



Issue: 363 Date: November 2020

## DATE CLAIMERS

### Tuesday 17th November

Board/General Meeting  
RSL at 5.00/6.00 pm

### Thursday 26th November

Coffee at Info Centre 10.00 am

### Various November Dates

Raffle ticket selling

### Saturday 5th December

Gourmet Goodies

### Sunday 15th December

Christmas Party at a venue to  
be advised.



## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Dear Zontians

Was lovely to meet Sanuri De Silva our JMK Women in Business scholarship winner in person at our fun & weather filled Race Day, after the ever-reliable Ellen & Anthea held the baton whilst I was gallivanting around the Western Queensland for our last dinner meeting, with our Zoomed in District Governor Bridget Mather in attendance to present Sanuri with both our Club and the District 22 Scholarship Awards.

November sees Zonta celebrate its 101<sup>st</sup> year. Happy Birthday/Anniversary to us! We will celebrate on Tuesday night with a dessert cake at our Dinner meeting.

We have a very busy time ahead with many events over the next two months; we have the final donations to go to the Share the Dignity #itsinthebag 2020 Christmas appeal, thank you for your generous donations. The Zonta Says NO to Violence Against Women campaign from 25 November - 10 December, this campaign is highlighted by the combined clubs Zonta Says No Walk on the evening of the 24<sup>th</sup> of November enjoy the fellowship and Orange lights around the city whilst raising awareness of the campaign. If you would like to participate contact Jo Diessel - Area 3 Director as numbers are limited with Covid restrictions, this campaign raises awareness of women's rights violations and unites Zonta clubs worldwide in conducting impactful advocacy actions to fight violence against women and girls. Our own walk and advocacy program for November is under way, we look forward to seeing our displays later on in the month.

The newly named Zonta Foundation for Women (formerly Zonta International Foundation) is challenging you to join Zontians around the world and show support for women and girls through the friendly fundraising competition, the Every Member Every November District Challenge (this November).

We are Looking forward helping the Beaudesert Christmas group with their 5<sup>th</sup> year of bringing the Christmas Spirit to Beaudesert with on with our sponsored tree decorating on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November at 4pm. We are encouraged to 'Light Up Beaudesert' on 1st December, but this year as Covid restricts gatherings, so we are encouraging everyone to gather in their neighbourhoods and driveways at 6.15-7.00pm, while the group 'livestream' (follow on Facebook: Beaudesert's Christmas Spirit) the countdown from the centre of town, were the Christmas Tree lights will be turned along with all of the Community Group Tree Lights.

Our members have started in earnest, selling of Raffle tickets for our Christmas Hampers, along with baking and preserving for the Gourmet Goodies Stall at the Beaudesert Markets on the 5<sup>th</sup> December, we look forward to seeing our regular and new supporters of our wonder fair to help you fill you "stockings".

**White is not always light and black is not always dark. – Sabeeb Akande**

Fantastic news that the Grants committee have been successful in the Scenic Rim Regional Council Community Grants with a winning submission for a grant of Just over \$4,700.00 this will allow the club to activate and complete Advocacy, Service projects that the respective committees have been working on.

We send our love to Pam and hope that she is now on the mend and feeling better, we look forward to seeing her when she is up to attending meetings again.

Looking forward to our annual Christmas dinner, which I believe will be at the Powell's.

Yours in Zonta

**Michelle**

*Next Dinner Meeting*  
*Tuesday 17th November 2020*  
*at*  
*Beaudesert R.S.L at 6:30 pm*  
*Committees will meet at 6:00 pm*



Please order your meals before the meeting.

We are back to letting **Pam** know if we are an **apology**.

Txt or call on 0432 192 212— or email her on [prograss@bigpond.com](mailto:prograss@bigpond.com) preferably by Monday arvo.

