



ZONTA
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 BRISBANE NORTH INC
 MEMBER OF ZONTA INTERNATIONAL
 EMPOWERING WOMEN
 THROUGH SERVICE & ADVOCACY

NOVEMBER 2015

President's Report:



Dear Members

October has been a busy month with Zonta activities. The Brisbane Jazz Club brunch was highly successful both financially and socially, as Debbie Baldock has outlined in this newsletter. Debbie in particular must be congratulated and thanked firstly for the inspiration for the event and especially for the commitment and organisation to bring about this success.

The District 22 conference in Airlie Beach from 9-11 October was a stimulating and enjoyable event with splendid hospitality from the Zonta Club of the Whitsundays. The Young women in Public Affairs winners Emma Tait and Sophie Ryan sponsored by our club acquitted themselves superbly as did the Amelia Earhart international award winner Elise Fahy. There were many interesting presentations some of which are outlined on the District 22 website. In particular I was very interested in the presentation by Jenny Weaver from the Birthing Kit Foundation outlining the work of Valerie Browning a nurse living in the Afar Desert in Ethiopia working with traditional midwives to change dangerous and superstitious birthing practices.

The new district officer bearers for the next biennium include District Governor Ansmarie Van Erp, Lieutenant Governor Sandy Venn Brown, treasurer Jill Lucht and Area 1 Director Lyn Agnew. The call to International conference is also advertised in Nice France from 1-6 July 2016 with a warning to anyone planning to attend to book accommodation early.

At our Zonta birthday dinner on 9th November we welcome our Somalian born guest speaker Leila Abdugar who as a child experienced life in Refugee camps on the Kenyan border and has since worked as a translator, community worker and government policy advisor.

I look forward to seeing you next Monday evening.

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NOVEMBER DINNER MEETING

DATE: 9TH NOVEMBER
TIME: 6.30pm for 7.00pm
COST: \$46
APOLOGIES: 9.00am Friday 9th October
 Jenny Grant-Taylor
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PAYMENT: In a labelled envelope on the night
 Or by direct debit
 BSB 034-002 Acct No 992870
 Reference - your name
 Send Jenny an email when you have made your payment

APOLOGIES: 9.00am Friday 6TH NOVEMBER

CLUB MEMBERS IN ACTION



BIRTHING KITS – Message from Jennie Watt, (Chair of the Service Committee), about the destination of the Birthing Kits assembled by Club members, students and friends of Duchesne College at the University of Queensland on the 8th August.

From Adrian Harris,

Supplies and Logistics Officer, Birthing Kit Foundation (Australia)

"It is great pleasure to inform you that I received notification yesterday that the 600 birthing kits that yourself, students and fellow volunteers assembled in August, were delivered to one of our nominated partners.

They were sent to Hacey's Health Initiative based in Nigeria. Please view their

website for information of the organisation. <http://www.hacey.org/>

They are to be distributed to traditional birth attendants from outlying areas who are being trained, or have been recently trained, in their use. This is part of an overall health initiative with intensive programs to assist empowering women, and allowing them the opportunity to understand the importance of health before, during and after pregnancy. This is critical not only for the mother but also the infant(s). This has been amplified with the recent health issues worldwide, which has meant that awareness and assistance is substantially required.

Please feel proud that your efforts of time, money and perseverance have such a significant impact in areas of need, and the final recipients, partner groups, as well as us at the foundation, are quite humbled by the efforts that you put in to make such important work possible. One of the most common statements that I receive from our partner groups and other key stakeholders that they are so thankful that others in the world 'care'.

Please pass on our words of thanks to all of those involved and we look forward to working with you in the future".

MEMBERS: THE WEBSITE IS EXTREMELY PROFESSIONAL AND VERY EDUCATIONAL.



An audience of 100 attended the Brisbane Jazz Club to hear the amazing sounds of Lisa LaCelle (also MC) and pianist Peta Wilson. This function was a fundraiser to highlight Zonta's goals in support of women, and the monies raised, will fund our projects and women's refuge. Because of the wonderful support from our members, the raffle prizes generated \$1030. First prize of a gourmet hamper went to Dr Régo's friend. Second prize of a beauty voucher and bottle of Bollinger went to Hayley North, (my cousins daughter). Our thanks go especially to the Brisbane Jazz Club who provided this wonderful venue, their bar and barista staff, and also to the Story Bridge Hotel Catering as the buffet brunch was delicious.

JAZZ CLUB BRUNCH
Date: 18 October 2015



The Club wishes to thank Debbie Baldock, who was the prime organiser of this function, and who kindly reported on this event, and Glenda Gobé who provided the pictures.

