

President's Report

I, along with other Club Presidents and Area Directors, was invited to join a ZI webinar on Wednesday morning at 5.30am. This was a great initiative by ZI, with the presenter Dr Lee Fogarty, a psychologist and executive coach from Pittsburg and District 4 Governor. The title was "Effective Club Communication". For those who have not participated in a webinar, it is a simple way for an online presentation to be viewed by many via the internet with the facility for question time.

Dr Fogarty spoke about the need for conflict resolution skills when working with a group of people who have different personalities and ideas, and also about the reasons conflict may arise. She then outlined some tools that can be used to work towards a solution.

The presentation will be posted on the ZI website, and I am looking forward to listening to it again as my work experience in HR is very limited.

I am now into my second year as president and I am looking at the way I conduct the meetings and I am seeking feedback from members. For example: suggested ways to improve or change meeting format, how to involve new members, improvements in the way the club functions. This coming meeting we do not have a guest speaker so I thought there may be time for some discussion. If you prefer, please email me with your thoughts.

While reviewing the ZI website, I noticed the list of 2013 YWPA Award recipients was posted. It was pleasing to note that two of the ten Awards were to Australian young ladies representing District 23 and 24. What a great achievement for Australia.

I look forward to seeing you all next Monday.

Anne

Glen Marshall's Memorial

On Thursday 29 August, Barbara Newton and myself attended a morning tea at Anglicare's Mums and Bubs Centre in Inala giving us an opportunity to see the washing machine that had been bought with the service funds donated by Glen's Zonta friends in her memory.

We learnt that The Mums and Bubs program offers education and connection for young mothers with babies in low socio-economic areas who are socially isolated and lacking in resources. Mums attend a weekly program of education in feeding, baby care, food preparation, first aid and CPR, pool and water safety, health, hygiene and community resources. The Centre's goals include prevention of post-natal depression and improvement in the physical and mental health for mothers and their babies.



I am certain that Glen would have been delighted to know that this gift made in her name enabled the purchase of a much needed washing machine for the mothers visiting the centre to undertake the simple but essential task of washing dirty nappies and kids clothes. The staff also expressed their sincere gratitude for this donation from our club.

Margaret Marshall



The deadline for recording your intended absence from the dinner meeting is 9am on the Friday before. Failure to notify Noreen in time will mean you will still have to pay the cost of the dinner (\$41), since the Club will be charged for it regardless.



The yellow rose,
Zonta's symbol

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Trivia Night Flyer

Date Claimers

September 9th, 7pm USC Dinner Meeting

Apologies to Noreen Gorman on 3371-5752 by 9am on Friday, 6 Sept. Please let Noreen know beforehand if you:

- are bringing a guest
- have special dietary needs
- are returning after an absence

25th Sept, 6pm Ashgrove
Library: Board Meeting

October Sausage Sizzle
Volunteers needed, please

Trivia Night Payments

Please note that payment for your table(s) on Trivia Night must be made before or at our dinner meeting on Monday 9th September.

Prize Sub-Committee

Would you like to be part of a Prize Sub-committee of the Fund-raising Committee via email? Please tell Glenda at:
g.gobe@uq.edu.au

Fund-Raising Event 1

Event: Trivia Night

Date: Saturday 21st September,

Where: Little Flower Church, Kedron

Time: 7.00-7.15pm for 7.30pm

RSVP: Trish tdesmarchlier@bipond.com
or Therese 38571741 or 0407141365

Cost: \$20 per person, \$140 per table of 8

NB: *Tickets must be prepaid* – last chance to pay will be September Dinner meeting, 9th September

The committee is looking for support from the club by way of:

- ◆ **Contributions for the supper - slices, biscuits, cakes etc.** A list will be circulated at the September meeting so you can indicate what you'll bring. Ask those "good cook" friends if they can make something, if you don't consider you can cook.
- ◆ **Small prizes for best question round, lucky chair etc - value less than \$10 (e.g. small boxes Smarties)**
- ◆ **Donations for main prizes (boxes of chocolates, bags of boxed Smarties, bottles of wine, etc)**
- ◆ **Contributions for the hamper raffle to be sold on night**

Fund-Raising Event 2

Event: Croquet Afternoon and Gourmet BBQ dinner

Date: Sunday 17th November, 3pm to 8pm

Where: Merthyr Croquet Club, New Farm Park

UN International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women (IDEVAW)

District Governor Judith Anderson reminds all clubs that we are expected to take action, alone or in conjunction with another club, on or around 25 November, the IDEVAW. We can advertise actions on the *Zonta Says No* website.

United Nations Advocacy Days, September

5th: International Day of Charity

8th: International Literacy Day

21st: International Day of Peace

Newsletter Items

Please email any items of interest or notices of proposed activities directly to patricia.rego@uqconnect.edu.au. Contributions are particularly sought from Chairs of Committees who might like to advertise what they are doing, and to seek assistance from members.

Do you have recent ZCBN photos?

Our website needs some more recent photos. Please send them to me at: patricia.rego@uqconnect.edu.au.

International Days of Charity and Literacy

The International Day of Charity (5 Sept) and International Literacy Day (8 Sept) are inextricably linked. Without the continuing and passionate work of non-government organisations and individuals celebrated by the International Day of Charity, we would not be able to celebrate the rising rates of literacy throughout the world.

Historically, women are most likely to be illiterate because of cultural and sometimes economic reasons. Literacy empowers women and so in some societies presents a threat to the established male-dominated power structure. Illiteracy denies women further educational opportunities, and thus their ability to reach their full potential.

The south-western state of Kerala in India provides an excellent example of the impact of high female literacy rates. Life is not perfect in Kerala, but it has the highest literacy rate in India (94% cf. 66% for females in India overall), the highest sex ratio in India (that is, an almost equal number of males and females), the lowest positive birth rate, and the lowest infant mortality rate in India. It also has the highest life expectancy in India.

Literacy is at the heart of the United Nations' *Education for All* campaign because a:

- ◆ good quality basic education equips pupils with literacy skills for life and further learning;
- ◆ literate parents are more likely to send their children to school;
- ◆ literate people are better able to access continuing educational opportunities; and
- ◆ literate societies are better geared to meet pressing development.

We in Zonta clubs around the world can be proud of our record of supporting programs aimed at raising the status of women through literacy programs.



Zonta Club Brisbane North Inc.

TRIVIA NIGHT

Lots of prizes and raffles

Make up your own table of 8 or join up
with others

7.15pm, 21st September, 2013
Little Flower Church Parish Hall,
80 Turner Rd, Kedron

Beer, wine, soft drinks and snacks for sale

Entry \$20/ per person or \$140/ table of 8
and evening supper provided

RSVP by 9th September by
emailing Trish: tdesmarchelier@bigpond.com
or phoning Therese: 3857 1741 or
0407 141365 (mobile)



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