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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:

DATE CLAIMERS

Tuesday 18th August

Board/General Meeting
RSL at 5.00/6.00 pm

Thursday 27th August

The Hub at Canungra

Saturday 19th September

High Tea/Fashion Parade
in Robyn Powell's garden



Dear Zontians

As the "Ekka Winds" come round, under and through everything as they do in August, it looks like we have had a free pass with the Lock down doing what it is meant to do... keep us safe. But unfortunately, it has stopped us from being social at our afternoon of Drinks on the Veranda at Anne & Grahame's being postponed. It is better than the alternative as most would agree.

We had a very fast and furious working bee at the Arts & Information Centre stuffing, sewing, and wrapping 55 breast cushions, thanks you to the ladies that joined in. The wonderful Faye Murphy (a Beaudesert Quilter) has taken 100 that are cut out to sew for us. We are blessed to have such a wonderful community connection between organisations.

As I write, I know Ellen has been busy, pushing the media barrow, with photo opportunities popping up for the launch of our August Dignity Drive at Woolworths for Share the Dignity. Such a great cause for everyone to through one or two period products into the collection bin as the shop. We have some generous donations from Friends of Zonta & Zontians alike already, keep them coming, spread the word.

This year we have been approached by a young lady to sponsor her in her application for the Jane M. Klausman (JMK) Women in Business Scholarship. Sanuri De Silva is a worthy applicant, currently completing her Bachelor of Commerce – Finance Honours, having received the Academic Excellence Award from Griffith University last year along with other outstanding achievement in her Undergraduate degree. The JMK qualities Sanuri possesses start with her aspiration to increase female representation in business and leadership with her self-belief that she will be able to enhance the financial literacy among individuals and promote more female-led business and career opportunities for aspiring change makers in the community. Sanuri has been active volunteer, with Rotary – Treasurer and President, Griffith mates program – with orientation day, senior buddy's, event coordinator for Connections Networking nights and assistant for Global Connection Networking nights and Griffith Business School Student leadership – which she has one take home message was to give back to her university & her community. We wish Sanuri all the best with the District level JMK and look forward to meeting Sanuri in October at our Dinner meeting when she has finished her semester.

Try to be a rainbow in someone's cloud. – Maya Angelou

The High Tea Committee will give a report on Tuesday night after their meeting in Canungra on Friday. We are also looking forward to hearing from Sheila Venz our guest speaker this month. Do not forget guests are most welcome to come have dinner with us and enjoy Sheila's talk. Please ensure you let Pam Greenway know if you are bringing a posse along!!

Look forward to seeing you all very soon.

Yours in Zonta

Michelle

*Next Dinner Meeting
Tuesday 18th August 2020*

at

Beaudesert R.S.L at 6:30 pm

Committees will meet at 6:00 pm

Board will meet at 5.00 pm



We are still ordering and paying for our meals at the Bistro and now the upstairs bar is open.

We are back to letting **Pam** know if we are an **apology**.

Txt or call on 0432 192 212— or email her on prograss@bigpond.com preferably by Monday arvo.

Remember we now are paying the \$5 in our fees so we no longer pay at the meeting.

On Tuesday night we are having a guest speaker. Sheila Jurd, who I am sure most of you know, will be giving us a bit of history of her family in the Beaudesert area. I have had some members ask if they can bring a friend and of course, that is fine. They can join us for dinner at 7.30 pm then stay on to listen to Sheila. Of course if they would be interested in understanding what we do in Zonta they have the option of attending the 6.30 meeting.

PLEASE LET PAM KNOW IF YOU ARE BRINGING A GUEST OR IF YOU ARE AN APOLOGY.



Thursday, 27th August is the date you can put in your diary for our next coffee date. We are going further afield, to the Hub at Canungra, and I'll let you know if we need numbers and if we are car-pooling.

A little information about the **JMK WOMEN IN BUSINESS AWARD** from the ZI website.

Women have made great strides in the pursuit of education, careers and leadership roles they were once denied. However, they still comprise a minority of leaders in the business world. According to a December 2019 list from Catalyst, 21.2 percent of S&P 500 companies' board seats are occupied by women, and just 5.2 percent of the companies' CEOs are women.

Because Zonta International believes in gender equality, the Jane M. Klausman (JMK) Women in Business Scholarship program helps women pursue undergraduate and master's degrees in business management and overcome gender barriers from the classroom to the boardroom. The Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarship program was established in 1998 from a generous bequest by Jane M. Klausman, a member of the Zonta Club of Syracuse, New York, USA, and the 1990-1995 Zonta International Parliamentarian.

The program operates at the Zonta club, district/region and international levels. Zonta annually awards up to 32 scholarships of US\$2,000 each at the district/region level and six international scholarships in the amount of US\$8,000 each.

Since the program's inception, Zonta has awarded 602 Scholarships, totaling more than US\$1.4 million, to 460 women representing 57 countries.

District 22 Governor: Bridget Mather

Area 3 Director:

Jo Diessel

District 22 Website: <http://www.zontadistrict22.org>

Member's Biographies: This month it is Jane Blunck, a member for 29 years.



MY LIFE.....SO FAR.

I was one of the earliest to be dubbed 'a baby boomer' and also to usher in the nuclear age. I was born at Cremorne in Sydney and lived there for the first six years of my life, but in three different areas, following my father's promotions with what is now the NAB. I started school there, and fell in love with surfing as we lived near the beach.

My next home was in Newcastle, my mother's family hometown. I went to an interesting school where many students were migrants who couldn't speak English but brought with them new foods, especially the gelato. One German boy fascinated me with his name, Wolfgang, and his wearing of the lederhosen. Living so close to the beach, I was able to spend much time there, especially during the long summer holidays with my cousins. We lived in the same street as a monastery where the monks had a fearsome bull that deterred school kids taking short cuts. We were always very careful not to wear red.

When we lived in Brisbane I attended Ironside State School and still have contact with friends from there. From Ironside I went to Ipswich and to my first all girls' school. It wasn't long after our arrival there that I was sent to boarding school in Brisbane, Somerville House, where I spent five years and, once again, have many friends from those years and we have regular (at least prior to covid 19) catch-ups.

After school I attended Kelvin Grove Teachers' College, training as a primary school teacher but at the end of my training there was a shortage of secondary teachers, so I applied and was accepted to the secondary level, a decision I never regretted. I had met Stuart before I was posted to Beaudesert, and after two years here we were married. It was here that our two children, Ainslie and Hamish, were born. I had ten years off work and during that time I enrolled at QIT, now QUT, to upgrade my qualifications to return to the workforce, majoring in English and History. I then returned to BSHS and retired from there in 2002. After a year's break, I returned to teaching at Kooralbyn International School for ten years.

I have been lucky to travel in Australia and overseas. We travelled to Canada and USA as a family. Stuart and I were geriatric backpackers for our first trip to Europe, but the second one was more genteel. Our incentives for those trips were that our children were then living in England.

Our first foray to Asia was Thailand, but later Brunei, Malaysia and UAE, but I have also visited Vietnam and Singapore with Ainslie. We later did a trip together to New York and California.

Having lived in Beaudesert for 51 years there is no likelihood I'll leave. I have made many good friends and have belonged to many organisations, the longest being Zonta. Overseas travel seems to be over but there are many places to discover at home. I enjoy reading, walking and going to the theatre, and of course, going to the beach when we go to the coast for holidays.



*Our September birthdays are
Anne Beulah on the 2nd, Vanessa Skinner on the
19th and Ellen Logan on the 25th.
We hope you all have a happy day.*