

ZONTA ON THE ROCKS

ZONTA CLUB OF ROCKHAMPTON INC.

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NOTICES.

If you are
unable to attend
the dinner meeting,
please advise
Anna Tempest
Ph 4928 7880 (W)
Ph 4928 7125 (H)
by 10 am
on the Monday
before the meeting.

**Failure to
apologize will
incur payment
of \$25.00.**



**Area 2 workshop:
25-26 April 2009
Longreach**

**District 22
Conference:
25-27 Sept 2009
Townsville**

**International
Convention:
2010: San Antonio
Texas**



Zonta Club of Rockhampton

Member of Zonta International

Advancing the Status of Women Worldwide

Fellow Zontians



I am writing this on 1 December which this year marks the 20th anniversary of World AIDS Day. Today, women account for half of all people living with HIV worldwide. This Biennium the Zonta International Service Program is focusing on the prevention of mother-to-child transmission through our support of UNICEF's Prevention of Mother-to-Child Transmission of HIV in Rwanda by funding of US\$600,000 (Source ZI website). This is just one of the international programs that our fundraising supports.

It was good to see such a good turnout of members to support our Christmas High Tea on November 19 when we are able to showcase local service programs that we support. This year Anglicare, Salvation Army and St Vincent de Paul were the recipients of funds raised at our successful Diane Cilento lunch in August and presentations were also made to Birribi, Dragon Boat Club, the Women's Shelter and the Rape Crisis Centre. It was good to see that we got some publicity in the weekend Morning Bulletin.

We had a night of celebration on

November 8 as we celebrated our twenty - fifth anniversary of chartering as the Zonta Club of Rockhampton and 25 years of service to our local and global community. Members and partners along with guests District Governor Vicki Varthas, Past District Governor Ros Kinder, Area Director Pat Faircloth, Lieutenant Governor Trish Collins, District Secretary Berenice Payne, President of Gladstone Club Gloria Roche and some of the club's past members all enjoyed the formal dinner party. District Governor Vicki Varthas gave an interesting presentation in which she outlined her vision for the future and what challenges lay ahead for our newly formed District 22. A very enjoyable evening was had by all. On Sunday morning the group enjoyed a relaxing brunch at the Botanic Gardens.

Please see next page for more of Jan's message



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Zonta on the Rocks – Advancing the Status of Women Worldwide

MEETINGS.

Board:

6.30pm:
2nd Tuesday
of the month
Venue:
Rockhampton Plaza
Hotel.

Dinner:

6.00 pm for 6.30pm
3rd Tuesday
of the month
Venue:
Rockhampton Plaza
Hotel.

Committee Meetings.

OMC/PR/UN

Program:

Venue:
Rockhampton Plaza
Hotel
5.30 pm—
2nd Tuesday
of the month.

Finance and Fundraising:

Venue:
Rockhampton Plaza
Hotel.
5.30 pm—
2nd Tuesday
of the month.

Service (Status of Women):

Venue:
Rockhampton Plaza
Hotel.
5.30pm—
2nd Tuesday

Calendar:



December:

9/12/2008: Club Christmas Party

Special United Nations Observances and Other Significant Days:

1st December = World Aids Day

10 December 2008
= 60th anniversary of the UN's
adoption of the Universal
Declaration of Human
Rights

"Patience is the companion
of wisdom"
St. Augustine

Dinner Raffle.

The supply of gifts for the
Dinner Raffle follows the listing
in the Members Directory.

December Norma W

Please give your
raffle prize to
Elizabeth to co-ordinate.



If you would like to contribute to your
Newsletter
please email articles to Teresa Moore
t.moore@cqu.edu.au

Deadline: First Tuesday of the month.

I have been speaking to Bernardine Raven, President of the Zonta Club of Longreach, and she ensures me that an interesting Area 2 workshop program is planned, plus a sure to be enjoyable social program all at a very low cost! So remember the weekend of April 25 - 26 2009.

Berenice has been busy posting a number of articles about the Rockhampton Club activities on the District 22 website, so I hope that members have had a chance to surf this website following our recent information session about how to log on.

Well we are almost at the end of another busy year. Thank you to all members for making it another successful one. I look forward to our Christmas party on 9 December and wish you all an enjoyable and relaxing festive season.

