



Reef Talk



FEBRUARY 2019



PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Thank you to all who contributed to our January camping approach meeting at Bowling Club. In fact, it was a very comfortable venue and we managed well with our “bring your own everything”. However, it was a short camping experience as we are now back at VMR for all of the following meetings in 2019.

Our guest speaker, Ron Petterson from Suicide Prevention Network, presented an inspirational overview of the group’s work, giving us plenty to reflect upon. I have, subsequently, been in touch with him to see how we can best assist his organisation; to attract funding sometimes it’s more than money that is needed. We will speak further on this after I have heard from the Whitsunday Suicide Prevention network. Ron says that he was inspired by what we do.

The Service report last meeting was truly amazing. Carol listed the very successful fundraisers that we did last year which called on everyone to pull out all stops and volunteer more hours and, lo and behold, you overwhelmingly voted to do more of the same this year. What a great club spirit (and what good fun)!

Many thanks to Mandy for the background work that she is putting in with the Whitsunday Festival of Motoring. We all get the short version but I know that she is constantly liaising with the organiser so that we will be clear in what our expectations and responsibilities are.

Roz spoke at the meeting about our magazine “The Zontian”, which we all receive quarterly. This publication provides a direction as to where we should be directing our international funds. It reminds us that we are not a club representing just the Whitsundays, or even District 22 but in fact we form part of the big picture worldwide. Keeping this in mind the next months we will learn more about the three initiatives that guide our direction for the 2019-2020 Biennium.

In this Biennium, Zonta Clubs, throughout the world will contribute over US\$ 5 million to projects and programs to empower women and girls:

The programs are:

Let us learn Madagascar: an integrated program for adolescent girls (on going from previous biennium)

Eid bi Eid (Hand in Hand): A program to improve the resilience and empowerment of Syrian Refugee and vulnerable Jordanian women.

Ending Child Marriage: A Program to accelerate global action

Each of these programs is a partnership between Zonta and UN, UNICEF or UNFPA-large scale world aid programs where we can fund, assist and promote and where maximum gain can be achieved as a result of our partnership with them.

Warm wishes, **Cath Fernbach, President**



MEMBERSHIP

At our last membership committee meeting we decided to formulate and issue a list of selected speakers for the year for the invocation. This will give you notice and time to organise your talk. The list for this year is a separately attached document.

Coffee morning: On Saturday, 2nd February, 10 ladies popped in to have a chat, share freshly brewed coffee and tea. The tasty treats were also enjoyed. Even gluten free banana pancakes. The weather was rainy but the positive happy attitude prevailed.

I love the friendship and fellowship we all share and the happy chatter. New people meeting for the first time and old friends hugging and catching up. My home is a place to relax and meet new people. All welcome anytime. Zonta ladies are all busy people but on a coffee morning it is feet up and time to listen and relax with each other. Thank you ladies for coming, Ann Cleghorn




A beautiful example of Honouring and Empowering was when member Christina choose to show appreciation of Carol's terrific work as Service Director.

Celebrating
INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY
& 20 YEARS OF ZONTA in the WHITSUNDAYS

SUNDAY MARCH 10TH 2019

Doors open 10:30 for 11am start

**Put on your favourite party dress
and join us for lunch at La Marina
with a complimentary glass of bubbles on arrival**



**Rolling raffles, door prize
and prizes for birthday games**

Cost \$58 plus \$1.75 booking fee

Tickets bought online at whitsundaytickets.com.au

Or call Carol on 0409519338

GUEST SPEAKER

Sandii Venn-Brown

DISTRICT 22 GOVERNOR



SERVICE

IWD MARCH 10TH 2019

- Tickets ready to be bought on whitsundaytickets.com.au. \$58 plus \$2 booking fee
- La Marina at Port of Airlie
- Flyer is attached to this email
- Please bring your \$10 gift for the rolling raffle to the next meeting.

