

Coral Coast Chat

 **Zonta Club
of Bowen**
Member of Zonta International

Club 1476 Area 5 District 22

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Diary Dates

*Club meets every 2nd Wed
of the month at 7.00 pm Central Hotel*

- 8th Oct Board Meeting - 5.30 p.m.
Dinner Meeting - 7.00 p.m.
- 16th Oct F&F, Prog Meeting - 5.15 p.m.
- 24th Oct Un Day
- 25th Oct Biggest Girl's Night In
- 3rd Nov SOW, PR, Comm, UN - 5.15 pm
- 25th Nov- White Ribbon Day & 16 days
- 10th Dec of activism.

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From the President's Pen

September Report

The club has been very active with the Senior's week activity, support for the Rotary cent sale and our birthing kit assembly day. I would like to congratulate everyone on their efforts and extend sincere thanks to the sixteen volunteers who assisted with the birthing kit assembly. It is true that "many hands make light work".

I'm sure it makes a difference and I'm sharing with you the following which I have had pinned on my notice board at work for many years.... one of the 'philosophies' I've adopted.

It Makes a Difference (Anonymous)

As the old man walked the beach at dawn,
he noticed a young man ahead of him
picking up starfish and flinging them to sea.

Catching up with the youth
he asked him why he was doing this.
The answer was that the stranded starfish
would die if left in the morning sun.

"But the beach goes on for miles and miles
and there are millions of starfish," countered the other.
How can your effort make any difference?

The young man looked at the starfish in his hand
and threw it to the safety of the waves.
"It makes a difference to this one," he said.

Bev Lowcock

Thought for the Month

Nothing is permanent in this
wicked world,
Not even our troubles.

Charlie Chaplin

Committee Clippings

PR & Communications Report

September Report

A charity box has been provided by the Bowen Woodturners. Signage for the charity box will be organised. Bowen Zonta greatly appreciates the Woodturners generosity.

A photo and short write-up regarding the Osteoporosis Awareness Stall was published in the Bowen Independent on the 29th August. Publicity for the Birthing Kit Assembly day has been organised to also appear in the Bowen Independent.

October Report

Zonta received quite considerable exposure at the Strawberries and Cream Stall at The Bowen Fishing Classic Wet-weekend event.

A large number of our Zonta Club brochures were distributed to interested members of the community during the weekend. The charity box made its inaugural appearance at the stall.

It was noted quite a number of Friends of Zonta were in attendance, providing much needed assistance with the workload.

Kerry Picknell (Chairperson) (edited version)

OMC Report

September has been a quiet month for OMC with so much else happening for Club members.

We currently have eight women in the joining process, which is excellent. We expect most if not all will take advantage of the option to pay over 3 months, which means that they will be eligible for the half-year fees, but will not become members until they are fully paid up. This does impact on their full participation as they are not eligible to receive some confidential information, eg reports and financials, until all fees are paid.

They are, however, keen to be involved, and have participated in both the Birthing Kit Assembly Day and the Strawberries and Cream stall at the Fishing Classic, and we appreciate their enthusiasm.

We do remind members of the guidelines for nominating prospective members, and that the process needs to be followed in order to maintain our good name in the community. If you are unsure of anything please contact one of us for assistance.

Congratulations to everyone for the hard work and great PR over the month.

Jill Knight on behalf of the OMC Committee

Q150, SOW & UN Report

Combined PR and SOW Report from meeting Sept 1, 2008

PR Q150 Project

- organisations who wrote support letters for the grant were sent thank you letters and given the opportunity to be part of the project – Ladies Lions responded with a sponsorship donation
- a letter will be sent to businesses asking for sponsorships to offset some of the costs
- quotes for book editing and recording onto CD have been received
- a digital note taker will be purchased for interviews
- a sub - committee for coordinating interviews will meet Mon Sept 29 at LNC at 5:15
- a draw card personality is being sought for the book launch

SOW

Osteoporosis Awareness at Senior's Week Tues Aug 26 10-1

- osteoporosis information was given to seniors
- a comparison of calcium rich foods each containing 300 mg of calcium were displayed
- taste testing samples of fruit smoothies were offered to seniors especially those who were not able to come to the display
- a short description and photo appeared in the Bowen Independent 29.08.08
- the new Zonta Club of Bowen brochure was on display as well as the banner
- app \$55 was spent using a Woolworth's voucher and over \$30 was raised in the F&F raffle

Birthing Kit Assembly Day

Sat Sept 6, 10-2

Members to pay \$5 towards the cost of lunch, volunteers do not have to pay

- if convenient members are requested to bring a plate to assist with catering
- this is a good opportunity to bring guests along to show them what we do

SOW Plans 2008-2009

- plans have been finalised
- recommendations will be made to the board for approval (refer to attachment)
- focus on projects which align to ZI projects (HIV, safe cities, obstetrics), UN (UNICEF), ZISVAW (ending violence against women), education and legislative awareness and advocacy.

Hortense Ingram (Chairperson) (edited version)

Committee Clippings

Finance and Fundraising Report

August Report

Movie 'Australia'

No release date as yet. To date all communication with the Summergarden has been by phone or person. A letter to be sent to Ben Deluca expressing Zontas' interest and availability to assist in any way possible – with the aim of fundraising in some capacity.

Chocolates

Therese has offered to continue coordinating and ordering chocolates. More outlets to be sourced to boost sales once the Fishing Classic is over.

