



November 2011

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The Yellow rose
the Zonta symbol

COMING EVENTS

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

WEDNESDAY 23 NOVEMBER 2011
Board meeting 6pm, Newspaper House

MONDAY 12 DECEMBER 2011
Brisbane North Christmas Function at USC

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

SATURDAY 4 FEBRUARY 2012
Birthing Kit Assembly – Venue TBA

MONDAY 13 FEBRUARY 2012
Dinner meeting at 7pm at USC
Advancement Grant Presentations

Italy next year?

Have you considered attending the next Zonta International Convention?

The 61st International Convention is to be held in Torino, Italy next year from 7-12 July?

Registration is now open on the Zonta website at www.zonta.org

Happy Birthday Zonta

Who conceived Zonta?

While working in a prominent role at the Buffalo Express at a time when women rarely held leadership positions, playwright and journalist Marian de Forest conceived the idea of an organization that would bring together women in executive positions. She envisioned a strong network that would help women reach their rightful places in the professions.

When did Zonta start?

Zonta's first club was chartered in Buffalo, New York on 8 November 1919. Membership grew rapidly. By 1920, a confederation of nine Zonta clubs had formed with 600 members.

In 1928 the name Zonta International was adopted and the headquarters established in Chicago.

In 1929 Zonta came to Sydney Australia - the club disappeared in 1935 and restarted again in 1966.



Emergence of Brisbane North

In 1971 the 1st Queensland club was established as the Zonta Club of Brisbane. Dr Helen Row from this Brisbane Club, was instrumental in starting 12 other clubs in Queensland and on 19/6/1978 the 2nd club was formed that being Zonta Club of Brisbane North with membership dues then at \$6 per capita. The club was part of District 16, which covered all Australia and New Zealand.

Current members who were charter members when the club was formed in 1978 include: Mercier Ferrier, June Halliday, Mary Mahoney, Barbara Newton and Jean Sinclair.

We are honoured to have the expertise and guidance in the club of these Charter members and to be able to still draw on their valuable Zonta experiences.

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Visit **ZONTA** on the web

Explore the District web site for current information

www.zontadistrict22.org

Read about the International Service projects on the ZI web-site

www.zonta.org

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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 **11 November 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



Dr John Bowles our guest speaker for October with his wife Sue

We were delighted to welcome Dr John Bowles and his wife Sue to our October dinner meeting particularly as Sue is Kara's mother. John spoke to the group about several issues of interest to women, including menopause and hormone replacement therapy and the value of good health and activity in staving off the onset of dementia. Relevant articles provided by John have been circulated so members might read further on the topics if interested.

It was also a pleasure at the dinner meeting to present the Service Awards for this year. Bec Jones from Vulcana Women's Circus accepted the award that will enable a program to be run for Young Parents. Pastor Angelo, on behalf of the Sudanese Women's Sewing Group, spoke briefly of the value of the award to these women and the project they are undertaking.

On Sunday 5 October Jennie Watt and I attended the evening show of "The Grave Effects of Notable Women" performed by young women from the Vulcana Women's Circus in the beautiful and evocative Toowong Cemetery. Under an almost full moon we were guided to various sites within the cemetery where young artists performed physical theatre to represent and celebrate the lives of Brisbane's famous, infamous and forgotten women. Our club had contributed to the funding of this venture, the first-of-its-kind, and we were both extremely impressed with the professionalism and creativity of this work and the skills the young women exhibited.

The annual Helen Lahey Award was kindly presented this year by Narelle on behalf of our club at the Orienteering BBQ held on Sunday 23 October. The recipient was Felicity Crosato who has accomplished some significant achievements in orienteering after only a short association with the sport — these included school coach and team manager, organiser of various events, course designer and manager for the Australian team for Oceania Challenge 2011.

Finally, I want to say a special thank you to Lynette Liddle and Glenda Gobe for quietly sourcing a fine wooden gavel to add to the President's box of tricks. It certainly enables members attention to be gained more elegantly!

For your diaries

Next Area
Workshop
Sunday 1 April
2012
at Redcliffe

The Board

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

Status of Women Service Awards Sub-Committee Chair: Gina Brosnan brosnang@bridgeline.qld.edu.au	Meets prior to Dinner Meeting at USC 6pm.
Service and LAA Sub-Committee Chair: Jennie Watt	Meeting held Sept each year
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	

The Chisholm Refuge

On 17 October 2011, I attended the Chisholm Inc. 27th Annual General Meeting at Banyo Public Library to learn more about the work of the Refuge.

The Chisholm Refuge offers a sanctuary to women and children in need, escaping from violent situations. It is a caring supportive community and the support offered is an integral part of the recovery process.

The following information is taken from the annual report given by Kimberley James, the Coordinator of Chisholm. Kimberley indicates that over the past year the refuge has assisted 45 women and 91 children, a 12% increase on the previous year. Of this number, 35% of these women were from a CALD (culturally and linguistically diverse) background and 13% were Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander women.

Kimberley states that the staff are pleased that they have been able to make a significant impact on the lives of families that have accessed Chisholm services. Fewer women have reengaged with past violent relationships, due to the tenacious case work of the support workers and more women have also transitioned into medium to long term supported accommodation due to ongoing case management with the tenancy manager.

This year the refuge has received a new computer setup and a bus with funds from the Jupiter's Gaming Fund. The bus has enabled the women to be taken on weekly excursions to engage with women and to have time outside the refuge.

The primary source of funding for the refuge comes from the Dept of Communities—Supported Accommodation Program, the Dept of Housing — CAP head lease funding and from rental contributions from clients transitioning through the service.

