

Empowering Women Through Service and Advocacy



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: Tues, September 4th

Guest Speaker: Vera Oliver

Objects: Kay Sando

Raffle : Lorraine Charity

Next Meeting: Tues, Oct 2nd 2018

Objects: Dianna Schulz

Raffle: Arunika Hamden

Guest Speaker

Naomi Campbell

President's Report

Last month it was our turn to host the annual Combined Service Clubs Dinner. It was a really enjoyable evening and it was great to hear what Rotary and Lions are doing. Our guest speaker, Samantha from CentraCare, spoke about the Riverland Domestic Violence Unit and provided a great overview of the issues and some statistics as well as giving us some tips as to what we can do to support those in domestic violence situations.

We are continuing to have problems with our website. When we had to migrate servers to a new hosting service, the website just never really copied across well and it probably needs to be rebuilt from the ground up. Although we have had someone look at it, we are unable to respond to anyone who tries to make contact via the page and we can no longer upload minutes, newsletters etc. Board will recommend at the meeting for

the club to authorise Kay to begin seeking quotes for both the design and local hosting of our site.

We have not heard back from the guest speaker we had programmed in for September, so we will take the opportunity to work with the Zonta International website. ZI would like all members to log in and check/update their details. **If you have a tablet, iPad or laptop and are able to, bring it along to our meeting on Tuesday night and we will help each other to log into the website.** Many of you will have forgotten your current password so if you select "forgot my password" at the meeting, you will need to be able to log into your emails at the meeting to reset your password. If you have a different email address than previously you will actually need to send an email to memberrecords@zonta.org It would be good to this prior to the meeting.

Our Advocacy committee will be looking at getting further banners made to raise awareness of the prevalence of domestic violence. I will make contact soon with the Renmark Paringa Council re placing a banner at that prominent spot as you enter the town centre, where organisations usually display these. Sorry, I just haven't had a chance to get to it yet. The issue in action for the 2018 Zonta Says NO to Violence Against Women campaign is child marriage. A toolkit for clubs and districts will be available in October. Join Zonta and take



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action to protect the rights of all girls at zontasaysno.com.

Information from the Zonta International Convention is starting to come out via emails and bulletins. An interesting pilot membership program is being trialled for "individual membership". I assume this means that someone could be a member of Zonta International without being a member of a local club. I look forward to hearing how this develops. As an incentive to attract younger people: members under the age of 30, due are reduced to 50%.

There is to be a pilot program for the Women in Technology Scholarship. The Zonta International Women in Technology Scholarship Committee is working on the scholarship application and accompanying materials. The goal is for materials and a program timeline to be shared in October.

If you happen to heading to New York next year the 63rd Session of the Commission on the Status of Women will be held 11-22 March 2019 at the United Nations in New York. The priority theme is "Social protection systems, access to public services and sustainable infrastructure for gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls." The review theme is "Women's empowerment and the link to sustainable development." If you are interested in attending or learning more, please email programs@zonta.org to be added to the CSW63 mailing list.

Margot Kranich

It's so good to know our contributions go to supporting these efforts

"No solutions to our world's most pressing challenges – to end poverty, reduce inequality, bring sustainable peace and address climate change – can be achieved without the full and equal participation of women." – Phumzile

Mlambo-Ngcuka, Executive Director of UN Women

"Since 1923, Zonta International has provided more than 40.9 million US Dollars to empower women and expand their access to education, health care, economic opportunities and safe living conditions. Through donations to the Zonta International

Foundation, Zonta improves women's lives, their children's lives and the communities in which they live and work. Join us in making gender equality a reality for women and girls worldwide."

<https://www.zonta.org/Global-Impact/Advocacy>

Its great to know that our contributions are making a difference.



Margot with President of Rotary Bruce Richardson and Dennis Matthews President of Lions and with our guest speaker Samantha McKay manager of Domestic Violence Services



Happy Birthda Nita!



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