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President's Report

Karen Shepherd

Hi Ladies,

Our movie premiere "Unbroken" was well attended by 90 guests and we all had a wonderful time. A very confronting film but most interesting.

117 guests attended our Australia Day Breakfast and again we had a wonderful time, beautiful weather and great company. A very special surprise for us all was Valerie Rose being awarded an OAM (Order of Australia Medal) for 'Services to Community Health', congratulations once again Valerie.

The tickets for our International Women's Day Breakfast are going on sale at Style Shoes from Monday 9th February, please remember that tickets are very limited this year.

Sandy Venn-Brown (our Area 4 Director) and her husband Steven will be our guests on 17th February, and Sandy will explain to us the responsibilities of Board positions.

Regards

Karen

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Zonta Rose Day - 8 March

Zontians around the world have a very special reason to celebrate. Our efforts have made and continue to make a difference in the lives of women everywhere.

8 March is a day to reflect on the achievements of the past year and prepare for the challenges ahead of us to advance the status of women worldwide.

The United Nations established International Women's Day in 1977 to celebrate the rights of women and international peace. However, its history stretches back to the early 1900s, when women's organisations used the day to rally support for their causes: from the universal suffrage movement to the protest of poor working conditions. You can read more about the history of International Women's Day here.

Today, Zonta Clubs around the world create annual events that:

- Celebrate progress made and outline future steps to improve women's equality;
- Unite women's organisations to encourage collaboration;
- Generate contributions for the Zonta International Foundation Rose Fund;
- Create visibility for the organisation.

Celebrate Zonta Rose Day by making a donation to the Zonta International Rose Fund in honor of someone who has positively impacted your life. By honoring a family member, friend, colleague or mentor, you will be helping empower more women and girls around the world. <u>Make a donation here</u>.

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Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month

Each year in Australia Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month is held in February to raise awareness of ovarian cancer and to recognise women, their families and friends affected by ovarian cancer.

Throughout the month Ovarian Cancer Australia hosts a range of activities and events to raise awareness and funds for their support, awareness, advocacy and research programs.

Teal Ribbon Day takes place on Wednesday, 25 February in 2015.

Find out more at the site.

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Current Campaigns

These are the campaigns our district and club are currently involved with:

Young Woman's Bursary

Each year the club invites applications for the Young Woman's Bursary from girls making the transition from Year 10 into Year 11 at a Warwick District School. The aim of the bursary is to provide financial assistance to a girl who may be considering leaving school due to financial pressures.

Young Women in **Public Affairs**

The goal of Zonta International Young Women in Public Affairs is to encourage more young women to participate in public affairs by recognising a commitment to the volunteer sector. evidence of volunteer leadership achievements and a dedication to the advancement of the status of women. The program works at the club, district and international levels.

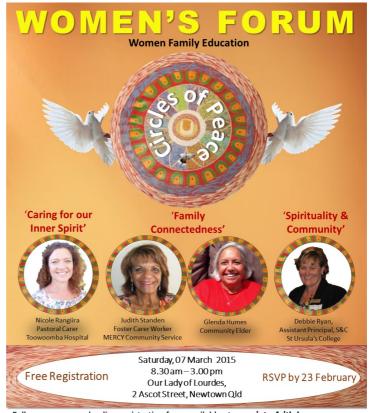
Birthing Kit Assembly

The club continues to fundraise for and

Forthcoming Events

International Women's Day Breakfast - 5 March:

To be held at Horizons Restaurant, Southern Downs TAFE.



Full programme and online registration form available at www.interfaith-harmony.org Please contact us at mfmcc.pllc@gmail.com or call us at 4659 8054 for more information.













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Birthing Kits each
year. These are sent
by the Birthing Kit
Foundation to areas of
need throughout the
world.

Breast Care Cushion Project

The club works with Queensland Corrective Services, giving the materials needed for breast care cushions to women prisoners who then sew the cushions as part of their community service work. The cushions are then provided to the Toowoomba Hospital for their breast care patients and they provide immense relief to patients who have lost a breast to cancer.

