



**ZONTA CLUB**  
**SOUTHERN GOLD COAST**  
**TWEED INC.**  
**DISTRICT 22**  
**NEWSLETTER**  
**OCTOBER 2013**



P.O. Box 121  
Elanora 4221  
Queensland

**Board Members**  
**President**  
**Kaye Lollback**  
**Phone 0423433813**

**Vice President**  
**Susie Dunn**  
**Secretary**  
**Merle Stephen**  
**Treasurer**  
**Lesley-Anne Marsh**  
**Director**  
**Keri Moore**

**DINNER MEETING**  
**SECRET GARDEN**  
**SOUTH TWEED SPORTS CLUB**  
**Monday Oct 21st,**  
**5-45 pm E.S.T. 6-45 pm D.S.T**  
**Apologies - Lesley Sunday 7pm**  
**Email:- blacklockaccounts@bigpond**

## **DIARY DATES**

**September 15 Birthing Kits Assembly Day**  
**Dinner Meeting, October 21**  
**Speaker- Ros Kinder - Past District Governor**  
**Car Boot sale**  
**Dinner Meeting November 18<sup>th</sup> Christmas Party**  
**Partners & Friends \$25 per person**  
**29<sup>th</sup> November - Walk against Domestic Violence**  
**November 30, Sausage Sizzle Bunnings**



Zonta Club of Southern Gold  
Coast-Tweed Area Inc

*Member of Zonta International*

## *PRESIDENT 'S REPORT*

*First and foremost this report is to congratulate and thank all who participated in our birthing kit assembly day. It was a wonderful day with 63 volunteers all chatting and enjoying the time spent in fellowship. Susie who co-ordinated the day did a magnificent job; it all flowed along very well.*

*We are now having a Zonta information night next Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October. Many of those present at the assembly day expressed interest in gaining more insight into Zonta Projects and philosophy. We are most privileged to have Ros Kinder as our guest speaker, Past District Governor, a fellow Zontian of many years' experience and expertise.*

*Friday, November 29<sup>th</sup>, we intend to participate in Sista's Against Violence Lantern Parade. It is so important to make a united stand. Lesley is currently making a banner which has the Zonta Says NO, logo painted on to it. Some of us have had a sneak peek and it looks fantastic, who knew our Lesley was quite the artist!*

*Saturday November 30<sup>th</sup> we will be hosting a sausage sizzle at Bunnings Burleigh. As I eagerly put my hand up to help in the back of my mind I was certain that the date had another meaning. So imagine Geoff's delight in having his 2 most favorite things happening on his birthday...unlimited sausages and Bunnings. Yeahhh. This will be the most significant fund raiser for our club, as it has been recommended by the board that we will not host the International Women's Day Breakfast next year. Attendee numbers have been on a steady decline and the effort in organizing it with such low membership has proven onerous. Lesley has certainly done a sterling effort every year. I believe that we went out on a high. It was the club's 21<sup>st</sup> IWD, and with Cynthia Morton as guest speaker the feedback was phenomenal. After a busy hot day of gardening, feeling quite pleased with my efforts, very sore though, I thought I would show off my roses, yellow of course*



**K**  
**A**  
**Y**  
**E**





# Families Against Violence

16 Days Of Activism To End Violence Against Women & Children

*Sista's Against Violence  
Lantern Parade 6pm*

Women and children to meet at Tweed Heads Civic Centre (Brett St) at 4:00pm. Women march to Jack Evans Boat Harbour to join with the whole of community event in solidarity to end domestic and family violence.

