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Newsletter September 2015

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President's Report

Jacinta Fromm

Hi Ladies,

The highlight of August was definitely our Prospective Members' Night, at which we welcomed 6 women who have expressed an interest in learning more about Zonta. Many members embraced the Mexican theme, and June's dining area was beautifully decorated with piñatas, cacti, and sombreros – this really set the mood for a fun night. My sincere thanks to Jenny and the Membership Committee for promoting our club to local women. And very big thank you to June and Rosa for catering – the 3-course meal was delicious!

We are currently planning to host a breakfast during the 16 Days of Activism to raise awareness of Zonta Says No to Violence Against Women campaign. Service Committee is liaising with possible guest speakers, and with the Board are discussing partnering with local supporters and potential projects for the funds raised. I have invited Tamara Thompson from Domestic Violence Action Centre to attend our next Dinner Meeting – she will present information on this new service in Warwick.

I am not aware of any members attending the District 22 Conference in October, but if you have decided to attend – please let me know by next meeting. You will have

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received nominations for District Office, and motions to be presented at Conference.

We will discuss these at the next meeting so that we can advise our delegate or proxy on how we wish to vote on these matters.

Peace Films have been featured at Warwick Cinema over August – September. I have forwarded an invitation to members to join me on Sunday 13th September to view 'Testament of Youth', which is based on WWI memoir by Vera Brittain, which is regarded as the classic testimony of war from a woman's perspective.

Regards

Jacinta

Prospective Member Evening

Our Prospective Members evening was held 18 August at June Stewart's home with June and Rosa catering the 3-course Mexican themed meal!

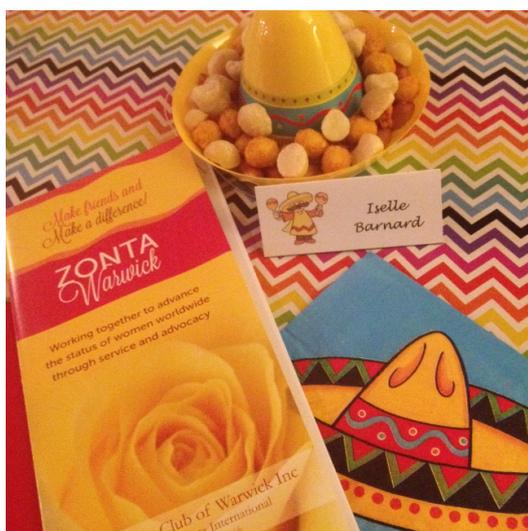
Six women were introduced to Zonta and showed some interest in the club. Some images from the evening are below!

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Current Campaigns

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

Young Woman's Scholarship

Each year the club invites applications for the Young Woman's Scholarship from girls making the transition from Year 10 into Year 11 at a Warwick District School. The aim of the scholarship 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

Forthcoming Events

District 22 Conference - 9-11 October 2015:

Coral Sea Resort, Airlie Beach, Qld - early bird registration closes 31 July.

Arias in the Afternoon - 18 October 2015:

Presented by Zonta Ipswich. 108 North Station Road, Booval. See info at their [Facebook page here](#).

Australian Regional Women Leaders Convention - 5-6 November 2015:

Melbourne - an unrivalled opportunity to engage with new ideas, tap into different perspectives and explore the significant and varied roles women play in their regional and rural communities. [Event Website](#)

Zonta Area 4 Meeting - 19-20 March 2016:

To be held in Roma.

Cooking for a Cause - Zonta Club of Toowoomba - 30 April 2016:

More info to come!

Catherine Marriott - Empowering Rural Australia - 27 August 2015

Presented by Influential Women tickets \$20. 8.30am-2.30pm at the Warwick Golf Club. See flyer below for more info.



