



The yellow rose,
Zonta's symbol

May Newsletter

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Coming Events	Birthing Kit Update	Notices
<p>May 13th: Dinner Meeting 7pm USC Please phone your apologies for this meeting to Noreen Gorman on 3371-5752 by 9am on Wednesday 8th (no emails, please). 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>If you have been absent for a while, please let Noreen know beforehand when you intend to return so that enough dinners may be ordered.</p> <p>May 22nd: Board Meeting, 6pm Ashgrove Library</p> <p>JUNE Sausage Sizzle: Volunteers needed please for 6, 13, 20 and 27 June</p>	<p>Adrian Harris, the Supplies and Logistics Officer of the Birthing Kit Foundation in Australia, has provided the following feedback and thanks.</p> <p>The 400 kits that you, students and fellow volunteers assembled and returned last month to our warehouse, have been forwarded on to one of our partners in DR Congo. These arrived yesterday (25th March), and are planned to be distributed in the local areas in conjunction with an intensive training regime. Currently DR Congo, especially the areas around Uvira is one of the most important areas we have targeted for kit distribution as their maternal and infant mortality rates and levels of infection and injury are one of the highest in the world. This especially important after recent rebel attacks in the these districts. These kits are being distributed in remote rural villages in the very near future.</p> <p>From the correspondence that I have already received, the community are extremely grateful that other people in the world "care".</p> <p>The donation of the money, time and effort in making our work achievable has incredible impact in the maternal health of "at risk" areas and we can never underestimate the value of these kits, and you can feel proud in the knowledge that your work has definitely assisted in improving the health and reducing the mortality rates in the areas that have received the kits that your group has assembled .</p> <p>The foundation, partner groups and final recipients would like to thank you so much in making this gift possible. Please pass our thanks and congratulations on to the relevant parties.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Adrian</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Inside the Newsletter</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ President's Report ◆ District YWPA awardee ◆ New member ◆ New Board & Committees ◆ World Biodiversity Day <p style="text-align: center;">Contributions to the Newsletter</p> <p>Comments or contributions are welcome & should be forwarded to Patricia Régo (patricia.rego@uqconnect.edu.au)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">June Meeting Date Change</p> <p>PLEASE NOTE that the Junre meeting will be held on the FIRST Monday (3rd)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Fund-Raising</p> <p>Fund-raising Entertainment Books are available from Anne Vinning.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">International Advocacy Days, May</p> <p>15th: International Day of Families promotes awareness of social and economic issues relating to families.</p> <p>22nd: World Biodiversity Day (see p.2)</p> <p>31st: World No-Tobacco Day promotes awareness of the dangers of tobacco & the threats of second-hand smoke.</p>		<p style="text-align: center;">Paying dinner fees by direct deposit</p> <p>Please describe clearly the purpose of the deposit, e.g. include your surname and the phrase "May meeting".</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ BSB number 034-002 ◆ Account number 992870
<p style="text-align: center;">Permission to Publish Photographs</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Joining a Zonta Club</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Visit Zonta on the Web</p>
<p>All members should now be aware that we members as well as any awardees or guests, will be asked to give written consent to have their Zonta-related photos published on-line.</p>	<p>At the recent planning meeting, there was some discussion about new membership. Section 2(b)4 of the ZI Governing Documents 2012 states that membership at club level is by invitation after consideration by the club Membership Committee and club Board. All members of ZCBN have been invited to join after this process.</p>	<p>Read about the Inter-national Service projects on the ZI website www.zonta.org</p> <p>Explore the District website for current information www.zontadistrict22.org</p>

President's Report

It was a pleasure to see so many members at our planning meeting on Sunday 21 April, and I thank Margaret for coordinating the meeting. It was constructive with many ideas put forward which were in line with the theme from the area meeting. This will now allow the Board to prepare a plan for this coming year and into the next which will be presented to members at an upcoming dinner meeting. Members of our new Fundraising Committee then met to begin planning the way forward so we can continue to support our various activities and projects.



The upcoming Project Now Fashion Parade will give Zonta a stronger presence through advertising and word of mouth. Planning is continuing with three of our members attending regular Project Now meetings. Members are being asked to source a donation for the raffle on the day - an example being a beauty treatment with the provider being acknowledged on the website and in promotional material. I look forward to many members joining me on the day as we continue to raise funds to support Project Now.

At the area meeting in April, we were given a very interesting presentation by Megan Walker, Market Savvy and a member of ZC of Brisbane Breakfast. Keeping in mind ZI goals of increasing Credibility and Visibility and Membership, Megan looked at ways that clubs can approach this at a local level as well as at a district level. For example:

Zonta needs to be recognizable in the community: To increase visibility, clubs should be looking at ways to build up awareness of Zonta. Possible ways to advertise what we are doing can be via local library bulletin boards, local member newsletters or getting onto a 3rd party organization database which can be a potential for pro bono advertising eg the Brisbane News.

Zonta needs to continue to look at ways to attract high profile members and to identify its target audience, for example, younger members: Younger people are looking for an organization that is active and achieving something. Zonta needs to understand its members' wants and needs and to be a visible and attractive organization. Clubs can raise awareness amongst its target audience and also provide regular updates through the use of social media. The information flow can also work in reverse, with members giving their club any information about relevant issues they have gleaned from reading or heard on the grapevine. Working in cooperation with other clubs can also give Zonta a much stronger presence in the community.

