



MARCH 2018

PRESIDENTS REPORT

I had such a fun day yesterday, with our International Women's Day Lunch this Sunday. I had the pleasure of dressing Claire, Meagan, Sandii and Jan Clifford for the fashion parade. I know it's a girlie, girlie thing to do but don't we need that every now and then? Tomorrow may be a different kettle of fish, I get to dress the men, tough job but someone has got to do it.



International Women's Day is Thursday 8th March, we celebrate women and girls everywhere, their achievements and advances but we also remember their struggles, now, as well as the past.

My congratulations to Carol and her committee who I know will deliver us a fabulous event.

Next month we hold our AGM. At this stage, we have a full slate of candidates except President Elect. I know I have said before and despite of all my grizzles about my computer inadequacies and endless emails, I have thoroughly enjoyed the last 12 months and personally I have gained so much confidence. I now know how to run a meeting, I know all of you a lot better than I did, I am no longer afraid of putting my foot in my mouth and saying the wrong thing and, yes my computer skills have improved. I now have a smartphone and a tablet as well as a laptop but most of all my knowledge of all thing Zonta has increased tenfold.

It is a privilege to be a member of Zonta Whitsunday's Board one that I hope you will all get to enjoy.

Area 5 Conference will be held this year at Ayr I would like to encourage all of you to try and attend at least one conference, 28th – 29th April let me know if you are interested.

I leave you with another quote from the Australian Women's Health Diary "Create a blessing jar. Every day, write down one thing you're grateful for, then when you're feeling down, pick out something to read".

Kerry Adam, President

MEMBERSHIP

Membership had a very lively and productive meeting on Friday 2nd March. Our next meeting is Friday 6th April at 10am at 72 Tucker Rd. Riordanvale. Anyone interested in joining us is most welcome.

We are having another “After IWD” morning tea at Ann Cleghorn’s this year (last year, it was very successful). Please put aside a couple of hours on Sat. 24th March 10am till 12 noon.

(1B Stewart Drive Cannonvale). Zonta members to bring a plate.

Judy Brown, Membership Director



SERVICE

Seeking Bunnings BBQ Coordinator for Saturday May 12th..



ADVOCACY

March 8th-- International Women's Day---a day of celebration; a day to honour women; a day to recognise the achievements of women; a day to commemorate the movement for Women's rights; a day to reflect on what it is to be a woman.

How did this day come to be?

On 28th February 1909, women marched in New York .The march was organised by the American Socialist Party to commemorate the 1908 Garment Worker's strike where women protested against working conditions. Following on from this at the 1910 Socialist International meeting in Denmark, it was proposed by Luise Zietz that an annual day be observed-- International Women's Day. This was supported by Clara Zetkin and Kate Dunker. Delegates agreed that this was a great idea to promote equal rights, including suffrage, for women. In March 1911, IWD was held for the first time with over a million people (men and women) in Austria, Denmark, Germany and Switzerland demonstrating against unemployment and sex discrimination; they demanded the right to vote and to hold office. America continued to celebrate too - holding their National Women's Day on the last Sunday in February.

IWD became a mechanism for protest against conscription during WW1. As part of the peace movement, in 1914 Russian women observed IWD for the first time and in 1917 when they gained the right to vote, the day, March 8th was declared a public holiday. In 1975, during International Women's Year, the United Nations began celebrating IWD on March 8th. It is now the recognised date around the world. In 1995, The Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action focused on 12 critical areas of concern and envisioned a world where women and girls are free to make choices, to be educated, to work and to be free from violence and discrimination. This is still a work in progress!

In 1914 in London, IWD was held on March 8th which is said to probably have been a Sunday. On that day, Sylvia Pankhurst, an English campaigner for the Suffragette Movement was arrested on her way to speak in Trafalgar Square. Sylvia campaigned for women's rights by speaking in halls and meeting rooms and at industrial sites around England and Scotland. She used her artistic talents to illustrate the working woman and her conditions.

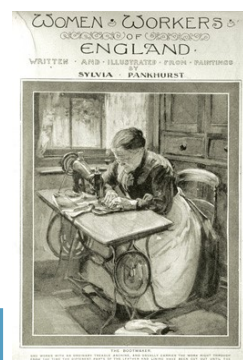
As part of the Women's Social and Political Union, Sylvia was imprisoned many times. She suffered hunger, thirst, sleep deprivation and more as torture for her campaign involvement. After a falling out with her mother and sister, Sylvia began a new campaign group: East London Federation of Suffragettes built on her own principles and to which men were free to join. Sylvia lectured around the globe for her Suffragette campaign. 1911 in the US; 1913 in Scandinavia and in 1914 in central Europe. When she would lecture in England up to 16,000 women would come to hear her.

