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NEWSLETTER FOR OCTOBER 2023

BIRTHDAYS - NO BIRTHDAYS in NOVEMBER

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN



Another busy month has flown past, starting with Carole Tomvald and I attending the Annual Police Memorial Day on the 29th September. This was held at St Eugene College in Burpengary. Carole laid a wreath that was beautifully handcrafted by Pam Berkett and Karen Whalan.

A week later Glenda Moor and I attended the Moreton Bay Regional Council meeting at Morayfield, followed by lunch. It was interesting to observe a meeting. We spoke to various councillors afterwards and NO, there are no updates on our moving into the new shed.

Last Wednesday night I attended the Deception Bay High School to present our Annual Banksia Award to a deserving recipient, another rewarding event. The school and staff are extremely welcoming and when I arrived there were delicious snacks and drinks to enjoy before the ceremony started. I was presented with a lovely potted plant prepared by the horticulture students as a thank you gift.

For other members I also hope that you are enjoying your presentation nights.

Lastly, Saturday 21 October, nine members and HonZons enjoyed a wonderful day at Edith's farm.

The theme of the day was UN Day and we all took food from different countries with handmade flags to match.

It was a fun day with Edith's son Daryl taking everyone for rides around the property in his grudge truck. We had two surprise guests Sandra and Peter Cooke. Whilst Sandra is not an active member of our club (due to health reasons) she is still a financial member of Zonta International. It was great to catch up with both.

Sincere thanks to Edith, Daryl and Amanda for their wonderful and generous hospitality.



Ps Can you spot the one holding the flag upside down????

Sue Droughton



MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Prospective Members

The membership committee met with Meleitta Lowrey on Monday 16 October to discuss her becoming a member of our club. Emails will be sent out to the Board then Club members re our invitation to invite her to our club soon. We have decided to wait until January 2024 to induct her and Meleitta has agreed to this.

Kerrie-Anne Minehan and maybe Trish Dunne will be coming to our October dinner meeting. Both were intending to come to the September meeting, but circumstances prevented them from coming at the last minute. They both informed me the following day.

Orientation

Time has just flown by and the next couple of months will be very busy for our club so we will need to postpone our Orientation Day until further notice. Maybe we can lock in a date at the Planning Day.

Donated Zonta Shirts

I have several donated Zonta Shirts that I will bring to our last dinner meeting of the year in November. Members can try on to see if any fit them.

Membership Committee Chair
Pam Berkett



SERVICE COMMITTEE REPORT

Held at Sue Droughton's Home
Tuesday 10 October

Pam Termont-Schenk was the only member not available, due to Steve's surgery. The Committee has sent best wishes to Steve for a speedy recovery.

Birthing Kits: We are not aware if Sister Veronica is going to do 100 Birthing Kits as previously discussed. No further action to be taken by the Committee at this stage.

Breast Cushions: Lyn has delivered another 10 Cushions, 20 Seat Belt Buddies, and 10 Drainage Bags to the Caboolture Hospital. We have approx 140 still left in stock.



Banksia Awards: Thanks were passed on to Patricia for looking after this project in Pam T/S's absence. Thank you to all members who have attended Award Nights representing Zonta Caboolture.

With the passing of Marie Brady, Edith wishes to continue presenting The Marie Brady Award at Deception Bay Flexi Learning Centre to a Year 12 student. Edith has donated the \$100.00 prize money for this Award. Thank you Edith for this very generous gesture and the Banksia Award is still presented to a Year 11 Student at this school.



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BANKSIA AWARD WINNER 2023

Congratulations on being the Zonta Club of Caboolture Inc recipient of our Banksia Award 2023 and please find enclosed a gift card for you to the value of \$50. This annual award is being given to you in recognition of your personal achievements, commitment and resilience. Throughout the past year, you have displayed a strong sense of self-responsibility, tenacity, diligence and have acted with personal integrity and commitment. You refused to give up despite the odds and have achieved your highest potential.

2007 was the year we launched the Zonta Banksia Award and Bursary in all of the high schools in the former Caboolture Shire Area. The award name came about as the Banksia flower was the flower emblem for the Shire.

Zonta International is a leading global organisation of empowering women. We work throughout the world through service and advocacy. We have been doing that for over 100 years. We envisage a world in which women's rights are recognised as human rights and every woman is able to achieve her full potential. In such a world, women have access to all resources and are represented in decision making positions on an equal basis with men. In such a world, no woman lives in fear of violence. Zonta advocates for the prevention of violence against women locally with legislative awareness advocacy and also internationally through the United Nations.

