



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

AUGUST 2014



Quite a lot has been happening these last few weeks and I have a great board to work with, for which I am very grateful – it makes life so much easier. We are very lucky to have three very good directors, who are doing a great job so early in the year, and when you consider that for Kerrie and Maxine it is first time on the board, and while Connie has been on the board before but not as a director, they are all to be congratulated.

Kerrie has her committees working well and will bring you all up to date in her report. I attended the initial meeting of the IWD committee and it was great with the feedback to and fro finishing up with what I think will be a great day.

Connie's Membership Committee is moving along in their usual quite way organising our membership night in September, Knock Knock dinners, new members etc.

After an initial hiccup, Maxine is now busy organising her Advocacy/UN group and I am sure we can look forward this year to learning a lot more about how Zonta works on an international front. She too has a great group behind her.

I think Roz as President Elect and Pam as Vice President are great back-ups and I am able to bounce ideas off them which helps, and Lesley is the most efficient secretary and a great help as well. The good news about Lisa, our Treasurer, is that she is very good with accounts, the bad news is that she and John are re-locating to New Zealand at the end of the year where he has a new job which could not be resisted. It took me a while to get Lisa to Zonta but she and John have to think of their future first. We will certainly miss her when she goes.

We are inducting another member Odette in August and Connie tells me they have a couple more in the pipeline – all good.

Pam is going as well as can be expected – she has her good days and her bad days. Some members have offered to help her with the insurance claims for her accident which will help and, all being well, she will be with us at the next general meeting.

Lastly thank you very much to all those who have made comments about the meetings. I think we have a good mix of getting the business done quickly and then the socialising begins.

Just a thought from my "Wrinkles" book of wit and wisdom – Growing old is when getting lucky means finding your car in the car park !!

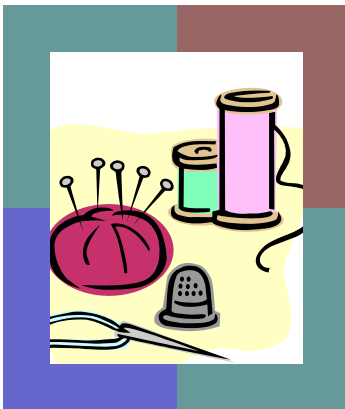
Noelene Helman, President





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INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY: Our first meeting was held on 29th July and Lynette Corne was elected Chairperson. We discussed venues with Big 4 Conference Centre, Waterline, Reef Gateway & Airlie Art and Cultural Centre being considered. Guest speaker, ticketing and a theme for the day where also discussed with the theme for the day being FEMININE AND FABULOUS. The event will be held on Sunday 1st March 2015 another meeting will be set for next month date to be advised.



BREAST CUSHIONS AND DRIP BAGS: Another productive cutting sewing and stuffing day was held on Thursday 7th August, lots of cushions have been completed and with a few more bags we will have a good amount of both to take to Mackay Hospital.

BOOKS FROM BIRTH: Judy and four helpers stickered and packed six more boxes of books to be sent out and wished to add a reminder that we are looking for magazines (Womens Weekly, Gardening magazines etc.), as well as books. Another packing day to be set next month, 3rd Sept at Judy's from 3-5.00 pm.



PINK RIBBON DAY: Can I get volunteers to knit pink squares so we can make up a blanket to raffle?

KERRIE ADAM Director





MEMBERSHIP

Sandii Hansen has agreed to be the new Chair of the Membership Committee. Our committee now comprises of Sandii, Maxine, Lauren, Cath, Ann, Sue and Connie. The committee will continue to add a bit of fun to our monthly meetings for 2014 and hope to surprise you with our skits and activities.

We will be inducting at our August Meeting a New Member – Odette Van Der Berg. Catherine has agreed to be her mentor. I know you will all join us in welcoming her to our club.

The New Member Information Night will be held in lieu of the September Meeting at Marina Shores.

It will take on a similar format to last year including a power point and talks by some of our members. Make sure this is one meeting you do not miss and get your guest ready to send out the invite as soon as the details are confirmed. We would all like you to participate in our power point. Sandii will let you know what's what at the August General Meeting.

The committee has at least three possibilities for the next Thumbs UP Award which they are reviewing at the moment. They will be awarding at least one more Thumbs Up Award this year.

The committee is now exploring Z Clubs to see what it entails to get this started.

Christmas Party - Sue Hansen is chairing the Christmas Party Event and has submitted her project proposal for this event and it has been approved. Date for Party is 15 November. Mark the date in your calendar and watch out for more information which will be out soon. If there is anyone who would like to participate on this committee please contact Sue.

More details to follow.....

Book Club: Book Club meet on a regular basis. They have good discussions, great food and enjoy themselves.



Aqua Aerobics: All going OK with Aqua although have had a bit of a break while weather was cooler, all back to normal as of Tuesday 5th Aug. Pool is about 28 degrees.

Our first Knock Knock – Who's There Mystery Dinner has taken place.
(See Roz's article to follow)

If you missed out – keep posted for the next one which should be coming soon.

If you are interested in hosting a Knock Knock Mystery Dinner please send an e-mail to zontaclub7@hotmail.com to get details. We hope to have one again very soon.