Dr. Helen Pankhurst is her granddaughter and speaking from London recently on the eve of 100yrs of voting for (selected) women in the UK --all women didn't get the right to vote until 1928 ---she had this to say, *"We can say unequivocally that social, economic, political, cultural and technological changes have all contributed to a society in which women's lives are generally better than those of our Mothers, Grandmothers and Great grandmothers. For most women, it is a kinder, less cruel world."* And in part it is thanks to the unrelenting campaigning of strong willed women like her grandmother and of course those who have followed.

Maxine Theiele

Advocacy Director

One of Sylvia Pankhurst's drawings





Inaugural District 22 Z and Golden Z Club Conference, March 1 CQUniversity Mackay City Campus.

On Saturday, 3rd March 2018 Ann Cleghorn, Christine Mayne and Annie Lloyd-Lewis joined Susan Beale and eight Z Club girls from St Catherine's Catholic College, to attend the inaugural Z Club Conference held at the CQU campus in Mackay. The event was hosted admirably by the CQU's own Golden Z Club. We're proud to say our Club had the greatest number of attendees who were joined by senior Zonta representatives from Brisbane and Melbourne as well as our District 22 Governor, Anz Van Erp.

There were several inspirational speakers, who shared their own motivational stories and imparted words of wisdom to the students on everything from Mindfulness to independence in financial planning and gender equality in the workforce. Rio Tinto gave an excellent talk and encouragement. Each Z Club shared their fundraising and community projects and Ann scribbled madly to record each juicy idea. From all the events we heard about, our girls' Trivia Night at St Catherine's raised the highest amount for a single event.

Our immeasurable thanks to the teacher, Susan Beale, the inspirational leader of our Z Club at St Catherine's. Not only a good organiser but a very competent driver. St Catherine's Catholic College donated the cost of the 12 seater bus for the day. Susan Beale was an inaugural Z club girl at Mackay's Anglican school. ..Our Z Club girls actively participated throughout the entire day and played an integral role in its success. We feel so proud. Ann Cleghorn





On a dark foggy morning, a minibus headed off, unsure of what adventures lie ahead. First stop was Centro to collect Maddison and Eden, who were still rubbing the sleep from their eyes and after 20 mins and a packet of skittles later, the minibus pulled up at Manresa, and picked up Casey, Hannah, Peta, Bridget, Zante Grace who met the bus with excitement. 8 students 3 Zontians and a teacher all headed off to CQUniversity Mackay, unaware of the inspirational day that lay ahead.

The bus ride was quick, the pit stop was refreshing, and the chorus of Seagulls- Stop it Now, was loud and ringing in our ears, proving to the adults that we were full of energy and ready to be inspired.

After registration we were invited to a delicious morning tea provided by the ladies which gave us the sustenance to power through the day. Our day was filled with inspirational talks from inspiring women that covered; getting out of your comfort zone, financial literacy, saying NO to domestic violence, gender equality and in the workplace and political pathways.

After our uplifting day we headed back home. On the way ideas of what we could do next with the club filled the bus along with discussion of the food and how they constantly fed us. Some say it was like Hansel and Gretel, luring us in with food and the trap worked as we can't wait to go back!

Written by St Cath's Z-Club



invite you to the

District 22 - Area 5 Conference

Zonta - Bridging Communities – Sweet!

28th – 29th April 2018

Ayr Anzac Memorial Club

101 Burke St, Ayr

(Registration & Accommodation options attached)

Speakers

**ZONTA - Anns van Erp, Sandy Venn Brown,
Bridget Mather, Jill Lucht**

Rise Up Be Yourself Programme – Jackie Kiloh & Lee Bruhn

Leadership - Moya Steele

Embody Love Movement - Kristy Shannon

Community Engagement – Mayor Lyn McLaughlin

Enhance your Zonta and personal knowledge and skills. Meet old friends and make new ones.





Mae Secomb	March 6th
Lauren Haack	March 12th
Cath Fermbach	March 13th
Leslie Pratchet	April 21st

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HELP WANTED: Do you fancy yourself as a reporter? Like to work as part of a team? Laura & PJ are looking for those interested in helping produce our ReefTalk. Have a chat with one of us if you like to learn new skills and/or have new ideas.

Date Claimers

MARCH: IWD :11th March, Coral Sea Resort

General Meeting: Thursday 15th March, 6.00 – VMR

“After IWD” Morning Tea: Sat. 24th March, 10am till 12 noon. Ann Cleghorn’s (1B Stewart Drive Cannonvale). Zonta members to bring a plate.

APRIL: Board Meeting Wed 4th April, Sandii’s

Books from Birth: Thursday, 12 April. Packing Day at Lauren’s (2667 Shute Harbour Rd Mandalay (opposite Island Inn Motel) M y contact mobile is 0400028959.

AGM Thursday 19th April, 6.00 VMR

Presidents Breakfast Sun 22nd April, Kerrie’s

AREA 5 Meeting.... Sat - Sun 28th & 29th April, RSL Club, Ayr (See flyer above)

Book Club meeting last Wednesday every month: Contact Kerry Kenyon

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