

Next Dinner Meeting

**Monday
12 March**

Pre-Dinner nibbles 6pm

Committee Meetings

6.15pm

Dinner 7.30pm –9.30pm

At

Terraces on Wickham

Wickham Tce

(Ground Floor)

Cost \$32.00 each

\$5 Meeting only

(This includes one raffle ticket)

Apologies to

Jill Hedley

3279 2096 after hours

In absence on an apology an invoice for \$27.50 will be sent to all non-attending members.

PRESIDENT'S PATTTER

Welcome back to everyone for another year 2007. The first part of the year is always busy with budgets to sort out, membership fees to pay, Area workshop and other fun activities.

Members who came to the fellowship dinner in January at West End had our usual great time and it was good to catch up with Sandra Langford.

Now we are at the business end of the Zonta year and with our limited numbers I hope everyone will give a head if called upon to fill one of the Executive roles.

Breast Cushions

We had another great morning with some of the members of the Logan Club and managed to finalise 60 cushions with many partly completed ready for the next working bee. Lyn P delivered to the Mater who were delighted with the numbers and have plenty now until around March. HonZon Pat has cut aout another 80 and Bev F has already started sewing some up ready for filling. We are hoping for more Tontine filling early in the

year although we do have some to start 2007. The next workshop is yet to be decided.

Area Workshop

The date has been set for the 2007 Area 3 & 5 workshop on Sunday 1 April. It is always a good day to see and hear what other clubs are doing and hearing about what is happening at District and area level. I hope anyone who has not been to one in the last few years will try to pop along even if only for half a day.

Club Birthday

Next month we will be celebrating our 18th birthday— and even with our lower numbers it is good to have some charter members still active in our club. We value their advice and input into club affairs.

Bev Purcell

Nice to hear that member Bev Purcell is making good recovery following her foot operation. Managed to hobble to Mt Tamborine for lunch just after getting home—well done.

Lynn C



Remember 8th March is Zonta Rose Day— Some ideas:

- Plant a yellow rose bush, buy one for yourself or buy and hand out to other women at work.
- Distribute Zonta Rose cards
- Write a personal note or letter to a woman who inspired/mentored you and thank them for being a role model
- Donate to the Rose Fund
- Hartanna** is the registered international name for the Zonta Rose , however, there are some lovely varieties that don't mind our humid climate.

Christmas joy?



Working Together

Area 3 & 5 Workshop

Sunday 1 April

Brookwater Golf Club

Brookwater

(near Springfield)

9am—4pm

Cost \$45 includes lunch

9am registration

Christmas parcels for Hope



Bronwyn Healy, founder of The Hope Foundation, an organisation which provides support to women in prison and sex industry workers to help them move back into the community and mainstream employment was very grateful for the wonderful personal care items and art supplies that members contributed at the Christmas dinner.

Claire Gardiner made contact with Bronwyn (pictured above) who has appeared on national television and written a book about her experiences as a young woman who became involved in the drug and prostitution scene while at university. She has since turned her life around and now has a loving partner and young family.

The Hope Foundation provides outreach including its annual Valentine's Day Dinner for these women. At the dinner, each woman is given a small individual gift and some of our donated personal care items will be included in these gifts this year.

Literature and invitations from Bronwyn to attend the dinner, to distribute at the next meeting.

Claire has advised that Bronwyn may be a suitable speaker at a future meeting, as she is very personable and engaging.

Measles—One more disease on the decline (UN)

Measles deaths have fallen by 60 per cent globally since 1999 – a major public health success. This exceeds the United Nations goal to halve measles deaths between 1999 and 2005 and is largely due to an unprecedented decline in measles deaths in the African region. The progress was announced on 18 January 2007 by the Measles Initiative partners.

According to data from WHO, global measles deaths fell from an estimated 873,000 deaths in 1999 to 345,000 in 2005. In Africa, the progress has been even greater, with measles deaths falling by 75 per cent, from an estimated 506,000 to 126,000. Despite the progress, measles remains a leading vaccine-preventable childhood killer. Millions of children still remain at risk and many children, particularly under the age of five, will die from it. But measles can be easily prevented with a simple vaccination that costs less than one dollar per child.

During its first five years (2001-2005), the Initiative was the main international supporter of mass measles immunization campaigns globally that led to the vaccination of more than 360 million children, predominantly in Africa. Building on its success in Africa, the Initiative has expanded into Asia. The measles campaigns the Initiative supports increasingly provide additional life-saving health interventions in its campaigns, including Vitamin A, de-worming medicine and insecticide-treated bed nets for malaria prevention.

The Measles Initiative will support WHO's 47 priority countries and the Global Immunization Vision and Strategy goal to reduce global measles deaths by 90 per cent by 2010 compared to the 2000 levels. The Measles Initiative will heavily focus on the three countries that account for the majority of global measles deaths: India, Pakistan and Nigeria.

BALMORAL SCHOLARSHIPS



Skye Olley, winner of the Balmoral Education Scholarship 2005 has worked for the last 12 months with the Boeng Corporation—deferring her university course until 2007.

Skye advises that she she will be starting her Bachelor of Psychology mid year and will advise once her enrolment is accepted.



Claire Berry, winner of the 2006 Balmoral Education Scholarship has been accepted into the Bachelor of Aeronautical Engineering at the Australian National University in Canberra.

She has joined to Royal Australian Air Force and is now living in Canberra. She will send her confirmation of enrolment as soon as she is settled.

Antique & Collectable Fair

Sunday

8th July 2007

Jindalee State School

All friends and colleagues are invited to attend

All volunteers very welcome

DATE CLAIMERS

Sunday 18 February—February Frolics (Logan Club) 10.30am Park Ridge

Friday 23 February—Amelia Earhart Cocktail Party Science Centre

Monday 26 February—Board Meeting

Friday 9 March—IWD dinner –Redcliffe Club at Golden Ox

Monday 12 March—Dinner Meeting (18th Birthday Bash)

Wednesday 4 April—*Respect*—A musical Journey Metro Club 12th Night Theatre