Fundraising Projects

Our club also has ongoing involvement in local projects we support via fundraising efforts including Warwick Safe Haven, Olive **McMahon Cancer** Lodge, and the International Women's **Development** Agency to promote sustainable cottage industries run by women in Timor.



Rotary Club movie night

Birthdays



February:

13 - Nola

March:

13 - Sally and Janet

14 - Karen



Happenings on Facebook

<u>Priscilla Sitienei - Kenya's oldest primary school student</u> - At Leaders Vision Preparatory School in Ndalat, Kenya, one student stands out from the rest -- 90-year-old Priscilla Sitienei!

<u>Anita Coby</u> - February marks the 29th anniversary of Anita Coby's brutal murder in Blacktown, Sydney by five young men. We shared how her sister Kathryn continues to fight against violence against women.

The Super Bowl presented its first-ever commercial addressing domestic and sexual violence using the original 911 call of a DV victim. The ad aired live during the first break after second quarter of NFL Super Bowl XLIX on February 1, 2015. See it here. It is very powerful.

We shared an inspirational TEDx talk by Susan Colantuono - <u>The career advice you probably didn't get.</u>

Past Event - Australia Day Breakfast

Our Australia Day Breakfast was a huge success this year with 115 adults, 3 children and 3 babies in attendance!

Held on 26 January at Mary Johnston's house by the river it was a fantastic way to start Australia Day Celebrations! As mentioned in the President's report, a lovely surprise was Valerie Rose receiving an OAM for "Service to Community Health" - well done Valerie!

Here are some photos from the event!

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Committee Notes/Jottings

November Raffle: won by Louise Cox who will donate the prize for the February dinner meeting.

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The Advocacy Committee is currently working on the Young Women in Public Affairs Award and has distributed applications to our local High Schools.

Thank you to Jenny Eldridge for all her hard work coordinating this project. The Application Packages were delivered with a closing date 20 February, 2015 and the Award to be presented at IWD Breakfast 5 March, 2015.

Service Committee:

The Service Committee has been working on the International Women's Day Breakfast to be held on Thursday 5 March. The venue has been secured: Horizons Restaurant at Southern Downs TAFE and they are currently arranging the guest speaker.

Calendar of Events

MARCH

International Women's Day Breakfast - Horizons Restaurant, Southern Downs TAFE Area 4 Workshop, Dalby

Next Dinner Meeting:

(3rd Tuesday of each month)

17th February - Cafe Jacquis, 6.15 for 6.30pm start.

Guest speaker: Sandy Venn-Brown, Area 4 Director

Please contact Sally on <u>daveandsallycarr@hotmail.com</u> or text message to **0421 782 962** by **Sunday 15**th **February**, to advise if you are bringing guests OR if you **cannot attend**.

Next Board Meeting

(1st Tuesday of each month)

<u>Feb</u>: 3rd February at 5.00 pm (approx 5.00-6.30pm). Board Meetings are held at Betta Bilt Showroom (next door to Daily News in Albion Street).

Mar: 3rd March at 5.00pm

All members are welcome to attend Board meetings.

Board 2014/2015

President:Karen ShepherdVice President:Jenny Eldridge2nd Vice President:Rosa HardyMinutes Secretary:Leanne OlsenCorrespondence Secretary:Jacinta FrommTreasurer:Louise CoxAssistant Treasurer:Rhonda Betts

Directors: Dee Mayo; Nola Roach; Sally Carr

Archivist: Mary Goyne

Newsletter: Jacinta Fromm; Lyn Prowse-Bishop

Committees 2014/2015

Service:

Rosa Hardy (Chair), Jenny Loy, Faye Marley, Karen Shepherd, June Stewart, Jacinta Fromm, Dorothy Haig.

Membership:

Jen-Rose Holmes (Chair), Nola Roach, Mary Goyne, Louise Cox, Dee Mayo, Lois James, Louise Clarke.

Advocacv:

Sally Carr (Chair), Jenny Eldridge, Leanne Olsen, Mary Johnson, Valerie Rose, Rhonda Betts, Lyn Prowse-Bishop, Janet Forbes.

Nominating Committee:

Jacinta Fromm, Louise Cox

District 22 Governor: Judith Trevan-Hawke

Area 4 Director: Sandra Venn-Brown

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