



April 2011

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PO Box 368, Spring Hill, Qld, 4004

COMING EVENTS

THE BOARD



The Yellow rose
the Zonta symbol

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

Board meeting 27 April 2011
 6.15pm Qld Newspapers Bld

AGM & Dinner Meeting —
 Mon 9 May 2011
 United Service Club 6.30 for 7pm

Board Handover dinner meeting
 25 May 2011 6.00pm

Dinner Meeting — Mon 20 June 2011
 United Service Club 6.30 for 7pm

Board meeting 29 June 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 8 April 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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 Explore the District website for current information

www.zontadistrict22.org

Read about the International Service projects on the ZI website
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

Members were delighted to be able to honour Stephanie Dyer as our Young Women in Public Affairs award winner this year and at the last dinner meeting Stephanie told of her aspirations to assist with the education of young women about women's issues and to possibly assist in a 3rd world country in the future. Stephanie as school captain at Brigidine School is actively involved in the Social Justice Group. This group assists young refugee women in the community with their English language skills. Thanks again go to Gina and her Committee for recommending a most worthy awardee.

Following our recent enjoyable experience with Veronica Neave as the lead actor in *Girl Clock*, we invited Veronica, to share with us some of her personal story as an actor, as the Artistic Director of Vulcana Women's Circus and as the author of the book "Pieces of Me". Veronica gave an engaging account of her various activities as an actor and acrobat then went on to explain the challenges she has faced, along with her two sisters as carriers of the gene BRCA 2, a gene associated with early onset familial breast cancer. The book details Veronica's journey of their decision processes. Members were able to buy a copy of the book at the end of the evening.

I met with Sabrina Stokes from the Community Living Association Literacy Program at the end of March. Sabrina has been invited to attend our coming dinner meeting to receive the cheque from the movie night fundraiser as well as to provide some greater detail on the role of volunteers assisting with the program. Sabrina is keen to recruit new volunteers for this challenging project.



Jennie Watt thanks Veronica Neave, Artistic Director of Vulcana Women's Circus for her entertaining presentation as our March guest speaker

As we near the end of the Zonta year, the Board at the last meeting agreed that it would be a good time to ask all members about their level of satisfaction with the club operation and activities. This information will be useful to the newly appointed Board as they plan the goals for the next Zonta year. To accomplish this, a Satisfaction sheet will be available at the next meeting for return by each member at the May meeting. This should allow members to give due consideration as to what they expect as members, to offer any suggested improvements and to indicate their degree of satisfaction.

Four of us, Maggie, Narelle, Pam and myself attended the recent Area meeting on a very rainy Saturday up at Tamborine Mountain. It was a highly informative day and despite the weather, most enjoyable. A report will be given at the April dinner meeting.

"A titbit of interest" ...

How interesting was that titbit of information shared last month by Barbara (of course those of you that did not attend the meeting may now be just a little curious)? It would be fascinating for other members to share their snippets of little known information about themselves to brighten our meeting and to allow us to get to know more about each other. I again invite members to prepare and bring to the April meeting a brief outline (a sentence or two) of interesting information about themselves, that may not be well known by other members. Place this "titbit of interest" in an envelope and bring it to the dinner meeting and we will draw another couple out with the aim of guessing who each person might be Even though Barbara, a Charter member, has been in the club for over 30 years, no one guessed to whom that titbit of information related!

For your diary

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



Stephanie Dyer accepts her certificate as the winner of the Young Women in Public Affairs for 2011 from Gina Brosnan, Chair, Status of Women Sub-Committee

MDGs and your part in helping achieve some of those Goals

I will not attempt to précis the wealth of information on the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) which is available at www.un.org/millenniumgoals/ but I do encourage you to access it. What are the 8 MDGs?

This is the official UN list:

1. Eradicate Extreme Poverty and Hunger
2. Achieve Universal Primary Education
3. Promote Gender Quality and Empower Women
4. Reduce Child Mortality
5. Improve Maternal Health
6. Combat HIV/AIDS, Malaria, and Other Diseases
7. Ensure Environmental Sustainability
8. Develop a Global Partnership for Development

Many organisations round the world are working towards achieving some of these goals and use different numbering according to their priorities. I will stick with the official ones. Since their development and adoption by 189 nations (including Australia) in 2000, the MDGs have become an international mechanism for developing, planning and measuring the effectiveness of aid. Last year then ZIP Beryl Sten reminded us:

"Zonta International has a proud and unbroken record of partnership with the UN. In June 1945, the Charter of the United Nations was signed in San Francisco by signatories of fifty countries. Zonta International was represented at the inauguration and in 1946 the then International President Louise Grace said about the UN: "This organization is the best existing machinery for establishing conditions under which peace and social justice can prosper." Beryl also said "Some other cornerstones Zonta International is referring to in our objectives find their roots in many UN documents, like the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW), UNIFEM, the women's fund in the UN, the UN Trust Fund to End Violence Against Women, Beijing Platform for Action, +5 and +10, as well as some of the Millennium Development Goals."

