

ZONTA  
CLUB



Beaudesert Area

# BeauZontian

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Dear Fellow Zontians,

Oh my – we are nearly through another year – how did it all happen? Some of us have had a difficult year, one way or another – but we have come through. You have to be pleased when you are still upright every morning!

Looking forward to seeing you all at the RSL on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November for our monthly meeting, then of course, coffee at Beaudesert Café on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November and White Ribbon Day at 10am on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 2012. Do please come to White Ribbon Day. Much work has gone into making it so special and we thank all those children who contributed, the teachers from St Mary's and Beaudesert Primary School who co-ordinated organising all the drawings and Gerry Gimblett and the staff at Beaudesert Primary School for hosting the final function and launch of the 2013 Calendar. Everyone approached has been generous with their support along with Department of Communities, WAVSS, Centacare, Network Video and of course – our Ellen! We will discuss at our dinner meeting if we wish to make this project a bi-annual event, so give the matter some thought.

Denise and I attended the Beaudesert State High School Awards Night on 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2012. An absolutely inspirational evening and Justice Jim Henry – an old boy of the School, was one of the best guest speakers I have ever heard. Congratulations to Michelle whose daughter will be one of the School Vice Captains for 2013. Children do not achieve on their own, so well done Mum and Dad. I was gratified to see how far the School stretched our Zonta donation with several young women taking home Zonta prizes.

Raffle tickets are being sold – Ellen is the go to person if you can offer an hour or so. I have the raffle prize baskets here at work – do bring in your donations and then I can see what I will need to do to 'top' them up before Gourmet Goodies on December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012. The girls are making steady progress with ticket sales and it all helps.

I am still scanning the sky for much needed rain – surely it will come soon.

Yours in Zonta,

*Alene Harley 13.11.2012*

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Please let Denise know if you are unable to attend this month's dinner by 9 pm Monday evening 19<sup>th</sup> October. If you don't let Denise know – then it is expected that you will pay \$25 for your meal (that everyone else enjoyed!)

Denise can be contacted by phone 55413943 or 0419348466

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Sarah Smith 26<sup>th</sup> November  
Denise Martin 6<sup>th</sup> December  
Susan Topping 6<sup>th</sup> December



**COFFEE & CHAT  
MORNING**

*Thursday 22nd  
November*

*10am*

*At*

*Beaudesert Cafe!!*

A CUP OF  
COFFEE  
SHARED WITH  
A FRIEND IS  
HAPPINESS  
TASTED AND  
TIME WELL  
SPENT.



**Don't forget the upcoming  
Beaudesert Markets. Saturday  
1<sup>st</sup> December. Christmas  
goodies wanted to make the  
day a success.**



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Ellen has arranged for a Christmas Raffle. She requires help with the selling of tickets prior to the Beaudesert Markets.

Suggested times are as follows:

- Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November - Shays Pharmacy
- Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November – Woolworths
- Monday 19<sup>th</sup> November – Woolworths
- Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November – Shays Pharmacy
- Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November – Shays Pharmacy
- Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November – Beaudesert Fair Shopping Centre
- Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November – Beaudesert Fair Shopping Centre



***Please contact Ellen on 5543 1223 or 0408 431 223 if you are able to help out at all.***



It's our birthday on 8 November! Today, nearly 30,000 members in more than 1,200 Zonta clubs in 63 countries around the world will commemorate the 93<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of Zonta International, founded on 8 November 1919 in Buffalo, New

York, USA. It is a day for all of us, as Zontians, to reflect on our history, celebrate our achievements, and recommit ourselves to our mission to advance the status of women worldwide through service and advocacy.



In conjunction with White Ribbon Day the Zonta Club of Beaudesert Area will officially launch the **“Beaudesert Says Expect Respect” 2013 Calendar** to raise awareness of the effects of domestic violence.

The calendar features the art work of local school children and will be distributed to all families in both the Beaudesert State Primary School and St Mary’s Primary School.

This is a free community event with light refreshments  
RSVP or further enquiries please contact Ellen on 0408 431 223

For more about White Ribbon Day go to [www.whiteribbonday.org.au](http://www.whiteribbonday.org.au)  
This project was made possible with support from  
Dept of Communities, WAVSS, CentaCare, Network Video,  
Beaudesert State Primary School & St Mary’s Primary School.

