

ZONTA BRISBANE METRO BREAKFAST CLUB INC NEWSLETTER WINTER 2013

A Note from the President

This year seems to be slipping away quickly. Here we are in June already. June is the commencement of the New Year for Zonta.

The **Board** of our Club has been elected as follows:

President	Leanne O'Shea
Vice President	Michelle Baran
Treasurer	Tricia Walker
Minutes Secretary	Karen Billsborough
Correspondence Secretary	Leida Pirts
Immediate Past President	Emma Turner

Our **Committees Chairs** are as follows:

Service	Michelle Baran
Advocacy	Leida Pirts
Membership	Isobelle Toralba

In my last newsletter I referred to our next fundraising event of a fashion parade. Amena, Violetta and Jan presented to the club a programme for a joint fundraising event for Brisbane Zonta Clubs and this has become a "Fashion Showcase" to be held on 15 June at the newly renovated Brisbane City Hall. Our club is joining with the Zonta Clubs of Brisbane, Brisbane North and Pine Rivers to present the fashion Showcase with renowned Australian designers, Sasha Drake, Julia Tengdahl and Pia du Pradal. Tickets for the event, which will be compered by Lisa Newman and Cynthia Morton, are sold out. Our ladies have put so much style and effort into this professional production that I am sure that it will be a huge success.

Other events coming up are our Trivia Night on 15 August 2013 at the Chalk Hotel and our Trash & Treasure Sale on 24 August 2013 at West End.

Best wishes,

Leanne

Events



International Women's Day

Several members attended IWD events. Leanne attended the Zonta Brisbane River IWD breakfast held at the Greek Club. The guest speaker for the event was Lisa Newman. Leanne was seated with Beverly from the Murri Sisters who operate a domestic violence refuge for women who suffer domestic violence and have to leave their home.

The UN IWB Breakfast was well attended at the Brisbane Convention Centre.

Zontians from various clubs also came together at the Zonta Wynnum Redlands IWD Dinner with guest speaker (and yodeler) Mayor Karen Williams of Redlands Shire.



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Streetlevel Grand Opening

The Brisbane Streetlevel Mission is a new cause the club has been supporting this year, with members donating goods and time.

In March, Amena attended the grand opening of Streetlevel's new building in Fortitude Valley



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Brisbane Youth Detention Centre

BYDC Induction

In March a BYDC induction session was attended by Leanne O'Shea, Catherine Cosser, Leida Pirts, Michelle Baran, Ruth McKeown, Flora DiLizio and Chantell Taylor.

The session was facilitated by Tracy Bright, Program Coordinator at BYDC and her informative yet informal style made for a fun and practical session.

The session was held at the Children's Court which was somewhat appropriate given this is where the BYDC youth begin their BYDC journey. Tracy provided us with tips and suggestions on a range of topics including what to wear, what to say, how to engage the girls, BYDC's vision and goal, types of offences, accommodation, demographics and a 'typical' day for the girls.

Club members asked loads of questions and something new was learnt by all. Another session is being planned for June or July. **Interested club members should contact Karen Billsborough.**



The grounds of the BYDC



Inside the BYDC

Fundraising News

Sportsman's Lunch

The AFL Sportsman's Lunch was held at the Chalk Hotel on 12 March. This event was made possible by the Chalk Hotel, to whom we are very grateful for the support.

A lovely bottle of Grange was auctioned at the lunch for \$1,500.00, and the winning bidder was Bevan Lynch, who has been a tireless supporter of our club for many years. The funds raised from the lunch have been donated direct to Project NOW. Well done and thank you to Amena and Robbie O'Neill for their efforts at this event.



Fundraising News



Legally Blonde

This fundraising event was held on 10 March 2013 at QPAC. While many of our members were also involved in this afternoon of fun, special mention must be made of Amena and Violetta for their organisation of the event!

With 62 attendees, an enjoyable afternoon was had by all - as the pictures have shown. Approximately \$1,500.00 was also raised at this event. Another excellent result!

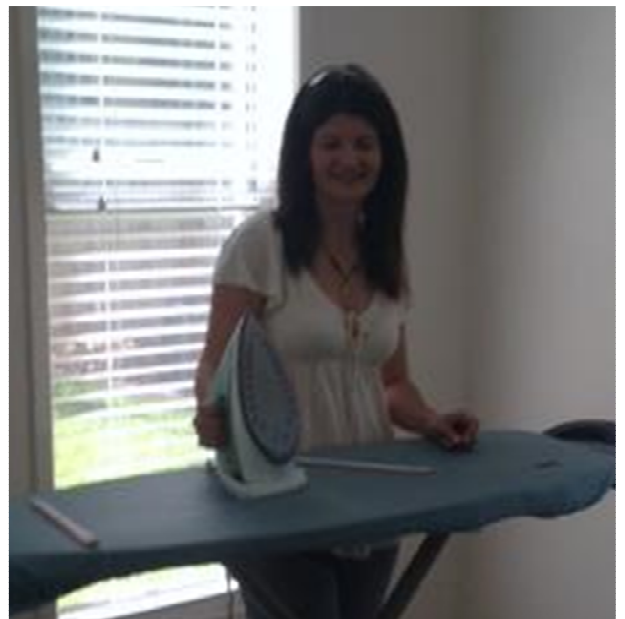


Breast Cushion News

Breast Cushion Sewing Bee

Many members enjoyed a morning of sewing at the first sewing bee of the year on 21 April 2013. We were very happy to be joined by two ladies from Street Level, Elizabeth & Marilyn who assisted us with the afternoon's activities.

While the challenge was laid down to make as many cushions as the last sewing bee, something like 48, we were very satisfied to have produced 27 on this occasion. Many thanks to Emma for hosting the sewing bee and to all of those who attended.



Leida and Flora attended the Wesley Donor Appreciation Afternoon Tea – here with Dr Louis Prado

Area 1 & 3 Meeting

Zontians from Areas 1 & 3 gathered at the Queensland Cricketers Club on 16 March for a day of information, inspiration and fellowship.

Our club was well represented. Amena, as Area Director, helped organize and open the event. During the Service Showcase, Karen spoke about our club's involvement with the Brisbane Youth Detention Centre – a service project that is unique in the area. Elaine, as District Treasurer, guided clubs through their financial obligations and using internet banking.

Other topics covered by speakers included advocacy projects (including Zonta Says No – 25 November), the importance of web presence, and visibility and credibility.

The day concluded with a fellowship dinner at the Diana Hotel.

Powerpoint slides for all presentations are available at www.zontadistrict22.org.



Birthdays!

June

Marie

July

Elaine & Leanne



UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday 14 June
Turning the sod
Moonyah, Red Hill

Saturday 14 June
Zonta Fashion Showcase
City Hall, CBD

Wednesday 3 July
Breakfast Meeting

Wednesday 7 August
Breakfast Meeting

Thursday 15 August
Trivia Night
Chalk Hotel, Woolloongabba

Saturday 24 August
Trash & Treasure Sale
Absoe, West End

Wednesday 4 September
Breakfast Meeting

**Friday 27 September –
Sunday 29 September**
District 22 Conference
Noosa Convention & Exhibition Centre