Some women seek the services of the refuge with little or no income and Kimberley reports that this is an increasing issue that is placing significant strain on resources. For this reason the refuge has a policy of supporting only one family at a time in this situation. The Combined Women's Refuge Group offers an opportunity for independent refuge organizations to have a united voice and this particular issue has been taken up by the group who are preparing a submission to Government seeking further resources.

Additional support has been provided to Chisholm by a CEO Challenge partner who organised a fundraising activity over a weekend and Farm Fantastic who provided a site for the staff to raise funds and public awareness about Domestic Violence.

Kimberley also raised concerns associated with a lack of privacy being faced by children at school whose details are potentially accessible via the new 'One School' database by a parent seeking to locate them. In addition, women are being advised of the dangers associated with the use of smart phones and GPS engaged devices that may facilitate them being traced.

Kimberley concluded by thanking a range of people and organizations that support the Refuge in a variety of ways.

The evening concluded with election of office bearers for the Management Committee and a delightful rendition of songs by a talented country singer, Tanya Sims.

**International
days coming**

up

**10 Nov
International
Day of
Tolerance**

**25 Nov
International
Day for the
Elimination of
Violence
against
Women**

**10 Dec
Human Rights
Day**

Pamper packs for Christmas

As previously agreed, members will contribute toward pamper packs to be prepared for the women in Chisholm as a Christmas gift. It is proposed that each member will draw an envelope that will identify a couple of the items from the list below to bring to the Christmas dinner meeting. We will then package the items and Christmas wrap them for delivery in December.

Pamper packs items that will be requested

Perfume
Soap
Body Lotion
Face Masks
Bath Salts / Oil
Nail Polish
Body Scrub

Member's news

- Patricia Rego is currently housebound having injured her ankle and is non weight bearing and learning to cope with crutches.
- Barbara Young has recently been into hospital for back surgery. As she has been required to stay longer than expected we have sent her a note and some flowers to let her know we are thinking of her.
- Happy birthday wishes go to Noreen who recently celebrated her birthday with an indulgent weekend at the Surfers Paradise and a jump from 14,000 feet!! Noreen, I'm sure Amelia Earhart would be proud of you.

Birthing Kit Assembly - 4 February 2012

The following message has been received from The Birthing Kit Foundation Australia:

The BKFA has always relied on the considerable generosity of its supporters from around Australia to keep our project going. As the project has grown and developed over the years, the Foundation has recognised the importance of ensuring that changes to birthing practices are sustainable.

Critical to ensuring the project continues to grow and have a lasting impact on maternal and infant health in developing countries is the ability to support our partner organisations expand the education of traditional birth attendants and broaden the reach of the distribution of birthing kits.

By supporting training programs and the production of birthing kits at the local level, we hope to achieve the greatest success – that kits are readily available locally and no longer needed from us.

We recognise that many of our supporters share our desire to enable long term sustainable change and wish to support not only the provision of birthing kits, but also training programs and the establishment of in-country kit initiatives. We now make it possible for you to do both!

The BKFA has indicated that this year the assembly of kits will cost **\$3 per kit** - this will be full funding of the cost of supplies and transport of the kits and also contribute to sustainability projects. Kits can be assembled in multiples of 200 (\$600). The ZBN Board discussed this issue and has recommended the club commit to the assembly of 400 kits when we meet to undertake this task on Saturday 4 February 2012.

Volunteers will be sought at the November meeting – the donation of members time to this activity is greatly appreciated and contributes to the saving of the lives of women and babies around the world.

Update on projects

Sausage Zizzle continues

Our first Thursday of the second month (Nov) of zizzling started off a little slower with a net profit of \$535 plus \$30 donations, just little lower than on previous days.

Again we have been invited to assist at two Tradies breakfasts this month which will bring in additional funds by way of Bunnings vouchers. These we will on sell, so members may like to consider buying one or more \$50 vouchers as a Christmas gift for a friend or family member.

Pam Beavis and I are most appreciative of the support we have received from our Zonta club members who again this month have offered their help ... including two Hon Zons, Gary Barlow and Ian Chaseling – thank you to each one of you.

Last month in collaboration along with members of Brisbane Zonta Club we attended a Bunnings DIY evening for women and were invited to “man” an information booth to talk about Zonta to any women in attendance. While we did speak to a couple of attendees, in reality our time was spent learning about painting hints, using power tools and sanding wood – then we assisted in serving the evening refreshments.

The roster for January may pose some difficulties with members going away on holiday – for those of you who have not yet participated and could be available on a Thursday in January, I would like to hear from you.



Zonta Club of Waverley Inc

Member of Zonta International

Advancing the Status of Women Worldwide

2012 Zonta Diary Order Form

- *Reusable black wallet with Zonta Logo
Size – 17x11 cm
- *Week at a glance double page spread format
- *Complimentary personal Directory
- *Insert which provides a full listing of meeting dates for all Zonta Clubs throughout Australia with contact details

Clubs are requested to place bulk orders where possible

2012 ZONTA DIARY REFILLS @ \$16 each

**ZONTA PERSONAL DIARIES FOR 2012
PLUS REUSABLE WALLET @ \$30**

ZONTA DIARY COVERS @ \$18.00

**Send to:- Robyn Scholes
Unit 2 / 29 Panoramic Grove,
Glen Waverley Victoria, 3150
Cheques made payable to “Zonta Club of Waverley Inc.”**

[Orders will be collected at the November dinner meeting](#)