



February 2012

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The Yellow rose
the Zonta symbol

Happy New Year !

"Year's end is neither an end nor a beginning
but a going on, with all the wisdom that experi-
ence can instil in us." ~ Hal Borland

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COMING EVENTS

MONDAY 13 FEBRUARY 2012
Dinner meeting at 7pm at USC
Advancement Grant Presentations

WEDNESDAY 22 FEBRUARY 2012
Final day to mail your Lipstick orders

WEDNESDAY 29 FEBRUARY 2012
Board meeting 6pm, Ashgrove Library

ALL THURSDAYS IN MARCH
Zizzling at Bunnings 2 shifts: 7am –11am
& 11am – 3pm

MONDAY 12 MARCH 2012
Dinner meeting at 7pm at USC

CROQUET EVENT 24 MARCH 2012
New Farm Croquet Club

WEDNESDAY 28 MARCH 2012
Board meeting 6pm, Ashgrove Library

SUNDAY 1 APRIL 2012
Area 1 & 3 Meeting at Redcliffe

Increase in meal cost

The United Service Club has advised that the cost of the evening meal provided for our dinner meeting will increase to \$41.

We seek members cooperation in having the exact money available to avoid having to provide change . Alternately, we suggest you consider using direct deposit as an easier way to pay - our account is 034-002-992870. Describe clearly the purpose of the deposit.

Message from Trish Collins, District Governor

"Two mail ballots have been mailed to clubs' mailing addresses by Credentials Chairman, Diane Harmsworth. The mail ballots relate to a motion moved during the D22 Conference in September 2011 regarding a proposal to increase District 22 dues. This was not voted on at the time as I determined that the matter be returned to clubs for further consideration by members.

A copy of the rationale for the ballots (with associated budgets) and minutes from the District 22 Conference (p 13-14) is attached which provides a summary of the discussion relating to the proposed motion. This is provided for your information."

The two documents referred to above will be forwarded to members at the time of the distribution of this newsletter.

We will take a vote on these matters at the February meeting. Please take time to read the two motions and related rationales

Motion 1: That District 22 dues for the 2012-2014 biennium be increased by \$5 to \$35 per member.

Motion 2: That in the event the motion to increase the District 22 dues to \$35 per member is passed the revised budget reflecting this increase be adopted for the 2012-2014 biennium

Visit **ZONTA** on the web

Explore the District web site for current information

www.zontadistrict22.org

Read about the International Service projects on the ZI web-site

www.zonta.org

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Unable to attend a meeting? Ring Noreen to give apologies

Please **PHONE** apologies for Dinner Meeting to Noreen Gorman on 3371 5752

by **9.00 am** on
Friday **11 November 2011.**
(no emails please)

Without an apology, payment of
\$41.00 is obligatory.

If you are bringing guests to the Dinner Meeting or if you have any special dietary requirements please let Noreen know.

Please wear your *Name Badge!*

President's Update



Kara and Nigel at the 2011 Christmas Party

What a lovely start to 2012, with Kara and Nigel becoming the proud parents of little Zoe Patricia who arrived safely on 9 January weighing 8.9 pounds. As Pam & I freeze our left over sausages and bread in Kara's freezer, we have had the chance to meet Zoe, who is a dear content little girl. Of course Nigel and Kara are delighted with their new bundle of joy and on behalf of club members Noreen sent our congratulations to them both.

Our Christmas party in December was a most enjoyable evening. Our entertainment included a mini recital played by our talented Therese, followed by the challenge of a Christmas trivia quiz and after a delicious meal we sang our hearts out with a medley of Christmas Carols. The Christmas cake raffle (kindly made by Narelle) was won by Pam Beavis.



Maxine, Jenny and Gina grappling with the Christmas trivia quiz questions

Our first meeting of the year will see us providing three Advancement Grants to **JOY GONPUE** a young African mother, **VIKKI LOOKER**, a mature-age student and single mother of four and **ZUHRA RAZAIE**, a 27-year-old refugee from Afghanistan.

The Board at their January meeting considered the proposal made by the Status of Women Service Awards Sub-Committee to increase the number of Advancement Grants in the future. The Board agreed that a motion be put to members at the February meeting enabling this possibility should the committee see value in providing an extra award. The decision to fund an additional award is to be reviewed and decided upon each year.

For your diaries

Next Area 1 & 3
Workshop
Sunday 1 April
2012
at Redcliffe

The Board

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| President: | Margaret Marshall |
| Vice President: | Anne Vinning |
| Corres. Sec: | Jenni Jolly |
| Minutes Sec: | Anne Vinning |
| Treasurer: | Karen Peterson |
| Directors: | Maree Crawford |
| | Kara Bowman (LOA) |
| | Heather Mohay |
| | Maggie Williams |
| | Pam Beavis |

Committees

Meetings

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| Status of Women Service Awards Sub-Committee Chair: Gina Brosnan brosnang@brigidine.qld.edu.au | Meets prior to Dinner Meeting at USC 6pm. |
| Service and LAA Sub-Committee Chair: Jennie Watt | Meeting held Sept each year |
| Organisation, Membership and Classification Chair: Pamela Beavis pambeavis@optusnet.com.au | Meets prior to Dinner Meeting at USC 6pm. |
| United Nations Chair: Patricia Rego p.rego@uq.edu.au | Meets prior to Dinner Meeting at USC 6pm. |
| Public Relations and Communications Chair: Maggie Williams maggie.will1@bigpond.com | Meets prior to Dinner Meeting at USC 6pm. |
| Parliamentarian Barbara Newton | |

Chisholm Refuge Update

The generosity of members who contributed items for the pamper packs was applauded by the staff of Chisholm Refuge when the packs were delivered to the Refuge prior to Christmas. The packs looked most festive, and my thanks go to Noreen and Maggie who helped prepare the packages from the many items donated.

