



The yellow rose,
Zonta's symbol

President's Report

Dear Members

We have had a very busy recent period for Zontians. It was marked initially by sadness at the loss of a long-standing and dedicated member Lynette Liddle. I first met Lynette when I was a first year Resident doing a short period of anaesthetics and I recall her as a very calm, confident and kind person in her professional role, and to me who was young and inexperienced. Since I have known her through Zonta I have been impressed above all by her understated courage and determination in the face of adversity and her kindness, humor and friendship to many. Many members have relayed their thoughts and remembrances and a large group gathered to farewell her. She will be sadly missed.

I would like to congratulate the many members who contributed in diverse ways to the great success of the Trivia Night held on 7th March at Kedron. The club raised over \$5600 and it was an evening which ran very smoothly thanks to the excellent compering from Renus Burke and her son Michael, and members' input coordinated by Jenny Grant-Taylor and Glenda Gobe, and the invaluable assistance from HonZons Peter Marshall and Gary Barlow.

A successful Area 1 and 3 meeting was held on 21 March hosted by Zonta Brisbane of Brisbane East. There were interesting presentations around membership and strategies to provide engagement; an overview of ZI's mission, vision and service programs; update re administrative and compliance requirements e.g. new Zonta branding and logos and a Q&A panel discussion. Guest speakers included Emeritus Prof Roly Sussex on gender aspects of language and language usage for gender purposes. As well, we had an inspiring presentation from anaesthetist Dr Jenny Stedman regarding her varied experiences working with Red Cross in developing countries, and with various disasters including Ebola in West Africa and the Philippine's typhoon. A total of 8 members from Brisbane North were in attendance.

We look forward to the April 13 dinner meeting with our guest speaker Chris Gibson, the Domestic and Family Violence Liason Coordinator with the Queensland Police Service. In addition we will be welcoming our YWPA club awardee Sophie Ryan. I regret that I will be away on conference leave for this meeting, which will be chaired by Chieko but I will continue to be available by email.

Regards
Maree

John Milton

The deadline for recording your intended absence from the dinner meeting is 9am on the Friday before. Failure to notify Jenny in time will mean you will still have to pay the cost of the dinner (\$45), since the Club will be charged for it regardless.

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Date Claimers

**April 13h, 7pm USC
Dinner Meeting**
Dinner Apologies:
Apologies go to **Jenny
Grant-Taylor 33533591 or
0417745919 or
jgrant-t2@bigpond.com**

**no later than 9am on the
Friday preceding dinner
meetings. Please let Jenny
know beforehand if you:**

- are bringing a guest
- have special dietary needs
- are returning after an absence

**Wed 22 April
Board Meeting
6pm
Ashgrove Library**

*Freely we serve
because we
freely love, as in
our will.*

*To love or not,
in this we shall
stand or fall.*

Memories of Lynette Liddle

Sad news indeed. I am so grateful that Lynette invited me into my Zonta membership and encouraged me greatly in those early days. Her enthusiasm was contagious and her warm friendship made me feel at home. I honour a courageous lady and a life well lived!

Pauline

Free from pain and struggle at last. One of my treasured memories relating to Zonta is the morning tea Lynette held at her house on The Corso at Fairfield for a few new Zonta recruits when I joined in 2005 - a wonderful introduction. I'm also thankful for her encouraging help when I assumed the membership committee chair. RIP lovely lady!

Linda

Lynette was a very kind lady who went out of her way to make everyone feel comfortable. She was extraordinarily tolerant of human foibles, and would make compassionate excuses for those who needed them! She exemplified Zonta in her willingness to put her concern for all women into action. Her courage in the face of her cruel illness was remarkable, and we will miss her.

Patricia

2015 International Women's Day

The 2015 theme for International Women's theme is *Empowering Women - Empowering Humanity: Picture It!* It again restates the dream that the women of the world will be free to choose the life they want, free from violence and discrimination. It is 20 years ago that the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action was signed at the UN Fourth World Conference on Women. Yet as we are too sadly aware, even in the modern democracy that is Australia, much remains to be done in relation to domestic and family violence. So far in 2015, two women a week have been murdered by an intimate male partner.

At a political level in Australia, there has been much talk about violence against women and the need to eliminate it. However, budgetary constraints have led to the defunding of essential services for women at both Federal and State levels of government. In NSW for example, many refuges have closed or been unable to take women in. On one occasion the refuge in Cooma was desperate enough to want refer a woman needing help to Darwin. In Broken Hill the sole refuge will not allow women to return unless they have paid for their accommodation. Despite having one of the highest rates of domestic violence in NSW, the refuge is largely empty (Hill & Cohen, 2015).

And as we advocate to change decades of ignorance towards family violence we do so with a court system that is full of magistrates and judges who hold the same ignorant prejudices. If you are going to give lenient sentences for domestic violence, what does that say to the victim? (Rosie Battie)

Adding to the seriousness of the bedding shortages all over Australia, is the judicial system. Rosie Battie (SMH, 2015) noted that the lenient sentences handed down to perpetrators of domestic violence give the wrong message to both the victim and the perpetrator. Rosie believes that judges and magistrates hold mistaken views about the risks women face from intimate violence, and that the latter is not regarded as seriously as other violence. Additionally, no effort is made by the Court to ensure that positive behavioural change has occurred following Court-ordered anger management etc programs. This can impose a continuing risk to women.

Batty, R. 2015. Ignorance is holding us back: Rosie Batty on sentencing for domestic violence offenders, *The Sydney Morning Herald*, 22 February.

Hill, J, Cohen, H. 2015. How funding changes in NSW locked women out of domestic violence refuges, *The Guardian*, 29 March.



Dear members

As part of the fund raising for the club this year, new Entertainment books are now on sale and will be available in a couple of months. As in previous years, tick "collect" for delivery and I will distribute the books at the dinner meeting. Can you please share with friends and family.

I have posters and flyers which I will bring to the April dinner meeting. If anyone can display a poster in their work place, please see me. I encourage everyone to help with this project as this in turn will boost our service fund.

Kind regards
Anne Vinning



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- Ali M. (Member since 2009)

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September 2014

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The following is an extract from the Zonta Club manual regarding committee roles and responsibilities. The full manual is available on the website under member resources.

COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES
Responsibilities of the Club Committee Chairman

- Establish the goals for the committee in cooperation with the club president and club board, and aligned with Zonta's mission.
- Report to the club board and the club regularly about progress.
- Report to the district committee chairman as required and copy the club president.
- Schedule regular meetings to discuss how committee goals will be met, with adequate notice of details, to committee members and the president and prepare an agenda.
- Give each member of the committee some responsibility and encourage each member to contribute ideas and suggestions.
- Adhere to the approved committee budget.
- Work with other club committees and the club board to prepare a club calendar of events and meetings (see Section 7).

Responsibilities of the Committee Member

- Attend committee meetings and participate in committee discussions and decisions.
- Accept assignments and responsibilities.
- Support committee projects and decisions.