

Zonta News April 2021



THOUGHT OF THE MONTH

The secret to happiness is not doing what one likes, but in liking what one does

J.M. Barrie, 1860 – 1937

Service & Advocacy

The Co – Ordinator from Tweed Refuge contacted me with a request for a few bath towels. These were purchased and delivered.

Please remember to bring to Monday night's meeting - 2 new soft toys for the children of the Refuge.

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Upcoming Events

Dinner Meeting

19th April
Time 6pm for 630pm

Bare Foot Bowls

Tweed Heads Bowls Club

18th April 3 PM

Cancelled

Area 3 Meeting

8th May Nerang

Biggest Morning Tea

9 am 19th May

Tweed Broadwater Village

International Conventions

2022 5th- 29th June

Hamburg Germany

2024

Brisbane Australia

President's Message April 2021

Hello Everyone,

I hope that everyone had an enjoyable Easter long weekend, even though the weather was a little damp!! But plenty of time to eat Chocolate 😊

This Zonta year is coming to an end. Monday night is our AGM. That means the election of a new board. Many thanks to the nominating committee and to all the members who have agreed to stand for positions. Next month we will have the "Changeover Dinner" and the installation of new office bearers.

Unfortunately, the Bare Foot Bowls day didn't happen, but a big thank you Susie for all your work. However, we do have a Theatre Day coming up in June so please mark it in your diaries. These events are always fun as well as raising a few funds. There will be more information on that on Monday night.

Date reminder for our Area Meeting 8th May 2021 at Nerang. Tickets can be purchased now through Zonta tickets or via direct deposit. Cost is \$65

Tickets available at

Method of Payment:

Direct Deposit: Zonta Club of Brisbane East Inc BSB: 124 001 Act No. 11207043 Last name as reference	Zonta Tickets https://brisbanetickets.com.au/event/13069
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Looking forward to seeing all of you on Monday night.

Lesley-Anne

President,

Zonta Club Southern Gold Coast/Tweed



Member of the Month

Lesley-Anne Marsh

My mum, dad and sister were £10 poms arriving 23rd May 1949, and even though my mother tried to hang on for a few hours I was born 12months less 3hrs later in Brisbane Women's Hospital, the first Australian!

We lived in a typical small Queensland house, with a big back yard. I considered it to be a great childhood. Mum and Dad were strict and very religious but we were always busy going to church, and going on outings and holidays. We were always happy, except when mum chased me with the broom for something naughty I had done??

I attended Corinda Primary and High Schools, and as I spent a lot of time in Primary School outside the door for acting the goat, and not interested in studying at High School, I left at year 10 at 15years of age and started my first job with Accountants in Brisbane. Don't ask me why as I had dropped out of Bookkeeping in year 10. However, I moved on to become a Corporate Accountant for Cleanaway, Hanbro Plywoods, Jones Mitchell Lawyers, Alpha Flight Services and a few others and at the same time building up my own business over a period of 55years. I am now finally at the point where I can retire relax and enjoy my art, dancing and hopefully travel in Australia and overseas.

I was married at 19 to my first husband and 18months later had my first child Raylene, and 13months later Phillip Mark turned up. I survived 23years in that marriage, only to go on to another 5 years later which had an unusual ending after 12years. I have been told I should write a book about my life, but not today.

I am now in a new phase where I am living the life. I bought a house with my son, and now live in my own unit downstairs, and my son, daughter in law and 2 of the grandchildren live upstairs. This is a perfect situation for me as I have a permanent gardener, and a perfect carer when the time comes that I may need Sara's assistance. My daughter lives in Hobart with her husband and 4 children, I try to visit at least once a year, but may increase now that I am retired. I have 5 granddaughters, 2 grandsons, 2 angels and 1 great grandson.

In 1990 I became a member of Zonta Beaudesert. It was 2 years later that I assisted with a Women's Health Forum to bring in women who may be victims of violence. I was sitting listening to the speaker and realised she was talking about me. So, I made the decision to leave my marriage and moved to the Gold Coast where I continued my journey with Zonta. Over the past 30 years I have made many friends, and it has been most rewarding being involved in so many projects, and I am looking forward to many more.

(Just a note that from another speaker at the Health Forum in 1992 in Beaudesert, another Zonta member went home and checked her breast and found a lump – it saved her life)

Lesley-Anne

Next Month Member

Rosemary Maslen