



March 2011

PO Box 368, Spring Hill, Qld, 4004

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COMING EVENTS

THE BOARD



The Yellow rose
the Zonta symbol

'Dinner Meeting — Mon 14 March
United Service Club 6.30 for 7pm
Guest speaker - Veronica Neave
Presentation of YWPA Award 2011

Area meeting — Saturday 19 March
Eagle Heights Mtn Resort Hotel,
Tamborine 8am — 4.30pm

Board meeting—23 March 2011
6.15pm Qld Newspapers Bld

Dinner Meeting — Mon 11 April
United Service Club 6.30 for 7pm
Guest speaker: TBA

Board meeting 27 April 2011
6.15pm Qld Newspapers Bld

President: Margaret Marshall
Vice President: Maggie Williams
Corres. Sec: Jenni Jolly
Minutes Sec: Anne Vinning
Treasurer: Karen Peterson
Directors: Therese Murphy
Maree Crawford
Kara Bowman

Reminder

Phone apologies for Dinner Meeting
to **Noreen Gorman** on 3371 5752
(no emails please)
by 9.00 am on
Friday 11 March 2011.

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

If you are bringing guests to the
Dinner Meeting please advise
Noreen

Any special dietary requirements –
please let Noreen know.

Please wear your *Name Badge!*

A Zonta Grace

Whatever your country of birth
Whatever your faith or creed
Give thanks for the meal
We share today in Zonta fellowship
But remember too, those who have
no food
Not with guilt that we have too
much,
But with hope that they may come to
share the same
Through peace and harmony

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web
Explore the District
website for current
information

www.zontadistrict22.org

Read about the Inter-
national Service pro-
jects on the ZI web-
site
www.zonta.org

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<u>Committees</u>	<u>Meetings</u>
Status of Women Service Awards Sub-Committee Chair: – Gina Brosnan brosnang@brigidine.qld.edu.au	Meets prior to Dinner Meeting at USC 6.00 pm.
Service and LAA Sub-Committee Chair: Jennie Watt jenniewatt@westnet.com.au	Meeting held to consider applications
Organisation, Membership and Classification Chair: Pamela Beavis pambeavis@optusnet.com.au	Meets prior to Dinner Meeting at USC 6.00 pm.
United Nations Chair: Patricia Rego p.rego@uq.edu.au	Meets prior to Dinner Meeting at USC 6.00 pm.
Public Relations and Communications Chair: Maggie Williams maggie.will1@bigpond.com	Meets prior to Dinner Meeting at USC 6.00 pm.
Parliamentarian Barbara Newton	

President's Update

Based on feedback received our movie night featuring the film "Girl Clock" was thoroughly enjoyed and deemed to be highly successful both as a social event and in terms of the funds raised in support of the Young Women's Literacy Program. Congratulations to Jennie Watt and her team for a well organised function.

The Community Living Association is also keen to enlist the assistance of volunteers to work one on one with the recipients of their Literacy program. As this was a possible consideration when the service grant application was assessed last year, I have agreed to meet with the program coordinator Sabrina Stokes sometime in the next week or so to discover further details about this involvement and will provide this information to the club in due course.

We are delighted to be able to follow up on our movie night event by welcoming Veronica Neave, one of the stars of Girl Clock and Artistic Director of the Vulcana Women's Circus as our guest speaker at the March dinner meeting. I'm sure you will find that Veronica will provide some interesting insights into her life in the Performing Arts.

It was a delight to hear the stories and achievements of Louise, Ella, and Fanta, our Advancement Grant Award winners, at the February meeting. I am sure you would have been impressed by the challenges they had had to face in their struggle to achieve in their chosen fields of study. Gina reports that she has received a thank you note from Ella Smith, who has also offered to help us at our Zonta Fair this year. We will certainly follow up on this opportunity to engage further with Ella.

2011 Young Women in Public Affairs Winner

At our March meeting we welcome this year's successful winner of the Young Women in Public Affairs Award — Stephanie Dyer. Stephanie will attend our dinner meeting with her mother and we look forward to hearing about her future aspirations.

Maggie has been in touch with the Manager of the United Services Club and a meeting has been arranged with him and the Chef to discuss our concerns and expectations for the meals offered at our monthly meetings.

The Nominating Committee is required to prepare a slate of candidates for presentation to members at the April Meeting. If you are interested in being more involved in the functioning of the club and are prepared to hold office, why not speak to Linda, June or Pam about your interest. Involvement in this way allows for a greater appreciation of the activities and achievements of our Zonta organisation.

Knowing more about one another...

Following on from Jane's suggestion at the last meeting, I am inviting each member to prepare a brief outline (a sentence or two) of interesting information about themselves, that is possibly not well known by other members. Be sure to include your name on the page and place this "titbit of interest" in an envelope and bring it to the next dinner meeting. These envelopes will be held in a box and one or two will be drawn at each meeting with the aim of guessing who the person might be Consequently we will learn a little more about each other month by month!

We also hope to include some member's stories at meetings from time to time.

So far four members have registered to attend the Area meeting on 19 March — why not join us!



Our Advancement Grant winners for 2011
Fanta Tako, Louise Ryan and Ella Smith with Gina Brosnan, Chair, Status of Women Service Awards and Margaret Marshall, President

Just a Reminder — have you paid your annual membership dues?

If not, payment of dues required by 14 March please.

