

## President's Report

Dear Zontians

As the year draws to a close it is good to reflect on some of the events of the year for our club and how they have aligned with Zonta goals. The club has continued to focus strongly on advocacy against violence toward women and children and I think has had a heightened profile and activity. Of particular note are Jane Prentice's parliamentary speech against family violence, (included in this newsletter), Jacque Taka's strong media activism and Barbara Newton's contributions via District to the DV Taskforce and in addition, the whole club's ongoing support of Chisholm Refuge. The Fashion Showcase provided joint Zonta club support for women suffering homelessness via Angli-care's project to build additional housing. The club has had ongoing contribution to birthing kits with a very successful community involvement of Duchesne and Bridgidine College students. The provision of breast cushions by Anne Vinning and her working group continues to provide comfort for many women.

Another strength is the continued support for individual aspiring women via the advancement grants and for young women with opportunity to influence, via the YWPA and JMK grants. The club is blessed to have contact with these talented and impressive young women whose caliber is evidenced by their strong performance and success in District and International selection. Thanks to Gina Brosnan whose hard work and contacts allows for Zonta to have a profile with young women.

Many members have contributed much time and effort in fund raising but in particular Margaret and Pam with sausage sizzle, Jenny and Trish with the recent Twilight market and Maggie, Chieko and Anne to the Fashion showcase.

I think that the other great strength has been the continuing fellowship and support of members for each other. This was evident at the very enjoyable Christmas Dinner with the company of HonZons but also at many other times through the year. Narelle Fraser has worked hard on District business and represented our club this year at International Congress for which we are grateful. I would like to thank my fellow board members for their support hard work and efficiency in all their tasks. Also, acknowledgement to those members who for health, family or professional reasons have not always been able to attend but are with us in spirit.

I would like to wish all members and their families a very happy Christmas, a safe and restful holiday period and hope that 2015 will be a positive and productive year for all.

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The yellow rose,  
Zonta's symbol

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- ◆ Rotary Recycle by Sight
- ◆ Anti-slavery petition

### Date Claimers

**February 9th, 7pm  
USC**

**Dinner Meeting**

### Dinner Apologies:

**Apologies go to Jenny  
Grant-Taylor 33533591 or  
0417745919 or  
[jgrant-t2@bigpond.com](mailto:jgrant-t2@bigpond.com)**

**no later than 9am on the  
Friday preceding dinner  
meetings. Please let Jenny  
know beforehand if you:**

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

**Wed 28<sup>th</sup> January  
Board Meeting  
6pm  
Ashgrove Library**

*"... And in the sweetness of friendship let there be laughter, and sharing of pleasures. For in the dew of little things, the heart finds its morning and is refreshed."  
Kahlil Gibran*

*Wishing all a wonderful Christmas & a New Year that holds all that you need*

The deadline for recording your intended absence from the dinner meeting is 9am on the Friday before. Failure to notify Jenny in time will mean you will still have to pay the cost of the dinner (\$45), since the Club will be charged for it regardless.

*Trish Demarchelier and some of the amazing goodies made with her own fair hand*





*Jane Prentice's Speech in the House of Representatives  
on Tuesday, 25 November 2014  
(International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women)  
Reproduced with the kind permission of Jane Prentice*

Today in Parliament I spoke on domestic violence and the Zonta Says No campaign. It is time to speak more honestly and openly to victims and say to them, "I believe you".

**Hansard:**

Mrs PRENTICE (Ryan) (13:52): I rise today to speak about the scourge of our society—domestic violence. It is a blight on our country. It is unacceptable that nearly half of the Australian population has experienced violence since the age of 15.

I have been a proud member of Zonta for many years and we are running a determined campaign called 'Zonta Says No' to help combat violence against women on an international scale.

Since 1923 Zonta International has been striving to end violence against women by increasing the level of non-discriminatory education, guaranteeing women access to resources and representation on the same basis as men, protection of women with one-stop medical, legal and social help and by ensuring perpetrators of violence are held to account.

As well as supporting women in need, Zonta is also providing training and engagement seminars for men as violence against women is not just a women's problem.

In Queensland, between January and June this year, 11 women were actually killed as a result of domestic violence. So far in Australia this year, 58 women have lost their lives.

