



OCTOBER 2017

PRESIDENTS REPORT

As we approach the festive season make sure you take time for yourselves, read a book, have coffee with a friend, forget the emails for a day and relax doing something you love to do.

We have a busy run up to our break in December:



Birthing Kit Assembly Day Friday 6th October at St. Cath's High School

Birthing Kit Assembly Day Wednesday 18th October at Proserpine High School.

General Meeting at VMR on Thursday, 19th October. with our very special guest, Lieutenant Governor Sandy Venn Brown.

Board Meeting Monday 6th November at Lesley's home.

General Meeting at VMR Thursday 16th November

Trivia Night Friday 17th November at VMR

Christmas Party Friday 1st December

We will have a Project Proposal to consider for Pam's Memorial Reading Room at Cannonvale State School.

What a fabulous day we had at the Bowen Cup on the 30th Sept, yummy food, cold drinks, the fashions on the field and the racing was very exciting but best of all, the relaxed atmosphere and the best company. Congratulations to Carol, Ann and their helpers for putting together this fantastic event.



Don't forget our last fundraiser for the year, Trivia is back, it will test your knowledge and you will have fun.

Look after each other and don't forget to ask "R U OK?" Kerrie Adam, President



SERVICE

Books from Birth

While packing Books from Birth last week at Lauren's home, I came across a children's' book about an ostrich written by Fay Thornley. I looked inside and the dedication was to Mike and 3 others whose name I did not recognise. It all seemed too much of coincidence as there is a lady called Fay Thornley - widow of Mike - who has lived here for a very long time. She ran a travel agent's office on the Esplanade when we had our coffee shop across the road. I checked with a mutual friend and he confirmed 'yes' it was our Fay Thornley who had written the book and the three names I did not know were her grandchildren. Small world again !! I do hope she will be pleased to know her book has gone to one of the many communities where we send the books. I am sure she will.

On the subject of Books from Birth - there were only 3 of us packing last week - Lauren, new member Betty Whitehorn and me (plus Laura's apology). I think it was 4 boxes we checked and packed and there are more to do. Lauren certainly needs more help - are we all that busy that we can't give an hour or two to help with the books? It would be lovely to have a few more when next we pack books, in about a few week's time. I am sure Lauren would love to hear from anyone interested. Her phone is 0400028959. Noelene Helman, Past President

Bunnings BBQ's



Grab your apron and, perhaps your partner, and get ready for selling them Burgers! November 11th and 18th. Mark the dates on your calendar and spend a few hours, chatting with people in the community...they learn more about us (Zonta) each time we flip them burgers Plus, it's just a lot of fun. We need an assistant co-ordinator on the 11th—contact Carol. She will set up, you only need to pack up!

Wendy will be co-ordinator on the 18th.

It's an easy, fun way to fill our coffers for the upcoming

Christmas, for those in need.



ADVOCACY



The UN International Days this month include the Girl Child, Rural Women and UN Day.

A resolution by the UN in December 2011 was adopted and October 11th was declared as the date to celebrate and to recognise the Girl Child. Its aim is to focus on the need to address the challenges girls face and to promote girl's empowerment and the fulfilment of their human rights. This year, the focus is especially on the challenges girls face during a crisis.

October 15th is UN International Day of Rural Women. This day recognises and celebrates rural women in agriculture and rural development particularly in developing countries. Today, 76% of the extremely poor live in rural areas. Ensuring rural women's access to productive agricultural resources is key to decreasing world hunger and poverty and the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals.

October 24th is UN Day. This day marks the anniversary of the UN Charter in 1945. This day has been celebrated as UN Day since 1948.

ZI's Sustainable Development Goal Number 5 target:

"Eliminate all forms of violence against all women and girls in the public and private spheres, including trafficking and sexual and other types of exploitation"

It is widely and well known that the majority of girls and women who are trafficked around the world, find themselves in the sordid world of the sex trade. I have included the latest Advocacy News Letter which pertains to this. It is interesting reading. I did a report a couple of years ago on Australia's legislation and it's response to Human trafficking in this country which outlined very similar statistics. Obviously, not a lot has changed.

November sees our ZI 16 Days of Activism. I would appreciate any ideas of how we should promote this. Thus far, I have booked the Airlie Hill signage board two weeks and am preparing to make an "Orange Family". I could use some help with this project.

Maxine Thiele, Director.

