

May 2012

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The Yellow rose the Zonta symbol

COMING EVENTS

MONDAY 14 MAY 2012 AGM & Dinner meeting at 7pm at USC

WEDNESDAY 23 MAY 2012 Hand over Board meeting at Brent's

ALL THURSDAYS IN MAY
Zizzling at Bunnings 2 shifts: 7am — 11am
& 11am — 3pm

MONDAY 4 JUNE 2012 Dinner meeting at 7pm at USC

WEDNESDAY 27 JUNE 2012
Board meeting, Ashgrove Library 6pm

7-12 JULY 2012 Zonta International Convention, Torino Italy

Pay dinner meeting fees by direct deposit

Why not pay your dinner fees by direct deposit online. It is an easier way to pay!
- our account is 034-002-992870.

Please describe clearly the purpose of the deposit e.g. include surname & the word "dues".

Our YWPA award winner is a District winner

Congratulations to Sarah Newman our successful nominee for Young Women in Public Affairs Award.

Advice just received from Trish Collins, District 22 Governor states:

"Thank you for submitting a nomination for the D22 YWPA judging. There were 8 nominations received and, as in previous years, the quality of the applications were inspiring. These young women have all made a significant contribution to their school and local communities.

The winner for 2012 is Sarah Maree Newman who was nominated by the Zonta Club of Brisbane North Inc."



Gina presents Sarah with her Young Women in Public Affairs award

Once again our Awards Committee have been able to recommend a nominee of high quality, able to compete successfully at District level. I know the members of the committee are exceedingly diligent and fair when undertaking the task of selection. Thank you to that team.

Have your say!

At the April dinner meeting a member satisfaction survey form was distributed. Please take the time to respond to this survey and provide feedback and suggestions for improvement that might be useful to next year's planning by the new Board.

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www.zontadistrict22.org

Read about the International Service projects on the ZI website

www.zonta.org

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Unable to attend a meeting? Ring Noreen to give apologies

Please PHONE apologies for Dinner Meeting to Noreen Gorman on 3371 5752

> by 9.00 am on Friday 11 May 2012 (no emails please)

Without an apology, payment of \$41.00 is obligatory.

If you are bringing guests to the Dinner Meeting or if you have any special dietary requirements please let Noreen know.

Please wear your Name Badge!

Maggie Williams

Pam Beavis

Our club
Annual General
Meeting
this month
on
14 May

International
Convention in
Torino, Italy
7-12 July 2012

The Board

President: Margaret Marshall
Vice President: Anne Vinning
Corres. Sec: Jenni Jolly
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Treasurer: Karen Peterson
Directors: Maree Crawford
Kara Bowman (LOA)
Heather Mohay

Committees	Meetings
Service Awards Committee Chair: Gina Brosnan brosnang@brigidine.qld.edu.au	Meets prior to Dinner Meeting at USC 6pm.
Service and LAA Committee Chair: Jennie Watt jenniewatt@westnet.com.au	Meeting held Sept each year
Organisation, Membership and Classification Chair: Pamela Beavis pambeavis@optusnet.com.au	Meets prior to Dinner Meeting at USC 6pm.
United Nations Chair : Patricia Rego p.rego@uq.edu.au	Meets prior to Dinner Meeting at USC 6pm.
Public Relations and Communications Chair: Maggie Williams maggie.will1@bigpond.com	Meets prior to Dinner Meeting at USC 6pm.
Parliamentarian Barbara Newton	

President's Update

As we commence a new Zonta Year I would like challenge you all to perhaps think 'outside the box' a little and consider how we might conduct our affairs and meetings more effectively and efficiently.

Sometimes we get stuck in an approach which then becomes routine - should not ask ourselves from time to time whether the way we do things could be improved, streamlined or done differently. Does all that we do need to be done, can we condense tasks or trim them?

Providing the monthly newsletter is one example — Would members be content to receive the edition on a quarterly basis, with perhaps a one page update with priority news items each month.

Your ideas, however out of left field they might be, could be conveyed to the new office bearers in the member survey form that we hope to receive back from everyone at the May meeting. Have your say and let us know what might be possible.

Project now

This ambitious initiative of the Rotary Club of Brisbane Planetarium with the Salvation Army and a number of Zonta Clubs aims to deliver a solution by providing a \$750,000 purpose designed residence

on land provided by the Salvation Army in Red Hill. *Project now* will provide accommodation for up to twenty women recovering from alcohol, drug and gambling addictions.



The new project logo

Plans to date include a Breakfast Fundraiser Event on Wednesday 26 September 2012 6.45am for 7am start at the Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre. Attendees will represent a broad spectrum of people including the business community, representatives from service organisations and the general public. The MC shall be Lexie Hamilton-Smith.

Sponsorship opportunities have been planned and range from 5,000 - 20,000 as well as a range of corporate donations.

Another Moonyah Breakfast (58 Glen Rosa Road Red Hill) is planned for 24 May 2012 7am for 7.30am. If you would like to come along and meet some of the ladies on the Bridge Program and tour the facilities and the proposed site please come along. The cost is \$25 and it really gives you a chance first hand to see how urgent the need is. RSVP to Amenya on 3221 6188 by 20 May 2012.

