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NEWSLETTER



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DINNER MEETING
SECRET GARDEN
SOUTH TWEED SPORTS CLUB
Monday July 15th, 6-30 pm

Diary Dates

July 15th

***Dinner Meeting, Speaker
Sister Sulila, Buddhist Nun***

August 5th

Board Meeting

August 19th

Dinner Meeting

September 15

Birthing Kits Assembly Day

Publicity

Notices sent to 3 local papers regarding information re dinner meeting.

Merle

Membership

.Forms sent to all members wanting names & addresses of women who may be interested, please return, filled forms to Merle or Keri

Just in case you missed it, some important ZINews

Zonta International Program Updates

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Zonta-Club-Southern-Gold-CoastTweed/152403>

Samoa Victim Support Group help line launched
Zonta International is supporting efforts to empower women in rural Samoa to combat violence with UN Women and the UN Trust Fund to End Violence against Women.



*Tuilaepa Lufesoliai
Sailele Malielegaoi -
Prime Minister of
Samoa*

The Samoa Victim Support Group (SVSG), the project's implementing organization in Samoa, launched their new help line for victims of violence in Samoa.

Click [here](#) to see more photos from the launch of the help line with keynote speaker, Tuilaepa Lufesoliai Sailele Malielegaoi, Prime Minister of Samoa.

Tracking to achieve goals of MTCT of HIV in Rwanda

An updated project report for Zonta's international service project, Prevention of Mother-to-Child Transmission of HIV and Gender-Based Violence in Rwanda, for the period May to September 2012 is now posted on the [Zonta International website](#). Read about the project activities and results for eliminating Mother-to-Child transmission of HIV in Rwanda by 2015 and reducing incidence and lessening the impact of gender-based violence.



Jean Claude Siboniyo and his wife Claire hold their 17-month-old son, Yves outside their home in Bugesara, Rwanda. Their family has benefited from the Family Package services provided at the Ruhuha Health Center in Rwanda's Bugesara District.

To read more about Jean Claude Siboniyo and his family as well as another human interest story about a clinical psychologist working at the Isange One Stop Center, [click here](#).

Inaugural Day to End Fistula Highlights Progress, Challenges

Countries around the world will mark the first-ever International Day to End Obstetric Fistula, 23 May, with a variety of events to raise awareness of this neglected health and human rights challenge.

Click [here](#) to read the full Press Release from UNFPA and learn more about ending Obstetric Fistula.

Read a statement by the Executive Director of UNFPA, Dr. Babatunde Osotimehin, available in [Arabic](#), [English](#)



Presidents Message June 2013.

It seems unbelievable that 2013 is already 6mths gone. Our club has aligned itself with like-minded organizations in order to network and continue to mutually benefit from our liaisons. This year we find ourselves using these connections to put ourselves into the public arena in the hope of boosting membership. We are planning a membership information night and Merle is working toward contacting as many interested women as possible. Don't forget to send in contact details via the form that Merle has sent out. Membership is as you all know, is paramount to the ongoing survival of our club.

Susie is busy organizing the Birthing Kit Assembly Day; this is to be held in September at the South Tweed Sports Club. Date claimer and flyer will be sent out soon. As always it will be all hands on deck. Zonta Southern Gold Coast/Tweed is proud to be associated with the Birthing Kit Foundation. The information from Safe Hands for Mothers also provides us with some facts that make the donation of birthing kits all the more poignant. Since the introduction of this extremely simple kit, tetanus in the newborn has been virtually eradicated. Zonta does it one way and Safe Hands are just as effective with theirs. The statics remain far too high as 800 women and 8,500 babies still die every day. For more information go to www.safehands.org

Ten years ago today, Safe Hands for Mothers became a registered charity. My dream had come true: to use the power of film to make a difference to the lives of

mothers and their newborns.

In 2003, one woman died every minute in pregnancy or childbirth. I am incredibly proud that Safe Hands has contributed to halving this figure within a decade. In ten years we have:

- Filmed in 12 countries
- Produced 14 films
- Partnered with 17 organizations
- Worked with 1000 midwives, birth attendants and health workers
- Reached 1 million women and their families through our films

See you next Monday night...yours in fellowship

President Kaye.