



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

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**July 8th, 7pm USC
Dinner Meeting**

**Apologies to Noreen Gorman on 3371-5752 by 9am on Friday, 5th July
Please let Noreen know beforehand if you:**

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

**July 24th. 6pm Ashgrove
Library: Board Meeting**

**August Sausage Sizzle
Volunteers needed,
please**

*Not everything that
can be counted
counts, and not every-
thing that is
measured matters*

*Nonetheless, any-
thing can be meas-
ured if you put the
time and effort into
figuring out how to
do so.*

(Albert Einstein).

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President's Report

Following a very successful Fashion Showcase at the City Hall, it is a big thank you to Margaret, Chieko and Maggie for working so hard on the organizing committee on behalf of our club. Maggie, as Floor Manager ensured a flawless Fashion Parade was presented to the guests and that required many hours of her time in the lead up. It was wonderful to see so many of our members working on the day in various capacities. It was a credit to all involved and I am pleased to let you know that the amount raised will be around \$30,000 and this will be distributed according to the number of guests from each club.

Amena Reza from the ZC of Brisbane Breakfast has such drive, energy and passion for the cause of Zonta. She is on holidays at present but is already looking to continue raising the awareness of Zonta while working corporately with other clubs on a new project.

Zonta International has announced that ZI came second in the *Raise For Women* Challenge and won \$20,000. This will be used to support ZI projects. ZCBN donated part of our service funds to this challenge on behalf of ZI, so we did make a difference.

June has seen another successful sausage sizzle month, thanks to our super efficient coordinators, Margaret and Pam and the volunteers each week. Bunnings is reviewing their roster due to increased number of applications for weekday spots, the result being fewer days on offer for ZCBN. We will continue to work with ZC of Brisbane with the hope that extra days may become available later in the year.

At the July dinner meeting, we will be welcoming Simone Peacock who works with Rural Women's GP service through the Royal Flying Doctor Service which visits several towns including Birdsville, every second month.

I look forward to seeing you at the July dinner meeting.

Anne

Zonta District 22 Conference 2013

Judith Anderson has sent the following information to assist members' registration for the Conference in September.

- ◆ Members are requested to register on-line in order to reduce the substantial workload on conference organisers.
- ◆ The invitation and the link to the on-line registration process may be found on the District webpage—<http://zontadistrict22.org>.
- ◆ For those who are unable to register on line, please ask a colleague to print you an off-line registration form which is also on the District 22 home page.
- ◆ Alternatively, each club has been sent a single hard copy for replication and distribution for those unable to register on-line.

The Conference venue has set aside some rooms for Zonta attendees although these are limited. Other accommodation at Noosa may also be tight because the Conference falls during school holidays. (The dates were determined by ZI not by District, to enable arrangements to be made for ZI representatives to attend the 32 conferences around the world.)

Jane M Klausman Women in Business Scholarship



In another lifetime, Teegan Green might be called a 'Renaissance Woman' such are her many academic talents and her involvement in numerous charities. Teegan was the worthy winner of this year's Jane M Klausman Scholarship and Gina had much pleasure in presenting it to Teegan at the June meeting. Teegan thanked the Club and gave a short presentation. Teegan hopes to be a teaching and research academic and a leader in her field. We have no doubts that she will succeed in any endeavour in the future.

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.

Some photos from the Fashion Showcase. The photos of the models at the bottom illustrate their unhesitating response to 'say cheese'. Lovely stuff.



Fund-Raising Event 1**Event:** Trivia Night**Date:** Saturday 21st September,**Where:** Little Flower Church, Kedron**Time:** 7.15pm**Who to invite:** Friends, family, public, other Zontians. Get a table organised for a fun evening!**Cost:** \$20 per person, \$100 per table

The committee is looking for support from the club by way of:

- ◆ Contributions for the supper - slices, biscuits, cakes etc.
- ◆ Small prizes for best question round, lucky chair etc - value around \$10.
- ◆ Cash donations for main table prize - probably cash as it has to be distributed amongst table members
- ◆ Contributions for raffle to be sold on night

Fund-Raising Event 2**Event:** Croquet Afternoon and Gourmet BBQ dinner**Date:** Sunday 17th November, 3pm to 8pm**Where:** Merthyr Croquet Club, New Farm Park**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.

Guest Speaker, July

The guest speaker at the July meeting will be Simone Peacock from the Rural Women's GP service within the Royal Flying Doctor Service

United Nations Advocacy Days, July

11th: World Population Day

18th: Nelson Mandela Day

28th: World Hepatitis Day

30th: International Day of Friendship

Newsletter Items

Please email any items of interest or notices of proposed activities directly to 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.

Zonta Says No to Violence Against Women

Barbara Kent, Advocacy Chairman of the Zonta Club of Brisbane, recently sent an invitation to Zontians to attend a screening of the film, *The Jammed*, to raise awareness of the plight of women trapped in human trafficking in our region. The event was co-hosted by the Australian Association of Women Judges, the International Commission of Jurists (Qld) Inc and the Women Lawyers' Association of Queensland.