Happenings on Facebook

Since our last newsletter:

Warwick Zontians participated in the Qld Cancer

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<p>The club continues to fundraise for and assembles 1000 Birthing Kits each year. These are sent by the Birthing Kit Foundation to areas of need throughout the world.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>		<p>Council Walk for a Cure in Maryvale.</p> <p>Zonta Club of Ipswich shared their <i>Arias in the Afternoon</i> event coming up 18 October (see Forthcoming Events for link).</p> <p>Our July dinner meeting welcomed Kayleen Wallace to share information on indigenous women's issues.</p> <p>We shared the Queensland Police Service update on the Molendinar murder charge - still being reported as a "traffic incident" instead of what it was: another death as a result of domestic abuse.</p> <p>Zonta Club of Redcliffe shared an article from The Guardian: Government orders inquiry over violence against women at UK universities.</p> <p>Zonta Club of Rockhampton shared an article in the Rockhampton Morning Bulletin about their breast cushion project!</p> <p>Zonta Club of Mackay shared the great news that Girl Guides are receiving Federal Government funding to to deliver the Voices Against Violence program.</p>	

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Birthdays

Our best wishes for a very happy day!

September:

12 - Leanne Olsen

29 - Faye Marley and Valerie Rose

October:

2: Dee Mayo

19: Christine Neumann

27: Rosa Hardy

21: Mary J



Committee Notes

Membership Committee

The New Member Dinner Meeting was a success with 6 ladies attending the night. They all seemed really interested in Zonta. Letters inviting the ladies to the next Dinner Meeting have been sent to each person with a response date on the letter. The ladies are to respond to Jenny Loy but nothing has been received as yet.

Membership committee would like to organise a bus trip in the local area for December possibly as a Christmas get together. The committee is meeting on Thursday 3rd September to start this process. Board will be kept up to date with proceedings.

Advocacy Committee

The Advocacy Group have been busy coordinating the Scholarship for female students going into Year 11. We received 4 applications of very high standard. This made our decision very difficult but with our reporting criteria format (produced by Valerie Rose and Peter Campbell) we were able to come to a fair decision. The successful applicant will be presented with the Scholarship at her School Speech Night later in the year.

Sally Carr also received an email from The Birthing Kit Foundation Australia informing us that our 1000 kits, that we assembled in May, have been sent to Chad in Africa.

Service Committee

The Service Committee met on Monday. Main topic of discussion was our Say No to Violence breakfast being held later on this year. At the moment we are waiting for a response from Wayne Bennet to see if he will be able to be our guest speaker for the breakfast. Until we hear from him we will not be able to do much regarding advertising. In the meantime we have secured the RSL for our function, we had our meeting there on Monday and all members were happy with the facilities. We are in the process of doing up a list of business houses that we may want to send out personal invitations too. Rosa Hardy has contacted the Warwick Daily News and they are very happy to assist with any advertising we may need. We are hoping that we will be able to sell tables of eight at our function, with the RSL being in charge of selling our tickets.

Also on the agenda was our IWD breakfast for next March. June and Rosa will be meeting with Jamie from the TAFE college in the next week.

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Calendar of Events

OCTOBER

9-11 **District 22 Conference** - Coral Sea Resort, Airlie Beach: [Registration link](#)

18 **Arias in the Afternoon** - Zonta Club of Ipswich - 108 North Station Road, Booval

NOVEMBER

5-6 **Australian Regional Women Leaders Convention** - Melbourne: [Event Site](#)

MARCH 2016

19-20 **Zonta Area 4 Meeting** - Roma

APRIL 2016

30 **Cooking for a Cause** - Zonta Club of Toowoomba

JULY 2016

2-6 **Zonta International 63rd Convention** - Nice, France

Next Dinner Meeting:

(3rd Tuesday of each month)

15th September - Cafe Jacqui's - 6.15 for 6.30pm start.

August Raffle: won by Karen Shepherd who will donate the prize for the September dinner meeting.

*Please contact Sally on daveandsallycarr@hotmail.com or text message to 0421 782 962 by **Sunday 13th September**, to advise if you are bringing guests OR if you **cannot attend**.*

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Next Board Meeting

(1st Tuesday of each month)

October: 6th October at 5.00pm (approx 5.00-6.30pm). Board Meetings are held at Betta Bilt Showroom (next door to Daily News in Albion Street).

November: 3rd November at 5.00 pm

All members are welcome to attend Board meetings.

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 TBA

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