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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Dear fellow Zontians,

It is hard to believe how quickly each issue of the Beauzontian comes around. Even though I no longer go to the Ekka, I have always loved this time of the year. Ekka time heralds the coming of spring and a great time to get the garden back in order.

It appears that Ekka time is also AGM time in Beaudesert. Thank you to those members who have taken the time to represent Zonta at the AGMs of the various organisations around town. I attended Blue Care Auxiliary with Denise and Meals on Wheels. The noticeable thing about those attending these meetings is that they come from the same demographic – women born prior to the mid1950s. Their contribution as volunteers to our society is fantastic and, I think, goes under the radar to a great extent.

Another successful afternoon of cutting out breast cushions was held this month. Many thanks to those members who could help with this important task. Margaret will let us know which date in September has been arranged with the Beaudesert Quilters for the next phase of the project.

Our July guest speaker, Karen from YourTown, was very interesting and informative. It is good to know that women in dire circumstances have this avenue for support. I hope that you will be able to help by bringing along packets of boys' underwear to our next meeting. Alice will arrange to get it to Karen. Our next step should be to seriously consider a funding project for the purchase of essential items to assist women in need in our district. The next round of the GCBF should be open for applications soon.

We are all looking forward to our guest speakers, Jim and Ellen, at our next meeting. Don't forget that the HonZons are invited as well. Please let Pam know if you are bringing a guest.

At our next meeting we will also be planning the finer details for the Folk Concert to be held on 27th August at St Thomas' Hall. Denise is working very hard to promote this event and it should be a great night. Grahame and I are going away on a motoring holiday on 26th August for a couple of weeks and are disappointed that we will miss it.

I look forward to catching up with you all at our meeting on 16th August. It will be busy, as we have a number of events coming up – Miss Fisher's Fashions, Folk Centre, Show Gates, and Nindooinbah Sales.

Yours in Zonta

Anne

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Dinner meeting next Tuesday (16th) at Beaudesert R.S.L at 6:30pm.

Committees will meet at 6:00 pm

Our guest speaker will be Jim and Ellen Logan telling us of their recent fabulous trip overseas. This is a meeting where spouses are

invited so Jim won't feel so alone! Also remember we said we'd be buying some undies for boys to give as a give to YourTown. You can bring them on Tuesday night.

Please let Pam know if you are bringing a guest.

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We trust Jane Blunck will have a lovely birthday on Monday 15th and Robin on the 20th.

Our early September birthday is President Anne on the 2nd.



Next coffee morning is Thursday, 25th August at Everyday's.

OTHER DATES TO PUT INTO YOUR DIARY:

August:

16th Dinner meeting with Ellen and Jim Logan as guest speakers. This is a dinner to which you invite your partners to support Jim!

17th Members visiting the Miss Fisher exhibition at Old Government House.

20th Quota & CWA afternoon Down on the Farm

25th Coffee at Everyday's.

27th Folk Concert at St Thomas' Hall.

September: 2nd & 3rd Beaudesert Show (working on the gates)

11th Swap Meet – details to be worked out.

20th Dinner meeting

29th Coffee at Everyday's.

We still don't have dates for the Combined Service Clubs dinner or the sewing of the breast cushions.

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This photo is from the Christmas in July at the Golf Club recently. The non-Zontians are from Elysium Village. We had a good night and we were glad to support them. Thanks to John Powell we were the best carolsinging table.

I wanted to bring to your attention the new Goals for the next Biennium and I took it from the #4 Convention Newsletter.

2016 - 2018 Biennial Goals approved

Zonta International President Sonja Hönig Schough presented the 2016-2018 Biennial Goals, which will guide Zonta International for the next two years. Both the Biennial Goals and the International Service and ZISVAW projects were approved by the Convention.

The Biennial Goals focus on five key areas: service, advocacy, membership, resources and Zonta's Centennial Anniversary in 2019. You can read about the goals in more detail on the Convention website.

The approved International Service and ZISVAW projects are:

Towards Elimination of Obstetric Fistula and the Reduction of Maternal and Newborn Mortality and Morbidity in Liberia, in partnership with UNFPA

Let Us Learn Madagascar: An Integrated Program for Adolescent Girls, in partnership with the U.S. Fund for UNICEF

The Future We Want: Creating sustainable foundations for addressing human trafficking and unsafe migration of women and girls in Nepal, in partnership with UN Women

Initiative for Adolescent Girls in Niger: Knowledge for Dignity, in partnership with UNFPA

To not forget small kindnesses and do not remember small faults.

Chinese Proverb

Would you like to put something in the newsletter? Let me know by the Wednesday before the dinner meeting. <u>oleander@tpg.com.au</u>

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