



Newsletter of the Zonta Club of the Riverland Inc Club N^o. 23 – 02 – 1116

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Meeting: 1st Tuesday of each month, Berri Resort Hotel, 6:15 pm for 6:30 pm

Tonight's Meeting: Tuesday, 1st November

(Melbourne Cup – wear a hat)

Guest Speaker: Allison Nitschke

Objects: Lorraine Charity

Raffle: Kay Sando

Next Meeting: Tuesday 6th December

2016 – Berri Club 6.30pm \$25/head

(Christmas meeting - Kris Kringle \$10)

Objects: Margot Kranich

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

On the 6th of October, I attended the Area 2 Combined Presidents meeting in Adelaide, it was great to catch up with other Presidents, some which I haven't met before plus a few familiar faces, it is always worth attending as there are so many ideas shared. Some of the interesting items discussed were the Area 2 workshop where Tumby Bay has been suggested for the location and the Lower Eyre and Port Lincoln clubs will work together to organise. I was so excited having lived in both Tumby Bay and Port Lincoln many years ago, so I will not be missing this one. The D23 Strategic Plan has been released and you should all have your copy by now. It was also discussed that perhaps each member of our clubs go on line and do the Food Safety Training especially those who help at the BBQ's it doesn't take long and it is well worth doing just go on your local council web site.

On the subject of BBQ's, we held another fundraiser at Bunnings and raised \$521.70 so great effort and a huge thanks to all those who helped out on the day even though the weather turned nasty just after

lunch. They are a great way of promoting our club and fun too. Out of the BBQ we were invited to the ladies night last Thursday so Toni and I attended (our way of thanking Bunnings for the BBQ's) It was well worth attending and we we learnt so much, ate great food and Toni won a prize so we would recommend that some of you might want to attend the next one.

On the 2nd of December, our club will be attending the Berri Merry Xmas for our next fundraiser and as most of you are aware we will be selling drinks, I will have a roster at the next meeting so have a think about what time will suit you to help out. Lorraine has been busily buying the drinks when they come on special.

On Thursday Toni, Lorraine, Joy, Elma and I attended the opening of the playground in the Domestic Violence Unit where we enjoyed a morning tea and got to see our pavers with our club logo on. It looks a fantastic play space but they are still in need of extra funding to complete this project. It was amazing to see how many of our community contributed to this great project and a privilege to attend.

A big thank you to Margot who picked up the filling for the breast cushions while in Adelaide in the School holidays and then to Elma who has weighed and bagged it all up for Nita to fill the cushions, I believe Nita will be bringing some cushions on Tuesday for our members to sew.

Our meeting on Tuesday is our usual Melbourne club day so don't forget your hat.

Yours in Service

Julie Radloff



Toni and Julie at Bunnings Ladies' Night

Happy Birthday Zonta International

Zonta will celebrate 97 years of existence on November 8th.

A little bit of history:

In January 1919 in Buffalo, New York, USA, five women attending as guests at a social meeting of the Kiwanis, an established all-male service club, were inspired to develop a new kind of service club, composed of women who were recognized leaders in their businesses and professions.

During the spring and summer of 1919, clubs were organized in the USA in Buffalo, Rochester, Binghamton, Elmira, and Syracuse, followed by Erie, Ithaca, Utica and Detroit. Under the leadership of its charter president, Marian de Forest, a playwright and newspaper critic, the Buffalo club established specific guidelines for membership and classification, which the other eight clubs soon adopted.

The Confederation of Zonta Clubs was formed on 8 November 1919 in Buffalo.

Mary E. Jenkins, newspaper publisher and civic leader, was elected the first president. Bylaws and a constitution were drafted and adopted. In order to select a name, each club submitted a list. The final vote was almost unanimous in adopting the Binghamton club's suggestion of "Zhonta". The Bureau of American Ethnology of the Smithsonian Institute later corrected the spelling to Zonta, explaining that the word was from the Teton dialect of the Siouan stock of Native American languages. It signified the quality of being "honest and trustworthy."

