

ZONTA ON THE ROCKS.



Zonta Club of Rockhampton Inc
Member of Zonta International
Advancing the Status of Women Worldwide

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From the President:

PLEASE NOTE!

If you are
unable to attend
the dinner meeting,
please advise
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by 10 am
on the Monday
before the meeting.

**Failure to
apologize will
incur payment
of \$25.00.**



Area 2 Meeting:
Peppers Pier Resort
Hervey Bay
27-28 April 2013

District Conference:
**Noosa Convention &
Exhibition Centre**
Australis Resort
27-29 Sept 2013

Welcome to our March edition of Zonta on the Rocks.

I seem to be fixated on the weather – this time it is wet, but I do feel the sun peeping through today. Once again the river is rising and we watch “Sandra” with trepidation.

The eighth of March is always special for the Zonta Club of Rockhampton - International Women’s Day and Zonta Rose Day. We celebrate and recognise our achievements and those of women world-wide. Winners of our Living Treasure Award and YWPA Award will be announced at our breakfast on Friday.

The Zonta campaign “Say NO to violence” is resounding around the Zonta world. We are supporting projects to improve a woman’s world in many areas of the world – such as Rwanda, Guatemala, El Salvador, Liberia, Egypt, Cambodia and Syria. On the home front here in Rockhampton, we are supporting the Women’s Shelter and Girls’ Time Out.

In our own club we must support each other –because life can throw some very wobbly balls at us and a friendly chat over a cup of coffee can make all the difference.

Many of the women in the cycle of violence do not realise they can break out and Zonta’s support aims to empower these women to pursue higher goals. At this time in the UN headquarters in New York, the Commission of the Status of

Women is being convened. The priority for this session is the elimination and prevention of all forms of violence against women and girls. The ‘review’ will be the equal sharing of responsibilities between women and men.

I represented Zonta at a breakfast given by the Cancer Council yesterday. It brought together many of the organisations who give support to the Cancer Council and gave us a chance to visit their facilities. If you attend a public gathering and it is appropriate to wear your Zonta badge, please do so. It is a very easy way of advertising.

We were very sorry to farewell Pauline at our last meeting. Pauline has been an energetic member and held many positions in our Club and supported all our fundraising efforts. We will miss you, Pauline.

We welcomed Margaret back to the Board and look forward to the benefit of her experience.

I hope we have a good representation at the Area Conference in April, and we will start organising our 30th Birthday celebrations for August.

Finally – Are we making a difference in our community? If the answer is yes, we are going some way to achieving our goals.

Kind regards
Meredith



Notices:

MEETINGS.

Board Meeting:

6.30pm:
2nd Tuesday
of the month
Venue:
Rockhampton Plaza
Hotel.

Club Meeting:

6.00 pm for 6.30pm
3rd Tuesday
of the month
Venue:
Rockhampton Plaza
Hotel.

Committee Meetings.

OMC:

Venue:
Rockhampton Plaza
Hotel
5.30 pm—
2nd Tuesday
of the month.

LA & A / Program / PR & C/ United Nations/ Newsletter /Archives:

Venue:
Rockhampton Plaza
Hotel.
5.30 pm—
2nd Tuesday
of the month.

Service:

Venue:
Rockhampton Plaza
Hotel.
5.30pm—
2nd Tuesday
of the month.

Calendar:

March:

08 IWD Breakfast
12 Committee Meetings /
Board Meeting
19 Dinner Meeting

April:

9 Committee Meetings /
Board Meeting
16 Dinner Meeting
27/28 Area Meeting - Hervey Bay

Special United Nations Observances and Other Significant Days.

08 International Women's Day and
Zonta Rose Day
21 International Day for the
Elimination of Racial Discrimination

Worry is like a rocking chair.
It gives you something to do
but gets you nowhere. *Anon.*



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.

If you wish to learn more about the Zonta Rose, click the link below to take you to the Zonta International webpage detailing the history and the symbolism of the beautiful flowers.

<http://www.zonta.org/linkclick.aspx?fileticket=yS9Ncyv7LM%3d&tabid=63>

Dinner Raffle.

