



**ZONTA**  
**INTERNATIONAL**  
**DISTRICT 22**  
**EMPOWERING WOMEN**  
**THROUGH SERVICE & ADVOCACY**

February 2015

## Presidents Report: February 2015

Kaye Lollback



Welcome to another year that I am sure will be fruitful as we continue to work toward advancing the status of women.

Christmas is a distant memory and the hot cross buns have hit the shelves. The sausages hit the barbeque plate in a flurry on December 27th when we had our final fundraiser for 2014. Thank you to all that attended. The day was peppered with heat, wet and an issue with gas which all were challenging. No matter we are at it again on July 4th at Masters Robina. More details later.

Next fundraiser will be the Blue Illusion fashion parade March 21st. This is a fun morning, lots of goodies given away and a very easy way for you to support your local Zonta Club. **Please join us at Blue Illusion Robina Town Centre.**

Our club will welcome Area Director **Anne Kuhnemann** at our dinner meeting February 17th. Anne will be offering her insights and knowledge on Club membership recruitment and retention. With just 6 members it will be

an opportunity to also plan a new member information night. **So if you know anyone who would like to join us.** I have included the revived mission statement in the International news. Time commitment varies however dinner meetings are once a month and at most 1-2hrs.

Zonta Southern Gold Coast/Tweed renewed its commitment to both local and International projects at our January meeting. These projects include; providing breast cushions and drainage bag covers to those undergoing breast surgery. Providing packs of toiletries to both the Gold Coast University Hospital and the Tweed Hospital. These are given to victims of sexual assault. Ongoing support of Domestic Violence services and Women's Refuges. Financial assistance to women in pursuit of education advancement or employment. **"Knicker Nights"** for the collection of new underwear which is also given to local sexual assault services. Birthing Kit assembly day. This is usually held in September and we hope to be able to afford to assemble at least 1,000.

I cannot speak of birthing kits and not mention a most remarkable man; Dr Luc. Dr Luc is visiting Australia and is keen to let Zontians know of the difference birthing kits make to the lives of women and birth attendants in his country. An excerpt from his bio:

**In 2007 he formed a liaison with the Birthing Kit Foundation to supply clean birthing kits as the region was so large and isolated that for 95% of the women there would never be a midwife or doctor to help with their birth, so the next best option was to have a clean birthing kit and where possible a trained traditional birth attendant. Luc has personal experience using a birthing kit at home. When Luc's son Jean was born in January last year the taxi in Kinshasa was late and Jean was delivered at home by Luc using a birthing kit. He has now distributed over 100,000 birthing kits and trained over 700 birth attendants in 3 day midwifery seminars on health, hygiene and nutrition. He has recently completed Train the Trainer programs where 36 local health professional have learned how to train traditional birth attendants in non-literate education on health and midwifery. There are now 3 provinces each with 12 trained Midwifery Seminar Teachers in the local community, holding their own TBA training programs."**



Reading this and thinking wow, you should be. A birthing kit cost just \$3. Want to help? No problem, you are most welcome to attend any of our meetings. Like us on facebook and watch for upcoming events. Want to donate easy: Bank details: Zonta Southern Gold Coast/ Tweed. BOQ: BSB 124 036. A/c 11 139 149

# District 22 News

## District 22 **Strategic Plan and DROP**

The Zonta International Strategic Plan is now available and the update of District 22 Strategic plan is under review. The revised plan will be available early in the New Year. Similarly, as the Governing Documents have now been published, the District Rules of Procedure (DROP) Review Committee will return to the task of updating.

## **The Queensland Plan**

Both Zonta District 22 Lt. Governor Ans Van Erp, participating in Toowoomba, and District Governor Judith Trevan-Hawke in Brisbane, were invited to participate a Women's Forum hosted by the Minister for Community, Children and Disability, the Hon Ms Tracy Davis, to explore needs and opportunities for Women arising from the Queensland Plan. It was a good opportunity to network and share ideas. DV Connect were very aware of work undertaken by several Zonta clubs and it was useful to share information.

## Date Claimer

9 -11 October 2015 District 22 Conference hosted by the Whitsunday Club at the Coral Sea Resort





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# DIARY DATES

## **Area Meetings 2015**

21 March Areas 1 and 3 in Brisbane

28 – 29 March Area 4 in Dalby

8 March Zonta Rose Day

8 March International Women's Day

11 – 12 April 2015 Area 2 in Longreach

1 – 3 May Area 5 in Mackay



ZONTA  
INTERNATIONAL  
FOUNDATION

ROSE DAY

8 MARCH

**Zonta Rose Day, which coincides with International Women's Day on 8 March, is a day to reflect on the voluntary work done by Zontians empowering women worldwide.**

# INTERNATIONAL NEWS

**MISSION** Zonta International is a leading global organisation of professionals empowering women worldwide through service and advocacy.

**VISION** Zonta International envisions a world in which women's rights are recognised as human rights and every woman is able to achieve her full potential. In such a world, women have access to all resources and are represented in decision making positions on an equal basis with men. In such a world, no woman lives in fear of violence.

**THEME** Empowering Women Through Service and Advocacy. Further Voices Against Violence: Engaging youth to prevent gender-based violence

Zonta believes education is key to the prevention of the root causes of gender inequality and violence against women and girls. To that end, Zonta is pleased to partner this biennium with **UN Women and the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS)** to support Voices Against Violence - a non-formal education curriculum on ending violence against girls and women by engaging young people as peer educators.

The Voices Against Violence curriculum was officially rolled out at the first regional workshop in Pune, India last week. Youth leaders from Fiji, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, the Philippines and Sri Lanka came together to learn how to deliver the curriculum to prevent violence against women and girls in their respective countries. Past International Director Dilruba Ahmed represented Zonta International and participated in an expert panel with UN Women and WAGGGS to share Zonta's work on ending violence against women and girls.

## Voices against Violence/ WAGGS

The ZI project Voices Against Violence was launched in Melbourne during the last weekend of November at the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts Conference. District 23 Governor Erica Majba represented ZI President, Maria Jose Landeira Oestergaard. At The Queensland Plan meeting I was able to meet and talk with the Girl Guide and Girl Scout leadership in Queensland and learn that the roll out of Voices Against Violence is likely to commence in February 2015.



District 23 Governor Erica Majba (middle) attended the Opening Ceremony of the WAGGGS Leaders Conference in Melbourne, Australia on 1 December.

**The Zontian** is available on line. Take a look click on the link below;

[http://issuu.com/zontainternational/docs/zontian\\_sept2014/0](http://issuu.com/zontainternational/docs/zontian_sept2014/0)

## This month's TED talk:

Khadija Gbla grew up caught between two definitions of what it means to be an “empowered woman.” While her Sierra Leonean mother thought that circumcising her — and thus stifling her sexual urges — was the ultimate form of empowerment, her culture as a teenager in Australia told her that she deserved pleasure and that what happened to her was called “female genital mutilation.” In a candid and funny talk, she shares what it was like to make her way in a “clitoris-centric society,” and how she works to make sure other women don't have to figure this out. (Warning: This talk contains hard-to-hear details)



Watch by clicking the link below:

[http://www.ted.com/talks/khadija\\_gbla\\_my\\_mother\\_s\\_strange\\_definition\\_of\\_empowerment](http://www.ted.com/talks/khadija_gbla_my_mother_s_strange_definition_of_empowerment)

## Conviction, Commitment, Courage

Go to the Welcome from our Zonta International President, Maria Jose Landeira Oestergaard, to find out more [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HjI81x\\_bT-A&feature=em-subst\\_digest](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HjI81x_bT-A&feature=em-subst_digest)

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