In April 1920 the first meeting of Confederation officers was held in Rochester, New York. The Zonta colors were chosen and the Zonta emblem officially authorized. In October, the presidents of all existing clubs met in Syracuse, New York and adopted two resolutions:

- that Zonta clubs should adopt the specific aim of fostering education and constructive work for girls and young women; and
- that the first convention of the Confederation should be held in Syracuse in May 1921.

The Confederation was incorporated under the laws of New York State in February 1922. Five years later, Zonta became international when the Club of Niagara Falls, composed of members from Canada and the United States, organized Toronto as the first club in Canada. In 1931, Zonta was introduced to Europe through new clubs in Vienna and Hamburg. Growth continued steadily in Europe and Scandinavia over the following decade. In the late 1940s and early 1950s, Zonta established itself in Latin America and Asia. In the 1960s Zonta was introduced to Australasia. By 1970, Zonta became truly worldwide when six African nations joined the organization, and in 1991 Hungary joined Zonta with the first Eastern European club.

SERVICE

Lorraine has recently completed another 6 toiletry bags, which she delivered to the DV Unit. She is currently looking for donations of further supplies in particular for small packets toothpaste and brushes for the next lot of bags which will be delivered around Christmas time for the holiday break.

ADVOCACY

The UN women's dinner will take place on March 7th 2017. We will organise another date soon to plan the dinner. A possible theme for the dinner and Community Awards could be "Women who have made it happen", looking to award women whose drive and enthusiasm have resulted in positive results particularly for some in the Riverland.

In November-December we generally focus on White Ribbon Day and the 16 days of activism. Whilst we are having a quieter year, keep your ear out for news items etc around this topic as there are sure to be many things happening.



THE CAMPAIGN

Dianna Schulz



New playground for the children of the DV unit.



Julie, Elma and Joy at the opening of the Centacare Playground.

As already mentioned by Julie in her report, the new DV unit playground was recently opened. Our club and some individual members sponsored the playground with cash donations and were recognised by pavers. Some of our members were even able to go along to the opening.



D23 Biennium Goals

1. **SERVICE:** Zonta's service programs reflect on and enhance our mission.
2. **ADVOCACY:** Zonta International is a leading advocate for women's rights.
3. **MEMBERSHIP:** Zonta International builds and sustains a vibrant global membership.
4. **RESOURCES:** Zonta International maintains resources to support mission and vision fulfilment.
5. **CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY:** Zonta's Centennial Anniversary celebrations have visibility around the world.



BBQ Fundraiser at Bunnings



HAPPY BIRTHDAY:

Toni Beviss
30th November



This might sound like a bit of a joke, but this UN International Day connects with Sustainable Develop Goal #6: ensure access to water and sanitation for all.

2.4 billion people do not have adequate sanitation. 1 billion people still defecate in the open. Poor sanitation increases the risk of disease and malnutrition, especially for women and children. Women and girls risk rape and abuse, because they have no toilet that offers privacy.

This year, World Toilet Day is focusing on the link between sanitation and nutrition, drawing the world's attention to the importance of toilets in supporting better nutrition and improved health. Lack of access to clean drinking water and sanitation, along with the absence of good hygiene practices, are among the underlying causes of poor nutrition.

The aim of World Toilet Day is to raise awareness about the people in the world who don't have access to a toilet, despite the fact that it is a human right to have clean water and sanitation.

On this day people are encouraged to take action and help promote the idea that more needs to be done. You can host an exhibition, write a toilet song, host a dinner or draw a cartoon – anything that shows **#wecantwait** any longer and that everyone worldwide must have access to a toilet.

Dates to Remember:

Berri Merri Christmas:

Friday 2nd December

Bunnings BBQ fundraiser:

Sunday 11th December

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