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BIRTHDAYS

December - 08 Annette, 13 Edith

January - 01 Pam B, 26 Carole, 30 Lyn, 31 Shirley



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

As Christmas is fast approaching, I have been reflecting on the past year as President of our wonderful club.

I am starting to realise that my tenure as President will be coming to an end in a few short months.

The Nominating Committee will soon be meeting to start planning a new Board for the 2024-2026 biennium.

From personal experience, there is nothing more rewarding, satisfying or challenging, than serving your Club as a member of the Board. Over the coming months, all members will be approached by members of the Nominating Committee, gaining an insight as to who will be willing to become a member of the Board and you will also be asked to nominate members who you think will be valuable Board members. Please consider taking a position, so that you shape the future of our Club, especially for the next two years.

Just a reminder that all Chairs and Committees need to be planning their Budget for the January 21st 2024 planning day.

Have you put your name down for Christmas wrapping yet? Patricia is desperately seeking members to fill in spots, particularly for the last two weeks. Do you have friends or family who would also like to help? Remember this is our major fundraising event for the year, and that this money raised determines how much money we will have to spend on our projects next year.

THE SHED

No, we are not moving yet. We have had a letter from the Council saying that they are still waiting on the survey to be completed, however, they are well aware that we need to move asap.

Thank you to the members and HonZons who did the Zonta activism walk last Wednesday night. Thank goodness the weather gods were kind to you.

My sincere thanks also go to Patricia, for not only organising the Banksia Awards (in Pam's absence) but also for the mammoth job of organising the rosters for gift wrapping.

Finally, I would like to thank the Chairs of the Committees who have supported me for this past year and of course a massive thank you to all members of our club, who have worked so hard this past year, especially helping with the BBQs. All of our fundraising events have been very successful, and this would not have been possible without you all.

On behalf of the Board, I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and safe and Happy New Year.

Sue Droughton
President.



MEMBERSHIP REPORT NOVEMBER 2023

Prospective Members

Meleitta Lowrey will be inducted into our club at our January meeting. Emails will be sent out from the Membership Committee before January to the Board and then club with our invitation for her to join. We look forward to having Meleitta as a member of our club.

Donated Zonta Shirts

We have decided to bring all the donated Zonta shirts to the Planning Day as we will have more time to try them on, rather than bringing them to our November meeting. I will hang them on a rack in size order so they can be seen easily.

Budget

The membership committee will have their budget ready before the planning day.

President Badge

It was mentioned by Petra when she came to one of our meetings to induct a new member that in most clubs the President Badge was passed on to the new President.

Our club has never done this. We will have to decide as a club if we want to continue buying new President badges or pass the badge on in future. We still have two President badges in stock, so we have plenty of time to decide.

Orientation of newer members

We have seven newer members who haven't had an Orientation session since they joined our club. The membership committee will look up our past Orientation paperwork to see if it needs updating before we decide on a date.

Recognizing Our 25+ Year Members

In the November Zontian just sent to us recently Zonta International is recognizing members with 25+ years in Zonta. Cecil Nielson, Edith Fogg, Sue Droughton, Carole Tomvald, Pam Berkett and one of our past members Barbara Brann are included in this report. I have attached the statistics. Congratulations to all Zontians who have achieved this milestone from all clubs around the world.

On behalf of the Membership Committee we would like to wish all our members and their families a Very Merry Christmas and a Safe and Happy 2023.

Membership Committee Chairman
Pam Berkett

MEMBERS OUT AND ABOUT IN BRISBANE





SERVICE COMMITTEE REPORT

Held at Sue Droughton's Home

Breast Cushions:

Lyn & Karen once again delivered breast cushions, seat belt buddies, and drainage bags to the Caboolture Hospital. The nursing staff have requested a supply of 50 drainage bags, however, they are to be distributed to the surgical ward.

The Committee agreed that we should supply them, although they will be received by anyone after surgery. The Committee feels that it is a worthwhile community project, particularly as the Beachmere Bay Craft ladies are making lots of bags.