During this visit I was able to meet with the new Coordinator of the Refuge and discuss our ongoing relationship. During these discussions it became evident that the Refuge was also being assisted by the Zonta Club of Sandgate. As there are some priority areas of support that our clubs might be able to jointly address, I have made contact with the President seeking an opportunity for some discussions.

The Refuge's main priority is the development of a safe Playground area. I have requested the Service and LAA Sub-Committee to consider the way forward for this project and hopefully I will hear a response from Sandgate club soon, so we will know whether they can contribute to the project.



Christmas Pamper packs ready for delivery

International days coming up

**20 Feb
World Day of Social Justice**

**8 March
International Women's Day**

Croquet Event 24 March

Be part of a **fun** day socialising with fellow Zontians, their friends and families and raise funds for our Service Fund.

Equipment and basic instruction in the game of Croquet will be provided.

DATE : Saturday, 24th March

TIME : Play starts 3pm, followed by light buffet dinner (finish around 7.30pm)

VENUE : Merthyr Croquet Club, New Farm Park (enter off Dixon Street)

COST : \$30 per person (maximum 32 players)

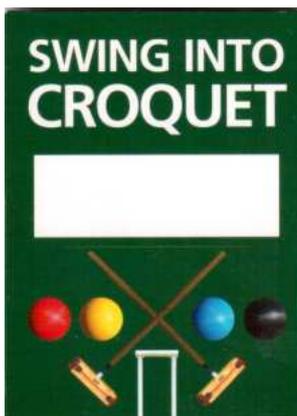
BYO : Refreshments (soft drinks/bottled water available for purchase)

Sun protection

Closed-in footwear (essential to be able to play)

Indication of numbers required at February dinner meeting with payment due at March dinner meeting.

All enquiries to Noeleen Foggon Ph 3358 2916



Lipstick Fundraiser

We have been offered a great and easy fundraising opportunity by Karen Brady from the Zonta Club of Brisbane.

Canvas your friends and acquaintances to buy a lipstick for \$10 (normally \$23.50) and our club will receive \$2 for each lipstick sold.

Order forms and brochures will be available at the February meeting.

Order forms and cheques will need to be mailed to Karen by **22 February**, so time is of the essence

All orders will be delivered to us at the April meeting.



Member's news

- Patricia Rego is finally mobile with the aid of crutches and was able to participate in the Birthing Kit day.
- Barbara Young has indicated that she will be unable to participate in club activities for a while yet.
- June Halliday is holidaying with Bill on the Mornington Peninsula
- Lynette Liddle is heading off for several months on a cruise to America
- Pauline Guthrie is on holiday in Vietnam returning in late February

Birthing Kit Assembly - 4 February 2012



Some of the team who assembled birthing kits for Sudan

We had a great response from members willing to assist with the assembly of 400 birthing kits at the Toowong Senior Citizens Centre on Saturday 4 February. We started at 8.30am and were finished before midday. Everyone shared a happy few hours chatting non stop as they worked continuously to prepare the stock and to then assemble the packs.

The kits are now on their way by express mail to Sudan.



Our volunteer – Mei Kuo

It was a pleasure to welcome Mei Kuo from Eight Mile Plains who joined us for the morning. Mei had volunteered through the Birthing Kit Foundation to assist at an assembly event, and they put her in touch with us.

Special thanks to Jennie Watt for the organisation of this event and to all of our members who took time out on their Saturday in support of the activity.

Our new promotional Club banner was on display for the day – Kara Bowman had arranged for the design of the banner before her leave and we then had Officeworks make it up as a stand alone banner .

Update on projects

Sausage Zizzle continues

Our sausage zizzles on all the Thursdays across the month of January were much busier than previously experienced with Australia Day being an extremely big day indeed. We cooked and sold 85 Kg of sausages and customers bought over 400 cans of soft drink. Two teams of six covered the day and were kept on their toes most of the time. The total net funds banked for the month was \$4,660.

We have been delighted with the help given this month by members, with several helpers-working extra shifts because they were on holiday. Pam and I are extremely grateful to everyone who has supported this fundraising venture being prepared to either arrive at 7am and set up for the day or to stay til the end for clean up, often finishing around 3.30pm.

Bunnings have now confirmed that the Zonta clubs can continue on Thursdays until the end of June 2012. This means that Brisbane North will cover the months of March and May with the addition of one Saturday on 28 April – when we anticipate another busy day.

We have been delighted to have the opportunity on occasions to talk with customers about Zonta and to explain why we exist and what we do.



The afternoon Sausage Zizzle team on 'Australia Day'