We need to be ever vigilant and alert to the level of all forms of domestic violence in our country and, indeed, countries like our nearest neighbours Papua New Guinea, where the situation is one of the worst in the world.

It is indeed time to talk more openly and honestly about domestic violence and to say to the victims, 'I believe you.' Zonta says 'no.'

<http://www.janeprentice.com.au/Media/Speeches/ID/2092/Zonta-Says-NO-to-Domestic-Violence>



**Pictured before last year's walk with Cr Vicki Howard, Governor Penelope Wensley and Zonta convenor Amena Reza**

*Want to dispose of your old spectacles  
and help someone else at the same time?*

During November and December, Lions Australia in conjunction with St Thomas' Anglican Church at Toowong are collecting spectacles for their Recycle by Sight project. The project distributes spectacles to local communities and to people in "Third-World" countries. Having spectacles can have a profoundly positive impact on the lives of recipients. Without them many children fall behind at school and are forced into low-paid employment for the rest of their lives.

*Fighting violence against women and human trafficking are two major areas of focus during ZI's 2014-2016 Biennium. Some members of ZCBN might like to support this joint Salvation Army/Walk Free Petition in relation to action on domestic slavery in Australia*



**The Freedom Partnership**  
**End Modern Slavery**



Earlier this year, a report found that many **domestic workers in Australia compared their lives to being in a jail, like a prisoner, like a slave and like a servant.** One woman in a domestic home was told “**you must iron my clothes and make my food whenever I like and whatever I like...you must care for me...you are here to do the housework... otherwise it’s no use keeping you here.**”<sup>1</sup>

There’s a name for this sort of treatment: Modern Slavery. **And there are a number of steps the federal government can take to ensure no domestic worker in Australia is subjected to it.**

[Click to call on Employment Minister Eric Abetz to extend basic workplace protections to every domestic worker in Australia](#)

Domestic slavery can take many forms: **16-hour days without breaks, violence, threats, and little or no pay.** In short, it’s when private homes become prisons that people cannot leave.

By their very nature, these abuses happen behind closed doors – and many Australians are not aware they are occurring. But if we come together, **we can make domestic slavery an urgent priority, and spur the Government of Australia’s immediate action to ensure no domestic worker is enslaved here.**

[Join us in calling on Employment Minister Eric Abetz to help prevent domestic slavery in Australia](#)

It is estimated that there are 54,000 domestic workers in Australia, many of whom have travelled to Australia to take up their job.<sup>2</sup> By taking action now, we can help protect every one of these workers from the nightmare of modern slavery.

In solidarity,

**Kamini, Jenny, Laura, the Salvation Army in Australia and the Walk Free team**

P.S. Walk Free is proud to be partnering with the Salvation Army Freedom Partnership on this campaign to end domestic slavery in Australia. To learn more about The Freedom Partnership [read their newsletter](#) or [subscribe](#) to their latest e-news update.

<sup>1</sup> [http://www.aic.gov.au/media\\_library/publications/rpp/124/rpp124.pdf](http://www.aic.gov.au/media_library/publications/rpp/124/rpp124.pdf)

<sup>2</sup> <http://lmp.gov.au/default.aspx?LMIP/EmploymentProjections>

Walk Free is a movement of people everywhere, fighting to end one of the world's greatest evils: Modern slavery.

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**Zonta Club Brisbane North Committee Membership  
September 2014**

**Public Relations and Communication**

Anne Vinning  
Maggie Williams  
Noreen Gorman  
Pauline Guthrie  
Trish Desmarchelier

**Awards committee**

Gina Brosnan  
Peggy Burke  
Rita Fraser  
June Halliday  
Jenni Jolly  
Elizabeth Hatton  
Lyn Hill  
Maree Crawford

**Newsletter**

Patricia Régo

**Membership Committee**

Pam Beavis  
Mercia Ferrier  
Mary Mahoney  
Chieko Klerkx  
Therese Murphy  
Lorna Webber  
Siti Constable  
Lynette Liddle

**Service Committee**

Jennie Watt  
Glenda Gobe  
Ann Jones  
Vicki Lomax  
Ann-Marie O'Connell  
Karen Peterson  
Noeleen Foggon  
Margaret Marshall  
Kerryn Horne

