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DINNER MEETINGS...

...are held every
second Wednesday of
the month at the
Arana Leagues Club.

Contact **Grace
Cochrane** for all dinner
arrangements by the
Monday prior to our
dinner meeting
advising of apologies,
special dietary
requirements or extra
dinner guests. Thank
you.

COST (Includes dinner)
Members/Guests
\$25.00

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Zonta Pine Rivers Newsletter

APRIL

2012

President's Message

Dear ladies,

Our **new year** is off and running and we have been busy with our sausage sizzles, IWD and district conference. We are well into 2012 and have a lot of exciting projects underway and I urge you all to find at least one that may interest you and become involved. It is the 'involvement' that makes being a member of Zonta fulfilling, not just meeting attendance.

International Woman's Day was a smashing success. A few last minute hiccups but all went well in the end. We made a nice profit of \$1900 and were privileged to have had Detective Chief Superintendent Gayle Hogan of the Queensland Police Service, as our last-minute speaker (all thanks to Kay and Mark my brother), she was an inspirational woman and an ex-Zontian which was

handy. A great big thank you Carla and Suzanne for suppling the most divine Lemon curd cupcake in the shape of a yellow rose - they were definitely the winner of the day.

A few of us went along to Moonyah, the Salvation Army site where **Project NOW** construction will soon begin, where a breakfast was held to bring a bit more awareness to the project. There were about 20 Zontians there from all clubs and Pine Rivers was given a special mention with a large cheque presented in honour of our \$3000 donation towards the project.

It is sad to see that we are losing a few of our members, due to personal reasons. We will miss you all very much. We also welcome a **new member, Leanne Ballard**. She is not only a good friend but the first Scientist we will have had join our club. Leanne has three daughters and heads up the haematology ward at the RBH. I know she will be a valuable asset to our club.

Membership will now become one of our main focuses heading into 2012-2013, as the club may need a boost to handle our increasing work load.

I wish you all a happy and safe Easter and enjoy your break.

Cheers,
Karen





Each decade since 1980 has seen a new Zonta yellow rose. In 2007 a well-known Dutch rose breeder developed the Zonta+ Rose, pictured here...



1st anniversary of “UN Women”

In March 2012 a letter was sent from the Executive Director of **UN WOMEN**, Michelle Bachelet, to all their various partner organisations, including Zonta International. This letter marked the first anniversary of operations of UN Women working for women’s empowerment and gender equality.

In their first year action plans were rolled out to advance women’s leadership, expand women’s role in peacebuilding, as well as joining the campaign to end violence against women and girls. In 2012, special emphasis will be placed on advancing **women’s political participation** and **economic empowerment**, promoting gender equality and making women’s voices heard at the Rio+20 UN Conference on Sustainable Development.

“This is the century to end discrimination and violence against women.
The time is now. Equality depends on each of us”

Anthea, UN Committee

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Legislative Awareness and Advocacy Committee

I would like to acknowledge that in the information below I have taken quotes from the Zonta International web-site and a handout from the recent Areas 1 & 3 meeting.

Dear members old and new,
A reminder that the LA & A Committee is one of the three mandatory committees every Zonta Club must have. The other two are the Service and the Membership Committee.

The Zonta International **definition of advocacy** “is the expression of support for or opposition to a cause, argument or proposal. Advocacy may include influencing laws, legislation or attitudes”.

“Zonta Int, its districts, & its clubs are urged to express themselves about & become involved in issues which:

- improve the legal, political, economic, educational, health and professional status of women;
- advance understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of executives in business and the professions; and
- promote justice and universal respect for human rights and

fundamental freedoms.”

At the **Area meeting**, which several of us attended on April 1st, the District Governor, Trish Collins, said that at a Club level an example of advocacy could include writing to our local Council proposing steps that could be taken to improve the safety of women and girls, such as better lighting in dimly lit public areas.

Clubs supporting a **women’s refuge**, as we do, especially where that assistance includes helping women to find employment or to start a new life on a better economic footing, are also engaged in advocacy.

The Zonta International Awards programmes (which start at the Club level) such as the **Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarship** are also examples of advocacy. The JMK award “encourages women to pursue degrees in business management and overcome gender barriers from the classroom to the boardroom.”

The **Birthing Kit Project**, which was started by the Zonta Club of Adelaide Hills before being developed by the Club into The Birthing Kit Foundation (Australia), is an excellent example of an LAA project. Through making the kits our Club helps to provide a clean birthing environment for women in developing countries in order to reduce the incidence of mother & child deaths via infection.

However, DG Trish said the **Breast Cushions Project**, another project adopted by Zonta Clubs, while being very worthwhile is not classed as an advocacy project, as it does not improve the health status of women. Vicki (Williams) pointed out the project does raise awareness of Zonta with the cushion’s recipient and family, but this is still not classed as advocacy. Incidentally one of the Zontian speakers at the Area meeting mentioned that she had received one of our breast cushions while receiving treatment at the Royal Brisbane, and thanked us for it.