Anne

District Young Women in Public Affairs Award

The recent District Young Women in Public Affairs Award to Chloe Yap has once again highlighted the fine work done by Gina and her committee. As advised by Anne, Chloe's name will now be forwarded to ZI for consideration at the international level. Congratulations to Chloe! Reproduced below is the talk Gina gave to the ZCBN's Board and to the dinner meeting.

Chloe is enrolled in Year 12 at Brisbane Girls Grammar School and hopes to study medicine. Her special interests are research in degenerative diseases - she has already spent over 50 hours volunteering in a dementia ward - and ophthalmology, in particular its application in Indigenous and developing communities.

Chloe has completed her Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award and is progressing to the Gold. She values the initiative, independence, teamwork and organisational skills which this program promotes and which she has applied as Coordinator of the Ecumenical Coffee Brigade serving Brisbane's homeless people. Her service extends to Oaktree, Interact and Second Chance (which helps homeless women), to CanTeen and the Royal Children's Hospital Wonderfactory. She mentors younger members of the School orchestra, is House Captain and serves on the Student Executive Council where recycling is her special focus.



Chloe's work to improve the status of women is especially strong in fundraising and donation drives for Pindari, ZigZag and Baloo. Her application has demonstrated a sophisticated understanding of the need to balance theory and sensitive practice both here and overseas. Both Chloe's referees are strongly supportive, one speaking of her "enormous" contribution to service activities. She is "much admired" as House Captain. Chloe's unfailing courtesy, strength of character, self-motivation and resourcefulness, commitment to promoting a positive future for women and strong sense of justice make her "an exceptional applicant" for the Award.

At the Meeting

ZCBN and Narelle recently had the great pleasure of welcoming Jacque into the Club. As members would know, Jacque manages the women's refuge, Chisholm, which we support.



The New Board and Committee Members

The Board

President: Anne Vinning
Vice President: Maree Crawford
Treasurer: Margaret Marshall
Corres. Sec: Karen Peterson
Minutes Sec: Patricia Régo
Directors: Heather Mohay
 Lynette Hill
 Noreen Gorman
 Chieko Klerkx
 Jenny Grant-Taylor

Awards

Jennie Watt
 Glenda Gobe
 Barbara Young
 Ann Jones
 Heather Mohay (LOA-7/13)
 Vicki Lomax
 Ann-Marie O'Connell
 Barbara Newton
 Karen Peterson
 Noeleen Foggon
 Kerryn Horne

Public Relations & Communications

Maggie Williams
 Glenda Gobe
 Noreen Gorman
 Jenny Grant-Taylor
 Anne Vinning
 Kara Bowman (Publicity)
 Trish Meaney
 Trish Desmarchelier
 Pauline Guthrie
 Jennie Watt

Newsletter

Patricia Régo

Fellowship

Noreen Gorman
 Noeleen Foggon

Finance

Margaret Marshall
 Karen Peterson

Membership

Pam Beavis
 Lorna Webber
 Mary Mahoney
 Lynette Liddle
 Kara Bowman
 Mercia Ferrier
 Chieko Klerkx
 Therese Murphy
 Melanie Waugh

Service

Gina Brosnan
 Peggy Burke
 Rita Fraser
 June Halliday
 Jenni Jolly (LOA until 12/13)
 Maree Crawford
 Elizabeth Hatton
 Lyn Hill

Advocacy

Barbara Newton
 Linda Fletcher
 Narelle Fraser
 Jacque Taka
 Paulette Clarke

Fundraising

Kara Bowman
 Noreen Gorman
 Margaret Marshall
 Chieko Klerkx
 Maggie Williams
 Karen Peterson
 Glenda Gobe
 Narelle Fraser
 Linda Fletcher
 Therese Murphy
 Barbara Newton

Nominating

Glenda Gobe
 Noeleen Foggon
 Gina Brosnan

World Biodiversity Day

The United Nations General Assembly declared 2011-2020 to be the Decade on Biodiversity because of increasing concern that human activity is threatening the planet's biodiversity. "Our demands on the world's natural resources are growing even faster than our numbers: since 1950, the population has more than doubled, but the global economy has quintupled. And the benefits are not equally spread: most of the economic growth has occurred in a relatively few industrialized countries"¹. Between 1970-2000, there was an average decline in the abundance of species of 40%, whilst clearly unsustainable consumption exceeds the biological capacity of the Earth by 20%. Cities cover only 2% of the planet, yet they are responsible for consuming nearly three-quarters of the world's resources. This is grossly inequitable because 70% of the world's poor (the majority of whom are women) live in rural areas and depend directly on biodiversity for their survival and well-being. However as the UN points out, protecting biodiversity is in the interests of all of us:

Biological resources are the pillars upon which we build civilizations. Nature's products support such diverse industries as agriculture, cosmetics, pharmaceuticals, pulp and paper, horticulture, construction and waste treatment. The loss of biodiversity threatens our food supplies, opportunities for recreation and tourism, and sources of wood, medicines and energy. It also interferes with essential ecological functions².

The UN Environment Program sponsors many biodiversity programs throughout the world such as the conservation of crop wild relatives which provide the world's farmers with the genetic material necessary for the improvement of crop quality and productivity, especially during a period of climate change. Crop diversity is also potentially threatened by Plant Variety Rights patents. The conservation of wetlands in a number of countries, and the development of tourist facilities that preserve globally significant biosphere reserves are other important programs helping to restore our natural world³.

Sources:

1. United Nations' Convention on Biological Diversity
2. <http://www.un.org/en/events/biodiversityday/biodiversity.shtml>
3. <http://www.unep.org/dgef/CelebratingtheInternationalYearofBiodiversi/tabid/4996/Default.aspx>