



The yellow rose,
Zonta's symbol

President's Report

Dear Zontians

As the year accelerates to Christmas and festivities there are many Zonta activities and initiatives to support and reflect on. The Fashion Showcase on 12 October was a huge success and was widely acclaimed, enhanced the profile of Zonta, and was a successful fundraiser for Anglicare. Special accolades to Maggie Williams and club members who assisted back stage to create the successful fashion parade. The financial outcome is still awaited.

I thank members for their active contribution to the planning meeting which will shape our strategic plan for the upcoming 12 months. The need for successful fundraising in order to continue the club's support of projects and individuals was highlighted. In line with this, the next fundraising activity is the Christmas Twilight Markets to be held at St Paschal's, Kedron on Saturday 29th November from 4pm to 9pm with set up from 2.30pm. To provide craft produce for sale Trish Desmarchelier has been very creative and productive and with assistance from a working group on last Sunday has made a range of interesting toys and other items. Contributions from members are sought for Christmas foods and other attractive craft items, and help will be required to man the stall on 29 November.

November 25 is White Ribbon day and the beginning of 16 days of activism against domestic violence. This is an opportunity for members to reflect and act on ways to highlight and address this problem. Chisholm Refuge, which the club has and continues to support with grant funding and assistance with Christmas Pamper Packs, is celebrating its 30th anniversary on 25 November and members are welcome. Our club will be providing a historical outline regarding the many activities undertaken over the years to diminish the effects of DV. This will be forwarded to District Advocacy Chair Denise Conroy to be included in a submission to Qld Government taskforce on Domestic and Family Violence chaired by Quentin Bryce. Any recollections and information held by members will be valuable.

The Dinner meeting on 10 November will celebrate Zonta's birthday. We are looking forward to meeting with District Governor Judith Trevan Hawke who will be presenting the successful winner of the International Young Woman in Public Affairs Award, Emma Tait and the District winner for Jane M Klausman Award Rebecca Cuzzubbo. It will be a pleasure to meet these two vibrant young women again.

I look forward to catching up with as many members as possible next Monday

Regards
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Date Claimers

**November 10th, 7pm
USC
Dinner and Planning
Meetings**

Dinner Apologies:

**Apologies go to Jenny
Grant-Taylor 33533591 or
0417745919 or
jgrant-t2@bigpond.com**

**no later than 9am on the
Friday preceding dinner
meetings. Please let Jenny
know beforehand if you:**

- are bringing a guest
- have special dietary needs
- are returning after an absence

**Wed 26th November
Board Meeting
6pm
Ashgrove Library**

*Love is the Centre of
Human Life*

*Love and compassion ...
are the ultimate source
of human happiness,
and our need for them
lies at the very core of
our being.*

Dalai Lama

Fund-raising Event

**Twilight Market, St Paschal's,
30 Warraba Ave, Wavell Heights
Saturday, 29th November
Please help with setting up from 2.30pm
and staffing the stall from 4pm – 9pm.**

The deadline for recording your intended absence from the dinner meeting is 9am on the Friday before. Failure to notify Jenny in time will mean you will still have to pay the cost of the dinner (\$45), since the Club will be charged for it regardless.

International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women – 25 November – is the start of 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence

25 November was declared as a day against violence against women by the first Feminist Encuentro for Latin America and the Caribbean held in Bogota, Colombia, 18 to 21 July 1981. It originally marked the day that the three Mirabal sisters from the Dominican Republic were violently assassinated in 1960 during the Trujillo Dictatorship (www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/vaw/v-inter-day.htm).

In the past couple of years in Australia, a handful of young men have been tragically killed by a drunken man delivering a single punch (a so-called 'coward punch'). In response, a number of State governments have developed special legislation to deal with this situation. However, much less prominence in media reporting and society's consciousness is given to the rate of domestic homicide by women's intimate partners. Globally, around one-third of women suffer violence – sexual and physical – at the hands of their partner. In Australia, one woman per week on average is killed by her partner; indeed, women are far more likely to be killed by their partner than by a stranger. Women's refuges such as Chisholm are filled by women and their children escaping domestic violence. Without help, women and their children end up homeless. As well as physical violence, more than 2 million women (and 1.2 million men) in Australia had experienced emotional abuse by a partner in the previous 12 months (ABS, 2014). **The table on the following page** gives a breakdown of the statistics for all violence perpetrated against women (and men – the majority of whom have violence inflicted upon them by other men).