Zonta Caboolture is interested in your future. We would welcome you to keep in touch with us, come and join us at a dinner meeting in the future to let us know what you are doing. Plus there are other awards at the tertiary level that you may be eligible to apply for:

- The Sandra Cooke Future Education Award
- Jane M Klausman Award (Business Studies)
- STEM Scholarship
- Young Women in Public Affairs

To apply please send us the following information:

- Where you are studying
- What you are studying
- How the grant will help you achieve your dream

Kind Regards

Patricia Clunes
Secretary and Banksia Awards Coordinator for 2023.
Zonta Club of Caboolture Inc

Build a Better World for Women and Girls



Christmas Hampers: Last year we presented local agencies with \$350.00 worth of Christmas Gift Cards. We have all agreed that it is much easier for us and that the Agencies really appreciated the Gift Cards for their clients. We have budgeted for 5 agencies at \$350.00 each. However, with the passing of Gail Torrens from The Haven, it is very likely that we will only be purchasing 4 x\$350 gift cards.

We received a request from the Divine Mercy School in Uganda for funding for disadvantaged children. They are seeking \$175.00 per child for 10 children.

The Committee decided that this matter would be taken to the Board for further discussion.

The Committee discussed the possibility of changing the *Sandra Cooke Further Education Award* to the **Sandra Cooke STEM Award**. The Committee has agreed that this should happen, but it is to be taken to the Board for further discussion.

Next Service Committee Meeting to be held at the home of Sue Droughton Tuesday the 14 November.
Time TBA



EVENTS COMMITTEE

**Held at the home of Glenda and Geoff Moor
Commenced at 10.00am.**

PRESENT: Karen McNab, Patricia Clunes, Glenda Moor, Annette Lovering, Deb Symes

APOLOGIES: Kathy Sweeney and **ON LEAVE:** Siti Constable.

DISCUSSION:

FASHION PARADE 2023 - Wrap Up:

- Profit on the day was approx. \$3500.
- Kitchen staff worked well. Edith's friend Sue has been requested in future to leave her very kind donation of food at the main servery counter (in the hall) for the kitchen workers to deal with as they know what food needs to be taken to the tables thus saving waste.
- Dirty plates/cups/saucers to be left at the servery counter (main hall)
- Ask Sharon if she is interested in doing the Fashion Parade again in 2024.

BBQ - Sunday 5 November 2023

- Morning Roster is complete - Jon, Lyn, Carole and Karen McN
- Afternoon Roster is Lawrence, Glenda, Arthur and Patricia
- Patricia to purchase a 'bum mag' to use at such things as BBQs to keep the excess cash in.

GIFT WRAPPING 2023

- We have been allocated site B this year which is outside RACQ at the Southern End. The Leukemia Support Group have been allocated site B which is outside HOUSE (northern end).
- Roster to be compiled shortly.

IWD 2024

- Orange and Black colour scheme because Black bags were ordered for 2023 but not used and we have sufficient orange tissue paper left.
- Too early to contact Norths to ask for a menu or pricing. Booking confirmed.
- Centre pieces to be researched.

- Guest Speaker - Dr Erica Mealy - USC Moreton Bay Campus Petrie - enthusiastic Lecturer in Computer Science. IWD Theme for 2024 is [DigitALL: Innovation and technology for gender equality](#), No appearance fee. We will give her some flowers in appreciation.
- What's in the bag - Small bottle of wine and Goats Milk Soap (individually wrapped). What can we have as fillers? In the past we have had flyers from different organizations who are attending.
- Patricia suggested approaching different businesses ie real estate agencies, accountants, dentists, driving schools, to see if they would be interested in giving us 150/200 business cards at a cost \$100. I passed this by Kathy who thought it was a good idea. I'm happy to approach several businesses in our area. Maybe some businesses might only want to give me 50 cards for \$25 etc. I thought maybe driving schools might like to include 1 free lesson or a discount on the first lesson on one of their cards and these could be put into the students' bags.
- Lucky Door Prize - 1st prize will be High Tea for 2 at Parliament House (thanks to Ali King MP Member for Pumicestone) and 2nd prize will be a crocheted rug that Annette won on another occasion but hasn't used.
- Raffle Prizes - members asked to source raffle prizes. Raffle prizes to be between \$30 and \$50 each.
- MC -> Patricia to approach others to see if they would like to be MC at this event otherwise Karen McN will be MC on the day.
- Trade Tables -> about 5/6 trade tables be invited to attend. Jewelry, soap, Norwex, etc. What would you like the trade tables to be?