ZI is concentrating on these three Goals - (3) Promoting Gender Quality and Empowering Women, (4) Reducing Child Mortality and (5) Improving Maternal Health. You can see how our Service Projects and activities fit within the vision of a world being transformed by millions working towards common goals.

Summary prepared by Barbara Newton

Have you updated your personal details on the Zonta website

The newly developed Zonta International website at www.zonta.org has a wealth of useful information and news about Zonta projects and activities. While you are there checking the site out, it is suggested that members take the opportunity to update their profiles under the revised Member Resources section.

Another website to visit

Another web site that is worth visiting is www.gg.gov.au and under "About the Governor-General" click on Events to read about the special luncheon held by Zonta International on 5 March at the Queens Club, Sydney, to honour the Governor-General for her life long work in advancing the status of women. The speech made by the Governor-General on receipt this award is also worth reading.



The Governor-General presented with Honorary Membership by ZI President-Elect Ms Lynn McKenzie

Help sell our Art Union tickets



Therese Murphy has kindly agreed to take the key role in distributing Art Union books of tickets and collecting the sold ticket butts for this year's Art Union. The framed cross stitch was donated by June Halliday. Be sure to see Therese if you have not obtained a book of tickets to sell. This fundraising activity requires very little effort on the part of club members and yet provides a good return for our Advancement Grant funds. The raffle will be drawn at the Annual Fair on 16 July 2011. Thanks are extended to Jane Prentice who kindly organised for the printing of the Art Union tickets through her Chapel Hill office.

**International days
coming up**

**7 April
World Health Day**

**Apr 22
Earth Day**

**Apr 29
World Dance Day**

**May 3
World Press
Freedom Day**

International Women's Day Breakfast

Mary Mahoney, Linda Fletcher, Jennie Watt and Narelle Fraser attended the International Women's Day Breakfast at the Brisbane Convention Centre on 8 March 2011 hosted by UN Women Australia. Dignitaries in attendance were Her Excellency, the Governor of Queensland, Ms Penelope Wensley, AO, The Hon Anna Bligh, MP Premier of Queensland, the Right Hon. The Lord Mayor of Brisbane, Councillor Campbell Newman, and special guest speaker, Unity Dow, the first female High Court Judge in Botswana and previously prominent as a human rights activist.

In her address, Unity Dow described her parents as not being well educated but able to read and write. They lived in a small village and had neither electricity nor running water. At that time, Unity Dow was born in 1959, Botswana was considered by the United Nations as one of the poorest countries in the world. For example, there was only some 12 kilometres of tarred road in the country.

Unity stressed the importance of guidance from elders. In her case, her father believed strongly in the great value of a good education, and encouraged all his children to do their utmost. She acknowledges that her achievements and career reflect the fantastic development in Botswana since independence in 1966.

Unity Dow is the author of five books : Far and Beyond, 2000; The Screaming of the Innocent, 2002; Juggling Truths, 2004; The Heavens may Fall, 2006; Saturday is for Funerals, 2010.

Ed Note: UN Women Australia was formerly UNIFEM, which this year celebrates 100 years (1911-2011)

Feedback

from our

Committees

Committee Reports

Fair Committee

The Fair Committee met on Saturday 26 March at Glenda's place. A celebrity to open the Fair is yet to be confirmed but an invitation is in progress. The park booking is to be confirmed and the situation with the toilet block clarified. It is planned to request permission to place a banner on the Toowong Bridge and an additional banner is to be made for this location. It is hoped to have the various sized advertising flyers available for distribution at the May dinner meeting.

As the cake stall is in need of additional support to ensure they have enough items to sell (they ran out early last year) it was agreed that to assist members, who are able to prepare and store sweets and cakes in advance, a number of recipes will be made available. Donations of eggs and sugar for cake and jam makers will be sought to supplement supplies and should be brought to the May meeting. June Halliday is keen to receive any fruit that members can provide for jam making such as lemons, oranges, limes, plums, figs, grapefruit and rosellas. Many stalls have started their early planning and will seek member support over the next few months.

Project Action Sub-Committee

1. Preparation of Breast cushions

Plans are progressing, with a working bee to be organised for mid-April. Tontine stuffing material has been obtained from Zonta Club of Brisbane East. Additional fabric donations are still being sourced. Several test cushions have been made to help with planning the tasks needed for the working bee.

2. Support for the Chisholm Refuge

Following a meeting late last year with the Coordinator of the Chisholm Refuge, correspondence has been prepared for club membership endorsement, outlining the possible support our club could provide that will ease the transition to a new living situation, for women suffering the results of domestic violence. The letter will be forwarded with the agenda and its contents will be open for discussion at the next meeting.