Amenya will be attending our June meeting to tell us more about how we can support and be involved in the Breakfast Fundraiser and promotion of the project.

Preparations for the Fair

A Fair meeting was held at Glenda's place on Wednesday 2 May where stall convenors highlighted some of their needs for the 32nd Annual Zonta Fair on 21 July . Glenda has already organised a range of excellent entertainment and because the new venue has a stage and an excellent sound system this is a program that Fair-goers will really appreciate. In addition, wet weather will not be an issue for us!!

Cake stall

Gina has suggested that for those who are planning to donate cakes and sweets to the stall, the most popular items include fudge and date roll both of which can be prepared in advance. Recipes provided below:

DATE LOAF

Ingredients

- 1 cup chopped dates
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1 cup boiling water
- 1 tablesp. butter
- 1 teasp bicarb. Soda
- 1 egg, beaten
- 2 cups SR Flour (G-F if desired)
- ½ cup chopped nuts
- 1 tablesp. coconut

Method

Mix dates, sugar & water in saucepan. Bring to the boil. Add bicarb. Soda and mix well. Cool slightly, add beaten egg. Stir in well. Mix flour, nuts & coconut and add the cooled mixture to the flour etc. Stir well. Bake in a loaf tin in a moderate oven 40 mins. or until cooked in centre.

NO LONGER A SECRET MICROWAVE FUDGE

Ingredients

185 g butter (not margarine)
1 tin condensed milk (they vary in size – around
400g)

500g brown sugar

375g choc melts - or white for caramel fudge

Method

In a deep microwave container, melt the butter. (This rises a lot while cooking). Mix in the milk and sugar. Microwave on high for a total of 9 minutes, stopping every 3 minutes to stir well. At end of 9 minutes add chocolate melts and stir really well (until smooth appearance), then pour into a greased tray / tin or a tray lined with baking paper and refrigerate.

International days coming

<u>up</u>

15 May International Day of Families

29 May International Day of UN

Peace keepers

5 June World Environment Day

Clothing Stall

While there will not be a pre-Fair sale this year, quality clothing is still being sourced by Noreen and Maggie for sale at the Fair. Anne Vinning has offered her garage as a storage venue for dothing and requests that members who have clothes for the Fair bring them to the May or June dinner meetings so that she can collect them before heading off to the International Convention in early July.

Monster Raffle

It was suggested that members may like to start bringing donations for the monster raffle over the next couple of dinner meetings. This eases the last minute scramble to remember to bring your donation and allows the raffle prize to be prepared in good time.

Advertising

The committee discussed the importance of getting the message of our new venue out to the community of Indooroopilly. It is proposed that A5 size flyers will be printed in good time and that members will volunteer to participate in a planned distribution of the flyers to letter boxes in designated streets to ensure adequate coverage. In addition, two extra banners will be prepared to be placed at the school and Robertson Park.

Bunnings Sausgae Zizzle - progress report

On Saturday 28 April (Council Election Day) the sausage zizzle team prepared for a big busy day at Bunnings with 80 Kg of sausages, 35kg of pre-cut onions and 50 loaves of bread ordered and collected on the Friday before hand. However, we awoke to a very wet & rainy morning and the rain, at times, torrential hardly let up all day. The teams rallied and with six helpers on each shift, we cooked and wrapped sausages in bread all day!

Why no photos to show here it was so wet that we did not even consider it to be a photo event.

Everyone made the best of an uncomfortable working environment and spirits seemed to keep up most of the day. It was lovely to be joined by Kara on the afternoon shift, who had left Nigel at home to care for Zoe for the first time on his own! The very best part was that we were able to bank \$1,694 at the end of the day.

To all who helped with the sausage zizzle on that day, we say thank you and well done. It was a great effort.

Covering the roster with volunteers for the five Thursdays in May has been difficult and it has brought home to the convenors that maybe a set roster for the month may be the way forward if we continue with this venture into the second half of this year. Bunnings have yet to advise whether we will be given that opportunity.

Update on projects

Entertainment Books

Heather indicates that she has about 4 Entertainment books still left to sell at \$65 each. \$13 from this sale will go towards our dub's service fund.

Heather will bring the books to the May dinner meeting. Books which on not sold on or before that day will be returned to the Entertainment book offices.

Please remind people that the books contain vouchers for many deals offered by businesses such as Coles, Woolworths, Caltex, theatres, cinemas, sporting events etc as well as restaurants and hotels.

Request from Heather

If anyone has been to India and has a few rupees left over which are almost impossible to change when you get back to Australia (and are usually not worth much in Australian currency anyway - about 55 rupees to the dollar), I would be very grateful for them. I plan to send them to an education program in Chennai with which I am familiar and which is having all sorts of financial problems at present.

The following email has just been sent to Heather:

"The sweet memories of your visit to our Trust Office in Chennai prompts us to draw your attention of peculiar problems the educationists come across in India. We are running a full time English Medium School since June 2008. As you are aware of our methodologies and Teaching Learning Materials you will be able to guess the quality of education we provide to the children. For the rest of the story, please visit the link:

http://www.vidyarambam.org/news/243-future-of-model-school-uncertain.html

We are striving to get a solution for the problem you will see in the above link."

