



# ZONTA

CLUB OF  
CHARTERS  
TOWERS INC

MEMBER OF ZONTA INTERNATIONAL  
EMPOWERING WOMEN  
THROUGH SERVICE & ADVOCACY

## Newsletter : September 2015

### **Calendar**

**Thursday October 8:** Dinner meeting at Henry's – United Nations theme - Katherine Salisbury to speak about her journey to Cambodia.

**Fri October 9 to Sun 11:** District 22 Biennial Conference, Airlie Beach

**Sunday October 25:** donut stall, Centenary Park Charity Markets

**Sunday November 8:** Zonta International's birthday – lunch in Townsville – details to be confirmed

**Thursday November 12:** Dinner meeting at Henry's; 5.30 for 6.00pm

**Sunday November 15:** morning tea and plant sale at Robyn Pratt's home

**Sunday November 22:** donut stall, Centenary Park Charity Markets

**Wednesday November 25:** White Ribbon Day breakfast at Henry's – details to be confirmed

**Sunday December 6:** making rumballs

**Thursday December 10:** Dinner meeting / Christmas party? at Henry's

**Sunday December 13:** making rumballs?



### **From President Hilary Grant**

Finally a fund raiser that was enjoyable, painless and profitable!

I talk of Towers Rocks, a seniors' version of "Big Day Out" or "Splendor in the Dust", where the Zonta Club of Charters Towers manned the gates for the event held at Bivouac Junction on September 5 and 6.

Thanks to Tania and Lesley for rounding up the members and friends to fill the roster over the 2 days.

Further thanks to Lesley for sourcing the baseball caps emblazoned with the Zonta logo – we looked pretty cool.

We are now skilled at scanning tickets and attaching wrist bands.

Apart from the cheque the club receives, helpers were allowed to stay on after the shift and listen to the likes of Wendy Matthews, Russell Morris, and Darryl Braithwaite - great music.

We've put our hands up to man the gates at next year's event.

Also on the fund raising front, we've had a garage sale which we held on the same day as the Neighbourhood Centre's Community Fun Day on August 30 and 2 donut stalls, one at the July Charity Markets and one at the Community Fun Day.

We have well and truly raised the funds needed for our 2016 Zonta Scholarship.

*Karen Wade-Parker, Manager, SlyDogz Events with Zontians and friends... ready to man the gate at Towers Rocks.*

## Motions for Conference (in brief)

### A1

1 Subject to preparation of the necessary documentation and obtaining the necessary regulatory approvals, District 22 transition to a company limited by guarantee;

2 Subject to resolution 1 being approved, Clayton Utz be instructed to prepare an advice as to the structure;

3 The District Governor be authorized to consider, execute and implement all necessary documentation and seek all necessary approvals in relation to, or ancillary to, resolutions 1 and 2.

### A2

That the District 22 Board seek further advice on how best to structure the operations of the newly incorporated District 22 entity.

### A3

That in celebration of Zonta's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary, there should be an Inter District Conference of Zonta Districts 16, 22, 23 and 24 held in 2019.

### A4

That District 22 puts forward a proposal to Zonta Districts 16, 23 and 24 for District 22 to host an Inter District Conference in Brisbane in 2109 to celebrate Zonta's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

### A5

That Zonta District 22 advocates to and/or applies to governments for grants and other relevant sources for funding to be used for provision of service projects which address the "root causes" of violence against women and girls.

### A6

There are now many large national and international businesses which advocate commendable community values while positioning themselves as good corporate citizens. Zonta District 22 should take advantage of this trend and forge relationships with affiliated business partners to raise funds directly for club projects within the district.

### A7

1 Zonta International District 22 acknowledges the response of the Queensland Government in its efforts towards putting an end to domestic and family violence in Queensland by commissioning the Special Taskforce on Domestic and Family Violence;

2 Zonta International District 22 congratulates the taskforce on the resulting report—"Not Now, Not Ever: Putting an End to Domestic and Family Violence in Queensland";

3 Zonta International District 22 advocate to the government to consider and implement as many of the 140 recommendations in the report as possible.

### A8

That Zonta district 22 endorses and seeks support for improved management of Osteoporosis through strategies such as the establishment of Trauma Fracture Liaison Services at all major Australian hospitals.

### A9

That District 22 propose to Zonta International / Zonta International Foundation Boards that they investigate support for a service program targeting women in PNG that addresses the issue of domestic and family violence in that country.

### A10

That Zonta District 22 develops a process to be followed for combined Club, Area and District projects with another party or organization external to Zonta.



