



BeauZontian

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Dear fellow Zontians,

November is already here and we are approaching a very busy time for our club. Jane, Ellen and I spent a pleasant morning selling raffle tickets for our Christmas hampers last Friday and we started the ball rolling. I hope as many of you as possible can add your names to the roster so that we can get a great many tickets sold before the Gourmet Goodies Day at Beaudesert Markets on 2nd December.

On 2nd November the Office for Women and Domestic Violence Reform released *The Queensland Violence against Women Prevention Plan 2016-22*. The Plan has been designed to address the gendered nature of violence against women and represents the final piece of the Queensland policy framework to address violence against women and children in Queensland. Interested members should obtain a copy of the plan from www.communities.qld.gov.au.

The 8th November is the birthday of Zonta International. From small beginnings in Buffalo USA in 1919 Zonta has grown to 30,000 members in 1,200 clubs in 66 countries. We will celebrate the centenary in 2019. But prior to that, we will need to think about how we will celebrate our Club's 30th birthday in 2018. The planning for this will need to happen next year, so ideas will be sought from you all early in the new year.

The 25th November is the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women. Zonta Clubs traditionally mark this important November day by holding 16 Days of Activism to raise awareness about violence against women and its impact on women's physical, psychological, social and spiritual well-being. Here in the Beaudesert Area we will commence our activism to raise awareness of domestic violence issues on the 25th (also White Ribbon Day) with displays outside the Mitre 10 Store in William Street. Details will be worked out at our November meeting.

There was an interesting item on ABC Radio recently relating to the possibility that bones discovered on Nikumaroro Island in 1941 may have been those of Amelia Earhart. At the time, the theory was dismissed, as it was thought they were male remains. However, after recent forensic anthropological evaluation, The International Group for Historical Aircraft Recovery (TIGHAR) now suggests that the partial skeleton could have been that of Amelia Earhart. It is thought she may have lived as a castaway on the island for a time after her aircraft came down. After listening to the story on the radio, I looked it up on Google. You may find it interesting to read about, as she is an inspirational former member of Zonta.

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I have attempted to create a Facebook page for our club, although it is still linked to my own page and somehow we will need to work out how to make it independent of me. There are a couple of photos on there already and Michelle, Denise and I are members so far. If you are on Facebook, have a look at it and register as a member. If nothing else, it is an easy way for us to share all those lovely photos that Ellen takes at our functions and activities.

Looking forward to catching up on Tuesday evening.

Yours in Zonta

Anne

Our Dinner meeting is next Tuesday, 15th with the Board meeting at 5.00 pm followed by our committee meetings at 6.00 pm and our general meeting starts at 6.30 pm. Don't forget to let Pam know by Monday if you are unable to make it.

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This coffee morning we are going to have try an "away" one. **Thursday, 24th November** at **10.00 am** and we will be going to the **Metz Café in Canungra**. It is next to the shoe shop, another good reason to visit Canungra

We will discuss travel arrangements on Tuesday night.

Wow, didn't we have a great result at the garage sale, over \$500! I know that mostly in the village people took between 200 and 300 so I didn't brag. But well done to Ellen who mainly ran it with other help here and there.



It's nearly time for our Gourmet Goodies stand at the markets on 3rd December and more importantly, the Christmas raffle. Thanks for all the contributions to the raffle but what is really needed is a couple more people to sell on the Thursdays and Fridays leading up to the market day where I guess Alice will take on her usual role of "superseller". Please contact Ellen to let her know you are available.

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| November | 15 th | Dinner meeting at RSL |
| | 19 th | Wine & Cheese membership afternoon: Alice's at 3.00 pm |
| | 24 th | Coffee at Metz Café at Canungra: 10.00 am. |
| | 25 th | International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women (White Ribbon Day) |
| December | 3 rd | Gourmet Goodies stall at the markets |
| | 11 th | Christmas party at Robin Powell's: 4.00 pm |

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From the ZI website..

Zonta International celebrates 97 years of changing lives of women and girls
8th November 2016

Zonta International was established on 8th November 1919. Early members were among the first generation of college-educated women, the first generation of North American women to vote, and a part of the growing, though still comparatively small, legion of women entering the workforce. Today, 97 years later, Zonta is a leading global organization of professionals, empowering women worldwide through service and advocacy with nearly 1,200 clubs and nearly 30,000 members in 66 countries.

Throughout its history, Zonta has provided more than US\$31 million to empower women and expand their access to education, health care, economic opportunities and safe living conditions.

We are grateful to all of our members and supporters who have allowed Zonta to continue its life-changing work for nearly a century.

Zonta International responds to appointment of Wonder Woman as UN Honorary Ambassador for Empowerment of Women and Girls

28 October 2016

Last week, the United Nations announced that Wonder Woman, a fictitious comic character, had been named an Honorary Ambassador for the Empowerment of Women and Girls. This new “ambassador” would be tasked with raising awareness about Sustainable Development Goal 5: Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls.

This appointment was met with disbelief by women’s organizations, UN staff and others. In response, Zonta International President Sonja Hönig Schough sent a letter to Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon, asking him to reconsider the appointment and to give Goal 5 a serious, real-life role model that can bring the necessary and appropriate attention to Goal No. 5 and global gender equality challenges. Below is an excerpt from President Sonja’s letter to the Secretary-General.

“When we read that Wonder Woman, a fictional character, was appointed by the United Nations as an Honorary Ambassador for the Empowerment of Women and Girls, we thought it was a joke. Unfortunately, we soon discovered it was true. This highly sexualized cartoon, often dressed in parts of the U.S. flag, shall be tasked with raising awareness about Goal No. 5 of the Sustainable Development Goals.

“At a time when issues such as gender parity in senior UN roles and the prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse of women and girls is at the top of the UN agenda, this appointment is an insult to women all over the world and should be an embarrassment for UN leadership. Zonta International asks you to reconsider the appointment of Wonder Woman as the Honorary Ambassador for the empowerment of women and girls. This role is far too important to be filled by a fictitious character. We need a real-life female role model that women and girls around the world can look up to.”



Facebook: We are on fb at last! So please become a member. All you have to do is log on to fb, type in Zonta Club of Beaudesert Area and click on “request Membership”. So far there are only 3 of us, and I know there is a bit of work to be done on the site but at least we have started.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE: We are having a wine & cheese afternoon at Alice’s on 19th November at 3.00 pm. Please ask a couple of women even just for a social afternoon and they aren’t interested in joining – YET!

Please notice my new email address below

Would you like to put something in the newsletter? Let me know by the Wednesday before the dinner meeting. oleanderdm@bigpond.com

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