

# ZONTA ON THE ROCKS

ZONTA CLUB OF ROCKHAMPTON INC.

P O Box 323 Rockhampton 4700.

Club No. 1054 - Charter 05.08.83.

AREA 4 - DISTRICT 24.

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## NOTICES.

If you are *unable to attend* the dinner meeting, please advise **Kay Rixon** on **Ph 4926 3822** by **10 am** on the Monday before the meeting.

**Failure to apologize will incur payment of \$22.00.**



**20 year  
Anniversary  
Rockhampton  
09 – 10 August**



**District  
Conference:  
October 03 – 05  
2003  
Sydney.**

## President's Message:

As we draw to the close of another Zonta year, may I express my gratitude to all club members for the support I have received during my time as President. While the role presented its challenges at times, these were few and far between and were far outweighed by the rewards and fellowship. Working with such a dedicated group of women who share the common goal of "improving the status of women" has further demonstrated to me the power of teamwork. I encourage all members who have not taken on an executive role in the past to consider one in the future.

Our next fundraising function will be the *Carnival High Tea* to be held on Wednesday 28 May at Tropical Wanderer Resort. I thank Elizabeth & Valda for the considerable



amount of time they have put into the organisation of the High Teas and I look forward to another successful function being supported by our members and their guests.

Included in this newsletter is a copy of a speech given by Bryan Dyson (CEO of Coca Cola) called *Juggling with Life*, which I invite you to reflect on.

Regards

Trish Collins



**'Advancing the  
status of women  
worldwide'**

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**MEETINGS.**

**Board:**

6.30pm:  
2nd Tuesday  
of the month  
Venue:  
Tropical Wanderer  
Resort.

**Dinner:**

6.00 pm for  
6.30pm  
3rd Tuesday  
of the month  
Venue:  
Tropical Wanderer  
Resort.

**Committee**

**Meetings.**  
**OMC/PR/UN**

**Program:**

Venue:  
Tropical Wanderer  
Resort  
5.30 pm—  
2nd Tuesday  
of the month.

**Finance and  
Fundraising:**

Venue:  
Tropical Wanderer  
Resort  
5.30 pm—  
2nd Tuesday  
of the month.

**Status of Women:**

Venue:  
Tropical Wanderer  
Resort  
5.30pm—  
2nd Tuesday  
of the month.

**Calendar:**



**MAY:**

- 13 Committee Meetings  
Board Meeting
- 20 Dinner Meeting (AGM)  
(Installation of  
Incoming Board)
- 28 Pre-Carnival High Tea

**JUNE:**

- 10 Committee Meetings  
Board Meeting
- 17 Dinner Meeting

**OCTOBER:**

- 03-05 District 24 Conference  
Sydney

**Special United Nations Observances  
and Other Significant Days.**

**May:**

- 28 Women's Health Day

**Dinner Raffle.**

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

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|--------|----------|
| June   | Margaret |
| July   | Wendy    |
| August | Meg      |

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



**Mark Your Calendar.**

2004 International Convention.  
3-8 July: New York, USA.

2006 International Convention.  
24 – 29 June: Melbourne, Australia.

If you would like to contribute to your Newsletter  
please forward articles to Berenice Payne either by  
Fax: 4921 3441 or Email to  
berenice.a.payne@bigpond.com

**Deadline: First Tuesday of the month.**

**Pre-Carnival High Tea.**

A Pre-Carnival High Tea  
will be held poolside at  
**Tropical Wanderer Resort**  
**on Wednesday evening**  
**28 May**  
**commencing at 5.30 pm.**  
A fashion parade by  
**Cooper's**  
will be presented to guests  
during the evening.

Please **invite all your friends** for a  
very enjoyable evening.



President Trish Collins  
welcomes new member  
Meg Berryman  
to the Club at the  
April Dinner Meeting

**A reminder to pay your  
Membership Dues - \$130.00.**  
**These fees are due to  
Z I Headquarters by 1<sup>st</sup> June**

**Happy Birthday**



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## *Zonta on the Rocks – Advancing the Status of Women Worldwide*

### *Advocacy Definition (from the ZI Website)*

*Advocacy is the expression of support for or opposition to a cause, argument or proposal.  
Advocacy may include influencing laws, legislation or attitudes.*

*(From the District 24 Website)*

### **DISTRICT 24 ADVOCACY GUIDELINES (ADAPTED FROM INTERNATIONAL LAA TRAINING GUIDEBOOK) Read in conjunction with ZI Advocacy Definition and Policies**

#### **Legislative Awareness & Advocacy (LAA)**

By using advocacy WISELY and EFFECTIVELY, Zonta can promote and implement changes that will improve the status of women. Advocacy should be for issues within Zontas objectives -

- improve the legal, political, economic, education, health and professional status of women;
- advance understanding, goodwill and peace through a world fellowship of executives in business and professions; and
- promote justice and universal respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms.

