



BeauZontian

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DATE CLAIMERS

Tuesday 19th October

Board/General Meeting
The Club at 5.00/6.30 pm
Committee meetings 6.00pm

Thursday 28th October

Coffee at VK's

Saturday 30th October

Coffee morning tea at Anne
Beulah's home for Beucare's
"Take Time" project.

25th November—

10th December

16 Days of Activism

25th November

An activism event TBA

June 25—29, 2022

Zonta's 65th Convention
Hamburg, Germany



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Dear Zontians

With another very successful fund raiser under our belt, congratulations to the High Tea committee, what a wonderful event. With close to 100 guests enjoying the gorgeous gardens of Robin and John's and the catering was sumptuous as always. The fashions from Kalico Country were lovely and the well received by our guests.

We enjoyed the memberships committee Trivia after our jam-packed meeting last month, congratulations!



The Birthing Kit Assembly Day this Saturday morning is sorted, it sounds like the preparations of the folding the black plastic have been very industrious. I would like to thank our Zontians who have contributed their time and effort so far, and you're your efforts on Saturday morning. McAuley College have once again provided invaluable funds and a wonderful venue for us to finish the last 500 after the students packed the first 500 on Bojaxhiu day, looks like they had a wonderful time packing the kits.

With our Gourmet Goodies just around the corner, donations of raffle prizes are open, it would be great to have our hampers ready soon. Please start to think about your contributions to the day, lists will be available at the next two meetings to help organisers.

We look forward to our morning tea fundraising event for Beucare's Mental Health week to be held at Anne's on the 30th of October.

With the Elevator Speech Pitch submitted, we look forward to the outcome on 22nd October.

Don't forget to tune into the **Remarkable Women Powerful Stories** hosted by Lynne Foley OAM a part of the leadership series, enjoy the achievements and personal stories of these amazing women.

See you Next Tuesday!

Yours in Zonta

Michelle

Don't dream your life — live your dream. Mark Twain

Don't forget to let Pam know if you are not going to be at the meeting.

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

We'll meet again at VK's at 10.00 am.

TRIVIA was so popular we are going to do it again, maybe in January...

TIME TO TALK ABOUT CHRISTMAS...

RAFFLE: As usual it is the **October** meeting that is best to donate to our Christmas raffle. We need to set up at least the 1st prize so we can photograph it and have that at our selling sites through November. Looking for Xmas orientated things from food to decorations. Each member will be given a book of 9 tickets to sell to friends.

One thing to keep in mind, each year it is a bit of a struggle to come up with baskets, especially for 1st prize. So if you win anything during the year with a basket and feel like donating it, please remember us.

GOURMET GOODIES: For our newer members, our stall at the December markets is a major fundraiser for our club. Most of us make the same things each year but new ideas are appreciated.

Our mantra is "presentation is everything" so we like to make everything look special.

Check out our fb page and search "gourmet goodies" to look at our earlier efforts.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/329276094106019/search/?q=Gourmet%20goodies>



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Follow the link

<http://zonta.orgremarkablewomenpowerfulstories>

Next Guest is **Helen Clark**

5pm CDT Wednesday, 27 October



Can you believe it, there are no members with birthdays in October or November!

Let me know if I missed one...



District 22 Governor:

Bridget Mather

District 22 Website:

<http://www.zontadistrict22.org>

Area 3 Director:

Jo Diessel

Since she joined in 2016 Carolyn Shirley has been a valued member of our group.



The dairy farmers daughter...

I am a fourth-generation Buckley born and bred in Beaudesert. I was the second child of 5 siblings raised on a dairy farm at Echo Hills, Laravale. I did all the jobs kids did on dairies in those days, rising early for milking each morning from bucket rearing calves, to feeding pigs and chooks; no sleep-ins are allowed here only on your birthday!

My earliest memories are riding from our dairy to Laravale School on our ponies each morning, taking approximately 1 hour through neighbouring properties. My Shetland pony was very cantankerous, and I endured many busters on the ride to and from school! My older brother and I would let our ponies graze at Russell Todd's farm for the day, attend school, saddle up in the afternoon, and head home just in time for afternoon milking. I would say I was an average student considering I never topped my grade but not last in our class of 3! There were probably 40 kids at Laravale School, and everyone was off a dairy farm.