For your diary

**Area Meeting
19 March**

**District
Conference
In Brisbane
23-25
September
2011**

Topping up the Advancement Grant Funds

Our Advancement Grant Fund provides one to two \$1,000 grants each year. An interest bearing account was established with funds raising from a number of functions (public lectures and associated raffles) run by the Status of Women Committee and the yearly interest generated contributes toward funding this award. June Halliday continues to augment the principal through her regular fund raising activities. This year June has generously donated a framed hand embroidered cross stitch of a basket of flowers as an Art Union prize. Tickets to be sold over the next four months. The raffle will be drawn at the Annual Fair on 16 July 2011. Club members will be asked to assist by taking a book of 10 tickets to sell in support of this fundraising activity.



Has Amelia Earhart been found?

Some sceptics say “no” claiming bone fragments found on Nikumaroro Is (part of Kiribati) included those of Gilligan and Ginger! The University of Oklahoma tested the bone fragments to see if DNA could be extracted and compared with that provided by Amelia’s relatives but the results were inconclusive. Further investigations will continue since searchers claim there is a plane wreck and a woman’s compact, buttons and zipper from a flight jacket have already been found to add to the finds made over many years. None of this changes the importance of Amelia Earhart (24 July 1897 – July 1937?) to Zonta. Through her air travels she provided links between Zontians – carrying news from club to club in an age of limited communication when Zonta was a mere “teenager”! And her spirit of adventure and breaking barriers lives on in each of the many women who since 1938 have received the fellowships named in her honour.

Plans underway to make breast cushions

Planning is underway to establish a small group of willing members who have volunteered to assist with the preparation, sewing and stuffing of a number of breast cushions for women who have undergone breast surgery. We have a sample item, a pattern and are now exploring how to access suitable materials for making the cushions. Any members who have any unwanted half metre lengths of fine cotton fabric that they can donate to the project, should contact Karen Petersen. These cushions were designed by a Zontian who underwent breast surgery herself and found the cushions beneficial in protecting the wound while sleeping, wearing a car seat belt and shopping!

Check out the new e-newsletter from ZI

The new **e-Newsletter** is available on the Zonta website at the following address:

<http://www.zonta.org/MediaNews/Publications.aspx>

To receive this publication each month click on “Join Our Mailing List”

Zonta is also now on Facebook and Twitter

International days

coming up

March 2011
Australian
Women’s History
Month

21 March
International Day
for Elimination of
Racial
Discrimination

22 March
World Day for
Water

7 April
World Health Day

Committee Reports

The following report has been prepared by Jennie Watt, Convenor of the Girl Clock activity

GIRL CLOCK FUND RAISING EVENT

I think we can say that the film evening was a successful event. Without the wonderful support of club members this would not have been possible. The feedback to date has all been positive with people saying how much they enjoyed the movie, the food and the fellowship. After watching this delightful and amusing film, having the question and answer session with the actors and producer/writer was a wonderful bonus.

We are very grateful to all the people associated with the film who attended on the night. Executive Producer and Casting Director, Margaret Casey who was our contact and who arranged for Jennifer Uzzi, the Producer, Co-writer and Director of the film to attend as well as actors, Veronica Neave, Caterina Hebbard and Jamie Dunn.

Our appreciation is also extended to the Manager of the Regal Cinema, Paul Roobottom for his helpful advice and cooperative assistance with our arrangements for the function.

The support we received from members surpassed our expectations with 182 tickets sold, generating \$4,550. After expenses, the net proceeds were \$3,599. This result would not have been possible without the generous donations of food and beverage by members.

There are many people I would like to acknowledge. Firstly, the Club Board for supporting my proposal and for their idea to ask all members to sell 4 tickets. I would also like to acknowledge the support of the small committee we formed to run the event, Margaret Marshall, Maggie Williams, Paulette Clarke, Noleen Foggon, Noreen Gorman, Trish Meaney and myself.

A big thank you to Paulette Clarke and Noleen Foggon who made the club sandwiches and to Trish Meaney for helping Paulette when we realised extra food would be required as the ticket sales swelled. Altogether, Paulette, Trish and Noleen made 21 loaves. In regard to the food, I received an email from a friend asking where we got the club sandwiches "as they were great" and she would like to buy some. Thank you to Maggie Williams for the cheese and fruit platters and to Noreen Gorman for the pikelets and chocolates. Despite having so many responsibilities as Club President, Margaret Marshall took on the job of making the tickets, issuing the tickets, collecting the payments & record keeping with her usual efficiency. And last, but not least, Peter Marshall and David Fraser for looking after the bar and clearing up and stacking all the glasses in the crates while we enjoyed the movie.

A number of donations were received and are gratefully acknowledged — Paulette Clark for over half the club sandwiches and for arranging through one of her clients, Dalton Hospitality, the supply of tablecloths, glasses & platters, all at no expense to the club. Maggie Williams for a cheese and fruit platter, Noreen Gorman for pikelets and chocolates, Narelle Fraser for funding the lucky door prize and Jennie Watt for serviettes, juice and soft drink.



Kara and guests at the Girl Clock movie



Jennie with her guest — who is that strange figure waving behind them?

Fair Committee

The Fair Committee met on Saturday 19 February at Glenda's place. It was confirmed that the Fair would held on 16 July 2011 from 8.30am to 2pm as occurred in 2010. The entertainment program was discussed and Glenda agreed to contact the various schools and performers to confirm their availability. It was agreed that a further advertising banner needed to be prepared and that A5 flyers would be used for letter drops this year.

It was recognised that the cake stall was in need of additional support to enable preparation of an increased number of items. Cake and sweet recipes are to be made available and members will be requested to prepare items in advance. Donations of eggs and sugar for cake and jam makers will also be sought to supplement supplies needed to prepare an increased volume of produce.