

July Newsletter, 2016

President's Report:

Dear Members

Our last dinner meeting with a slightly changed format allowing more communication and fellowship among members seems to have been a great success and I received lots of positive feedback. Thanks Anne and let's do it again soon. As a follow up to the meeting I was able to recommend to the Board and gain approval for Margaret Marshall to chair the Membership Committee and Vicki Lomax to chair the Advocacy Committee with support from Maree Crawford. A couple of other members offered to join different committees. I have also talked with members who currently have competing demands on their time and it is possible to keep them involved through communications other than face to face. I am really encouraged and grateful for the responses, thank you everyone.

I circulated flyers for the upcoming Blue Illusion Fashion workshop and to advertise the guest speaker for our September dinner meeting. This is one of the first fund-raising activities for the year and the dinner meeting is an important advocacy initiative so please sign up and spread the news to encourage others to attend. I popped into the Brisbane Club's Arty Party in June. I was made so welcome, I had a fun couple of hours, and left with some lovely purchases. I encourage you to support other Club's activities also.

The D22 Governor's Newsletter for June 2016 circulated 27/06/16 provided an interesting update on the biennium 2014-2016 and our achievements against our goals. Among other important achievements, D22 Club members assembled an amazing 74,200 birthing kits and made 2,200 breast cushions. We don't get to directly see the end use of these service activities; however, it was a pleasure to receive a thank you note and donation recently from a patient who received a ZCBN breast cushion at the Royal Brisbane Women's Hospital.

Our guest speaker at the upcoming July dinner is Major Christine Tamsett, the manager of the Brisbane Recovery Services Centre (Moonyah) at Red Hill (the Salvation Army). Our Club and others have participated in raising funds for this Centre for some time. I hope as many of you as possible will come along to hear an update on the Centre's activities and plans for the future from Major Tamsett.

Regards Trish

July Dinner Meeting:

Date: Monday 11th July **Time:** 6.30pm for 7.00pm

Cost: \$47.50

NB: Please advise Jenny Grant-Taylor by 9.00am Friday before if you are unable to

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Diary Dates:

 16^{th} July – Fellowship morning tea

27th July - Board Meeting 8th August - Dinner Meeting

13th August – Birthing Kit Assembly day 20th August – Fundraiser at Blue Illusion

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24th August - Board Meeting

June Dinner meeting

13th June 2016 was the 38th Anniversary of the Charter meeting of Zonta Club of Brisbane North. Mercia Ferrier and Barbara Newton (both charter members) are pictured here with celebratory balloons delivered as a surprise by Barbara's daughter Cara, who was also present as an in-utero stowaway at that meeting. Many thanks to Cara and congratulations to all those founding members who have guided the club so well over all those years



Upcoming events

There will be a special September 12th Dinner Meeting with Guest Speaker- Professor Clare Tilbury, — inaugural Leneen Forde Chair in Child Protection Research at Griffith University. Clare will speak on:

Planning better futures for young people in care

Guests are particularly welcome



Past and Present members of

Zonta Club Brisbane North

are invited to join in

FELLOWSHIP AND MORNING TEA

On Saturday 23rd July

10.30am

at 69 Dennis St Indooroopilly

RSVP to Maree Crawford 0409316199 or m.crawford@uq.edu.au

(Easy level access available via driveway)

ZONTA INTERNATIONAL NEWS

The Biennial Conference of Zonta International in Nice has concluded – with our new President installed



SONJA HÖNIG SCHOUGH

President

Kungsbacka, Sweden

District 21

Sonja Hönig Schough is President of Zonta International and Zonta International Foundation. She is a former business consultant for IFS Scandinavia, where her responsibilities included counseling, training and implementation of information technology support for customers, primarily in Scandinavian countries. Prior to IFS Scandinavia, Sonja worked for 25 years as a human resources director for Beiersdorf AB, a Swedish subsidiary of an international consumer goods company.

Sonja joined the Zonta Club of Kungsbacka, Sweden, in 1993. Prior to becoming President, she served as the 2014-2016 President-Elect and the 2012-2014 International Vice President. She was an International Director from 2009-2012, Governor from 2006-2008, Lieutenant Governor from 2004-2006, and Area Director from 2002-2004. She has also attended 12 District Conferences and seven International Conventions.

In addition to her career and Zonta leadership, Sonja served as chairman of the Industrial Health Service Company in Kungsbacka. She holds a master's degree in business administration and a bachelor's degree in psychology, both from the University of Gothenburg. Sonja speaks English, French and German, and also fully understands Danish and Norwegian. Her personal interests include sports, literature and traveling. She also enjoys the company of her two grandchildren, who live in France.