As years went on, Mum and Dad bought an old USA army jeep, and we would all pile in that to go to school. Sometimes we had to walk home on the Mt Lindesay Highway and up Echo Hills road carrying our mail and a hessian sack of bread. Needless to say, sometimes this arrived home with handfuls of bread taken out of the middle of the loaf!! To this day, I love fresh loaf bread!! I learnt to swim in the creek, the old 'sink or swim method' with our parents watching close by, although neither could swim.

Beaudesert High School was my schooling for Grade 8 and then a boarder at The Star of the Sea at Southport, following my Grandmother's footsteps. Being a Catholic school run by the Sisters of Mercy, we got plenty of Religion through the week plus daily Mass AND twice on a Sunday! I enjoyed being a boarder except for the food. We even went on strike about the food once, resulting in a boiled egg for dinner every night for two weeks! After being made to go to Confession for our evil deeds, no more strike action ever followed! Boarding school taught me valuable life skills like being tolerant of different cultures and personalities. Most of the classes were conducted by the Nuns, who stood no nonsense!

I studied Commercial Studies, which included Shorthand, Typing and Bookkeeping. Luckily these subjects were taught by the only lay teacher there. She greatly influenced me as she worked to travelled throughout Europe and the UK using her skills as a Shorthand typist. Being a 13-year-old girl, this seemed like a dream, and I made it my goal to travel one day.

Upon leaving Boarding School, my first job was at Cloonan Bros Newsagency over the Christmas holidays. I saved and saved and finally had enough money for my first overseas trip – a two-week cruise to the Pacific Islands at 16 years of age. I travelled on my own; I loved the whole idea of travelling. Following my cruise, I worked as a typist at the Beaudesert Shire Council in the rates department before moving to Primaries Mactaggart, the local stock and station agents in town. For some six years, I worked and finally saved enough before heading off to my long-awaited European adventure. I was on a budget Contiki camping trip to Europe, again on my own, and it was everything I had imagined. The food (real spaghetti, not Heinz's out of a tin!), the history and the culture – at last, I found my passion, Travel. Since then, I have done a lot of travelling on my own and in groups.

I moved to Brisbane after the European to live and work, however I ended up meeting my husband Kevin at the Railway Hotel at a Pink Disco. So much for travelling the world to end up with a local farmer! We dated for some seven years (too busy travelling to do this marrying stuff) and finally married in 1989. We built our house at Veresdale and raised two wonderful daughters. I worked part time at a Doctor's surgery during their school years, having a special saving account for holidays. I have tried to instil in my daughters to travel and be aware of what's outside their own environment and make them more understanding of people and situations.

I became the Practice Manager when the girls left school, a position I held until my retirement a few years ago. Over the years, I have managed to travel extensively, even stepping out of my comfort zone to backpack through India, celebrating my 60th birthday at the Taj Mahal with my eldest daughter Emma. Of all my fondest memories from that trip, Dehli belly is not one of them!

More backpacking followed through Spain, Portugal, Morocco and Vietnam. Kevin is now a converted traveller having his first overseas trip to Germany, a win-win for him as there was plenty of beer and sausages! I have met many amazing and interesting people in our travels from around the world and have even attended some of their weddings in Ireland, Germany and the UK. Due to Covid19, this has all come to a sudden stop – I was actually in Amsterdam with my youngest daughter Clare when we got the call to catch the first flight home because of the pandemic. One good thing that has come out of Covid is our beautiful granddaughter Polly now five months old.

I joined Zonta some five years ago after attending an International Women's Day luncheon at the RSL. I love being involved in this Club and have been a Treasurer and Committee Leader. Most of all, I enjoy the friendships I have made and being involved in the fundraisers.

Take Time for Mental Health is an initiative of Beaucare during Mental Health week and we are holding a morning tea at Anne Beulah's, 21–23 Borrowdale Crt Mundoolun on **Saturday, 30th October**, between 10 am and 1.00 pm. Please bring something to eat/drink and there will be a donation box on the table. Feel free to bring a friend but let us know for numbers.



Thanks to Beaudesert Times and Beaudesert Bulletin for these great photos. Guests, workers, models and hosts. It was a great day.