*A Very Merry Christmas to
All.*

'Til next time

Jan

Happy Birthday

December

03 Pauline Forster
10 Valda Fitzgerald
30 Rosalie Welburn

January 09

05 Helen Dundas-Taylor
16 Marie Keating



Due to public demand!! We will have a pre - Xmas Macadamia Nut Drive.

Errol Vass. who supplies the nuts, works away from home 4 days a week, so will only have limited time to roast nuts - he estimates he could supply us with 50/500gm bags of roasted nuts in the time available (last time you ordered 55 roasted). He can supply as many bags of raw nuts as we need - so**maxi orders please by next weekend - 6 Dec.** Contact Meredith for order forms and prices

Here's to a nutty Xmas. Regards, Meredith

Don't forget the Christmas party on the 9th December - it promises to be another pantomime extraordinaire with entertainment courtesy of Norma and her band of merry women !!

News from the Zonta International page (<http://www.zonta.org/site/PageServer>)

Human Rights = Women's Rights

10 December 2008 marks the 60th Anniversary of the United Nations' adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

The 2008 Zonta International Convention adopted a resolution that Zonta should honor the major achievements of the United Nations. This is a golden opportunity to celebrate the breakthrough of an international standard-setting system.

25 November 2008 Congratulations Australia!

Zontians across the world congratulate Australia for moving to become a party to the Optional Protocol to the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW). Australia has been a party to CEDAW since 1983.

The announcement came on the eve of the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women. "Acceding to the Optional Protocol will send a strong message that Australia is serious about promoting gender equality and that we are prepared to be judged by international human rights standards," said Minister for the Status of Women Tanya Plibersek.

Visit the following page and find out more about the 16 Days of Activism
(<http://www.cwgl.rutgers.edu/16days/kit08/about.html>)

What is the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence Campaign?

The 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence is an international campaign originating from the first Women's Global Leadership Institute sponsored by the Center for Women's Global Leadership in 1991. Participants chose the dates, **November 25, International Day Against Violence Against Women** and **December 10, International Human Rights Day**, in order to symbolically link violence against women and human rights and to emphasize that such violence is a violation of human rights. This 16-day period also highlights other significant dates including November 29, International Women Human Rights Defenders Day, December 1, World AIDS Day, and December 6, which marks the Anniversary of the Montreal Massacre.

The 16 Days Campaign has been used as an organizing strategy by individuals and groups around the world to call for the elimination of all forms of violence against women by:

- 1) raising awareness about gender-based violence as a human rights issue at the local, national, regional and international levels
- 2) strengthening local work around violence against women
- 3) establishing a clear link between local and international work to end violence against women
- 4) providing a forum in which organizers can develop and share new and effective strategies
- 5) demonstrating the solidarity of women around the world organizing against violence against women
- 6) creating tools to pressure governments to implement promises made to eliminate violence against women

Over 2,000 organizations in approximately 154 countries have participated in the 16 Days Campaign since 1991!

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Also from the Zonta International homepage – this is an interesting campaign

Organization: Association for Progressive Communications, Women's Networking Support Programme (APC WNSP)

Location: International

Date: November 25–December 10, 2008

Description: Take Back the Tech! is a collaborative campaign to reclaim information and communication technologies (ICT) to end violence against women (VAW). The campaign calls on all ICT users – especially women and girls – to take control of technology and strategically use any ICT platform at hand – (mobile phones, instant messengers, blogs, websites, digital cameras, email, podcasts and more) – for activism against gender-based violence. Take Back the Tech! accompanies the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence (November 25–December 10 each year) with daily actions that explore different aspects of violence against women and ICT tools;

Contact: ideas@takebackthetech.net

Website: <http://www.takebackthetech.net>

Many thanks to our gorgeous team of models



Many thanks to all members and guests who supported the recent High Tea



Veronika passes on the following update regarding the raffle and the High Tea - the raffle raised \$573 which was extremely good considering the reduced numbers attending and the difficult financial times. In conclusion, sincere thanks must go to all those who were involved in the organisation of the function both prior to and on the day, to everyone who donated most generously for the hamper and the raffle, to Gleni for her excellent MC's role, to the models who were quite gorgeously attired by Zebra Plus, Helen and Something Different and to Berenice for her photography which we hope will result in some publicity for Zonta.

Happy reading
Teresa Moore (editor)

