

# FEBRUARY 2022



## THOUGHT OF THE MONTH

*Don't wait for a light to appear  
at the end of the tunnel,  
stride down there . . . .  
and light the bloody thing yourself.*

*Sara Henderson*

## Upcoming Events

### Dinner meeting

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February

6 for 6-30 Qld time

Salty Fox Rooftop Bar

Air Port Hotel

### Area Meeting

May 21<sup>st</sup> 2022

## International Conventions

2022 5<sup>th</sup>- 29<sup>th</sup> June

Hamburg Germany

2024

Brisbane Australia

## **PRESIDENTS REPORT – February 2022**

The year is finally gearing up. We are finally back to having a dinner meeting – wow !!! It looks like we may get back to normal, and we are trying out a new location for our meeting at the Salty Fox Rooftop Bar.

We have in our Club an octogenarian award winner. Merle Stephen has served more than 30 years in Zonta both locally and at District level. Merle was presented with the Dianne Leggo Honour Roll certificate and badge at a special luncheon. Thank you Merle for all the years of dedication to our Club.

May 21st 2022 we are combining with Area 1 Clubs for a joint Area meeting. Both the ZC of Northside and ZC of Wynnum Redland will co- host the Area Meeting

- **Date** for Combined Meeting: Saturday 21 May 2022
- **Theme** for the Area Meeting: - Climate Change – A Gender Equality Issue
- **Venue** Wynnum Manly Leagues Club. We chose this venue as it has a good meeting area, is reasonably priced, with good parking. It is also quite direct for people travelling from the southern and northern ends of the Areas with the venue easily accessed from the motorway.

### **Zonta International Womens Day – 8<sup>th</sup> March**

Its meaning however is never lost on a Zontian, International Women's Day (IWD) is celebrated on March 8th across the world. IWD is a global day celebrating the economic, political and social achievements of women in the past, present and future. It is an occasion for looking back on past struggles and accomplishments, and more importantly, for looking ahead to the untapped potential and opportunities that await future generations of women.

### **Foundation and Development**

In 1910, Clara Zetkin, the leader of the Women's Office for the Social Democratic Party in Germany tabled the idea of an International Women's Day at the second International Conference of Working Women in Copenhagen. The proposal received unanimous assent from over one hundred women representing seventeen countries.

The very first International Women's day was held the following year on March 19th. Meetings and protests were held across Europe with the largest street demonstration attracting 30,000 women. In 1913, IWD was transferred to March 8th and has been held on this day ever since.

Zonta Rose Day shares March 8<sup>th</sup>. The Zonta Rose is much more than a lovely flower. Since 1999, it has served as the symbol of Zonta Rose Day, which falls on 8 March and coincides with International Women's Day. On this special Day, Zontians worldwide are encouraged to publicly distribute yellow roses, or items bearing the image of yellow roses, accompanied by information about Zonta International and issues relating to improving the lives of women.

I'm looking forward to catching up with you all on Monday night 6:00pm for 6:30pm start.

Warm regards, Lesley-Anne Marsh

## From Carol

This week I was in touch with the Co-ordinator for the Tweed Refuge, along with our contribution of laundry detergent they were in desperate need for toilet paper.

I also delivered 38 various sizes of ladies underwear which we had in stock and 15 toiletry bags which I filled with our supply of toiletries, they look great very colourful.

Momentum Collective sent us an certificate of appreciation which was a nice surprise



## **From Rosemary**

### **Australia Day Awards**

Our nomination for Tweed Shire Council Australia Day Volunteer Group was successful with the Broadwater Village Craft Group being the winners. Because of Covid restrictions, the awards were held online with invited guests being given access to the proceedings. Maree and I attended virtually representing our Zonta Club. The ladies knew they had been nominated and had participated in a pre-recorded video which was played during the presentation. They were thrilled and surprised to receive the award. The video showcased their amazing fund raising efforts for the Cancer Council and Palliative Care, as well as the wonderful work they do in producing our breast cushions. The presentation really gave a good exposure to Zonta and it was lovely to see the Craft Group gain the recognition they deserve.

### **Breast Cushions**

Breast cushion stocks have been growing as some surgeries have been delayed because of Covid. The Craft group has also been waiting for stuffing to complete some half-made cushions. Thank you to Pauline for retrieving some stuffing from Brisbane so that the cushions can be completed. We have heard that surgery is to be resumed and our cushions can once again add some comfort to patients in need.

*Rosemary*