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## NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2024

**BIRTHDAYS:** NO BIRTHDAYS IN MARCH - Kathy (01/04)

### **FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN**

I am finally back at home after being away for the past five weeks in February and March.

I sincerely thank every member of our Club for being there, supporting each other, during this time.

My thanks to Patricia for chairing the February meeting.

I was particularly sad to miss our International Women's Day luncheon, but I also know that every member who was there worked hard to ensure that our day was a wonderful success. Thank you all.

For the past few days, again many of members were at our "old" and "new" sheds working to get us and all of our "stuff" settled. Unfortunately, due to my back issues I was unable to be there to help.

Thank you all.

At our Board Meeting last Wednesday, I asked that it be recorded that "the valuable contribution that Glenda Moor has given to our Club for the past few months during her ongoing health issues."

She does not look for accolades or praise and I don't intend to list what she has done but I do want her to know how much I appreciate her commitment and work ethic to our Club.

I look forward to seeing you all again next Wednesday night at our Dinner meeting.

**Sue Droughton**  
**President**



### **MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

#### **Prospective Members**

Julie Schrag has attended our January and February dinner meeting, but she is away at the moment so won't be attending the March meeting. At our last Bunnings BBQ Patricia was approached by Monique who is interested as to what we do. I rang her the day after the BBQ and sent her a brief email as to what our club does. Unfortunately, Monique is also unavailable for the dinner meeting in March but is interested in coming to the April meeting. That will be our AGM so I will have to confirm that we can have guests. Also, Sue Droughton's bridge partner Laurel Mills is interested in joining our club and may be attending the March dinner meeting.

### **Fellowship Morning Tea**

Our next fellowship Morning Tea is planned for April so could one of our members arrange this function. Please let me know if you would like to do this.

### **Profile of Members**

The subject of Member Profiles has been brought up again. It would be great if the newer members put together their profile for us to add to our current profile booklet. It can be as brief as you want it to be. I will send the current one out to all members again so everyone can see what is involved. The older members can change any part of their profile if they want to. You only need to write what you want the club to know. It doesn't go out to anyone else. It also isn't compulsory.

### **Orientation of Newer Members**

The Membership Committee needs to arrange an orientation meeting for members who haven't had one since they have joined our club. I will confirm with the members at our March dinner meeting who they are. We then need to arrange a date and time for this to happen. We may need to do this in a couple of stages if we can't get everyone together at one time.

### **Club Birthday Lunch**

Our 31<sup>st</sup> Birthday anniversary will be in August. We will give some thought as to where and when we will have this in the next month or two.

### **Membership Committee Chair**

**Pam Berkett**

## **SERVICE COMMITTEE REPORT**

The Committee did not meet in the month of March due to members being unavailable.

Lyn Howells and Karen Whalan have carried on our very valuable project by delivering more breast cushions, and seat belt buddies to Caboolture Hospital.

Our stocks are dwindling. We have 0 seat belt buddies, 48 breast cushions and 46 drainage bags.

The ladies at Beachmere Bay Craft group are now sewing more stock for us, and now that we have space in our new shed, we will be able to do a stocktake and ascertain our immediate needs.

The ladies have also been making many comfort blankets for our DV projects, and I have delivered many to Carole over the past month or two.

I have ordered more stuffing from Dyman Foam (Geebung) and once again, they have generously donated half of the cost of the stuffing. We have been invoiced for only \$102.00.

Breast Cushion stuffing day is Saturday the 18th May 2024 at my home at Beachmere Bay.

Next Service Meeting: Tuesday 9th April 2024 at my home at Beachmere Bay. Time: TBA

**Sue Droughton**

**Service Chairman**



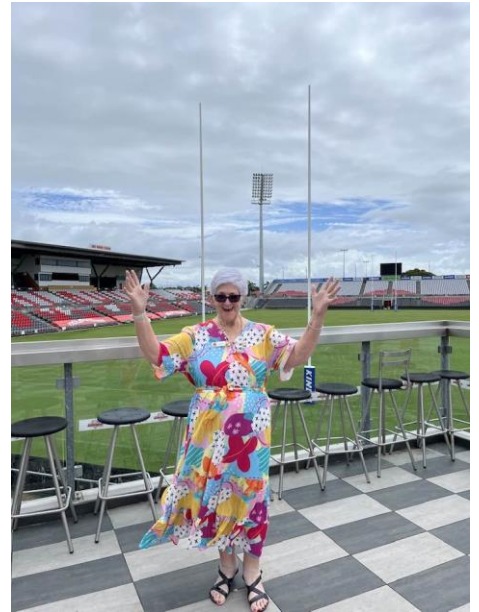


## EVENTS COMMITTEE

### No meeting in March

**IWD** went well. Thanks to Lynda for stepping in for Glenda at the last minute. Thanks to Glenda who from her hospital bed was "conducting the orchestra" so that the overhead presentation went off 'swimmingly'! The gift bags are always well received but a lot of time and energy goes into them from gathering things to put in them, packing, numbering and then numbering again, making sure we have sufficient student bags even when schools don't tell us how many of their 'party' are teachers v students, etc. Next year could we just have a 'gift' of some sort for everyone and give everyone a lucky door number as they arrive? What do members think? Do you have any ideas?

