



The yellow rose,  
Zonta's symbol

## February Newsletter

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Coming Events	ZBN Action	Notices
<p><b>February 11th: Dinner Meeting</b> 7pm USC</p> <p>Please phone your apologies for this meeting to Noreen Gorman on 3371-5752 <b>by 9am on Wednesday 6th February (no emails, please)</b>. Without an apology, payment of \$41 is obligatory. If you are bringing guests to the Dinner Meeting or if you have any special dietary requirements please let Noreen know.</p> <p><b>27 February: Board meeting,</b> 6pm at the Ashgrove Library</p> <p><b>March: Bunnings Sausage Sizzle</b> — Volunteers needed, please.</p>	<p><i>Birthing kit assembly day</i></p> <p>As previously advised, ZBN's birthing kit assembly day will be on the morning of Saturday <b>16th February</b> at the Toowong Senior Citizens' Centre, Merivale Street, Toowong. Birthing kits save lives by providing what ZI* calls the "7 Cleans":</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Clean birth site</b> - preventing delivery onto the floor.</li> <li>2. <b>Clean hands</b> - to prevent the birth attendant transmitting germs to mother and baby.</li> <li>3. <b>Clean ties</b> - to prevent bleeding from the umbilical cord for mother and baby.</li> <li>4. <b>Clean razor</b> - to reduce infection caused by other implements.</li> <li>5. <b>Clean gauze</b> - to wipe away birth canal secretions from the eyes, which decreases future eye infections.</li> <li>6. <b>Clean umbilical cord</b> - washing and drying the stumps prevents infection.</li> <li>7. <b>Clean perineum</b>.</li> </ol> <p>Many hands make many kits, so please feel free to invite your friends to help on the day. ZI* advise that 40 volunteers can assemble 2000 birthing kits in 4 hours!</p> <p>*<a href="http://www.zontaadelaidehills.org.au/birthkit.html">www.zontaadelaidehills.org.au/birthkit.html</a></p>	<p><b>Visit ZONTA on the web</b></p> <p><b>Read about the International Service projects on the ZI website</b> <a href="http://www.zonta.org">www.zonta.org</a></p> <p><b>Explore the District website for current information</b> <a href="http://www.zontadistrict22.org">www.zontadistrict22.org</a></p>
<p><b>International Advocacy Days, February</b></p> <p>6th: International Day of Zero Tolerance to Female Genital Mutilation [WHO]</p> <p>20th: World Day of Social Justice</p>	<p><i>Fund-Raising Entertainment Books</i></p> <p>The Entertainment Books will once again be available to raise funds for ZBN (see back page). Heather will be able to take orders this month, but will be away from the beginning of March to mid-July so someone else will need to look after the collection of books and money. The new books for 2013-2014 will be available from the middle of next month.</p>	<p><i>Why not pay your dinner fees by direct deposit??</i></p> <p>Paying your dinner fees by direct deposit online is an easier way to pay!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ BSB number <b>034-002</b></li> <li>◆ Account number</li> </ul> <p>Please describe clearly the purpose of the deposit, e.g. include your surname &amp; the phrase "February meeting".</p>
<p><i>The Board</i></p> <p>President: Anne Vinning Vice President: Maree Crawford Treasurer: Margaret Marshall Corres. Sec: Karen Peterson Minutes Sec: Pam Beavis Directors: Heather Mohay Lynette Hill Noreen Gorman Chieko Klerkx</p>	<p><i>Closure of Annual General Meeting</i></p> <p>Please note that ZBN's Annual General Meeting will be formally closed at the February meeting following the appointment of an auditor.</p>	<p><i>"I am only one, but still I am one. I cannot do everything, but I can still do something."</i> Edward E. Hale</p>
<p><i>"Have balanced understanding. If your understanding is governed by both heart and head, then you have clear vision to see yourself and others."</i> Yogananda</p>		

## President's Update

As we begin 2013, I wish you all a Happy New Year.

Our Xmas party in December was a most enjoyable evening. Thanks to Noreen for decorating the tables and Margaret for preparing the quiz which was a lot of fun. After a delicious meal, Therese accompanied us as we sang our favourite Christmas Carols. This year we embraced technology by reading the words of the carols projected onto a screen - thank you Therese for assembling this presentation.

At our first meeting for 2013, we will be meeting our Advancement Grant winners, **Marlon Duggan**, a mature-age student and mother of two, **Adela Sojor**, an immigrant who is rebuilding her life while caring for her mother-in-law and studying, and **Pennle Eckersley**, a single mother of three, studying for her Masters without access to internet at home. Also joining us will be Chris Christenson Awardee, **Rachel Yaratwemereye**, a young mother who fled Rawanda and who is now studying.

In this coming year, we will continue to sort the archives and begin to document the history of the club in preparation for Zonta centenary in 2019. Any interesting bits members may have stored away and are happy to share, please contact me.

With the prospect of several new members this year, I would like to review the committees and their members. Some members have indicated they would like to experience being a member of a different committee and learn more about what the activities of the club. In order to do this, I am asking **ALL** members to email me before February 20 with their wishes and desires in relation to the committees so this can be discussed at the February board meeting.

As part of ZI by-laws, we are required to have three committees - Membership, Service and Advocacy plus other committees that assist with the smooth running of the club. Barbara Newton has kindly offered to chair the Advocacy committee and I am asking members wishing to be involved to email me. ZI is asking clubs to join the "Zonta says No" campaign, information which can be found on ZI website.

The Zonta year concludes in April/May with club officers' names to be sent to ZI by May 1. Our nominating committee will be beginning the task of seeking members to take up vacant positions and I ask you to consider any request that may come your way.

Best wishes for a safe and happy 2013,  
Anne

## *We really do know how to pick them!*

### **Young Social Justice Advocate Donates Award Money to Southside Education Centre**

Sarah Newman has donated all the prize money from her 'ZI Young Women in Public Affairs Award' to the Southside Education Centre. Sarah attended the school's Christmas party with her mother, Lisa, this week to present the \$5,000 cheque, as the mother and daughter have had a close relationship with the Queensland Baptist Care school for some time. Delighted with the donation, Principal Christine Hill said that the money will help to support new social and emotional learning resources at the school which will teach the students resilience and help to instill confidence and self esteem. The Zonta International award acknowledges the achievement of young women under the age of 19 who are leaders in voluntary organisations and student government, and recognizes their commitment to Zonta's ideal of improving the status of women. After winning the 2012 award for District 22 (Queensland and Northern NSW), the former St Rita's College social justice prefect was selected as one of only five winners of this award at international level.



## *Snippet*

*We are all aware of the devastation caused by the floods in Queensland. Donations may be made to the Red Cross on-line, by mail (Australian Red Cross Supporter Service, GPO Box 2957, Melbourne VIC 8060) and personally at Australia Post, Commonwealth Bank, Bank of Queensland, St George Bank, NAB and Westpac branches.*

