

## President's Report

What a busy September for the club – the Trivia Night and District Conference. A big thank you to our members and supporters who made the Trivia Night such a success, and a special mention to the fundraising committee for organizing the event.

Eleven of our members attended the District Conference in Tewantin (see photos p.2), and it was a wonderful weekend: the guest speakers were varied and inspiring, the fellowship with other Zontians was enjoyable and the conference had a wonderful feel overall, thanks to our District organizing committee. We were delighted to have at the Conference, Chloe Yap, Sarah Newman and Tegan Green, three of the five District award winners, who spoke about their journey so far. What a great achievement for ZC of Brisbane North - other clubs were asking what our secret is! I thoroughly recommend our new members consider attending future Area Meetings and District Conferences, as these forums highlight Zonta's activities both locally and internationally and give good insight into the ideals of Zonta.

Liz Davenport addressed the conference and spoke of her involvement in "Kimberly Girls" in WA, an Indigenous leadership program for girls where they learn about how to walk on the catwalk, grooming, deportment and public speaking. Later at the gala dinner, Liz and her team presented "One month in a cabin bag". The Queensland coordinator of Liz Davenport is available to attend a club meeting or a fundraising event to explain how to build a wardrobe from their collection, and they would set up a "Pop-up Boutique" for the purchase of clothes. This is a fundraising event for the club to consider in 2014.

Zonta has reached its final goal for Project Now. At a recent ZC of Brisbane Metro Breakfast meeting, final cheques from the clubs involved with the Fashion Showcase were presented to Chris Tamsett from the Salvation Army. Another project is being considered, with several Brisbane Zonta Clubs working cooperatively to once again raise the profile of Zonta in the community. 2014 will be another busy year.

Anne

## Last Chance to Donate Text Books for the Solomon Islands

As previously advised, Heather Mohay is collecting books for the Solomon Islands National University. Heather's role was to help the university administration establish the various structures necessary when setting up a new institution. Heather says that she would particularly like text books published after 1990 in the areas of Nursing and Allied Health, Education, Environmental Studies, and Business Management. I am also hoping to send some good quality literature - not the classics e.g. Dickens but good well written books. I would like to pick them up at the next meeting or if that is a problem I can collect them. I can be contacted at [heather.mohay@gmail.com](mailto:heather.mohay@gmail.com) or 3351 2087 after 6th October.

## Trivia Night Success

Thanks to the hard work of the Fund-raising Committee, and the hard work and generosity of Therese and her family, "Hon Zons" and "Ord Zons", the Trivia Night was a great success and raised over \$5,000. Thanks to Anne and Noreen for the photos. More photos will be published in November.

## Just when you thought it was safe to drive... The Need for Female Emancipation??

A leading Saudi cleric warned women who drive cars could cause damage to their ovaries and pelvises and that they are at risk of having children born with "clinical problems." Sheikh Saleh Al-Loheidan's widely derided remarks have gone viral as activists claim a website urging women to defy their country's driving ban has been blocked in Saudi Arabia. "If a woman drives a car," Al-Loheidan told Saudi news website sabq.org in an interview, "it could have a negative physiological impact ... Medical studies show that it would automatically affect a woman's ovaries and that it pushes the pelvis upward." Explained Al-Loheidan, "We find that for women who continuously drive cars, their children are born with varying degrees of clinical problems." The controversial comments, published Friday, were widely interpreted throughout Saudi Arabia as an attempt to discourage women in the country from joining a popular online movement urging them to stage a demonstration by driving cars on October 26.

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**The deadline for recording your intended absence from the dinner meeting is 9am on the Friday before. Failure to notify Noreen in time will mean you will still have to pay the cost of the dinner (\$41), since the Club will be charged for it regardless.**



**The yellow rose,  
Zonta's symbol**

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### International Day of the Girl Child

### Date Claimers

#### October 14th, 7pm USC Dinner Meeting

**Apologies to Noreen Gorman on 3371-5752 by 9am on Friday, 11th August. Please let Noreen know beforehand if you:**

- are bringing a guest
- have special dietary needs
- are returning after an absence

#### October 30th. 6pm Ashgrove Library: Board Meeting

#### October Sausage Sizzle Volunteers needed, please

#### November Fund-Raiser Please see Notices

### Zonta Says No Walk

Anyone who wants to buy a ZSN shirt needs to order and pay through the 'Walk to say NO' campaign page:

([www.tinyurl.com/ZSNBris](http://www.tinyurl.com/ZSNBris))

If you don't have a credit card or access to the internet, please contact District Treasurer, Elaine Harrington to make alternative arrangements: 0413 118 106 or [eharrington@absoe.com.au](mailto:eharrington@absoe.com.au)



## Fund-Raising Event

**Event:** Croquet Afternoon and Gourmet BBQ dinner

**Date:** Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November, 3pm to 8pm

**Where:** Merthyr Croquet Club, New Farm Park

**The fund-raising committee would like to hear from you:**

- ◆ **Would you like to combine croquet with a gourmet BBQ dinner?**
- ◆ **Would you like to attend croquet only?**
- ◆ **Would you like to have dinner only?**

### Prize Sub-Committee of the Fund-Raising Committee

Would you like to be part of a *Prize Sub-committee* of the Fund-raising Committee via email? Please tell Glenda at: [g.gobe@uq.edu.au](mailto:g.gobe@uq.edu.au)

## UN International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women (IDEVAW)

District Governor Judith Anderson reminds all clubs that we are expected to take action, alone or in conjunction with another club, on or around 25 November, the IDEVAW. We can advertise actions on the *Zonta Says No* website.

### United Nations Advocacy Days, October

**11th:** International Day of the Girl Child

**15th:** International Day of Rural Women

**24th:** United Nations Day

## Newsletter Items

Please email any items of interest or notices of proposed activities directly to [patricia.rego@uqconnect.edu.au](mailto:patricia.rego@uqconnect.edu.au). Contributions are particularly sought from Chairs of Committees who might like to advertise what they are doing, and to seek assistance from members.

### Do you have recent ZCBN photos?

Our website needs some more recent photos. Please send them to me at: [patricia.rego@uqconnect.edu.au](mailto:patricia.rego@uqconnect.edu.au).

## *International Day of the Girl Child*

October 11 is the 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. 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.

The focus of the 2013 International Day of the Girl Child (IDGC) is "Innovating for Girls' Education". The UN believes that girls' education is both a moral imperative and an obligation. It has profound implications for the health and well-being of women and children, the reduction of poverty and social and change. There have been significant improvements in the level of girls' access to education over the past 20 years. Nonetheless, girls in many places are faced with "safety-related, financial, institutional and cultural barriers" to receiving education. In 2013, the IDGC will specifically:

address the importance of new technology, but also innovation in partnerships, policies, resource utilization, community mobilization, and most of all, the engagement of young people themselves. All UN agencies, Member States, **civil society organizations**, and private sector actors have potential tools to innovate for and with girls to advance their education. Examples of possible steps include:

- ◆ Improved public and private means of transportation for girls to get to school – from roads, buses, mopeds, bicycles to boats and canoes;
- ◆ Collaboration between school systems and the banking industry to facilitate secure and convenient pay delivery to female teachers and scholarship delivery to girls;
- ◆ Provision of science and technology courses targeted at girls in schools, universities and vocational education programmes;
- ◆ Corporate mentorship programmes to help girls acquire critical work and leadership skills and facilitate their transition from school to work;
- ◆ Revisions of school curricula to integrate positive messages on gender norms related to violence, child marriage, sexual and reproductive health, and male and female family roles;
- ◆ Deploying mobile technology for teaching and learning to reach girls, especially in remote areas.

(Source: United Nations, <http://www.un.org/en/events/girlchild>)



Player	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5	Round 6	Round 7	Round 8	Round 9	Round 10	Round 11	Round 12	Round 13	Round 14	Round 15	Round 16	Round 17	Round 18	Round 19	Round 20
Player 1	20	18	12	20	16	20	20	18	18	18	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14
Player 2	17	17	15	16	15	18	15	17	13	11	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13
Player 3	16	14	18	6	12	14	12	16	14	8	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14
Player 4	16	14	14	16	10	20	14	16	14	18	16	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14
Miss Gifford																				
PLAYS	10	14	20	16	20	20	14	16	20	16	18	14	12	14	14	14	14	14	14	14
TOTAL	79	77	79	74	72	73	73	73	73	73	73	73	73	73	73	73	73	73	73	73
RANK	4	9	4	14	15	10	2	15	18	4	17	19	19	17	17	17	17	17	17	17

ZONTA CLUB BRISBANE NORTH TRIVIA SCORES