**Advocacy Committee**

Barbara Newton  
Narelle Fraser  
Jacque Taka  
Paulette Clarke  
Jennifer Batts  
Linda Fletcher

**Fundraising Committee**

Jenny Grant-Taylor  
Glenda Gobe  
Margaret Marshall  
Maggie Williams  
Karen Paterson  
Chieko Klerkx  
Narelle Fraser  
Linda Fletcher  
Trish Desmarchelier

**Finance Committee**

Margaret Marshall  
Jenny Grant-Taylor

**Nominating Committee**

Margaret Marshall  
Gina Brosnan  
Noeleen Foggon

The following is an extract from the Zonta Club manual regarding committee roles and responsibilities. The full manual is available on the website under member resources.

**COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES  
Responsibilities of the Club Committee Chairman**

- Establish the goals for the committee in cooperation with the club president and club board, and aligned with Zonta's mission.
- Report to the club board and the club regularly about progress.
- Report to the district committee chairman as required and copy the club president.
- Schedule regular meetings to discuss how committee goals will be met, with adequate notice of details, to committee members and the president and prepare an agenda.
- Give each member of the committee some responsibility and encourage each member to contribute ideas and suggestions.
- Adhere to the approved committee budget.
- Work with other club committees and the club board to prepare a club calendar of events and meetings (see Section 7).

**Responsibilities of the Committee Member**

- Attend committee meetings and participate in committee discussions and decisions.
- Accept assignments and responsibilities.
- Support committee projects and decisions.

## STANDING COMMITTEE JOB DESCRIPTIONS

### **Membership Committee**

This committee is vital for the future of the club and for the growth of Zonta International.

#### **Responsibilities: *Recruitment, rejuvenation, revitalization and retention***

- Define short and long-term goals in keeping with the current ZI strategic plan and International Membership Committee recommendations.
- Develop a plan for retaining current members and recruiting new members, and design activities that will help identify new members.
- Encourage every member to identify prospective members throughout the year, invite them to club meetings and events and refer them to the Membership Committee. Before being formally invited to join the club, it is highly recommended that the prospective member attend an information session about Zonta.
- Identify a mentor for each new member and jointly develop a program for the new member's involvement in club activities. The mentor helps and supports the member in getting involved with club activities and learning about Zonta procedures. The mentor encourages participation in committee work as well as participation in meetings at area and district levels.
- Evaluate committee progress at least once a year. Have the goals been achieved? What worked? What needs to be changed?
- Communicate with the district membership chairman.

### **Service Committee**

Recommends action in accordance with the Objects of Zonta International to improve the status of women through international service projects and shall encourage and support local service projects that are aligned with Zonta International's goals.

#### **Responsibilities**

- Promote local service projects that improve women's legal rights, health, education, economic status and end violence against women and enhance women's self-esteem.
- Coordinate programs of Zonta International, and the club, at events and functions which:
  - Raise the awareness of status of women's issues.
  - Provide education and development to women.
  - Publicize and raise funds for local status of women projects and current international projects (*It is recommended that one-third (1/3) of total funds raised be contributed to Zonta International Foundation-funded service programs.*)
- Consider taking action by:
  - Offering support, financial or advocacy, in the effort to achieve justice, human rights and fundamental freedoms.
  - Keeping club members informed of the accomplishments of women and of the active ties of local women's organizations.
  - Providing self-development and training programs for club members that enhance their legal, political, economic, educational, health or professional status.

### **Advocacy Committee**

Supports improving the status of women and women's human rights and advocates to influence the laws and attitudes that affect women's lives at the club, district and international levels.

#### **Responsibilities**

- Engage actively in advocacy activities to improve the status of women locally.
- Develop resources for members to be effective advocates in their communities.
- Report on successful advocacy outcomes through the Zonta International website under [What We Do/Local Service and Advocacy](#).
- Promote service projects through linking of outcomes to inform about the status of women, thus emphasizing advocacy through service.
- Work closely with the district Advocacy Committee and club service committee.
- Work in cooperation with other organizations to educate people about legal, political, economic, educational, health and professional issues that affect the lives of women and girls in their community.