

MARCH NEWSLETTER, 2016

President's Report: Dear Members

March is upon us and with it International Women's Day on 8th March which Zonta commemorates as Zonta Rose Day. As zontians we are encouraged to support the Zonta International Fund to assist with international projects supporting women in need. This year there will be a week of celebrations and various Zonta clubs in our area have organised functions. Our club will be represented at the IWD breakfast on 9th March at the convention centre.

We had a very successful breast cushion sewing bee on Sunday 28th Feb at Anne Vinning's residence attended by 9 members and, after much preparatory work completed by Karen Peterson and Anne, finished 85 breast cushions.

The Trivia fund raising evening approaches and there have been very generous donations from many members. Attendance numbers continue to grow however remain short of our aspirations. So please spread the word with friends and acquaintances who may be willing to support this venture.

Please consider attendance at the Area 1 and 3 meeting to be held in Nambour on 16th April. Christine Stewart our Area 1 director will be attending the March Dinner meeting so I hope that she will be able to provide some outline of the program planned. Our dinner meeting will also be attended by our third advancement grant recipient and by our guest speaker Diane Lonergan Brisbane author of Mavis the Tugboat, a children's book sales of which support Maters Little Miracles.

March meeting the new slate of candidates will be proposed. In addition I am sorry to advise that Noeleen Foggon has again been unwell and has asked to resign from the Nominating committee so I will be seeking new nominations for that committee. We wish Noeleen swift recovery and better health.

Regards Maree

March Dinner Meeting:

Date: Monday 14th March **Time:** 6.30pm for 7.00pm

Cost: \$46

NB: Please advise Jenny Grant-Taylor by 9.00am Friday 7 August if you are unable to attend.

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Diary Dates

8th March Zonta yellow rose day and International Women's Day 12th March Trivia Fundraiser 14th March Dinner meeting 23 March: Board meeting 12th April Dinner meeting 16th April Area 1 and 3 meeting Nambour

BREAST CUSHION ASSEMBLY FEBRUARY 2016:

Elizabeth Hatton, Barbara Newton, Karen Peterson, Rita Fraser, Jane Prentice, Trish Desmarchelier and Maree **Crawford Joined** with Anne Vinning to complete this colourful collection destined to assist PAH an **RBWH** breast surgery patients



ADVANCEMENT GRANT RECIPIENTS 2016

Lauren Chimes is the first Lynette Liddle Grant Awardee and is studying Medicine at the University of Queensland. Lauren has worked in Rural and Remote areas of Queensland as a Registered Nurse for 10 years. Lauren wanted to achieve more so she decided to try Medicine and is in her first semester. She is keen in the long term to return to an underprivileged environment.

Rebecca Masterton is undertaking her Masters in Psychology at Griffith University. She is proud of her indigenous heritage and her small boy. Rebecca has juggled adversity and is a domestic abuse survivor. Rebecca would like to use her experience to help domestic violence survivors and her dream is to open shelters where no-one is turned away and able to provide women with whatever help is necessary.

Our third awardee **Nicole Cargakis** will join us at the March dinner meeting. Nicole is currently undertaking a degree in Nursing and Midwifery at the University of the Sunshine Coast as well as parenting two young children and working part time as a yoga teacher.



Lauren Chimes outlines her ambitions for the future.



Rebecca Masterton with Gina Brosnan, Chair of the Grants committee

FUND RAISING EVENT



THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE VOLUNTEERED TIME AND GOODS.

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A reminder to all members who promised biscuits/slice for trivia night supper