Regards,

Rosalind Pestell

Chair, LA & A Committee

Service Committee Update

A budget has been allocated for the year and our projects are already underway.

Recent or current activities include:

- Sheet sets and grocery vouchers for **Jebb house**.
- Ferny Grove State High School has expressed great interest in running our successfully sponsored **RAVES** self-defense and personal development program run by Erin.
- Our **KIVA micro-loans**

have been re-invested and several more started taking the total number of loans to 8. These loans help advance the status of women overseas enabling them to be self-sustainable in difficult economic climates.

The group pictured (*right*) is an example of one of our loan commitments. They are all Vietnamese women running a restaurant/fruit

stall to support themselves financially and help send their children to school.

Also, another great day was had at the latest **sewing bee** where more cushions for breast cancer patients were produced. Thanks to Vicki for the use of her house and everyone for the lovely lunch.



KIVA loan group in Vietnam

Organisation, Membership & Classification

Membership continues to be a challenge and as part of our strategy to increase numbers we held two **Ladeez Nights** information sessions in Nov 2011 and Mar 2012. The format of the evenings was to give an overview of Zonta and our club and then to have guest speakers to share their stories with us.

Our speakers to date have been inspirational. **Tracey O'Brien** shared her very personal story of a young mum, academic and practising physiotherapist who was facing the challenges of breast cancer. **Kate Cantrell**, a writer and researcher, had worked at the United Nations on

a global campaign against the trafficking of women & girls. She had also volunteered in the Rong Muu slums of Bangkok & taught English to the Karen Hilltribes in Chom Tong.

Jade Demnar was our March speaker the 2012-2011 D22 recipient of the JM Klausman Women in Business Scholarship. Jade told us how the JMK was contributing to the choices she was making in her study.

Whilst we have not been inundated with new members we have been getting the word about Zonta "out there". We

did welcome **Di Brent** as a new member in January. Di & her husband kindly provided the venue for our Casino Night Fundraiser last year.

We also have 2-3 prospective members resulting from the Ladeez Nights.

Sadly **Carole** resigned in January and we are also losing **Marina** and **Grace**. I would like to take this opportunity to formally thank them all for their contribution to Zonta and our Club and wish them the very best for the future.

Regards
Barb Clyde

"HAPPY BIRTHDAY"

for
MARCH
and **APRIL**
go to..

Marina

Yvonne

Fiona

Charity Variety Concert (in support of Uterine & Ovarian Cancer research)

Come and support a good cause with three hours of Merriment, High Tea, Raffles, Lucky Door Prizes, Singers, Bands, Pianists and much more!

Join us for a DAZZLING afternoon of FUN and ENTERTAINMENT to be held

on **Saturday 2nd June 2012** from **2.00pm - 5.00pm** at **The Mitchelton & District Senior Citizens Centre** (30 Tel-El-Kebir Street, Mitchelton).

Only **\$25** for a live show you're sure to remember!

For bookings and enquiries contact **Vicki** on 3289 1424 or 0409 846 183

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Finance & Fundraising

Greetings to all!

Well our fundraising has had a bit of a rocky start this year with bad weather putting a crimp in our plans. But we have persevered, and with our **sausage sizzles** and the success of **IWD** things are looking brighter.

The sausage sizzle on the 29th March went very well, with a fairly constant (but not

overwhelming) stream of customers. It might be our best week day one yet! Our weekend sizzle is coming up fast. It will be on the **12th May**, just before **Mother's Day** and should be an excellent day. Please give of your time if you possibly can and roster yourself on. **IWD** had a few hiccups which caused Karen lots of stress, but as usual the event went

very well. We had a great speaker in Senior Detective Sargeant Gayle Hogan, the food was delicious, the entertainment and company wonderful and we made a profit of \$1911. How great is that?!

Our next event after the sausage sizzle will be **Rodz Rock n' Roll**, held on May 26th. Please join us and have a flashing time at our glowies stall.

Regards,
Simone

Diary Dates 2012



- 11th April Dinner Meeting**
- 9th May Dinner Meeting (AGM)**
- 12th May** - Sausage Sizzle
- 26th May** Rodz Rock 'n' Roll (glowies)
- 2nd June** Ovarian/Uterine Cancer variety afternoon
- 13th June Dinner Meeting**
- 11th July Dinner Meeting**
- 21st July** Sewing Bee (Kay's)
- 8th August Dinner Meeting**
- 8th September** Birthing Kits (Vicki's)
- 12th Sept Dinner Meeting (Ladeez)**
- September** Bridge to Brisbane run
- 10th October Dinner Meeting**
- ? October** Casino Evening
- 26th October** Project NOW fundraiser
- 6th November** Melbourne Cup Day
- 14th Nov Dinner Meeting**
- 24th Nov** Sewing Bee (Karen)
- 12th Dec Dinner Meeting**

International Women's Day

A big thank you to our guest speaker
Detective Chief Superintendent
Gayle Hogan,

to our musician,
Darryl Murphy,



and to **all those who attended,**
making it a wonderful afternoon...