Connie Riley, Director



Thank you:

I just wanted to say a huge thank you for the support you've given me. The computer is going to help enormously with my study. I'm so overwhelmed at the support, not just with the computer but with all of the ladies within the club and the kind things everyone said to me. I will continue to fight this battle of Domestic and Sexual Violence and try to be an advocate for other victims. I've never had support like this before and it's very overwhelming.

Once again, from the bottom of my heart, thank you xxx

Regards,
Keisha McEwan



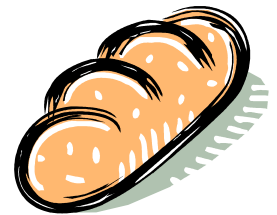


Saturday August 2nd dawned bright and clear and there was a definite feeling of excitement and anticipation in the air. Why? Today was the day of the Knock Knock mystery dinner and Pete and I were going but we had no idea where we were going or who we would be dining with. How intriguing!!

We waited impatiently until 2 pm when the promised email arrived. Ah hah!! Our venue address was Hayman Views!! Well, now there is a clue!! It could only be 2 possible Zontian hostesses. Cath or Kerry. Both are superb cooks so we were delighted. Who else would be there? Well, we had to wait until 6 pm to find out. We arrived at 24 Hayman Views and sure enough it was Cath's house with Kerry as co hostess. It was such fun to discover which other Zontians were there - Judy, Wendy and Connie plus their horizontians. I was also delighted to see Wendy Luxmoore, a potential new member and Jill, Kerry's sister from Melbourne. In fact there were 14 of us in total and what a fantastic night we had.



The menu consisted of Tuscan dip and mushroom canapes for starters, followed by italian themed main dishes including Cannelloni, Italian sausages with fennel, Osso Buco, salad and crusty bread and then the most delectable Tiramisu cake made by Kerry and Cath's delicious oranges marinated in grandmarnier for dessert. Wine flowed freely and a huge thank you to our marvellous horizontian host, Nick, who made sure our wine glasses were perpetually filled.



Although the menu was amazing, it wasn't just about the food and wine. It was really all about the wonderful friendship, conversation and laughter we all shared. It was great to see the horizontians having such a fantastic time as well. I think this initiative by the membership committee will be a huge success and I can see it taking many different formats. Barbeques, afternoon teas, Sunday Roasts - whatever the hostess feels comfortable with. Anything that can so strengthen friendships and bonds within our club has to be a fabulous idea.

Roz Jennings



Zonta's new members. Welcome, ladies



Tanya Stewart



Donna Martin



Lynette Corne





Thumb's Up Award



Congratulations Lynette on receiving the Zonta Club 'Thumb's Up Award'. The 'Swap it Forward' evening is a great event which we are sure will only get bigger every year.

It is such a worthy cause to raise funds for the Cancer Council, we were all sad indeed to hear your second brother's diagnosis.



Airlie Beach Running Festival

Thank you to a good number of Zontians participating in the recent Airlie Beach Running Festival, with 6 Zonta Zorros competing in the 5km Corporate Team Challenge and 5 wonderful water babies handing out water to close to 400 runners, coming through not only once but twice. I was overwhelmed with the local support this year with regards to volunteers on the day, without whom this event would not have been so successful. The event brought visitors from all over Australia, NZ and overseas, provided a big boost to the local economy but also gave our local clubs and organisations to showcase themselves to the world. Comments from runners has been outstanding, especially for the volunteers on the course. Zonta should be proud and I am very grateful.....Thank you!!

Wendy Downes



Spot the Zonta Zorros

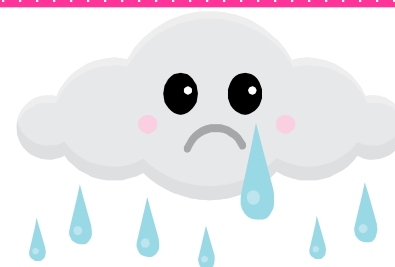




Birthing Kits Assembly Day: The annual birthing kit assembly day has been tentatively booked for 16th October. The order has been placed and the final date will be confirmed as soon as possible, but please keep this day free if you are a regular Birthing Kitter. We all know how important these small kits are to women in third world countries and hopefully you all read Joanne's report on the International Convention – in particular the massive response from all over the world on this wonderful project. The kits cost \$3 each which includes packing and shipping. We are assembling 600 this year and will again be involving senior student from Proserpine High School and St Catherines.

Wendy Downes, Chair

Media



We are looking for one or two members that use Facebook well and enjoy doing so. We have a very unloved (WhitsundayZonta) page that needs a couple of people to get together and, using Zonta International guidelines, update our sad little page and keep it up to date. Please contact P.J. or Wendy if you think this is something you could be keen to do.

We can provide the links to many other Zonta Facebook pages and guidelines:

www.Facebook.com/WhitsundayZonta

look at International

www.facebook.com/ZontaInternational



THANK YOU FROM SUE TUCK

I attach the receipt and photos of the presentation of the funds raised for PA Nepal at the Zonta film night in May. The man and woman presenting are our Nepali Ear Assistant, Keshab and his wife Saraswati.



Here are the links to this organization if you want to look further at it:

<http://www.panepal.org/>

<http://worldschildrensprize.org/indiraranamagar>

Indira did post a thank you on Facebook, so if any of your members use Facebook they could have a look. She is most appreciative of your support.

Kind regards,

Sue Tuck AUDIOLOGIST *Whitsunday Hearing*



