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ZONTA BRISBANE METRO BREAKFAST CLUB INC NEWSLETTER SPRING 2012

A Note from the President

It never surprises me how Amena Reza can jolt our club members into action and, in doing so, create an event that half the women in the city are talking about. Not only has she done this for us, but by joining with other District 22 clubs and Rotary through Michelle Davis, \$130,000 was raised for 'Project NOW'. This supports the Salvation Army Bridge Programme to provide a 20 bed WOMENS hostel to address issues of addictions. How proud we were to be a part of this project which upholds the Zonta aims.

Since our last newsletter, we have sewed another 39 breast cushions in a morning's sewing bee also held at Moonyah to engage with our friends there.

We have held our anniversary dinner in July and our regular trash and treasure sale in August. Both were successful but the dinner was tinged with sadness with our Cath being injured on her way to our dinner.

As you know Cath is making wonderful progress. With Cath out of action it has made all of us appreciate how much work she puts in for Zonta.

This is our last newsletter for the year. We have our social night at **Limes Hotel on the 6 November** as the forerunner of the Melbourne cup. Not only will we have the movie 'The Cup' but also an opportunity to dress up or down in true cup fashion, to buy sweep tickets as a little flutter for those who do not know the difference between a sprinter from a stayer or a roughie from a sure thing.

Our Christmas breakfast will be held instead of our meeting on the 5 December with a few special guests and our Secret Santa to surprise all of us.

Although it is some time before Christmas, Pete and I wish you all a safe and happy Christmas and look forward to 2012.

Leanne

Project NOW

Zonta Clubs in District 22 recently joined forces with Rotary and The Salvation Army in an collaborated effort to support women suffering from drug, alcohol and gambling addiction in Queensland. This collaboration is an example of how Zonta clubs have responded to the 2012-2014 Biennium goals of Visibility & Credibility.

Zonta Clubs have given direct donations of \$22,000, with Zonta sourcing two of the three major sponsors: the Brisbane Women’s Forum and ML Design.

A fundraising breakfast was held on 26 September 2012 at the Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre and of the 1,000 attendees over half were Zonta invitees. A total of \$130,000 was raised on the day. Speakers told of their personal stories of addiction to alcohol, drugs or gambling and the spill-over effect to the lives of their children, family and friends.



↓ Key organisers and speakers



Keynote speaker Cynthia Morton said about 70 per cent of all addicts had suffered some sort of early trauma, sexual or emotional abuse, death of loved ones or abandonment, and the other 30 per cent inherited a genetic predisposition to addiction.

I believe the experience of collaboration has been an enriching and rewarding and a wonderful way of getting to know other Zontians better. It has also been a great way to raise our profile and attract new members.

To all Zontians who supported this event, thank you. The effort continues with \$150,000 still needed to meet the target of \$750,000.

↓ An incredible turn out for Project NOW



↓ Zontians striding purposefully



UN Young Women Spring Walk 9 SEPTEMBER 2012

A number of members donned the yellow Zonta sashes and sashayed through the Brisbane Botanical Gardens and Kangaroo Point for the 5km Spring Walk. We were certainly a distinctive-looking bunch.



Birthdays

November

Leida

December

Amena

Lynley

Ronette



↑ Om nom nom

Donation



Amena and Leanne hand Michelle (Rotary) a \$5,000 donation from our club towards Project NOW.

Trivia Night

9 AUGUST 2012

Our very popular trivia night fundraiser was again held this year on 9 August at the Chalk Hotel. With a Kings and Queens theme, the event was well attended by Zonta members and their friends – thank you to all for your hard work in organising tables! We tried a different approach with the food this time – a buffet style with both lasagne and guinness pies. All agreed that the food was very good. A big thank you to Robyn O’Neill who kindly helped us with the organisation of the event and negotiated a fantastic deal which resulted in more fundraising dollars for us!

The night wasn’t without its controversy—there was a challenge to one of the questions about the movie, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory....After much discussion, the trivia master agreed to award every table a point for this question!

There were certainly a lot of challenging questions and in the end, Chantell’s table of guests made a valiant effort winning overall, but only by the narrowest of margins!

Thank you to all who were involved in the organisation of the event, particularly with the gathering of prizes!

↓Our Trivia Night winners!

↓Kate MCs as Emma awards Di her raffle prize



Club Anniversary Dinner 19 JULY 2012

The 13th anniversary dinner of the Charter of the Zonta Brisbane Metro Breakfast Club began with sad news when we heard that Cath would not be able to attend due to a bus accident.

Despite the unsettling start we managed to have a lovely evening - Cath would have wanted us to. There were 18 people in attendance, including Zontians and family, friends and loved ones. We enjoyed a delightful Italian banquet served by the lovely Mario and Team at Tiramisu's in Paddington. Tasty platters of focaccia, antipasto, penne, ravioli, risotto and tiramisu or panna Cotta for dessert flowed. An added treat was Flora's home baked almond biscuits!

