



ZONTA
CLUB OF
BRISBANE NORTH INC
MEMBER OF ZONTA INTERNATIONAL
EMPOWERING WOMEN
THROUGH SERVICE & ADVOCACY

February Newsletter, 2018

President's Note:

Dear Members

January has whizzed by and is now a blur of steamy hot days, little rain, fun with family and friends, Australia's recognition of those in our community who do remarkable things, and more cricket and more tennis etc.

One of my first emails on the 1 January was from our ZI President, Sonja Hönig Schough, sending New Year greetings to all Zontians. President Sonja's email and web link was full of optimism and listed the fantastic highlights among Zonta's achievements internationally during 2017. We also have been working to successfully fulfil our mission and goals to improve the status of women locally. We might leave small footprints though the benefit for those we support is great and the fulfilment for members rewarding. See the photos below of members preparing Christmas pamper packs from your donations for Chisholm residents, and packing Micah Christmas hampers for those in need in the community. Many thanks to members and Ian who helped. Thanks also to members and their rellies who have helped Anne build up our stock of breast cushions this last month.

Coming up on the 17 February we have our first afternoon tea to present our Club advancement grants and to provide an informal get together for members and associates (see below). Don't forget to RSVP – open to family and friends. One of our major fund-raising events, Sunday afternoon at the movies, is coming up in March (see below). Don't forget to pick up your tickets at the February dinner meeting. This will be a fun movie and afternoon.

Fund raising is critical to support our various activities. Every Club appears to be finding fund raising an increasing challenge and is aware of the risks for members of being weighed down by the negativism this can generate. Sure, money helps, but some of our activities above show we can provide service to support women and girls with and without drawing on our financial resources. If you are aware of projects aligned with our mission or have creative ideas that are not reliant on dollars alone, please share them, so we can explore additional approaches to service in our community.

The end of our Zonta year is not far away and it is our time for optimism, new ideas, and planning for 2018-2019. The Board will draft a Strategic Plan in March to share with you in April. We need your input, so members please fill out your member survey, and committee chairs and members, please start considering your proposed action plans against our goals, together with your estimated budgets, for the next Zonta year.

Read on for lots more news and reminders for February.

Best wishes Trish

February Dinner Meeting: Monday 12th February, 7pm **Cost:** \$47.50

NB: Please advise Jenny Grant-Taylor by 9.00am Friday before if you are unable to attend. 335 335 91 or jgrant-t2@bigpond.com.

Direct credit payment to Zonta Club of Brisbane North; BSB: 034-002; Acc. No.: 000992870

Upcoming diary dates:

17 February - Club Grants presentations
27 February - Sausage Sizzle
28 February - Board meeting
28 February - close early bird registration Convention

06 March- IWD breakfast
25 March- Afternoon at the movies
9 April - Planning meeting; Board voting
14 May - AGM
11 June - 40th birthday meeting
29 June -3 July 2018 - ZI Convention

February dinner meeting

At our February Dinner Meeting. Elizabeth Saunders is going to catch up on her missed introduction to the Club and will also talk to us about the campaign organised by Dr Kirsten Ferguson, #celebratingwomen.



A reminder of other important preparations for the meeting -see recent emails from the President and Board.

- Special agenda item, consideration and adoption of a Draft Constitution. Please read the draft. Forwarding any comments for discussion before the meeting for compilation would be appreciated.

- Complete your member survey for our 2018-2019 planning, email to the President or bring with you to the meeting.

Fund raising

Sunday Afternoon at the Movies

The Regal Twin Cinemas, Graceville 3.00 pm 25 March

Tickets \$25 per person includes afternoon tea (3pm start for afternoon tea) and cinema entry (4.20pm for movie start)

RSVP to Jenny Grant Taylor by 18th March 2018. jgrant-t2@bigpond.com or 0417 745 919



Get into the groove with this heart-warming and hilarious comedy that proves it's never too late to start again, starring Imelda Staunton, Timothy Spall and Joanna Lumley

Sausage sizzle

More volunteers for the Sausage sizzle on Tuesday 27 February would be appreciated.
Contact Trish at tdesmarchelier@bigpond.com



Have you got any bright and/or new ideas for fund raising?



If you have any bright and/or new ideas for fund raising, please contact Glenda or Trish, or FR committee members as they would greatly appreciate your contributions.

Advocacy



Reminder for ticket holders:

International Women's Day Breakfast, *Leave no woman behind*

7- 9 am 6th March 2018

Zonta International



29 June – 3 July 2018

See all the details in *The Zontian*. Early bird registration closes 28 February 2018

Members out and about in December

Pamper Packs and handbags for Chisholm Refuge



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Micah Annual Christmas hampers

What amazing organization by the Micah group. All this packed in a couple of hours!



Hamper breakdown:

- 120 families received large food hampers
- 100 families received large fresh fruit hampers
- 205 individuals and couples received food hampers
- 105 individuals and couples received fresh fruit hampers
- **Total of 530 hampers** - each large hamper had enough groceries to last a family one week
- In addition to this, 143 individuals at Brisbane Common Ground received a food hamper
- 215 volunteer drivers distributed gifts to the Brisbane metropolitan area and beyond, delivering as far away as Caboolture and the Gold Coast
- **310 volunteers** participated on 21 and 22 December
- **Total of \$18,295** was raised by the community to purchase hampers and provide emergency housing so that no child or family are on the street or in cars over Christmas.