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Presidents Report: A year in review

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Another Zonta year has come to an end and our club has achieved much despite our low membership. That is why I must thank our members for their ongoing commitment to provide support for our local and international projects.



Fundraising has been a time of networking as well as time spent enjoying the company of volunteers and fellow Zontians. This year we have had the sausages sizzling at Bunnings in July and December, despite sore feet it has proven to be most successful in terms of value for time spent. Money raised has provided our club with the means to continue with community projects. Merle has continued as our breast cushion coordinator and we are pleased to be able to give comfort to those who have had endured breast surgery. This year we have supplied 239 cushions and 135 drainage bag covers.

Many thanks go to the ladies of the Tweed Broadwater Village Craft Club who make the cushions for us.

The Birthing Kit Assembly Day was held at the Southern Cross University Campus at Coolangatta. We, as in previous years have been able to fund 1,000 kits to send to third world countries, this year they went to Nigeria. The University was an ideal setting for this event being held with the support of the School of Health and Human Services staff.

Midwives and midwifery, students find this a most rewarding activity and we hope to have this venue again this year. to enable the victim to shower after the indignity of examination for forensic purposes.

Members finished the year with the Sistas against Violence Lantern Parade. This walk through the streets of Tweed raises awareness of the need to end the family violence. The local Aboriginal community and police combine to make this a loud and proud event with the walk itself being a traffic stopper.

Rhonda joined me in May for the Domestic Violence Prevention month awards presented by the Domestic Violence Prevention Centre. Zonta SGC/T received an award in recognition of our contribution to end violence against women.

“We are ALL in it to END it” I am holding the trophy which is impressive, but it is clear, so you can see the base only! Community services working together are making such a huge difference to families who are affected by violence. Together we can break the cycle of domestic violence one family at a time.



The Blue Illusion fashion parades are a hit with our club. The store at Robina Town Centre with the wonderful help from Cathy has proven to be both a great fund raiser as well as an entertaining event.



Pictured is Sara with Lesley-Anne. Susie also strutted on the catwalk making a trio of stunning models.



The event that I had both the most angst and delight about was the “Evening with Dr. Luc”. However the evening all came together well with attendees all saying that it was a most enlightening presentation. Dr. Lucs accomplishments in the Congo are extremely impressive. I felt humbled and in awe of what one man has achieved.



Maddie pictured with Dr.Luc. Kaye and Rhonda.

The Zonta Club Southern Gold Coast/Tweed is pleased to also assist with the future aspirations of young women. One such recipient was Maddie White. Maddie also joined us to share her experiences of attending the Youth Science Forum in Canberra. In Maddie’s words “I would like to thank all members of The Zonta club of southern Gold Coast Tweed for their support and sponsorship. Without the support of your club it would not have been possible for me to attend the National Youth Science Forum. This experience has been transformative and inspiring. My time on session at the National Youth Science Forum has allowed me to network with over 200 other like-minded students from Australia and internationally, improve my public speaking skills and opened my eyes to broad range of scientific studies. The scientists, researchers, students and many other people who I meet on session were marvellous. To have the chance to visit some of Australia’s top chemistry laboratories was a once in a lifetime opportunity that I will never forget. I have had the time of my life at NYSF and will cherish my memories forever. The National Youth Science Forum is a unique program which nourishes the scientific desire of year 12 students”

I would like to express our club’s appreciation for the ongoing support from Area Director Anne and the District Board. We have struggled with membership and I am very proud that we have increased our numbers to a club “viable” number. This number issue is always a concern however, succession planning is a must. I look forward to welcoming new members in the new Zonta year. Thank you for the support I receive from my fellow Zontians, and board members; Vice President; Susie, Treasurer Lesley-Anne, Secretary; Rhonda, Correspondence; Merle.

Yours in fellowship, President Kaye



Zonta Club of Southern Gold
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DIARY DATES

Area Meetings so far 2015

21 March Areas 1 and 3 in Brisbane

28 – 29 March Area 4 in Dalby

8 March Zonta Rose Day

8 March International Women's Day

11 – 12 April 2015 Area 2 in Longreach

1 – 3 May Area 5 in Mackay

Coming up!

October 10 Blue illusion Fashion Parade Robina Town Centre

September 19 Masters BBQ Bundall

November 29 Bunnings BBQ



(the Sistas against Violence Lantern Parade)

The Zontian is available on line. Take a look click on the link below;

http://issuu.com/zontainternational/docs/zontian_sept2014/0

This month's TED talk:

Leslie Morgan Steiner was in “crazy love” — that is, madly in love with a man who routinely abused her and threatened her life. Steiner tells the dark story of her relationship, correcting misconceptions many people hold about victims of domestic violence, and explaining how we can all help break the silence.



Watch by clicking the link below:

http://www.ted.com/talks/leslie_morgan_steiner_why_domestic_violence_victims_don_t_leave

Conviction, Commitment, Courage

Go to the Welcome from our Zonta International President, Maria Jose Landeira Oestergaard, to find out more https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HjI81x_bT-A&feature=em-sub_digst

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