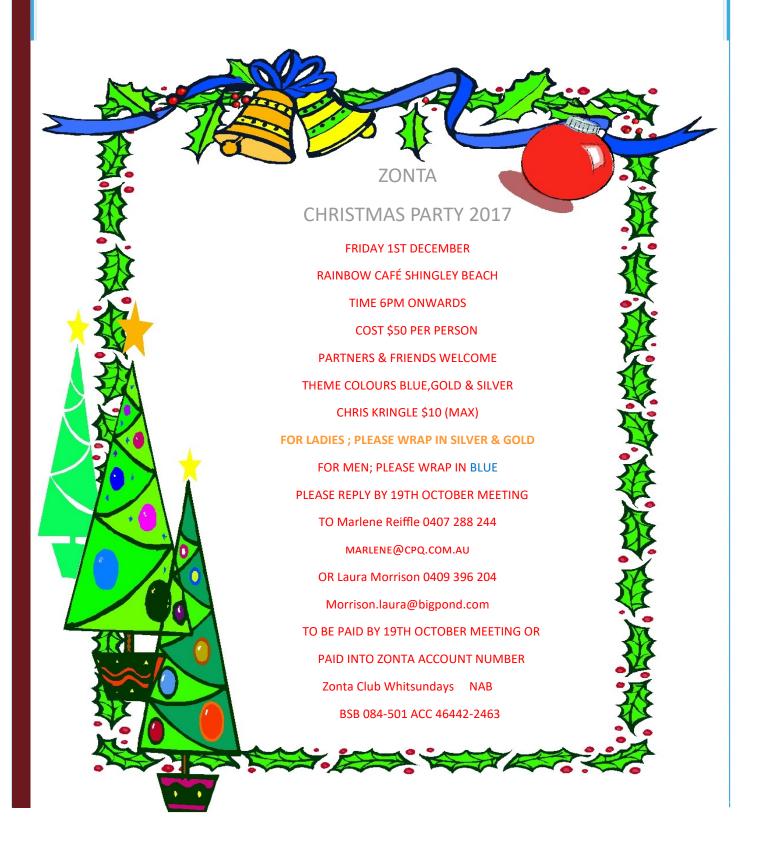


MEMBERSHIP



This will be a short report this month as I have been away and only arrived home today. We have still been having plenty of guests at our meetings which is great as many will be potential members.

I'm really looking forward to our guest speaker Sandy-Venn Brown at our October meeting. She was a speaker at the Conference held in Cairns earlier this year. She spoke on Membership, how to recruit new members and how to retain the members we already have. **Judy Brown, Director**







October Birthdays

6TH—Joan Watson

17th—Judy Brown

19th—Kim Britton

30th—Maxine Thiele



Thank you to Carol Bolton for organising a gorgeous day out at the Bowen Cup.

We gambled and gambled and enjoyed the day! It was terrific to have a marquee and be able to sit and enjoy the passing spectators, in their very stylish outfits (and some of the odd(ish) ones) as well. It was a great treat, as was the crisp cold wines and platters of food.

The coach to Bowen was packed with 'friends of Anne C.', a terrific friendly crowd, and we were lucky that on the homeward trip a delightful singer entertained us with loads of songs that we all knew. Cath Fernbach













It's all about fashion and fun. The ladies looked amazing (and the men too!). We had a lovely bus to get 60 people there and back. Carol had arranged for us deluxe tickets in the tent for food and drinks...next to the band and Bookie! It was a prime position to watch the fashion parade.

On the bus we sold \$5 prize tickets and Betty won the cash prize! Moet champagne was another raffle. Carol made amazing gift packs for the ladies that had the food and wine package. To make it all work, the bus was made up of Zonta folk and locals that had paid to share the bus. What a great way to meet people! I believe a wonderful time was had by all...a fun way to raise money for Zonta projects! On the way back there was singing by Carmen—what a great voice! Ann Cleghorn

Date Claimers

October: 6th—Birthing Kit Assembly Day—St. Cath's High School

18th—Birthing Kit Assembly Day -- Proserpine High School

19th—General Meeting—6pm for 6.30 start—VMR

November: 6th-Board Meeting at Lesley's

11th—Bunnings BBQ—Carol coordinator—NEEDS ASSISTANT

FOR 2ND SHIFT

16th—General Meeting-6pm for 6.30 start—VMR

17th—Trivia Night—VMR

18th—Bunnings BBQ—Wendy coordinator

December: 1st—Christmas Party—Rainbow Café

Book Club meeting last Wednesday every month: Contact Kerry Kenyon

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SHIP'S AMBASSADORS

This is a great way to meet people from all over when a cruise ship comes in -as well as other locals. A roster of ships' arrivals is available to the ambassadors, who then decide if they can help, you don't have to do every ship. You can pick the day and time you are available - I do 2 hour shifts now.

Passengers mostly arrive at Abell Point and there are a few ships into Port of Airlie. Free parking is available while you are working and when we do Abell Point, Jilly offers free tea or coffee to ambassadors.

One of our lovely blue shirts is given to all ambassadors free and we have morning tea at the Sailing Club every 2 months to discuss any queries/problems we may have.

We also get together for a Xmas party - this year it is an afternoon on Cruise Whitsunday's at Abell Point - unfortunately we aren't leaving the jetty but plenty of good company.



If anyone is interested in becoming an ambassador you can speak to me at the meetings or contact Brian Richardson -our organiser- on 0400985760 who would love to hear from you. Noelene Helman

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