



# Zonta Club of Southern Gold Coast-Tweed Area Inc

*Member of Zonta International*

December 2014

## Presidents Report: December 2014

Kaye Lollback



**Season's greetings from Pres Kaye and fellow Zontians** of the Zonta Club Southern Gold Coast/Tweed. It has certainly been a productive year with our fund raising activities

ensuring that we can continue to fulfill our commitment to our projects both locally and internationally. Fund raising has largely been organized by Susie who has added some of her insights for the year...

*"2015 has been a big year for fund raising with another successful BBQ at Bunnings Burleigh Heads and looking towards another on 27th December at South Tweed Heads. These BBQ's seem to be our biggest fund raisers and I will continue to submit letters of request to keep them going.*

*Our first ever Fashion Parade at blue illusion Robina in August was a huge success raising more than we expected and another is booked for 2015. We also have a BBQ at Masters Home Improvement in July 2015. Well done everyone and thanks to you all this year. Looking forward to another successful*

*year in 2015. Keep up the fantastic work. Happy Christmas Susie"*

Thank you also Susie for all your efforts in also organising our **Birthing Kit Assembly Day**.

We will in 2015 continue to support women recovering from breast surgery by providing a breast cushion free of charge, provide birthing kits to 3rd world countries, support women's refuges and sexual assault victims.

This year we welcomed our youngest new member Ashleigh. Ashleigh has proven to be a huge asset to our club and I look forward sharing another year of being IT enlightened! Ashleigh added her own reflection on 2014...

*"My thoughts on 2014-- joining Zonta this year has been enlightening and a wonderful experience. I feel as if we have accomplished a lot in 2014 being a small club and I'm proud of that! One of my favourite things was packing the sanitary packs- I felt like we were really making a difference and adding a personal touch :)" Happy xmas, Ash*

**As Ashleigh mentioned** we are a small club of just 6 members, should you be considering a community service activity or would like to join us we would love to hear from you. The time commitment is just 1-2hrs a month for meetings plus helping out with fundraising, however that is as needed and certainly not all members are always available, holidays happen!



**N.B Our first dinner meeting for 2015 will be January 16th 2015.**

**ON ANOTHER NOTE!! FOR THOSE INVOLVED IN OUR BIRTHING KIT DAY YOU MAY BE PLEASED TO READ THE BELOW LETTER:**

“As part of our processes we make sure that we inform all of our volunteer partner groups where exactly the birthing kits that each individual group has assembled have been distributed to.

It is great pleasure to inform you that **I received notification yesterday that the 1000 birthing kits that yourself, students and fellow volunteers assembled in September were delivered as part of a 6000 kit despatch to one of our partners, Rotary International based in Nigeria, district 9110 .**

They are to be distributed to traditional birth attendants from outlying areas whom are being trained, or have been recently trained in their use. This is part of an overall health initiative with intensive vaccination programs to assist in empowering women and allowing the opportunity to understand the importance of health before, during and after pregnancy. This is critical not only for the mother but also the infant(s). This has been amplified with the recent health issues in Western Africa, which has meant that awareness and assistance is substantially required.

Please feel proud that your efforts of time, money and perseverance has such a significant impact in areas of need, and the final recipients, partner groups as well as us at the foundation are quite humbled at the efforts that you put in to make such important work possible. One of the most common statements that I receive from our partner groups that they are so thankful that others in the world "care".

Please pass on our words of thanks to all of those involved and we look forward to working with you in the future.

Adrian Harris”



Recent media events involving violence and the inexplicable harm to children have both saddened and brought together communities. Zonta is also a community of likeminded women who proactively work toward ending violence against women. Our club participated in the 16 Days of Activism, this included the **Tweed Street march last Friday**. We very much “walk our talk”. Much of what we do is regularly posted on our facebook page...please take a moment to take a look. The link is always at the bottom of our newsletter.





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# DIARY DATES

**Combined 2015 Area 1/3 Meeting**

**DATE: 21 MARCH 2015**

**VENUE: The Colmslie Hotel Conference Centre.**

**Registration Forms will be available early in the New Year.**

**THEME: the Biennium theme of Conviction, Commitment, Courage. Our Area Directors are working on speakers for the day and intend it to be a day to educate and inform Zontians of the new ZI goals and ZIF projects, to share experiences and learn from each other, to energise and inspire and most importantly to enjoy fellowship with other Zontians and have fun.**

**HOST CLUB: The Zonta Club of Brisbane East**

**DATE: 27 DECEMBER**

**VENUE: TWEED BUNNINGS**

**TIME: 8am until end of day**

**RSVP: nil needed- just show up and buy a snag!!**



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

[http://issuu.com/zontainternational/docs/zontian\\_sept2014/0](http://issuu.com/zontainternational/docs/zontian_sept2014/0)

## This month's TED talk:



Sadly, this month we lost journalist and disability advocate Stella Young. In honour of her passing Zonta has chosen the TED talk, "I'm Not your Inspiration- Thank You Very much!" by Stella Young.

Stella Young is a comedian and journalist who happens to go about her day in a wheelchair — a fact that doesn't, she'd like to make clear, automatically turn her into a noble inspiration to all humanity. In this very funny talk, Young breaks down society's habit of turning disabled people into "inspiration porn."

Watch by clicking the link below:

[http://www.ted.com/talks/stella\\_young\\_i\\_m\\_not\\_your\\_inspiration\\_thank\\_you\\_very\\_much?language=en](http://www.ted.com/talks/stella_young_i_m_not_your_inspiration_thank_you_very_much?language=en)

## 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](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HjI81x_bT-A&feature=em-sub_digst)

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