

# ZONTA CLUB OF PINE RIVERS INC

EMPOWERING WOMEN
THROUGH SERVICE & ADVOCACY

### DECEMBER 2016 NEWSLETTER

### **Date Claimers**

Tuesday, January 24, 2017, 6.30pm to 8.00pm - Planning Meeting - Albany Creek Library, 16 Ferguson St, Albany Creek

Wednesday February 1 -February Board Meeting - 11 Vaux St Ashgrove

Wednesday February 8, 2017
- February Dinner Meeting Eaton's Hill Tavern

Saturday March 4, 2017 -Zonta Area 1 Meeting, Maleny

Sunday March 5, 2017 -International Women's Day Event, Portobellos

Friday September 8 to Sunday September 10, 2017 - Zonta District 22 Conference, Royal on the Park

### **Dinner Payments**

Reminder, meal payments are due prior to the monthly meeting.

Account Name: Zonta Club of

Pine Rivers Inc BSB: 633000

Account Number: 123710873

## **President's Patter**CONVICTION, COMMITMENT, COURAGE

Once again the last three months of the calendar year have been busy and active for Pine Rivers Zonta members. Our members have been actively involved in a big range of projects and fundraising activities. These have included:

- The Birthing Kit Assembly Day at St Paul's School where 2000 kits were packed.
- Share the Dignity/Handbags for the Homeless Packing Day resulting in 17 backpacks and 16 handbags being packed with intimate consumables for needy women.
- Melbourne Cup Party at the Wantima Country Club that raised over \$2000 to support club projects.
- Three Bunnings Sausage Sizzles, each raising over \$500 in profit to further our club's work in the community.
- Pilates in the Park to commence the 16 days of activism that aims to promote the Zonta Says NO to Gender Based Violence message.
- Christmas Hampers prepared for families accessing the local Domestic Violence Support Services.

You will read about these activities in more detail in this newsletter.

The things that is pleasing to me about this range of achievement and activity is that a variety of members have stepped up to lead and organise these activities. For me part of the satisfaction of Zonta membership is being part of a team and working with like minded women. I have been a participant in all these activities but at each I have been able to trust that the person or team running the event is well prepared. While we may not be a big club we certainly have very capable members.

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Thank you to all Pine Rivers Zontians for your contribution during the year. I wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I'm looking forward to our planning meeting on Tuesday, January 24 at the Albany Creek Library. As you relax with a cool drink over summer, if you think of something that our club can do to improve the lives of women and girls, write it down. Bring you ideas to the planning meeting. There is much still to be done to bring about sustainable change in achieving an equal future for women and girls, locally and globally.

Glynnis

### Melbourne Cup Lunch 2016

I am pleased to report that we had a very successful lunch with 107 guests seated at 12 tables with Jan's network of friends filling 6 of them, including one of Red Hat ladies. Yvonne, past member Vicki and Glynnis, Sharlene, Denise and Janelle were all there helping fill tables too. And a lady golfer who came



with two others last year expanded her table to 9 this year. .

Despite a late change in management, Wantima's staff did a great job setting up the room, efficiently serving up a much praised two course meal, and placing our guests' T.A.B. bets.

This year we borrowed Karen's pretty black and silver casino night table settings, added chocolate gold coins sprinkled around, and Wantima provided green serviettes.

Thanks to Glynnis who kept the programme moving, while Fred and Sharlene handled the Sweepstakes, Janelle and Denise sold raffle

tickets and Jan's university granddaughters handed out lucky door tickets and free drink tickets .

On each table we had a couple of copies of a crossword with horse-racing clues just for fun, and explanations of the T.A.B. arrangements, the raffles and the sweepstakes in the hope of keeping things moving smoothly(!!).

As always our Zontian Yvonne, of W. Lane Brookside, put on an entertaining fashion parade with friends as models and Jan as "dresser".

Once again Gay Maloney (a well-known Samford artist and milliner) provided a beautiful display of hats and fascinators and collaborated with Yvonne to choose some of the hats for the models. Other hats came from W.Lane.

We had 4 stalls at the front of the room; Gay's hats, Kayleen Nunn's Park Lane jewellery, (see PLwithKaymar



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Kreations on facebook), Megan Farmer's colourful shoes (see "LoopyLittleMe" on facebook) and Pukka PJs (see pukkapjs.com). Both Kayleen and Becky of Pukka PJs provided prizes for the raffle or lucky door.

Last year's winner of "fashions off the field", Barbara,

was the judge this year, and choose a lovely vibrant outfit from a finalist field of 8 whose prize was a Nutrimetics gift pack provided by Yvonne (many thanks).

We had 4 lucky door prizes this year, a JB Hi Fi voucher, two bottles of wine and a set of Pukka PJs.

Most of our 10 raffle prizes were provided by Zonta members - thanks everyone.

And finally, thanks to my fellow organisers Jan and Vicki, and to all the Zontians who helped make our Melbourne Cup lunch so successful.

Rosalind Pestell



#### Pilates in the Park



For the last couple of years our Club has marked the annual "16 days of activism against gender violence" with "Zumba for Zonta", a very energetic Sunday morning work-out which left me lagging behind by at least 5 moves, but this year we had a change of pace.

At 8.am. on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November, 9 of us, wearing our new orange "Zonta says no to violence against women" polo shirts, plus two "HonZon" husbands, one son and a couple of supportive friends met in the Jacaranda Park at Albany Creek for "Pilates in the Park".

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For 40+ minutes, Zontian Jan's daughter Alexia (Alex) Wagner, a registered personal trainer and gym instructor, took us through a series of fairly gentle exercises, not all of which this writer could manage but we have several very flexible Zontians in our Club who can bend and stretch with the best - which they did.

We all enjoyed our session, pleased we had marked the 16 days of activism in our own small way and hopefully we will built on this year's event with more participants next year.

Service Committee



### **Birthing Kits @ St Pauls**