The film was harrowing to watch but enabled an understanding of the means by which women are trapped in sexual serfdom. The presentations before and discussion after the film were interesting and provided information about what steps are being taken to ameliorate the situation. Given the nature of the trade, the exact number of those being trafficked is difficult to estimate. However, around 83% of trafficking victims identified in Australia are women working in the sex industry. The remainder are men and women trapped in industry as virtually slave labourers.

Change.org set up an anti-slavery petition to the Australian Senate some time ago which appears to have been forgotten because it still needs thousands of signatures. Members may wish to sign the petition and to circulate the link to friends, family and colleagues: <http://www.change.org/slaveryfreeaustralia>

GIRLS SAY "I DON'T!"



CHILD MARRIAGES ARE ILLEGAL IN INDIA, BUT THE PRACTICE IS STILL FLOURISHING, WITH GIRLS AS YOUNG AS FIVE MARRIED OFF IN SECRET CEREMONIES. HOWEVER, WITH YOUR SUPPORT, A GROUP OF YOUNG WOMEN AND MEN ARE DEFYING TRADITION AND "BREAKING ALL THE RULES".

When Sarita was 14, she almost became one of the millions of young girls in India who are married off each year as child brides.

"The Caste leaders and relatives came to our home to speak with my mother and aunt to convince them to marry me," recalls Sarita, from Satlana village, in Rajasthan, India.

"[My brother] Prakesh sat them down and said 'Do we interfere in your home decisions? Then why are you here?' He convinced my family to resist social pressure and to wait until I am 18 before my marriage."

In Rajasthan, more than half of all girls become child brides before they turn 15, despite the practice being made illegal in India in 1978. Discrimination against girls begins before birth—with women being strongly encouraged to take sex determination tests and pressured to terminate their pregnancies if the baby is a girl. Once born, a baby boy is welcomed with grand celebrations; while a baby girl is met with disappointment and shame. Violence against women and girls is also common.

With your [contributors to Oxfam] support, our partner Vikalp is working with families in Rajasthan, especially girls and young men, to change these attitudes and behaviours.

105 CHILD MARRIAGES WERE STOPPED DURING A PREVENTION CAMPAIGN LAST YEAR AND 9,552 PEOPLE TOOK AN OATH TO OPPOSE THE PRACTICE.

"There is lots of pressure on us to get married from our parents and society in general," says Pina, who, together with her friend Indra, received support from Vikalp to set up the Sonita Williams youth group in their village, Korona. After attending Vikalp trainings, group members are now activists who promote education and equality for girls, celebrate the birth of girl children and aim to prevent child marriages.

"Usually people get married at 13 years, but none of us are married," Pina says. "We are too busy breaking all the rules."

Those broken rules include continuing their studies and planning careers—Pina, aged 18, wants to be a doctor while Indra, aged 17, wants to be a nurse. "No, we don't want to get married, we want to study," they say in unison.

But it's not just girls who are breaking with tradition. Sarita's brother Prakesh has been a volunteer changemaker with Vikalp for the past five years and works on their campaign to end child marriage.

"My family was full of conservative norms such as purdah [women keeping their faces veiled], child marriage and restriction on girls and women's mobility. I myself was married as a child. After I attended a We Can [End Violence Against Women] workshop, I realised these practices are wrong.

"To make change I had to fight with my family ... I have prevented eight child marriages including my sister's. I contact the Collector [government official] and police to intervene to prevent the marriages.

"People are angry and fight with me because of my actions but I believe in this cause and will continue my work—their anger does not affect me."

Thanks to her brother's intervention, Sarita is still at school and plans to continue her studies and become a teacher, even after she eventually gets married.

"I am studying in 12th class," Sarita says proudly. "[I] consider women and men as equal and we have a right to education and to get married later."

Satlana, India: Volunteer changemaker Prakesh (far right) with his sister Sarita and mother Manju. He has helped prevent eight child marriages - including his sister's - in his village. Photo Tania Csss/OxfamAUS.



Story by Editor Maureen Bathgate, based on interviews by Oxfam's India and Bangladesh Program Manager Tania Cass.

Watch a video about Vikalp's work at www.oxfam.org.au/vikalp



Zonta Club Brisbane North Inc.

TRIVIA NIGHT

Lots of prizes and raffles

Make up your own table of 8 or join up
with others

7.15pm, 21st September, 2013
Little Flower Church Parish Hall,
80 Turner Rd, Kedron

Beer, wine, soft drinks & snacks for sale

Entry \$20/ per person or \$140/ table of 8
and supper (tea/coffee/cake) provided

RSVP by 9th September by
emailing Trish: tdesmarchelier@bigpond.com
or phoning Therese: 3857 1741 or
0407 141365 (mobile)



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