**When 10am—12pm, 23 November 2012**  
**Where Beaudesert State Primary School**  
**Assembly Hall, entry via Eaglesfield Street**

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## Violence Against Women

November 25 marks International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women. There are a variety of resources for information on the topic of violence against women that can help you increase awareness and take action. Violence against women takes many forms; domestic violence, trafficking, female genital mutilation and violence during conflict, but the list doesn't end there. The price paid for this violence is astonishing. According to the United Nations, the cost of intimate partner violence in the United States alone exceeds US\$5.8 billion per year: US\$4.1 billion is for direct medical and health care services, while productivity losses account for nearly US\$1.8 billion. They also note that in Uganda, where Zonta International supported a project aimed at the elimination of burns violence against women, the cost of domestic violence was estimated at US\$2.5 million in 2007. UN Women's statistics state that in Australia, violence against women and children costs an estimated US\$11.38 billion per year.

The Council of Europe's website for their Campaign To Combat Violence Against Women, Including Domestic Violence, suggests that one-fifth to one-quarter of all women have experienced physical violence at least once during their adult lives, and more than one-tenth have suffered sexual violence involving the use of force. These staggering statistics make it clear that efforts need to continue in the fight to end violence against women.

Resources for information on violence against women:

[Council of Europe](#)

[United Nations](#)

[World Health Organization](#)

[UN Women](#)



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## From Denise 😊

Ladies a bit of feedback from Beaucare re the money we donated for disadvantaged young women. I think you will agree that the money has been put to good use.

- Provided additional household support to a young woman who was establishing an independent house after a period of transient and unsafe accommodation;
- Purchased school shoes and learning aids for a young woman whose mother has a mental illness. This reduced the stress on the young woman who was considering leaving school as a result of being non-compliant with school uniform policy and unable to complete her learning tasks.
- Contributed towards household establishment costs of a mother leaving a domestic violence situation
- Provided some foodstuffs to 2 young women who are experiencing unstable housing situations.
- Will be purchasing some toiletries, towels and linen as part of our support for an emergency accommodation house in our community used to shelter women transitioning from domestic violence refuges.



## A Parent's Night Before Christmas

'Twas the night before Christmas when all through the house  
I searched for the tools to hand to my spouse.  
Instructions were studied and we were inspired,  
In hopes we could manage "Some Assembly Required."  
The children were quiet (not asleep) in their beds,  
While Dad and I faced the evening with dread:  
A kitchen, two bikes, Barbie's town house to boot!  
And, thanks to Grandpa, a train with a toot!

We opened the boxes, my heart skipped a beat....  
Let no parts be missing or parts incomplete!  
Too late for last-minute returns or replacement;  
If we can't get it right, it goes in the basement!

When what to my worrying eyes should appear,  
But 50 sheets of directions, concise, but not clear,  
With each part numbered and every slot named,  
So if we failed, only we could be blamed.

More rapid than eagles the parts then fell out,  
All over the carpet they were scattered about.  
"Now bolt it! Now twist it! Attach it right there!  
Slide on the seats, and staple the stair!  
Hammer the shelves, and nail to the stand."  
"Honey," said hubby, "you just glued my hand."

And then in a twinkling, I knew for a fact  
That all the toy dealers had indeed made a pact  
To keep parents busy all Christmas Eve night  
With "assembly required" till morning's first light.

We spoke not a word, but kept bent at our work,  
Till our eyes, they went bleary; our fingers all hurt.  
The coffee went cold and the night, it wore thin  
Before we attached the last rod and last pin.

Then laying the tools away in the chest,  
We fell into bed for a well-deserved rest.  
But I said to my husband just before I passed out,  
"This will be the best Christmas, without any doubt.

Tomorrow we'll cheer, let the holiday ring,  
And not have to run to the store for a thing!  
We did it! We did it! The toys are all set  
For the perfect, most perfect, Christmas, I bet!"

Then off to dreamland and sweet repose I gratefully went,  
Though I suppose there's something to say for those self-deluded...  
I'd forgotten that batteries are never included!  
Author Unknown



## Funny Christmas Song Titles

Here are 12 Carols that we probably won't be singing this Christmas.

1. We three kings of porridge and tar.
2. On the first day of Christmas, my tulip gave to me.
3. Sleep in heavenly peas.
4. He's making a list, chicken and rice.
5. You'll go down in Listerine.
6. Noel, Noel, Barney's the King of Israel.
7. Olive, the other reindeer...
8. Frosty the Snowman is a ferret elf, I say.
9. Oh, what fun it is to ride with one horse, soap and hay.
10. In the meadow we can build a snowman; then pretend that he is sparse and brown.
11. Come, froggy faithful.
12. Deck the halls with Buddy Holly.