**This month we are looking at the ongoing program of Let us Learn, Madagascar.**

Read more at [https://www.zonta.org/Web/Programs/ISP/Let\\_Us\\_Learn\\_Madagascar\\_Home](https://www.zonta.org/Web/Programs/ISP/Let_Us_Learn_Madagascar_Home)

From 2016 through 2020 Zonta International contributed US\$2,000,000 to UNICEF USA to support the [Let Us Learn Madagascar](#) project. In 2020, Zonta International announced an additional commitment of US\$500,000 to support Phase III. Specific objectives are to:

- Ensure that more children, particularly girls (who drop out at higher levels in the post-primary level) have access to post-primary education and stay in school.
- Ensure that Madagascar's education system has the capacity to offer quality teaching for enhanced learning outcomes.

2020-2022

**Funding:** US\$500,000 to UNICEFUSA

**Objectives:**

- Around 100 children will learn in two new classrooms, which will be complete with latrines, a water point, and equipment.
- 100 schools will receive pedagogical materials annually.
- 100 school principals will be trained.
- 100 follow-up monitoring visits and activities will be conducted by the pedagogical support officers.
- 750 households will benefit from conditional cash transfers.
- 700 children (at least 50 percent girls) will be reintegrated into school after attending catch-up classes.
- 3,500 children will have increased knowledge of life skills that support their well-being and healthy development.
- Eight school districts will be supported to implement a code of conduct against violence in schools and to develop a functional intake and referral mechanism for child victims of violence and exploitation.
- 114 children's clubs will be established to implement plans of action to raise awareness in their schools and communities about the issue of violence.
- 1,600 children at risk and victims of violence and exploitation in schools and communities will benefit from medical, legal, or social support.

**District 22 Governor:** Bridget Mather

**Area 3 Director:**

Jo Diessel

**District 22 Website:** <http://www.zontadistrict22.org>

Member's Biographies: This month it is me, Denise Martin and I have been a member for 17 years.



Although I went to school here in Beaudesert, I don't know that you could call me a "local" like Margie Brennan!

Born at Ashgrove Hospital while Mum and Dad worked in Mungallala, a small town west of Roma. In 1952 Dad got a job as the Grocery manager of the Tamrookum Co-op in Beaudesert and we lived behind the cordial factory in Gordon St. I started school at the Beaudesert State Rural and High School (now called Primary School) in 1953 and am happy to say I still keep in touch with a lot who were in that 1953 class.

I left school in April 1961 because Dad was ill and Mum had 5 children and a shop to run. So I worked in the shop, which is now the Caltex servo at the bypass but then it was a little corner store with 2 bowsers outside. In 1963 I went to live with my aunt in Stafford and worked at the BCC (later Woolworths supermarket) at the Chermside Shopping Centre.

In 1970 I went overseas at the urging of friends and returned in 1973 having stopped in Israel for almost a year on the way home. I started working at the old Jimboomba Hotel and I worked in hotels for several years which included about 6 years at the Exhibition with the Sullivans. In 1975 my old friend, Haydn Sargent, offered me a manager's job at his Indooroopilly nursery where I stayed for several years. I never had a career but worked at various interesting jobs—I made biscuits with a friend for many years, was a relocation consultant for overseas clients, did B&B during Expo, took in overseas students (over 100), here to learn English...After my divorce I went to Roma and worked in a Medical Centre until my retirement in 2007.

The call came in 2009 that the house next to Mum was available in Elysium Village and within a month I sold my house in Roma and moved into #14. After 46 years away I "came home" again. Mum rocks on in Wongaburra at aged 97 and, as she has an older sister, I fear I will be around a long time!

Travelling turned out to be a passion of mine; I've managed to go overseas 23 times, which includes 10 times to the USA. Who knows if I will travel again when life returns to normal???

I am so grateful for having joined Zonta. I joined in Roma in 2003 and have met so many beautiful people here and overseas during the years.

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Thursday, 26TH November is the date of our next coffee morning.

We enjoyed it so much last time we are going to the Info Centre again.

See you there.

Now some candid shots from the Derby Day Race meeting.