**APRIL BBQ:** Still a lot of spots available.



**FASHION PARADE** is booked with Portofino Fashions for Friday 6 September at the Morayfield Community Hall. Set up from 8.30am Doors open at 10.30am. We will probably need 6 models on the day. Raffle prizes will be required.

Next meeting will be held sometime in April if required.

**Patricia Clunes**  
**Events Chairman**

*Lawrence, Lynda and Patricia at the Bunnings BBQ 9 March*



## ADVOCACY REPORT

Zoom meeting 11/03/2024

Attendance: Lynda Galway, Pam Berkett, Carole Tomvald, Susan Lepper, Cecil Nielson, Lawrence Ezedinma

1. Women's Wellbeing Expo ideas and planning
  - a. Decision regarding booking the Community Hall Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November for a half day. Lynda has subsequently booked and confirmed for Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2024, 8 am - 1 pm at a cost of \$162.50.
  - b. Discussion of a name for the expo -
    - a. "Be Well", "Stand together - Live Better - Do Life Better", "Live - Love - Thrive", "Empowering Women"
    - b. Consider three main idea categories - Health, Financial Wellbeing, Safety



- c. Consider target audience, how to reach them (social media, radio and local news announcement, Eventbrite, Google, Facebook (Caboolture Community Notice Board etc.), School and Church newsletters, Moreton Bay Magazine, Local Member newsletters
- d. Consider possible guest speakers - CADA, Police, Medical Representative, Ali King
2. May DV planning - consider ways to reuse and update the materials created for last year's campaign (removal of gym branding)
3. Carole is now supplying Caboolture Police with Soft/Safe room supplies - blankets, pillows, colouring books etc.
4. Toilet door signage - Lynda will need someone to take this over.
5. Next Advocacy meeting 22 April 6pm via Zoom

**Susan Lepper & Lynda Galway**  
**Advocacy Co-Chairman**

14 March: below: Cecil and Lynda at the Caboolture Square Shopping Centre sharing what we do for women and girls in our local community



## CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS REPORT

The draft 'Internal Dispute Resolution Procedure' was discussed and approved at the February dinner meeting with minor changes to format. The Constitution has been amended to include this section, and page number correlation with Articles completed.

Thanks to Carole, Pam and President Sue for their patience and invaluable contribution. Thanks also to other Board members, and to members at the February Dinner meeting for their ideas and suggestions.

A meeting with the Treasurer and Secretary will be arranged to complete the form necessary to send the amended Constitution to the Office of Fair Trading as soon as possible.

**Cecil Nielson,**  
**Chairman Constitution/Bylaws Committee.**

## ZOOM MEETING ZONTA SAYS NO

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2024 7.00pm

Present were representatives from the Zonta Clubs of Redcliffe, Brisbane South, Pine Rivers, Caboolture, Brisbane Sunrise, Brisbane, Brisbane City Hear, Brisbane North and Wynnum Manly.

### Discussed:

- The walk-through Brisbane for the 16 days of Activism will be Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November, commencing 6.00pm from King George Square.
- The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Brisbane to be asked if they will attend on 25<sup>th</sup> November to officiate and start the walk.
- Many clubs organizing buildings and bridges to be lit orange during the 16 days.
- Qld Ruby League to have a round of football under the banner of "Respect Round". Clubs to have an orange marquee at these games and give out Safety cards, information and sunscreen.
- To put orange silhouettes in council chambers and hospitals for May for Domestic Violence Awareness month.
- The quote of the meeting: "An orange cannot speak to what it means to be a lemon"

Meeting closed 8.00pm

Next meeting to be advised, either May or June

## ZONTA DISTRICT 22, AREA 1 AND 3 MEETING REPORT

BEAUDESERT 16<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2024

This was attended by Cecil Nielson, Edith Fogg and Carole Tomvald. Many clubs attended and the meeting was opened by the President of Beaudesert, Anthea Walker at 9.00am

Lyn Agnew our Governor spoke about the Strategic Plan 2023 to 2024. "achieve more in 2024"

1. Creditable and Visible voice. Climate Justice
2. Club Success: Respectful of ideas Seek support from D22 Self-determining. Flexible action. Shorter meetings longer social time
3. International leadership and Sustainability. New things coming
4. Engagement of Audiences and Allies New opportunities. Watch this space. Some same. Some new. Some challenges.

