

ZONTA Club of Roma

Club Number 1432 Chartered 26 August 1993 P. O. Box 1003, Roma, Q 4455 Zonta International is a worldwide service organization of executives in business and the professions working together to advance the status of women.

Newsletter - March 2010

District 22 Governor: Vicki Varthas Area 4 Director: Robyn Burton-Ree

President's Report Jill Sabine

Dear Members

What a start to the month. I hope everyone is recovering from the floods, especially those of you who were inundated. I received a call and anemail from Vicki Varthas wanted to confirm that we are all ok and to offer any assistance if we require it. On the up side of the disaster it was pleasing to see the town pull together and help those affected.

Another wonderful afternoon was spent on Betty's back deck when she hosted our Orientation afternoon. We had a record number of members attend as well as three prospective new members. Hopefully they were inspired into joining us in the future. Thank you Betty and to the OMC committee for all their work. We capped February off with catering for the Bendemere Cup. It was a pleasant afternoon, not too taxing. We made a profit of \$500 for our efforts. Thank you to all.

Due to the floods we were unable to host our International Women's Day Breakfast. We will reschedule for a later date. Jill B, Jenny and Lesley D handed out our yellow roses to MOW, Spiritus, Pinaroo and Westhaven. Approximately 85 roses were handed out. Thank you ladies.

Looking forward, our next event will be Easter in the Country. We will no doubt be busy selling soft drinks on Saturday morning. This is a very successful fund raiser for the club so if you are available to help in any way, please let Jenny know.

Our AGM is also in April and there will be vacant positions that need to be filled. Please give some thought to taking on a position. We also need to encourage our prospective members to join and as Heather mentioned at our last dinner meeting we need to mentor them and make them welcome.

Our dinner meeting is on the 23rd of March at Marj's home (5 Madison Tce). See you there.

Finance & Fundraising Jenny Loughnan

Fin and Fun report March 2010

Well what a month, as you know we were forced to postpone our IWD breakfast for a number of reasons, all relating to the weather. At board it was decided we would try again maybe for a Brunch but details of that later.

Jill B, Lesley and I handed our yellow Zonta roses to some bemused but very grateful ladies at Pinaroo and Westhaven. It is gratifying to see the absolute joy on their faces, to think that someone wants to celebrate with them and give them a "lovely" flower. Next year we will have to have a mini working bee to make vases to leave with the ladies. We also left bunches to be delivered with the MOW ladies and Spiritus

Easter is fast approaching so can everyone please think about a bit of time on Saturday morning to help with soft-drinks. Rather than have lots and no helpers I would really like to get a roster going at the next meeting so can you all please work out a time (if you are able) and we will work from there. Donations of ice would also be welcome if you will be around.

Cheques have been posted to the relevant recipients of our hard earned \$\$\$. We also sent letters to those we were no longer able to support and asked that we be taken off their mailing list.

Our thoughts are with Jill Frith and hope she has a speedy recovery, meetings will not be quite the same without her presence.

Organisation, Membership & Classification Heather Hall

The OMC Committee did not meet this month due to floods and all the issues which arose from this event.

Heather G, Lesley D and Anne Leahy all were directly affected by the floods as was Jill Frith. This massive event which was not predicted certainly showed the strength of the local community with everyone pulling together to help friends and anyone in need. Good old country spirit showing brightly again.

On the 13th and 14th of March Kell Freeman, Lesely D and I attended the Area 4 workshop in Stanthorpe. It was a wonderful weekend and again reinforced my faith in the strengths of the local clubs and the value of Zonta as an international organization. The workshop was well organized with excellent Zonta business discussions and two very interesting guest speakers Deborah Rowe from TRC spoke as a woman in local govt and her personal battle with cancer and Tina Coco spoke about her work in the Tissue and Organ donation area of the PA hospital. Both woman

Were humble yet amazing and thoroughly enjoyed by all. I would recommend theses workshops to all Zontians as they are absolutely brilliant opportunities to meet others learn a lot and in this case taste some splendid wines. Next year it is likely that one of the Toowoomba clubs will host the area meeting. So put it on your diary for 2011.

Our membership drive continues with two of our guests at the afternoon tea planning to join with a couple more prospective members joining us at Marj's on Tuesday night. We need to continue our mentoring of these new members as this was identified as an area of improvement in our survey. It you have any prospective members please let us know and we can plan around the joining.

DUTY	ZONTIAN	DATE
OCTOBER ROSTER Reminder – If you are unable to do your rostered task, please arrange a swap.		
Blessing	Frankie Kimlin	23rd March
Objects	Suzie Ferrier	23rd March
Raffle	Jill Frith /Betty Bates	23rd March
	Betty Bates 24th Marc	
MOW	Susie Ferrier	28th April

P R Committee Kell Freeman



March/April Birthdays: April 13 Jill Sabine April 13 Frankie Kimlin

Status of Women & Service Vicki Beitz

Nothing to add at present.

Zonta Dates to Remember

23rd March—Dinner meeting

2-5th April Easter

25th April Anzac day

27th April AGM