



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

January 2015

WELCOME 2015



Well, it is all over and I hope you all had a wonderful Xmas and New Year with family and friends. This year, I tried something new with my grandchildren (19 and 23) and gave them something different – a goat, a chicken, some quick growing vegetable seeds and a mosquito net for a family. I was very apprehensive as to how the gifts would be received as these are two kids who have had the lot – private schools, living overseas. as well as plenty of overseas trips in their short lives and being spoilt by their parents. It was wonderful when I rang them on Christmas Day to get their responses – they were thrilled and thanked me for giving them a gift that will keep on giving. Gold stars all around !!

I know some of you have been away visiting family and friends or having them visit you, but reality has struck and we have a very busy year ahead. Starting with our International Women's Day function which, from all reports, is going to be GREAT !! Lynette and her committee have been working hard to organise it. Their hard work will be well rewarded when you invite all your friends. Remember the date – Sunday 1st March at Waterline, Shingley Beach.

The big thing this year of course is hosting the District 22 conference on October 9-11th at Coral Sea Resort.

For those members who have not attended an area or district conference, Mackay are hosting our Area 5 workshop on 2-3rd May. This would be a great way to learn more about Zonta if you are new to the club and these meeting are always interesting and a great way to meet other Zontians. Our area covers from Mackay to Cairns and out to Mt Isa. Think about it !! In between all this there are plans for another Trivia Night, sewing bees for breast cushions etc. and Christina would love to host another lunch at her farm - and that is just the Service Committee. As well, Membership and Advocacy Committees have big plans for a very busy time ahead.

So get your running shoes on and let's all have a good ride in 2015,

Cheers, Noelene



Date Claimer – 2-3 May 2015

Come and join us in Mackay

Zonta International District 22

Area 5 Meeting



 Zonta Club of Mackay Inc.
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INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY HIGH TEA



Theme is **Feminine and Fabulous**

Venue – Waterline Resort, Shingley Beach

Date is Sunday 1st March 10am

The guest speaker is a federal police woman who has worked in Afghanistan overseeing the process of Afghan Police reform, particularly where women are concerned. She was awarded a bravery award for her work to create a credible, respected and professional force there.

Cost will be \$49pp – Tickets will be on sale through members as well as Coffee Club and Rockman's shop.

A Fashion Parade will be held with 6 local stores participating. A Silent Auction will be held as well as the popular Rolling Raffles. Members are asked to start bringing in prizes for raffle.



MEMBER NEWS:

PAM GRAHAM:

Pam’s arm is healing well and she is preparing for a busy time with the physio to get it working again. She goes back to her oncologist next week for hopefully her final check-up. She has spent the holiday season with family in Bowen and is in good spirits.

LESLEY PRATCHETT :

As most of you are aware Lesley’s husband Dave had a very serious heart problem early in December which had him flown to Townsville ICU for medical treatment. Lesley went with him and has been there ever since – fortunately their son Morgan and his family live there so she has had family support. Over the last few weeks Dave has made slow progress and it seems he may have turned the corner health wise, as some of his bodily parts are now beginning to work again. It is going to be a very long, slow process for them both and I am sure you all wish them all the best. Christina is looking after things on the home front and will let us know if and when she needs any help. Meantime our thoughts are with them both.

JOAN WATSON:

It was lovely to have Joan back with us just before the Christmas season. She has to go to Melbourne in the next few weeks for her 3 monthly check-up so we hope it all goes well for her, and I am sure she will enjoy catching up again with friends and family while there.

LISE ROGATSKI:

Lise and John are now in Christchurch having flown out on Boxing Day. Some members joined in giving her a Zonta send-off at the Sailing Club before she left and while it was sad to see her go, I am sure you all wish them well in this chapter of their lives. One of the nicest things to happen to me in Zonta was when she thanked me for introducing her to Zonta. I will miss her a lot both as a friend and a Zontian.



January Birthdays

Carole Brauner	4th
Noelene Helman	6th
Shirley Wodson	10th
Lynette Corne	13th
Judy Brett	18th
Jesse Brett	30th



Date Claimers

Board meeting – 5.30

15 January: General Meeting - 6.15 – Reef Gateway

1 March: International Women's Day—10 AM—Waterline at Shingley Beach

2-3 May –Area 5 Conference—Mackay

9-11 October—District 22 Conference, Coral Sea Resort Whitsundays

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