provided an introduction and orientation for first time attendees. This was followed by a welcome address by the District Governor Trish Collins, the opening ceremony and then a keynote address by the International President elect Lynn McKenzie, from New Zealand. Lynn spoke of the work of Zonta and having just visited Liberia was able to illustrate the significant use of our service funds for the repair and rehabilitation of Liberian women with fistula. The stories provided were optimistic but Lynn also gave a heart wrenching account of the conditions that the women of Liberia must endure. Examples included stories of girls as young as ten requiring fistula repair as a consequence of birth injuries and/or rape.

During this afternoon session there was also time for fellowship and introduction to members of other clubs. The 'market place' provided an opportunity for clubs to sell items as well as raffle tickets for a number of very good prizes donated by the Mt Isa club. The activities of the day concluded with a civic reception hosted by Lord Mayor's representative Councillor Margaret DeWitt in the Roy Harvey House, in Ann St.

Saturday's proceedings commenced early and continued all day with only short breaks until the dinner that evening. Once delegates were credentialed the first business session was underway with voting on the Standing Rules and Rules of Procedure followed by various reports.

Nominations for Nominating Committee and new Area Directors were called for and voting occurred during the lunch break. Following a working lunch the three Award recipients presented enthusiastic and informative talks on their work and aspirations. One of the presenters, Jade Denman had been an award winner from Brisbane North.

Attendees then attended one of the four workshops reflecting each of the elements of the conference – with two groups under the 'Vital' heading – one relating to communication and the other to leadership. The 'Visible' workshop focused to the presence of Zonta in the community. The session concerned with 'Viability' focused on diversity in membership. Key messages that came out of these workshops included the need to communicate in ways that are more attractive to computer literate generations. All groups identified the need for a modern, accessible and user friendly website. Discussion also occurred around a more relaxed approach, to diminish the perception of a hierarchical structure that is less rule-bound and the need to ensure that club environments are more welcoming and supportive.

Following this session, the financial reports were presented, including the upcoming budget. Voting then commenced on the Conference motions. This was accompanied by robust debate which was very informative and was skillfully, sensitively and informatively adjudicated by our current District Governor, Trish Collins. With voting unfinished the remaining matters were held over until the morning business session on Sunday. Results of the elections were announced with Judith Anderson becoming District 22 Governor elect for 2012-2014 and Narelle Fraser elected as Area Director for Area 1.

Saturday evening activities commenced with pre-dinner drinks followed by an enjoyable meal. The musical entertainment organized by the Brisbane Club was quite unique. Significant funds were raised by the silent auction and the evening was rated a great success.

Sunday morning commenced with the Memorial Service organized by members of our club and feedback indicated that attendees found it a moving and fitting tribute to past Zontians and Hon Zons –great work from Barbara Newton supported by Margaret Marshall with yellow roses sourced and donated by Chieko Klerkx.

Voting was completed in the following business session The next session was a brief presentation on the millennium generation designed to provoke conference delegates to consider how this impacts on recruitment to Zonta. The Bowen, Caloundra, Paradise Point and Maryborough Clubs then provided examples of the work they have undertaken in schools and the community. There were certainly a number of activities that were both visible and vital.

The final business session included a brief address by Lynn McKenzie and final voting occurred. It was an informative and well run conference and was a credit to the organizing committee.

It was a first time experience for several Brisbane North delegates and I am sure that we all came away better informed and energized.

Prepared by Pam Beavis

**International
days coming**

up

10 Oct

**World Mental
Health Day**

15 Oct

**International
Day of Rural**

Women

24 Oct

**United
Nations Day**

Lakota Links

Marian de Forest (1864 – 1935) the Buffalo, New York Playwright and Journalist, having gathered together a group of like-minded women who held prominent roles in the professional world, on 8 November 1919 at the Hotel Statler in Buffalo formed the Zonta Club of Buffalo. Other clubs were quickly formed and Zonta International was incorporated in Illinois. The name (originally incorrectly spelt “Zhonta”) was chosen by vote and, as we all know, is a Lakota word meaning “honest and trustworthy”. Did you ever wonder why a Lakota word was chosen and why we have Sioux symbols within the Zonta emblem?

In June 1876 the Lakota (part of the great nation of the Sioux) and the Northern Cheyenne and Arapaho fought the USA Government represented by George Armstrong Custer’s 7th Cavalry and supported by scouts from the Arikara and Crow tribes – and won! That event was within the memory of the women who came together in 1919 and formed Zonta so why pick a Lakota word? My research has not uncovered “why” so I have looked at the Lakota to see if I could answer the question.

The Lakota are a group of Native Americans characterized by their emphasis on ideals such as community, affinity, generosity, cooperation, and strength. The term Lakota roughly translates to “an alliance of people”. Lakota wisdom says – “Let everything you do be your religion and everything you say be your prayer”. Sioux (and therefore Lakota) women were in charge of the home. Besides cooking and cleaning a Lakota woman built her family’s house and dragged the heavy posts with her whenever the tribe moved. Houses (teepees) belonged to the women in the Sioux tribes! While the warriors were usually men there were Lakota women (such as Minnie Hollow Wood, One Who Walks With the Stars and White Buffalo Calf Woman) who actually fought against the 7th Cavalry. White Buffalo Calf Woman even “spoke wisdom” about how the Lakota should live. In part she said:

“When one sits in the Hoop Of The People,

one must be responsible because

All of Creation is related.

And the hurt of one is the hurt of all.

And the honor of one is the honor of all.

And whatever we do affects everything in the universe.”

The women who named and formed Zonta in 1919 certainly were great role models and so, I believe, were the

Lakota women on whose ‘wisdom’ the Zonta organisation is based.

Prepared by Barbara Newton

Update on
projects

Sausage Zizzle - a good month

Our first month of zizzling sausages is now over and it was most successful. Our profit for the month (5 Thursdays) is in excess \$3,200.

Thanks must go to Pam Beavis who has jointly coordinated each day with me and to the many club members including an Hon Zon who have “worked” either one or more shifts ... many of whom are enthusiastic to help out in November as well.

We have now had the experience of warm sunny days and a rainy one ... and still the public buy sausages in bread.

We have had many opportunities to talk to people about Zonta and what our club does to assist women in need. In fact, one woman who had received a breast cushion after her mastectomy was delighted to have the opportunity to be able to make a contribution to our donation box, there and then.

In addition to the sausage zizzle, Bunnings requested our assistance with their Tradie’s breakfast at 6am last Thursday which earned our club some vouchers, all of which will add to our fundraising.

The club has also been invited by Bunnings to participate in a Community Information evening for women late in October.

Helping Chisholm

The Chisholm Refuge is enthusiastic about our offer to provide varying on going assistance by our club.

We hope to have the Coordinator Kimberley James to speak with us early in the new year about the service that the refuge offers to women who have experienced domestic violence.

The Management Committee has sent an invitation to our club to attend their Annual General Meeting on 17 October. Kara and myself plan to attend on behalf of the club.

The Refuge has already been provided with assistance by the delivery of a number of suitcases which are used by the women when they pack up ready to relocate at the end of their stay.

In addition, Kara arranged to have a number of chairs and noticeboards transported to the Refuge last week.