Raffle

Originally conceived as an add on to the Strawberries and Cream may turn out to be a good money raiser as over \$600 worth of prizes have been donated. We will commence selling at Bowenfest and continue next 4 weeks and through to the 21st of Sept. Drawn at the Fishing Classic.

Fishing Classic

Strawberries and Cream stall – all preparations are well under way and a lot of effort going in to obtain the required items by sponsorship and donation.

September Report

Strawberry and Cream Stall

Final figures are not to hand but expect profit to be over \$2000. A huge thank you to everyone who worked so hard. 38 pots of Strawberry jam sold to a stall holder at Airlie and some pots available for sale at next meeting.

Chocolate Sales

On going fundraiser. Members requested to contact Chris if they would be prepared to have a point of sale at their business or know of people in businesses [especially industrial businesses] that could be approached.

Bowen Cup – Social/Fundraising event

Sat 4th Oct, 1pm to 5pm, \$25 a head includes seating in a tent and chicken salad luncheon. Drinks available at bar prices
Members asked to contact Rhonda if requiring tickets

Australia Movie

Ben Deluca will advise as soon as he has release dates and we will then swing into action once we know what sort of fundraising activity we can proceed with. Considering a 'bar' in the cinema foyer, beginning of each evening session for the first few busy nights. Movie is long so not necessarily appropriate to have supper after. Raffle each night could also be considered.

Xmas Raffle

Committee Chair to write to local businesses to request vouchers or goods for a Xmas hamper and other raffles i.e. IWD and Book launch. Members who wish to contribute an item or a voucher to the hamper to bring to Oct and Nov meeting and give to Chris or Lynette please. Spots to be booked for selling at Magee's and Woolworths.

Chris Coventry (edited version)

Program Committee Report

September Report

September general meeting

- *Jill has an activity planned for the evening. Decided no guest speaker due to the planning of the Fishing Classic.*
- *Also, raffle tickets on the evening will be sold for the Fishing Classic raffle (\$700 worth of donated prizes) rather than the 'in house' raffle.*

October general meeting

- *United Nations theme with guest speaker Ann Donnan*
- *Suggested that everyone wear some 'native' piece of clothing or costume. Can be from any country ie feather in hair for Native American Indian, etc.*

November general meeting

- *White Ribbon Day- violence against women. A couple of suggestions for a guest speaker have been put forward and will be discussed further at the next committee meeting.*

Bonnie Kohlhase (edited version)

FRIENDS OF ZONTA

Our club has started a "Friends of Zonta" (F.O.Z) group which may include past members and volunteer helpers. F.O.Z members are valuable to our club and we would like to share news of events and activities with them. This newsletter is being emailed to Friends of Zonta, if you wish to continue receiving this publication please email Kerry Picknell at kpicknel@bigpond.net.au.

Upcoming Events Snippets



Who's 21 Again?

Rhonda **September 2**
Kerry **October 12**
Jill **October 14**

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Reminder

Raffle Collection

Members who have not yet provided an item for raffles can bring one to the Oct meeting. The Finance, Fundraising & Program Committee would greatly appreciate it.

Q150 Update

Stay tuned for further updates from the Q150 committee.

Fishing Classic

The strawberries and cream stall was very successful at the Bowen Fishing Classic, proving to be a good event for the promotion of Zonta.

Charity Box

A wooden charity box has been provided by the Bowen Woodturners, this box will be placed at future events and enable people to donate small change. The donations will be allocated to the Bowen Community Crisis Housing Committee.

Birthing Kits

The Birthing Kit Assembly Day held on the 6th September was another successful day. One thousand birthing kits were assembled by the 11 members and 16 guest volunteers, in the record time of 180 minutes!

Museum Visit

The new date for our afternoon visit to Bill Ashman's Farm Machinery Museum is yet to be finalized.

2009 District Conference

The Townsville Zonta club will be hosting the 2009 district conference to be held from the 25th to 27th of September. Mark this in your diary.

"Australia" Movie

Keep watching this spot for news on the upcoming premier of the movie "Australia" to be screened at the Summer garden Theatre.

Bowen's Biggest Girl's Night In

A breast cancer awareness and fundraising evening is being held on the 25th of October at 59 Tollington Rd at 6:30pm. Guest speakers will be providing an insight into breast cancer awareness. Ladies interested in attending are asked to BYO drinks and a plate of food to share and to donate what you would spend on a night out. Please RSVP by the 20th of October, by phoning Tracey Bazzo 4786 2368 or calling in at the pool shop.



Kelcey Taylor, Hortense Ingram & Cheryl Vennard talking to Gordon Hyde & Joan McMaster at the Osteoporosis Awareness Stall .



Members & Friends of Zonta hard at work at our Birthing Kit Assembly morning.



Newest Member



President Bev Lowcock & Past President Rhonda Nilsson welcomes new member Leesa Greene.

Resignation

It is with regret that we farewell one of our long-standing members, Sue Wagner. We wish Sue and her husband Tom, all the best in their future travel adventures.

Please Note

In the absence of a September Newsletter, some committee reports pertain to the September meetings.

Reminder
All members are asked to wear something native to our October dinner meeting. Your outfit can pertain to any culture.

From the Editors



Our apologies for our failure to produce a newsletter in September, however due to the complexities of this world and throw in a little family time, we could not make the deadline.

P.S. Matilda turned one!!!!

Kerry & Veronica