



The yellow rose,  
Zonta's symbol

## October Newsletter

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Coming Events	ZBN Action	Notices
<p><b>October 8th: Dinner Meeting 7pm USC</b> Please phone your apologies for this meeting to Noreen Gorman on 3371-5752 by 9am on <b>Wednesday 3rd October (no emails, please)</b>. Without an apology, payment of \$41 is obligatory. If you are bringing guests to the Dinner Meeting or if you have any special dietary requirements please let Noreen know.</p> <p><b>October: Bunnings Sausage Sizzle</b> — Volunteers needed, please (see also note re November below).</p> <p><b>31st October: Board Meeting, 6pm Ashgrove Library</b></p>	<p><b>Project Now</b> Pam &amp; Margaret attended the Moonyah Rotary Breakfast at the end of last month and listened to the moving stories of two of the residents who are enrolled in the Recovery Program. They also presented Rotary</p> 	<p><b>Visit ZONTA on the web</b></p> <p>Read about the International Service projects on the ZI website <a href="http://www.zonta.org">www.zonta.org</a></p> <p>Explore the District website for current information <a href="http://www.zontadistrict22.org">www.zontadistrict22.org</a></p>
<p><b>Advocacy Days, October</b></p>	<p>with a cheque for \$2000 from Zonta Brisbane North for Project Now.</p>	<p><i>Why not pay your dinner fees by direct deposit??</i></p>
<p><b>United Nations:</b> 1st: International Day for Older Persons; World Habitat Day 11th: International Day of the Girl Child 15th: International Day of Rural Women 24th: United Nations Day</p>	<p><b>International Day of the Girl Child</b> October 11 is the inaugural International Day of the Girl Child (girls under 18). The Day was established to focus attention on the unique problems faced by this group such as violence in varying forms, economic disadvantage and gender discrimination. The impact of child marriage on the girl child is the particular theme for 2012. This theme was chosen "because child marriage is a phenomenon that violates millions of girls' rights, disrupts their education, jeopardizes their health, and denies them their childhood, limiting their opportunities and impacting all aspects of a girl's life" (UN) (see Snippets p.2). Zonta International UN Chairman, Maryann Tarantula, notes that the UN wants girls to be more involved in developing policies and strategies that affect them. She also believes strongly in the importance of Zonta clubs collaborating with girls' organisations so that they are aware of Zonta's support for the rights of the girl child and women, and so that they participate in action on their behalf. Maryann points out that Zonta can influence UN policy development through submissions to the annual UN Commission on the Status of Women meetings, and she will be attending a UN briefing on the Day of the Girl Child to glean information that Zonta clubs can use.</p>	<p><b>Paying your dinner fees by direct deposit online is an easier way to pay!</b></p>
<p><b>Queensland:</b> 1-31st: Sexual Violence Awareness Month (SVAM)</p> <p>The purpose of SVAM is "to encourage Queenslanders to show their support for ending violence of this nature and to inform those affected about the help available". To receive confidential support, women may call <b>1800 177 577</b>, 8.00am to 6.00pm, Monday-Friday.</p>	<p>♦ <b>BSB number 034-002</b> ♦ <b>Account number 992870</b></p> <p>Please describe clearly the purpose of the deposit, e.g. include your surname and the phrase "October meeting".</p>	<p>♦ <b>BSB number 034-002</b> ♦ <b>Account number 992870</b></p> <p>Please describe clearly the purpose of the deposit, e.g. include your surname and the phrase "October meeting".</p>
<p><i>The Board</i></p>	<p><b>Sausage Sizzle</b> Sales of humble snags and white bread netted \$2,420 in September, and \$23,240 over the past year! Congratulations to Margaret and Pam especially, and to all who have helped on the stall. <b>NB: Margaret and Pam also need volunteers for all 5 Thursdays in November, please.</b></p>	<p><i>"Our lives begin to end the day we become silent on things that matter."</i>  <i>Martin Luther King</i></p>
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## President's Update

September has been a busy month for me but very satisfying.

**Recognition of Service:** At the September dinner meeting, it was my pleasure to present ZI Certificates of Recognition to Vicki Lomax, June Halliday, and Mercier Ferrier, three members who have and continue to support the club in many ways over more than 30 years. Congratulations, ladies.



**21 September - UN International Day of Peace:** The inaugural Brisbane Peace Lecture at St John's Cathedral was launched by Her Excellency Governor of Qld, Penny Wensley with guest speaker, Leneen Forde. This lecture was dedicated to the memory of two great Australian women, Emma Miller and Jessie Street. Emma was a strong advocate for peace, especially in regard to the enfranchisement of women and anti-conscription for WWI. Jessie is recognised both in Australia and internationally for activism in women's rights, social justice and peace.

In her introduction, Justice Margaret McMurdo spoke of the work Leneen has done when advocating for women's and children's rights in Australia and of Leneen's long association with Zonta, her term as ZI President and her introducing the YWPA as part of Zonta education program. The theme of the lecture was "Speaking out for Peace". Leneen shared her insights for the role that women can and do play in peace efforts around the world. Evil prospers when good people do nothing or remain silent and do not speak up. Leneen referred to the role women now play in UN Peace keeping forces and of the work being done by Michelle Bachelet, Executive Director of UN Women. She also spoke of Kim Phuc, the child depicted in the photograph during the Vietnam war and her role now in assisting child victims of war thru her foundation. It was pleasing to hear that following Michelle Bachelet's visit to Australia in August this year, that the Australian Government announced \$6.7M funding to the UN Trust Fund to End Violence Against Women.

**Project Now Breakfast:** The fund-raising breakfast was an overwhelming success, raising \$130,000. More than 1,000 people attended, and of these about 500 were Zonta-related. If not before, everyone in the room now knows what a terrible affliction addiction is to those people involved, their families and especially their children. Cynthia Morton spoke frankly of her childhood and living with parents with addiction, her own addictions, the effect this had on her children, and her journey in overcoming these. Her journey was mostly on her own as there was not the assistance of programs such as that given at Moonyah. We also heard from one lady who has graduated from Moonyah and one lady currently on the program. Both of them could not thank the Salvation Army enough for saving their lives when they were at their lowest point, and for the ripple effect it is having on others around them. They feel they may have broken the chain of addiction that has occurred in their families and therefore possibly save their children from addiction.

**ZC of Sandgate High Tea:** Narelle and I joined over 100 other ladies for a high tea and fashion parade a couple of weeks ago. This was another successful event with all the catering supplied by members of the club. The money raised will be donated for the purchase of materials for Birthing Kits.

Anne Vinning

## Snippets

Action against *child marriage* is the theme of the International Day of the Girl Child 2012. According to UNESCO,

Child marriage ... represents perhaps the most prevalent form of sexual abuse and exploitation of girls. The harmful consequences include separation from family and friends, lack of freedom to interact with peers and participate in community activities, and decreased opportunities for education. Child marriage can also result in bonded labour or enslavement, commercial sexual exploitation and violence against the victims. Because they cannot abstain from sex or insist on condom use, child brides are often exposed to such serious health risks as premature pregnancy, sexually transmitted infections and, increasingly, HIV/AIDS ... It is estimated that 14 million girls aged 15-19 give birth every year. Girls in this age group are twice as likely to die during pregnancy or childbirth as women in their twenties (<http://www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/beijing/beijingat10/L.%20The%20girl-child.pdf>).