Jenni Ziesemer from D22 Foundation for Women Ambassador spoke about The Foundation and what percentage of our donations are in each ZI funds

Donna Bowe spoke about Better Together Housing, which is a part of Coast to Bay housing looking after women 55 years and older in the homeless situation. There will be a meeting here in Caboolture at the Hub Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April from 9.00 to 11.00am. I (Carole Tomvald) have registered for this meeting.

Zonta Brisbane North gave a short talk on a tour organized for Convention on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June. "Circus in a Teacup" is about supporting Domestic Violence. The tour is a bus tour to The Vukcana Art Studios at Morningside.

**Zonta Internal Spirit:** Alex Grove, who stood in for Lyn Foley, gave a short talk on Zonta International Spirit Workshop Group 2022-2024. Zonta Spirit is the heart and soul of Clubs. It is for Fun and Friendship and Positive culture in Clubs. Membership is the core and should be strong and engaged.

1. Agile. Move and bend
2. Diverse Funding Sources. Fundraising v sponsorship
3. Always focus on the mission
4. Donor centrist (centred ? Not sure)
5. Mobilise and inspire others
6. Digitally savvy
7. Continuously. Listen and improve

**Discussion Groups:** Each table brainstormed ideas to answer the following questions:

*What style of leadership and associated behaviors of leaders and members best suit a volunteer membership organization?*

Edith was with Zontians at one table, and sat next to a former Zonta International President, who was also a former Governor of Queensland, Leneen Forde.

Carole and Cecil participated with Zontians at another table. At this table, Zontians contributed the following ideas in answer to the question. Each table had the opportunity to report to the whole group.

Be open to all new ideas. Relevant to current situation. Realistic timeline. Commitment. Do not micromanage. Do *checking in* rather than *checking up*. Allow people to have their say. Retention and engagement. Strong top leadership. Inclusive leadership. Show kindness. Leaders should get to know each member. Understanding others. Expectations. Check others priority. Empowering others. Arrange payment plan quietly, start at beginning of year, for those financially challenged. Capabilities/timeline. Rotation of skills and roles. Approachable. Lead by example. Feedback. Share tasks. Assertive/Inspire. Relevant and meaningful. Trust others. Be informed and be a good listener.

*How might Clubs, Areas, and Districts create an environment that is flexible, also embrace and motivate. Use skill sets and experience, and time availability for volunteering of all members.*

**Zonta Australia:** Petra Ladwig, Lieutenant Governor. Spoke about forming a "Zonta Australia" district as in Europe, America and Asia. This could be set up as a Caucus, with representatives from the 3 Districts, and could be a useful group to liaise with the Federal Government and advocate and speak for Australian Zonta Clubs on issues which affect women and girls.

**Club Input:** Each Club then gave a five minute presentation on the highlights, projects and what they do best in their Clubs. Carole, Edith and Cecil had a quick discussion on key events, projects from Caboolture, and Carole gave the final resume. It was interesting to hear about what other clubs were doing.

Meeting closed 4pm

Our members thanked the Beaudesert Zonta Club for being so welcoming and helpful.

Submitted by Carole Tomvald.

## **OUT AND ABOUT on 8 MARCH - IWD**







190 gift bags ready for IWD

Lucky Door Winner Rosemary with Ali King MP who donated the prize of a lunch at Parliament House. Well done Rosemary!



STEM award winner Jessica Davidson with her family. Congratulations Jessica.





Foundation Zontian Sandra Cooke and Area 1 Director Gwen Jull OA, presenting the inaugural Sandra Cooke STEM award



## DATE CLAIMERS:

**BREAST CUSHION STUFFING DAY:** 18 May 2024. At Sue's home - Villa 55/194 Bishop Road Beachmere. BYO small plates to share Morning Tea & Lunch.

**BUNNINGS BBQs in 2024** - Sunday 21 April (**STILL NEED WORKERS**) and Sunday May 19 May

**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" thereby saving us Airfares and accommodation as we can travel in and out each day by train or carpool.

## OTHER:

### MEMBERS AWAY IN 2024

**DEB** - 11 February to 07 April **plus** all of June, July and August

**LYN**- 09 March to 01 April.

**Karen McN** - End of April to early June

**PAM** - T-S - 16 October to 4 November

**LYNDA** - 29 March to 16 April (Mexico)

**PATRICIA** - 3 May to 18 May **plus** 7 October to 21 October (Canberra grandchildren's birthdays).

ARE THERE OTHERS THAT WE CAN ADD TO THIS LIST?



*Karen W with her heavy-duty vacuum and her trusty cleaning cloth made the room spick and span!*