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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Dear Zontians

Well, that was one of the quickest months of 2020.

Happy New Year! May the coming year be full of grand adventures and opportunities for all.

What a lovely evening we had for our last 2020 function....The Christmas Dinner Party. It is always such a pleasant evening sharing great company with Zontians & HonZons and delicious Mains and beautiful Deserts prepared lovingly by our members. The weather gods did prevent us from enjoying the wonderful garden of Robin & John Powell's but the Woodhill Hall sparkled and was a wonderful last minute venue.

We have a busy start to the year

- ◆ Our Cheese & Wine Afternoon this Saturday @ 3 pm, we would love if you brought a friend or a prospective member along with some wine and cheese to share, always a great afternoon.
- ◆ We are looking forward to the reviewing and selecting the Young Women in Public Affairs applicants prior to announcing the winner at our International Women's Day function at the Beaudesert RSL on the 5th March.
- ◆ With our planning for International Women's Day well underway we look forward to hearing our Guest Speaker, Sue Wighton.

Some news from our DG – Bridget Mather

- ◆ ZI have a new Webinar series 'Remarkable Women, Powerful Stories' Each month, hear a remarkable woman share her achievements and personal story. This event is prominent in EVENTS on the Zonta International Website.
- ◆ **International Statement on Events in Washington.** Zonta Internationalcondemns the violence we witnessed in Washington, DC on 6 January and reject violence of any kind as a form of protest, both in this instance and in other instances and events around the world. Instead, we believe in the power of our collective advocacy to promote justice and universal respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, and the advancement of understanding, goodwill, and peace, as stated in our objects. It is through the democratic process and legislative action that we will continue to use our voices in pursuit of our mission and in support of women and girls everywhere. The full statement is available at this [link](#).

DATE CLAIMERS

Saturday 16th January

Wine & Cheese at Alice's
3.00 -5.00 pm

Tuesday 19th January

Board/General Meeting
RSL at 5.00/6.00 pm
Janice Pellinkoff is our guest
speaker

Thursday 28th January

Coffee at a venue TBD



Always remember that you are absolutely unique. Just like everyone else." -Margaret Mead

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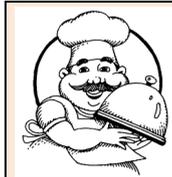
- ◆ Celebrating a great Zontian we are encouraged to change our email signature blocks to for Amelia Earhart month. ***This January, we honour famed Zontian Amelia Earhart. Learn more about our Fellowship that expands the horizons for women pursuing Ph.D./doctoral degrees in aerospace engineering and space sciences at: www.zonta.org/AEFellowship.***

Looking forward to seeing you all again on Tuesday evening for our Board & General Meetings.

Yours in Zonta

Michelle

***Next Dinner Meeting
Tuesday 19th January 2021
at
Beaudesert R.S.L at 6:30 pm
Committees will meet at 6:00 pm
Board will meet at 5.00 pm***



Please order your meals before the meeting.

We are back to letting **Pam** know if we are an **apology**.

Txt or call on 0432 192 212— or email her on prograss@bigpond.com preferably by Monday arvo.



There is only one in **January** and it is the lovely Carolyn whose special day is 30th.

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In February, Libby celebrates on the 2nd, with Joan on the 10th, followed by Anthea on the 13th....

MANY HAPPY RETURNS TO YOU ALL



Thursday, 28th January is the date of our next coffee morning.

At the meeting we'll decide where to go.

Member's Biographies: This month it is Margaret Dennis who joined Zonta in 1997.



I was born at the Beaudesert Hospital in 1942 and am the second oldest of four siblings.

Growing up, my siblings and I would ride our horses to Glenapp school. When I was 12 years old I swapped my horse for a bike and rode four miles from home to Rathdowney School. While I was still in primary school, I would spend one day a week at the Domestic Science School in Beaudesert where Mrs Lloyd taught us basic cooking and sewing skills. The the first garment I made was an apron and then I learnt to make dresses, which I would wear to school.

My family and I grew up on a dairy and small crop farm at Running Creek. My sister and I did most of the milking. We would milk approximately 80 cows by machine. I also minded the cows on the lucerne while waiting for the cows to graze for half an hour. I would fill in time by doing some fancy work (embroidery). I also would pick the potatoes, pumpkin and corn at the farm.

My mother taught me to sew my own dresses to wear to the dances. At the age of 16, I joined the Junior Farmers Club (which was later called the Rural Youth Club). The Junior Farmers was a club for youth in the country. We visited other clubs and they held competitions; ploughing for the boys and dressmaking for the girls.

In 1959, when I was 17 years old, I was lucky to win a dressmaking competition at Red Comb House, Brisbane. There were 20 other female contestants from all over Queensland. We modelled our dresses with accessories including hats, gloves, hand-bags, stockings and shoes on the catwalk in front of the judges. The judge stated that no fault could be found with my dress. My prize was a Sunbeam Mixmaster. We all enjoyed a week in Brisbane all expenses paid, as we were the guests of Queensland Country Women's Association. We had a busy week of lectures on deportment, beauty, hair styling, cooking and interior design.

I met my husband Burton at the Junior Farmers Club meetings in Beaudesert. We married in 1962 and lived at "Scrubview", Collins Creek Road, Mundoolun. I helped Burton to muster 300 head of cattle to the dip and branding yards by horse back or motorbike. Burton and I have three children, David, Julie and Warren.

When the children grew up, got married and left home, to fill in time, I was asked to do some sewing for Dolly Boutique, and I also decided to learn art. I worked at Myers Carindale in the makeup department for a short time. I also worked at Mary Thorpe Boutique in Mount Gravatt serving and sewing dresses for school formals.

After painting for 14 years, I was often found with my easel, paints and brushes at Jimboomba Shopping Centre. In 1995 I was offered a shop in Centre 9 Beaudesert to sell my paintings and teach art to adults and children.

I painted local historical buildings and street scenes of Beaudesert in the 1900's from black and white photocopies to colour, using oil paint. I also painted landscapes and flowers. My art studio was open for a number of years. After I closed my studio in Beaudesert I taught art at Spotlight for a few years until Burton retired.

I have been happy to be a member of Zonta for 23 years and look forward to the years to come.

I'm sure you have all received your Zontian magazine by now and, like me are impressed by all the bios of this biennium's International Board.

I also enjoyed reading the Governor's stories— I totally align with Beatrice Shori who wrote " I joined Zonta for the cause and stayed for the friendships". Another thing to notice is the maps and the area they all cover!!!

It was certainly a very "Zonta" informative magazine this time.

Our Gourmet Goodies fundraising stall and the Christmas party at Woodhill Hall