BBQ's 2019 Dates are:

March 17th Sunday and 24th Sunday – Carol B to coordinate

May 11th Saturday and 26th Sunday – Carol B to coordinate

Rosters have been set up for March and May and will be at our next General Meeting

Sewing Group

- Get together planned for February to make drip bags for the Mackay Base Hospital.
- Kerrie Adam to confirm date

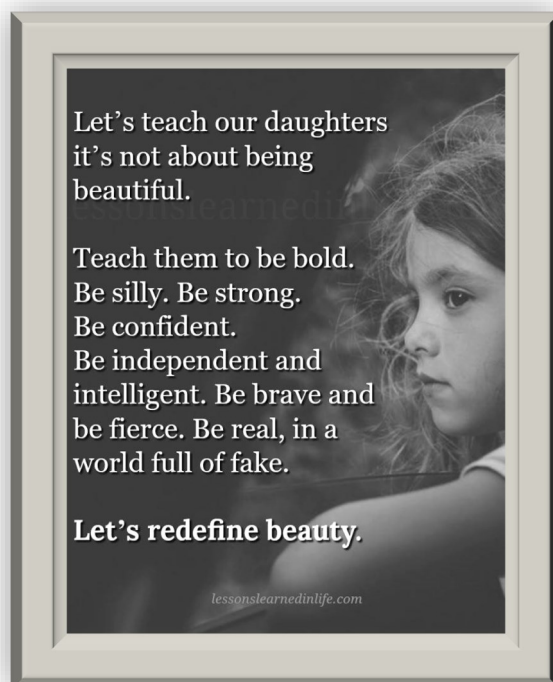
Mother's Day Gift Wrapping

- Holly has been notified that we will do the gift wrapping the week before Mother's Day
- A roster has been drawn up and will be at February's General Meeting
- Members will be asked to do 2 hours at the wrapping.

MAY 2019

- An incredibly busy first 2 weekends in May. – Car Rally, Bunnings BBQ and Gift Wrapping. We need all hands on deck.

Carol Bolton, Director





ADVOCACY

Hello everyone:

I have an update on one of our A & A award recipients Paris Egan. Remember we purchased a computer to the value of \$1500 to help her with her University Studies? Paris has just accepted a place at JCU where she will be studying Criminology and Psychology. That computer will get plenty of use. We wish her all the best with her studies.

Whitsunday Festival of Motoring will hold an organisations and volunteers meeting soon. Exact time to be confirmed. The meetings are great to touch base with the event organisers, find out the latest news, meet other volunteer groups and get a feel and vibe for what is going to happen. All are welcome. Some exciting stuff comes out when a group of people come together for the same cause. I Had a phone call this morning about the all female rally car team. They are very interested in working with us. Possible logo on their car and joint media campaign.

Leading up to our 100 years of Zonta, I would like to share snippets of our achievements throughout our Zonta History timeline;

*Dates indicate years funds were collected by Zonta to support the project. The information was compiled from International Service Project files, Zonta International Service Program Highlights and past issues of The Zontian.

1919 Mary Jenkins was elected our first president.

1920 Colours and Emblem of our Logo are adopted.

1923 Zonta International supported the Near East Relief in efforts to care for 115,000 orphan children in Smyrna, Turkey, and furnish means of self-support for the women.

1956 Zonta International provided direct aid for Hungarian refugees. (US\$8,000)

1959-1960 Zonta International, in cooperation with the United Nations World Refugee Year, supported the Anne Frank Village to aid refugee families in the Federal Republic of Germany. (US\$42,000)

Our History: Zonta's First 30 Years

https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=13&v=Yia6zPV5gfs

More to come next issue. **Amanda Walter, Director**



Very informative Guest Speaker Ron Petterson spoke to us about the terrible suicide rate among men



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February— 9th -Marlene Reiffel

27th —Janet Goldman

March— 6th -Mae Secomb

8th Amanda Walter

12th—Lauren Haack

13th—Cath Fernbach

News from Townsville by Lesley:

Ten days into this rainfall event with our personal total rainfall just short of 1500mm (1483 actually). So far I have been able to reply to the many friends who have emailed and messaged to ask if we were OK but the Townsville floods have now hit the UK news and as we have power restored. Thank you all for your concern and good wishes.

As we have many members who have moved to Townsville in the past couple of years, it is good to report that they are all safe. We can only hope our Zonta Club members in the area fared as well.

Visit our Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/WhitsundayZonta>

District 22 Facebook:

<https://www.facebook/District-22-Zonta-International>



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Date Claimers

21 FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING: VMR—6pm for 6.30 start

(Please bring any wrapped gifts for International Women's Day exchange)

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

March 10

OUR 20TH ANNIVERSARY AS A CLUB:

March 15

Car Rally Dates:

May—3, 4 & 5th

Mark your calendars for Bunnings Barbque's

March 7th Sunday and 24th Sunday

May 11th Saturday and 26th Sunday

August 18th Sunday and 24th Saturday

November 2nd Saturday and 9th Saturday

Knitting Group – last Monday of every month – contact Laura Morrison

Book Club last Wednesday of every month – contact Kerry Kenyon

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