The supply of gifts for the
Dinner Raffle follows the listing
in the Members Directory.

March: Glenys C
April: Valda F
May: Jan L
June: Mary L

Please give your
raffle prize to Elizabeth.
to co-ordinate.



Happy Birthday

March:
16 Judie Pettitt



Zonta Rose Day—08 March

(from the Zonta International Website)

The beauty of a single yellow rose has been a favourite Zonta symbol for decades. The yellow rose has adorned many Zonta items from stationery to clothing, and has been used in many charter and anniversary celebrations.



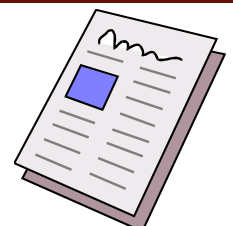
If you would like to contribute to your Newsletter
please forward articles to Berenice Payne

either by

Fax: 4922 3315 or

Email: berenice.a.payne@bigpond.com

Deadline: First Tuesday of the month.



Zonta Club of Rockhampton—30th Anniversary—1983 - 2013

The Zonta Club of Rockhampton this year proudly celebrates 30 years of service. Not only do we congratulate the five current members who were charter members in 1983, but we congratulate all members on choosing to join an international organization which selects to fund and participate in community projects fundamental to promoting women's economic self-sufficiency, political equality, access to education and health care and the elimination of violence against women. Each year, Zontians dedicate thousands of volunteer hours and millions of dollars to affecting these changes, while the Zonta International programs funded by the Zonta International Foundation impact these issues on a global level.

We also acknowledge that District 22 Governor Judith Anderson was a charter member of the Rockhampton Club and a member for many years until Judith relocated to Brisbane where she joined the Brisbane Club. Trish and Berenice have also served at District level, Trish as Lieutenant Governor and District Governor and Berenice as District Secretary while both have served as Area Directors.

Berenice and Jan have served as District Committee Chairman, Berenice as PR & C Chair and Jan as UN Chair. Norma was Parliamentarian for the 2011 District Conference.

Current members who have served as president of the club are Margaret, Norma, Valda, Meredith, Trish, Berenice, Glenys and Jan.

Valda and Elizabeth's dedication to the club has been proven by Valda with her many years of service as Treasurer and Elizabeth for her record number of years as Minutes Secretary. Both records will be hard to break.

We do however value the contribution of all members both past and present, which has enabled the club to continue the valuable work of Zonta at local, district and international level.

<u>Zontian</u>	<u>Year Joined</u>	<u>Years of Service</u>
Anna	1983	30 years
Margaret	1983	30 years
Mary	1983	30 years
Norma	1983	30 years
Wendy	1983	30 years
Valda	1985	28 years
Elizabeth	1987	26 years
Jacki	1993	20 years
Meredith	1993	20 years
Trish	1993	20 years
Berenice	1995	18 years
Glenys	1997	16 years
Chris	2003	10 years
Jan	2005	8 years
Pauline	2006	7 years
Rosalie	2007	6 years
Carry	2009	4 years
Cathy	2009	4 years
Janet	2010	3 years
Deanne	2011	2 years
Jennifer	2011	2 years
Janine	2011	2 years
Kaye	2011	2 years
Katherine	2011	2 years
Judie	2012	1 year
Karen	2012	1 year





Induction of new member

New member Judie Pettitt was inducted into the Rockhampton Club at the November meeting by President Meredith Sutherland.

Judie had expressed a desire to join our club as she was interested in the work and activities of Zonta. Having recently moved to the Rockhampton area, Judie wished to have more participation in the local issues and affairs that impact on women and girls and to have closer contact with groups that advocate, act and raise awareness on their behalf. Judie has also recently become a volunteer for a community based literacy organisation providing tutoring to migrant adults and students.

Members welcome Judie to the club and look forward to her contribution to the club's activities.

Photo: Meredith Sutherland, Rosalie Welburn, Judie Pettitt and Jan Landsberg.