From the United Nations: This year, the United Nations Secretary-General's Campaign UNiTE to End Violence against Women invites you to "Orange YOUR Neighbourhood." Take the UNiTE campaign to local streets, shops and businesses, and organize "Orange Events" in your own neighbourhoods between 25 November and 10 December 2014.

The UN's suggestions for actions during the 16 Days of Action from the UN include: Reach[ing] out to your neighbours, local stores, [petrol] stations, local cinemas, [hair dressers], schools, libraries and post offices! Project orange lights and hang orange flags onto local landmarks, tie orange ribbons where you are allowed, and organize local 'orange marches' on 25 November to raise awareness about violence against women and discuss solutions that would work for your community. See more at: <http://www.unwomen.org/en/what-we-do/ending-violence-against-women/take-action/16-days-of-activism#sthash.zhQCKPip.dpuf>

(Sources: www.unwomen.org/en/what-we-do/ending-violence-against-women/take-action/16-days-of-activism
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Please remember to bring your pamper pack items to the November or December meeting

Want to dispose of your old spectacles and help someone else at the same time?

During November and December, Lions Australia in conjunction with St Thomas' Anglican Church at Toowong are collecting spectacles for their Recycle by Sight project. The project distributes spectacles to local communities and to people in "Third-World" countries. Having spectacles can have a profoundly positive impact on the lives of recipients. Without them many children fall behind at school and are forced into low-paid employment for the rest of their lives.

You may drop off your old spectacles to St Thomas' Church, 69 High Street, Toowong, **or you may get further information from Jenni Jolly whose contact details are on your Zonta membership list.**

Table 1 Experience of Violence and Type of Violence

	Males		Females		Persons	
	'000	%	'000	%	'000	%
Whether experienced violence during the last 12 months						
Did not experience violence during the last 12 months	7,729.2	91.3	8,268.1	94.7	15,997.3	93.0
Experienced violence during the last 12 months(a)	737.1	8.7	467.3	5.3	1,204.4	7.0
Experienced physical violence during the last 12 months						
Physical assault	461.0	5.4	263.5	3.0	724.5	4.2
Physical threat	352.2	4.2	188.9	2.2	541.1	3.1
Total(b)	723.4	8.5	403.2	4.6	1,126.6	6.5
Experienced sexual violence during the last 12 months						
Sexual assault	*37.0	*0.4	87.8	1.0	124.8	0.7
Sexual threat	**6.4	**0.1	*17.6	*0.2	*24.0	*0.1
Total(b)	*41.0	*0.5	102.4	1.2	143.4	0.8
Whether experienced violence since the age of 15						
Did not experience violence since the age of 15	4,318.2	51.0	5,174.8	59.2	9,493.0	55.2
Experienced violence since the age of 15(a)	4,148.0	49.0	3,560.6	40.8	7,708.6	44.8
Experienced physical violence since the age of 15						
Physical assault	3,331.4	39.3	2,606.8	29.8	5,938.2	34.5
Physical threat	1,965.1	23.2	1,118.4	12.8	3,083.4	17.9
Total(b)	4,072.2	48.1	3,006.1	34.4	7,078.4	41.1
Experienced sexual violence since the age of 15						
Sexual assault	336.0	4.0	1,494.0	17.1	1,830.0	10.6
Sexual threat	53.5	0.6	386.9	4.4	440.4	2.6
Total(b)	381.1	4.5	1,696.1	19.4	2,077.2	12.1
Total persons	8,466.2	100.0	8,735.4	100.0	17,201.7	100.0

* estimate has a relative standard error of 25% to 50% and should be used with caution

** estimate has a relative standard error greater than 50% and is considered too unreliable for general use

(a) Components are not able to be added together to produce a total. Where a person has experienced both physical and sexual violence, they are counted separately for each type of violence they experienced but are counted only once in the aggregated totals.

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, *Personal Safety Survey 2012*. <http://www.abs.gov.au/AUSSTATS/>