Lanterns, banners & refreshments will be provided

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November

7:00pm – 8:30pm

*Whole Of Community Event  
at Jack Evans Boat Harbour*

7pm – 8:30pm

Welcome to Country

Men's Ceremony – standing strong against violence towards women & children

Guest speakers

Visiting our community free from violence

Kids Caring for Country Dance Troupe

BBQ Dinner Provided

Jaxjama's Art Display

*Take a Stand*

*End violence against  
women and children in  
our communities*

For more information please call  
Marg Allen : 0434 313 540  
[freeddd@twomen.org.au](mailto:freeddd@twomen.org.au)

To be involved with the Men's  
Ceremony please call Mark  
Cosa at On Track Community  
Programs : 0417 254 741





## **MEMBERS PROFILE** **RHONDA ALLEN**



*I was born in Melbourne in December 1951. I had a brother who was 5 Years older than me and I grew up in a fun loving family. My father was a great gardener and grew all our own veggies. He was also into fitness and was always into the latest health fad. Mum was strong and always in control of the home. Our family was very politically aware and politics were often discussed.*

*After a fairly average academic performance (I was described as a dreamer at school) I trained as a Nurse when I was 17. I had always wanted to be a nurse and luckily discovered a career that would become a lifelong passion. I have had a long and varied career training as a midwife in 1976 prior to leaving for the UK where I would live with my new husband's family in Belfast Northern Ireland for twelve months. Belfast was a war zone in those days and it was a real eye opener to a naive young Aussie a long way from home.*

*I met my future husband Raymond just before my twenty first birthday. Two years later we were married at the Anglican Church in Heidelberg Melbourne. We lived together for two years prior to our marriage which was unusual in those days. We became very politically active in the early seventies with interests as broad ranging as Ban the Bomb to Abortion: a Woman's Right to Choose. I was also a long standing member of Amnesty International holding the office of President and Secretary at different times. I have always fought what I see as injustice and have tried to instil this in others. I feel if you don't speak out or try to change things even in a small way you are as bad as the perpetrators.*

*Our first child was born in 1978 following our return from the UK. We went on to have four daughters over the next eight years. We built our first house in Cranbourne Victoria and lived there for a number of years before moving to Perth where we would live in various locations for the next fifteen years. Just after the move to Perth I decided on a change from nursing and we purchased an arts and crafts business in South Perth. I enjoyed the shop but found it a lot of work with a young family and eventually the long hours became too hard and I returned to my nursing career. For the family the stand out experience was our time in the Kimberley where we lived in Derby for three and a half years. This is where I really became a midwife in the true sense of the word being with so many outstanding women for the births of their children.*

*We moved over to Northern NSW over ten years ago to be closer to my parents who had moved from Melbourne to Kingscliff.*

*Currently our home consists of my youngest daughter who is studying to be a psychologist at Griffiths University, my almost ninety one year old mother, my husband who is retired, a very spoiled Maltese called Pepper and a very old cat named Charli. We are the very loving grandparents to four amazing girls who range from thirteen to four years old. Watching the growth and development of all our girls continues to be a source of joy, inspiration and delight. Life is good, we are very blessed.*

*Rhonda*

---

## ZI News



Helping women in developing countries has been a passion of Zontians since the organization was founded in 1919. Today, Zonta's International Service Program continues to help women in developing countries improve their legal, political, economic, educational and health status. Through funding from the Zonta International Foundation, the Program has provided training, education, health, sanitation, agricultural and micro-credit assistance to women, primarily through projects implemented by the agencies of the United Nations and other recognized non-governmental organizations.

---

Since 1923, Zonta has provided more than US\$11 million to projects benefiting more than 2 million women in 37 countries.

---

During the 2012-2014 Biennium, two projects are being supported by the International Service Fund:

- **Liberia Fistula Program**

**Funding:** US\$1,000,000 to UNFPA (United Nations Population Fund)

**Project Description**

- **Elimination of New Pediatric HIV Infection and Prevention and Response to Survivors of Domestic and Gender Based Violence in Rwanda**

**Funding:** US\$1,000,000 to UNICEF (United Nations Children's Fund)

**Project Description**

**Human Interest Story: Working Around the Clock to Support Survivors of Gender Based Violence |**

**Human Interest Story: A Family Package |**

More information on International website



*A new Zonta Club has been chartered in Beirut Lebanon so Zonta International is now operative in 65 countries worldwide*

## Birthing Kit Day



Carolyn & Lesley-Anne

Kaye & Volunteers



*There is two ways to live your life  
One as though nothing is a miracle.  
The other is as though everything is a miracle*

*Albert Einstein, 1879-1955*