This year, members have the opportunity to attend both an **Area Meeting** and a **District Conference**. Some information about Area Meetings and District Conferences appears below and members are always encouraged to attend as these events provide an opportunity to learn more about Zonta at all levels, **while enjoying the fellowship of members from all clubs in Area 2 at Area Meetings and members of all clubs in District 22 at Conferences.**



AREA MEETINGS:

The Zonta International Bylaws Article XIII, Section 11(b)) require each area to hold at least one meeting annually, preferably during the months of March, April or May, to promote the Objects and programs of Zonta International. Area meetings are essentially planning and training seminars and should provide club officers, directors, committee chairmen and members useful information on their responsibilities, Zonta International and district programs, and practical suggestions for club programs and projects. All Zontians should be encouraged to attend, particularly new members.

Area meetings are hosted by a club in the area. The area director is primarily responsible for planning the meeting, with the assistance of other members of the district board and of the host club. The governor may direct that all area meetings cover the same subjects. The format may vary from area to area. The presiding area director reports to the district board following the area meeting. The governor or her/his designee attends the meeting.

The 2013 Area 2 Meeting is at Hervey Bay.



DISTRICT CONFERENCE:

The purpose of the district conference is to:

- ◊Promote the Objects and programs of Zonta International.
- ◊Conduct the business of the district, including acceptance of the financial audit/review/compilation, action on proposed resolutions affecting the district, and, in odd-numbered years, the election of the district officers and nominating committee, and

the adoption of the district budget for the following biennium.

- ◊Receive the Zonta International president's message and reports of district officers and committees.
- ◊Inform, instruct and educate district Zontians about Zonta International with emphasis on its role as an international organization.
- ◊Inform, instruct and educate district Zontians about the Zonta International Foundation with emphasis on its role in supplying funds for Zonta's international programs and the need for Zontians to support the Foundation.
- ◊Consider and act upon suggestions submitted by Zonta International.
- ◊Consider and act upon resolutions and proposed amendments to the Zonta International Bylaws and Rules of Procedure.
- ◊Provide an opportunity for fellowship.

The 2013 District 22 Conference is to be held in Noosa.





International Women's Day 2013 Project - Critical Services Initiative

(From <https://unwomen.org.au/iwd/projects>)

For International Women's Day 2013, UN Women Australia is focusing its fundraising efforts on supporting the Critical Services Initiative in Papua New Guinea.

Access: a critical issue

Access to critical services is key to addressing violence against women. Women experiencing violence need an immediate response to prevent recurrence and mitigate the consequences. Although countries across the world have been adopting laws and programmes in recent years to respond to violence against women, the implementation of critical services is making slow and uneven progress. As a consequence, many women and girls experiencing violence lack access to the most basic services for their safety and protection.

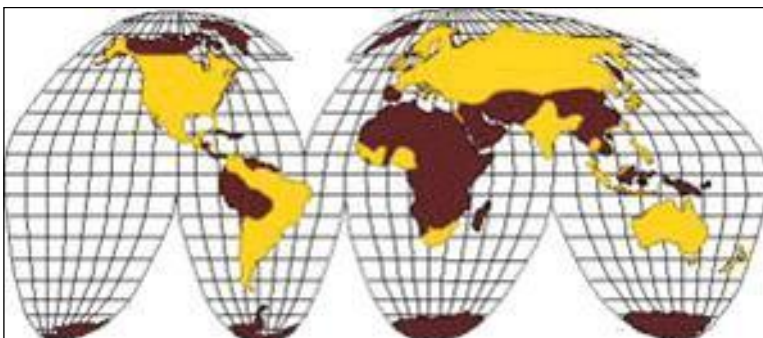
Specific challenges to accessing services include:

- absence of services, particularly in remote and rural areas
- discriminatory attitudes of those responding to violence (police, medical/legal professionals)
- financial constraints
- lack of interpreter services
- distance and lack of transportation for remote and rural women

Immediate, free and universal access to quality, critical services is essential to support women through a time of crisis, empowering women to move forward with their lives and live a life free from the fear of violence. (To read more about this critical issue go to the website listed above)



Zonta maintains a presence in countries marked in Gold.



District 22

- A Queensland Australia
- B Northern Rivers Inc.
New South Wales Australia



1983–2013: 30 years advancing the status of women