Christmas Gift Cards, in lieu of Christmas Hampers:

I have purchased \$1400.00 gift cards from K Mart for distribution to C.A.D.A., C.C.A, Open Minds, and MICA. Patricia, Lyn & Pam TS will deliver the cards. This year we have purchased 56 x \$25.00 cards.

STEM:

The Committee invited Glenda to our meeting to get an idea how the planning arrangements were going. Glenda gave us an insight as to how the Award will be decided. The Committee agreed that we would have three judges, and I have emailed the three members in question. We will get a decision on Wednesday night. Next Service Committee Meeting will be held at my home in Beachmere Tuesday the 9th January 2024.

Sue Droughton

Service Committee Chairman



EVENTS COMMITTEE

Events Committee didn't meet this month with our next meeting to be held early in January.

Please consider doing even one shift of gift wrapping even if you aren't able to do multiple shifts. Many hands are better than no hands.

Patricia Clunes

Events Chairman

ADVOCACY REPORT

The Advocacy Committee members met via Zoom meeting on 16th November 2023.

- Updates preparations for the 16 Days of Activism and placement of orange figures, including:
 - Orange figures assembled ready to transport to sites for the 16 Days of Activism.
 - World Gym cannot take figures but can share online information provided by Zonta.
 - Booklets and pamphlets are ready for display (outside Target Morayfield and Caboolture Library)
 - Lynda and Lawrence to complete blogs (total of 8) for 16 Days of Activism
 - Toilet signs designs and content are complete, pending printing and Lynda will follow up with the various Centres after December.
 - Confirmation of members to attend the Story Bridge walk Wednesday 22nd November.

Susan Lepper & Lynda Galway

Advocacy Co-Chairman

TECHNOLOGY REPORT BY LYNDA GALWAY

Website updates:

- Awards page added and link to downloadable application information sheet
- Blog page added to publish articles as required. Currently, the blogs provided by Zonta International District 22 are being added and are scheduled daily during the 16 Days of Activism campaign. Blog 1 and 2 are already live. Facebook posts are scheduled to share the blogs. All blogs will be shared through Facebook. Lawrence and Lynda are both developing Facebook posts for the campaign.
- The 16 Days of Activism campaign has been added to the bottom of the advocacy page, linking to the blogs.
- Zonta Says No Brisbane-walk pictures have been added to the 2023 Events page.
- Other minor adjustments made to individual pages to enhance linking.

The most popular pages during October and November are Awards, Membership, Advocacy and 2023 Events. Unique visits: 72 (up from last month).

Page views: 178

Pages per unique visit: 1.6920 (increasing).

CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS REPORT

Nil to report

Cecil Nielson, Chairman Constitution/Bylaws Committee.



Orange families being displayed in Woodford Library (above) and CADA (right)



Toys and clothes donated to Buddy Bags

DATE CLAIMERS:

GIFT WRAPPING:

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

BUNNINGS BBQ - Saturday 20 January 2024

2024 PLANNING DAY

Kathy Sweeney has very generously offered her office space for us to use on **Sunday the 21 January**. 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.

International Women's Day Luncheon

Friday 8 March 2024

ZONTA INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION Brisbane 28 - 30 June 2024.

Members should try to attend as it is very rare for the Convention to be held Down Under and especially just down the road.

Zonta International

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FAQs

Q: Do we use acronyms for Zonta?

A: In short, no. While using acronyms might be easy for existing members or internal communications, no one outside of Zonta will understand what we are talking about when we use phrases like ZFW, ZSN or IWD. When we use them, we divide our members and exclude people from our organization. Our main focus is to be sure we are using the right name for the Zonta Foundation for Women, which was renamed so that it would be more recognized and clear. However, when we just say ZFW - this is not known, and it weakens the strength of the name.

We recommend that you spell it out. Examples include:

- Zonta Foundation for Women (Do not use ZIF, ZFW).
- International Service Project (Do not use ISP).
- International Women's Day (Do not use IWD).
- Zonta Says NO to Violence Against Women (Do not use ZSN).
- Zonta Says NOW to Gender-Equal Climate Action (Do not use ZSN or ZSNOW).