



BeauZontian

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Dear fellow Zontians,

This month has been all about the Area Meeting in Maleny and International Women's Day so far. I still have my grandson's 18th birthday party to look forward to, which unfortunately means I will miss Alice's significant birthday. I hope you will all be able to celebrate with her.

Denise, Ellen and I attended the Area Meeting on 4th March. When we walked into the hall it was great to see the timber orange ladies arranged in front of the stage. They were made by the local Men's Shed and we thought it would be good if we could get the Wongaburra Men's Shed involved in making some for our club. Zonta Brisbane East has the pattern for them if we need them.

There were a number of reports on fundraising ideas from clubs. Some of them were very ambitious and must require enormous volunteer hours. A couple that I liked were a local business directory, where the club makes money from selling advertising, a pop up shop for second hand clothing (probably not for us, very labour intensive), second hand handbag sale, gift wrapping at the local shopping centre on Mother's Day, Father's Day and Christmas, selling orange wristbands for a gold coin. (They cost 67c each if you buy 1,000).

Clubs also reported on their Service Projects. Again, some were very ambitious and some were very interesting. One club has a joint venture with the local prison for the sewing of the breast cushions. Another has a program of filling shoe boxes toiletries and gifts for women who are carers of other women. Brisbane has a huge Birthing Kit Project which they carry out over two days in Ekka Week. Brisbane East has the Love Bites Program in local schools. While it is great to hear about all these big projects, I believe that what our small club achieves is totally satisfying and rewarding for our members.

Our annual International Women's Day Luncheon was, once again, very successful. Many thanks to all the members for their efforts in ensuring the day went smoothly. Pam Parker was a delightful guest speaker and I will repeat here her 7 tips which she passed on to us:

1. Work together to achieve anything.
2. Believe in yourself.
3. Develop your skills and think big.
4. Develop your natural bent. Be good at what you enjoy. Be passionate.
5. Surround yourself with supporters.
6. Not all leaders are born. Success, challenges and failures today prepare you for the future.
7. Taking risks is worth it. There is only "now" and "too late". Take the risk and push on.

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To sum up, she advised us to start each day with passion and determination. Tell yourself "I will, I can, watch me".

Denise is going to preside at the March meeting as I will be on holidays, but I should be back in town for the coffee morning on 30th March. Hope you have a great meeting and enjoy hearing from our guest speaker, Louise Dwyer from Beauceare.

Yours in Zonta

Anne

Our Dinner meeting is next Tuesday, 21st with the Board meeting at 5.00 pm followed by our committee meetings at 6.00 pm and our general meeting starts at 6.30 pm. Don't forget to let Pam know by Monday if you are unable to make it.

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Coffee morning will really be at the end of the month this month. It is **Thursday 30th March** so we look forward to catching up then. Come along at **10.00 am** at **Everyday's**.

CHARTER DINNER IDEAS NEEDED...

We need to start thinking about our 30th anniversary which is in February 2018. We will talk about it at this meeting but think about whether you want a lunch or dinner and on a Saturday?

You may have seen these photos on facebook but in case you haven't, this has been a busy month.



Ellen Logan, Elaine Harrington (AD3), Ans Van Erp (DG), Anne Beulah and Denise Martin at Area Meeting in Maleny.

- March** 21st Dinner meeting at RSL.
- 30th Coffee morning – 10.00 am
- May** 13th Changeover is on Saturday this year
- June** A couple of fundraisers to be sorted out
- September** 8 – 10th **District 22 Conference – Brisbane**

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We really enjoyed this workshop in Maleny and we have put in a request to host the 2018 so we will see how we go.



Members with our speaker, Pam Parker at International Women's Day Luncheon.

Check out our fb page for more photos. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/329276094106019/>

This article was in the latest ZI newsletter and I was interested that they spent \$7500 on this project, pretty impressive.

Zonta Club of Accra, Ghana

The Mother's Hostel at Korle Bu Teaching Hospital is a facility for mothers to visit for their health care needs. However, it had not been maintained in years and started to deteriorate. The Zonta Club of Accra raised funds and refurbished the facility so more women can receive the care they need.

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