#### **IMPORTANT POINTS TO NOTE**

As **Zontians**, you can only speak out or act on issues at the level of representation depicted in Attachment 1. ie:

- **District** (Governor/Board/Committees) covers state, district-wide and national status of women/United Nations/human rights issues
- **Areas** refer matters to District level
- **Clubs** can address concerns in their local communities but ONLY through the President (as spokesperson) in the CLUB NAME (not Zonta or Zonta International) and ONLY if there is majority support of members

Individual Zontians or office holders other than President cannot speak on behalf of Zonta. They can, however, advocate as private citizens and this individual action can add weight to District or Club advocacy efforts.

Zonta International is nonpartisan and non-sectarian and, therefore, Zonta should not form partnerships with political parties, religious organisations or organisations known for extremist views.

#### **HOW TO ADVOCATE**

To be an effective advocate you must be educated and informed about an issue and, in turn, educate and inform other members of your community, state or country.

- research the issue; gather and evaluate all information relevant to it - find arguments for and against;
- respect other viewpoints even though you may not share them;
- utilise collected information; design a solution or position to address/resolve the issue;
- give credit where credit is due; acknowledge points of agreement;
- be honest and present all the facts in a dispassionate, straight forward way;
- accept that your solution/proposition may not be agreed to/agreed to in total;
- learn to be patient while continuing to work on a complete solution;
- be professional - even though your views may not be accepted on this occasion, the person or organisation may be needed again on another matter;
- thank the person/organisation for listening or helping;
- work with others who have expertise and/or contacts;
- know the key decision-makers/legislators and follow appropriate protocol;
- use all methods of communication available to you but don't get too carried away and become a nuisance;
- monitor progress;
- be assertive, convincing and confident.

#### **TYPES OF ADVOCACY**

**Public or social** advocacy - is the process of speaking, acting or writing on an issue of interest to you or your club. (You may be interested in raising money to fight breast cancer and increase public awareness of the disease).

**Legislative or systems** advocacy - involves influencing and changing the system of laws at the local, state or national government level.

If you are uncertain as to what your club can advocate about contact the District Governor.

## *Zonta on the Rocks – Advancing the Status of Women Worldwide*



*Area 4 Workshop – Maryborough – March 29-30.  
Come and be merry on the Mary.*

The Area 4 Workshop in Maryborough began with a 'bang' as the Canon on the banks of the Mary River was fired by District Governor Robyn Gaspari to signal 1.00 pm to the townsfolk. In the very early days of the river town of Maryborough, the Canon was fired every day to enable townsfolk to synchronize clocks..

About fifty Zontians attended the Workshop with all Area 4 clubs from Maryborough, Bundaberg, Fraser Coast, Gladstone, Rockhampton, Emerald and Longreach well represented. District Governor Robyn Gaspari also attended. The venue for the workshop was the Sailing Club, which of course is situated on the picturesque Mary River. This made for very pleasant surroundings.

Sessions ran from Saturday lunch to Sunday lunch with time out for afternoon tea, which was a good time for catching up with Zontians friends from other clubs. Area Director Anne Swindells welcomed all to the workshop and District Governor Robyn Gaspari delivered a session to update members on Zonta information. Desirae Kirby of the Bundaberg club delivered a session on Risk Management and Berenice Payne of the Rockhampton club a session on Club Web Pages. Concurrent sessions were presented by Maryborough members on Personal Skills Development. The Amelia Earhart video was viewed. On the lighter side all enjoyed a pampering session at the end of the first day. President's Reports were well received with all clubs displaying a commitment to Zonta service A Conference update by Robyn Gaspari inspired all to consider attendance at the Conference in Sydney in October.

Fellowship was the order of the evening on Saturday night with everybody enjoying a buffet dinner at the Muddy Waters Restaurant, which is also situated on the Mary River. Sunday morning began with a leisurely Heritage walk through the streets of Maryborough to learn all about the rich heritage of Maryborough from 'Mary Heritage'.

The workshop was conducted in a very relaxed atmosphere and all who attended enjoyed the great hospitality of the Maryborough club.