August 13<sup>th</sup>: Area Director Marie Cameron's visit  
L to R: Vice-President Tania Van Wijk,  
Z Club members Emelia Bode, Sarah Salisbury,  
and Area Director Marie Cameron.

## Zonta Training Day – Sunday 16 August

On Sunday 16 August, Lesley Collins and Helen Dixon travelled to St Patrick's College, Townsville to participate in a Zonta Training Day, convened by Area 5 Director Marie Cameron and District 22 Lieutenant Governor Ans Van Erp. There were attendees from both Townsville clubs, Ayr, Bowen, Cairns and Mt Isa.

The workshop commenced with introductions and networking, and clubs discussed current projects. Suggested ways of increasing member interest were:

- Meeting informally for coffee/drinks out of working hours;
- A "Buddy" System for new members;
- Have a drop-in lunch - make a date and place and anyone who is available just comes for lunch. Invite others who aren't (perhaps yet) members;
- Take day trips together – Bowen club is going to Collinsville
- Cake Stall - set up with antique plates/furniture etc. for display (this really drew the customers in);
- Give information as to exactly what we are spending funds raised, on. The group was impressed that we have a presence at the monthly markets with our donuts, thus keeping us in the public eye;
- At functions, gather attendees' email details and email them about upcoming events;
- Accept flexibility. If someone can't come to meetings then this is OK!
- A Townsville Club is doing a Spring High Tea said this is their 'thing' for the year so they really need to make it work!
- Identify the skills of new and existing members (a "skills audit"). Some members said they like to use the skills they have, others said they like to learn new skills. For instance, don't assume that an Accountant always wants to take on the Treasurer's position, they may want to try something else!
- Have the main meeting quickly and then split into committee groups;
- That Z clubs be started at other schools;
- With regard to community donations, give gift cards each 6 months so support is seen as ongoing and not a one off thing making the Zonta contribution quickly forgotten;
- Stay in touch with other service clubs;
- Running a combined raffle may be a worthwhile suggestion for smaller clubs -2000 tickets at \$50 each ticket; with tickets to be shared out between clubs. Prizes are usually big ticket items such as business class return airfares/ jewellery etc. Permits etc may be organised by Mackay club.
- Set up an online forum to keep in touch with other clubs, to 'chat' to other members etc, to see what they are doing and keep friendships continuing.

It was agreed that more education is needed about Zonta; and a suggestion was to put information booklets around town in businesses, etc.

*A suggestion from Lesley:* A Charters Towers Zonta banner to hang outside City Hall; can we find some sponsors for a banner?

Lieutenant Governor Ans Van Erp conducted a lively workshop entitled "Make Your Club Shine". Following a well earned lunch break we re-convened for a session on "Teamwork".

Ans did a great session on "From Conflict to Win-Win" and how managing conflict is about choices. We discussed the various outcomes such as:

- Compete (Win-Lose)
- Avoid (no change)
- Compromise (Win-Win? Lose-Lose?)
- Accommodate (Lose-Win)
- Collaborate (Win-Win)

We all agreed the "Collaborate" is the most desirable outcome but not always the easiest to achieve.

One thing Ans kept pushing was to make meetings FUN!! More hula hooping then? It was a great day, and good to be able to network with other club members.

Lesley Collins and Helen Dixon

**Inaugural  
White Ribbon Day Breakfast**

**Wednesday 25 November 2015  
Henry's Café & Restaurant  
6.30 to 7.00am (conclude by 8.00am)**

**\$20.00 a ticket  
(\$5 donation to Zonta included)  
Guest Speakers  
More information later...**







July –  
Dinner and movies at  
President Hilary Grant's home



August – Area Director Marie Cameron's visit –  
L to R: Sue-Ellen Weedon, CT Neighbourhood Centre,  
Vice-President Tania Van Wijk,  
Donette Griffin, CTNC and  
Area Director Marie Cameron



August –  
Neighbourhood Centre Community Day  
–  
Garage Sale and Donut Stall



September - Zontians or Slydogz?



September (Literacy month)–  
President Hilary Grant thanks guest speaker Carole  
Phillips of Bush Curlews.

**About Zonta**

Zonta International envisions a world in which women's rights are recognized as human rights and every woman is able to achieve her potential.

The Zonta Club of Charters Towers holds a dinner meeting on the second Thursday of the month at Henry's Café and Restaurant, 5.30pm for 6pm.

To find out more about Zonta,  
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