We pinned three new members - Michelle Baran, Ronnette Druskovich and Kate Andrews were pinned including gifting them the beautiful yellow rose, Zonta's symbol. Thanks to everyone who helped make the evening special.

And special thanks to Mario & his friendly staff – their great service also helped the evening be a success.



↓ Karen hands out yellow roses



↓ Our newest Zontians (plus Leanne)



Sewing Bee

14 OCTOBER 2012



10 Zontians had a productive morning at Moonyah sewing breast cushions. We were happy to welcome back Cath, too!

We were joined by Chris and Sam of Moonyah who helped us at the sewing station.

The day was a good success with the production of 39 cushions – our best record yet.

Sewing supplies began running low and we will need to replenish some items before the next sewing bee, though morning tea was definitely not in short supply.



Trash & Treasure Sale

25AUGUST 2012

The 25th of August was fine and sunny, and again it seems that our collective wishes were rewarded in a beautiful day. This makes the 12th year of fine weather. It never ceases to amaze me that this fundraiser gets better every year with more and more “trash and treasure” to sell.

On the Friday night, a small band of Members sorted and hung the clothes on racks to give a head start for the Saturday morning. The early birds were at Absoe around 6 am to set up, ready for a 7.30 am opening of the gates. A steady stream of helpers arrived through the day, and the customers kept everyone busy.

After the pack up a small tired band of 5 retired to the Melbourne Hotel for a well earned drink before wending our way home to a hot bath and a well earned rest on the couch.

We raised \$3,659 which is a wonderful effort. The day of hands on service and fellowship is one that many of us would not miss. So, many thanks to you all for your efforts, and those of your ‘male muscle’ helpers.

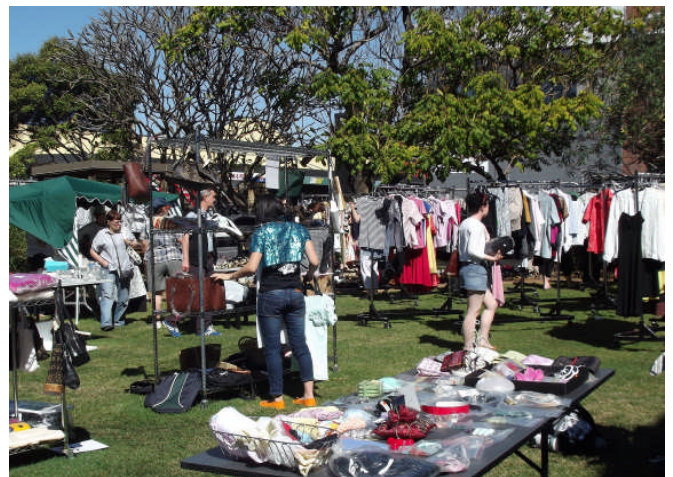
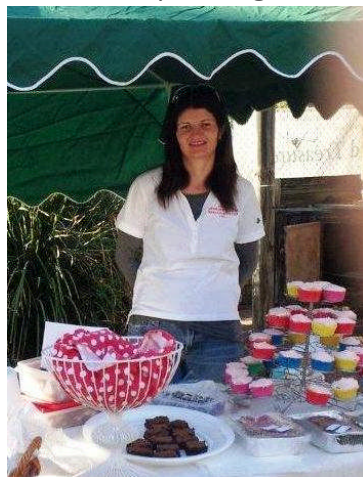
Books galore!



Elaine picks up a bargain



Amena peddling cakes



Congratulations!

There's been a lot for our club to celebrate! Well done!



On 20 July 2012, our club president, Leanne, was appointed as the new Childrens Court Magistrate for Brisbane. In a press release, Attorney-General, Jarrod Bleijie MP, praised Leanne's long history of community involvement.



Our club sponsored musician, Hannah Rowland, with \$500 towards an international study tour.



The Project NOW breakfast made the news.



District Governor, Judith Anderson, collected our club's prize at the 2012 Zonta International Convention.



Our Jane M Klausman Women in Business Scholarship nominee, Tenielle Lambe.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday 5 November

Movie fellowship night,
Limes Hotel

Wednesday 7 November

Breakfast meeting,
United Services Club

Thursday 8 November

Zonta's birthday

Wednesday 21 November

Information evening for
prospective members,
ML Design premises

Thursday 29 November

Board meeting,
Tricia's residence

Wednesday 5 December

Christmas breakfast,
Stamford Plaza

Sunday 20 January

Board pre-planning meeting,
Leanne's residence

Thursday 24 January

Board planning meeting,
Childrens Court

