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## **MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:**

Dear fellow Zontians.

We are fortunate to live where we do. This winter has been one of cool mornings and evenings and lovely sunny days. There has been just enough rain to keep the grass green and the gardens flourishing, so couldn't really ask for better.

Thank you all for the wonderful spirit of friendship and enthusiasm on the 4Real Milk Open Day. Even though numbers were down and some goods did not sell as well, I believe it was a much more enjoyable day than last year. Treasurer Carolyn will give her report on the final figures at our meeting, but I believe it will show a profit of more than \$1,000.

I had a look at the Zonta International webpage this morning to see what items of interest are happening in the Zonta world. International President Sonia recently travelled to Madagascar to report on the progress of the "Let Us Learn" project. She reports that a number of cyclone proof school buildings have been constructed and these also include new latrines which are separate for boys and girls. 1,000 new teachers are receiving pedagogical training through this program and mothers are receiving cash payments via a very controlled payment process. This cash is used to pay for their daughters to attend school, also for their books and uniforms. As one third of our service funds are paid to Zonta International Foundation (ZIF), it is good to know that the funds are being used in this very practical way to make it possible for Madagascan girls to receive an education in a safe environment.

Closer to home, thank you to those members who continue to assist the with our local women's refuge wish list and our breast care cushions. We have another day for cutting out cushions on 28 July and hope that many of you can come along and help. We will also need to start planning for our Birthing Kit Day at the next meeting as the kits will need to be ordered very soon.

At the moment, it seems that we are being inundated with District 22 Conference papers. I have been printing them as they arrive, because I absorb printed material better than reading onscreen. They are already a substantial pile of papers. As your delegate, I will need your guidance when voting on the various amendments to by laws and motions raised by other clubs. It will probably be best to discuss these at the August meeting. However, there are some matters which will need to be attended to at the July meeting including Silent Auction items and Conference Credentials Form.

Looking forward to our meeting next Tuesday.

Yours in Zonta

Anne

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## Dinner meeting next Tuesday (18th) at Beaudesert R.S.L at 6:30pm. Committees will meet at 6:00 pm

Let Pam know if you can't be at the meeting otherwise you will have to pay for the meal. Also let her know if you have a guest and of course, you can bring someone whenever you would like.

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## **OTHER DIARY DATES:**

July: Thurs 27<sup>th</sup> Coffee morning at Everyday's at 10.00 am.

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> Cutting out Breast Cushions at Centacare. 1.00 pm – 4.00 pm.

Aug: Tues 15<sup>th</sup> Dinner meeting with Jennifer Sanders as Guest Speaker

Sept: Fri 8-Sun10<sup>th</sup> District 22 Conference. <u>www.zontadistrict22.org</u> for more details

Fri 8 – Sat 9<sup>th</sup> Beaudesert Show

Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> Fashion Parade at Pennie Hammond's

Oct: Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> Nindooinbah Bull Sale

Sat 21<sup>st</sup> Garage Sale at Elysium Village – Garage Sale Trail

February 24<sup>th</sup> 2018 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary Charter Lunch

Coffee at Everyday's on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup>. Come if you can.



We had a little excitement this week when they thought they knew what happened to our Amelia Earhart...shame that has all now been "debunked".

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It is always good to know, if only in passing, charming human beings.

It refreshes one like flowers and woods and clear brooks.

**George Eliot** 

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