Next Meeting to be held in early January 2024 unless deemed otherwise.

Thanks Glenda for your Hospitality.

Patricia Clunes
Events Chairman

ADVOCACY REPORT **Via Zoom 5 October**

- Cecil Nielson updated the group of preparations for the 16 Days of Activism and placement of orange figures. Sites to include:
 - Caboolture Library, Woodford Library, Caboolture Neighborhood Centre, Bunnings Morayfield - Patricia Clunes to check, Big Fish Shopping Centre and Caboolture Bunnings (Lynda Galway to check), Lawrence Ezedinma to check two gyms.
 - Cecil or Carole Tomvald to check where to get the names for the figures.
 - Carole has completed repairs and bagging of figures, ready for display.
 - Cecil's letter has been sent to members to use to seek approval to display figures. Lynda noted the letterhead needs to be updated.
 - Cecil to follow up topping up necessary brochures to display with the figures.
 - Sue Droughton will follow up obtaining booklets required (min 50 - 100)
 - Lynda to set up a LinkedIn link for the Days of Advocacy,
 - Lynda to add Police Memorial Day into the club Facebook page.
- Lynda has completed the Zonta information toilet signs. This will be discussed at next month's meeting.
- Pam Berkett suggested looking at the Brisbane Zonta Club membership enquiry information to consider for our club's site.
- Carole confirmed an invitation from Brisbane Zonta to attend Wednesday 1 November Dinner Meeting 6 pm for a 6.30 start. The speaker, Stephen Page, and member of the IAF forced marriage committee, will

discuss issues of forced (and child) marriage in Australia. Dinner will be held at the United Services Club - \$60 per person.

- Carole confirmed \$80 toward the Banner for Story Bridge walk 22nd November 2023. Cecil provided Carole with Rodney's details to forward the \$300 cheque to the Morayfield Men's Shed.
- Interested persons wishing to join the walk 22nd November to meet at King George Square, Brisbane 6 pm. Wear Orange Zonta shirts and register your interest via Eventbrite app.

Susan Lepper, Lynda Galway
Co-Chairman

TECHNOLOGY REPORT WILL BE OFFERED EVERY TWO MONTHS

Lynda Galway

CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS REPORT

Committee members: Mitra, Carole, Cecil (with input from Pam B.)

The Constitution Committee did not meet during October.

However, following the acceptance of the revised Constitution at the September Dinner Meeting, Cecil is preparing the Constitution with the accepted changes ready for submission to the Office of Fair Trading.

The Constitution Committee's next task is to draft a Policy Statement about an Internal Grievances Procedure, based on the Office of Fair Trading document, and another resource which Mitra has supplied. Reference to this Policy Statement is given in the Constitution.

When this draft is completed, it will be sent to all members for comment, and will be tabled at a future Zonta meeting for discussion and acceptance.

Cecil Nielson, Chairman Constitution/Bylaws Committee.

MEMBERS OUT AND ABOUT

Several members and their partners attended a wonderful day at the home of Edith Fogg to celebrate United Nations Day.

President Sue asked members to bring a food from a country starting with the first letter of their country of birth or their given or surname and a flag to represent this.

We had

- Belgium Chocolates and Waffles
- Welsh Cakes

As well as dishes from Belarus, Canada, Germany, Vietnam etc.

A great day was had by all and Sue thanked Members for participating and Edith and her son Daryl and daughter-in-law Amanda for their hospitality.

UN DAY CELEBRATION AT FOGG'S FARM



DATE CLAIMER: PLANNING DAY 2024

GIFT WRAPPING:

Gift Wrapping commences at Morayfield Shopping Centre from 20 November to 24 December.

Heart Support, Chaplaincy, Multicultural, Pink Dragons have all accepted their allocated days.

Due to the location of the stand (RACQ) this year I think Zonta should do Monday and Tuesday (20/21 November) as these days will be very slow (in my opinion) and it is a bit much to ask other groups to sit there all day for about \$70.

Who can help on these two days ... 9.00am to Noon; Noon to 3.00pm; 3.00pm to 5.30pm? 2 each time slot would be great.

2024 PLANNING DAY

This was planned for 28 January 2024, however it is the Australia Day long weekend and not convenient for many members.

Kathy Sweeney has very generously offered her office space for us to use on **Sunday 21st January** at Remax Living Real Estate, Station Road Burpengary. It is located in the Tower Shopping Centre on the corner of Station Road (near the roundabout). The usual - please bring a plate of food to share for morning tea and lunch. **BYO** drinks, plates, knives, forks etc.