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***AREA 3***

***DISTRICT 22***

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***17 – 11 - 1980***

***NEWSLETTER -OCTOBER 2011***

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

**22nd Oct---Tweed Mini Field of Women**

**Sunday 30th Oct---SGC/T Birthing Kit Day**

DINNER MEETING DETAILS

Tweed Heads Sports Club at 4 Minjungbal Drive, Tweed Heads South,

in the The Secret Garden room on Monday 17th October

**6-30, FELLOWSHIP DINNER 7PM**

**COST $20-00**

***Guest speaker:***

**APOLOGIES to MARIE-ELISE *By SUNDAY 16th October***

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FAILURE TO DO SO MEANS YOU WILL BE CHARGED FOR DINNER

***THOUGHT OF THE MONTH***

**A hug is like a boomerang - you get it back right away.**

[**Bil Keane**](http://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/quotes/b/bilkeane106508.html)

**PRESIDENTS REPORT OCTOBER 2011**

The Zonta Club of Southern Gold Coast/Tweed has enjoyed yet another month of activity and planning. Members and guests provided 150 prs of undies for the Tweed Women’s Refuge. The letter we received as both a thank you and an insightful view from the refuges coordinator was a sobering reminder of the difficulties faced by these women. This heartfelt response is reward enough to continue to fight for the rights of women everywhere.

The birthing kit assembly day is gearing up to be a huge day. Publicity has been well circulated through local papers, magazines and health websites. The club will also have shoes and handbags on sale with 10% of sales going towards our projects. A girl can’t have too many shoes. I have been assured that the latest summer styles will be on show. Can’t stay? No problems do your shoe and handbag summer shopping put $2 in the tin and go!!

Our members that attended the District 22 Conference enjoyed the 3 days immensely. Much insight was gained into club procedure and meeting protocols. The amount of work that other clubs do is enormous with projects that involve particularly the younger generation. Some of these projects directed at school age children included: *No Place for Harm.* Paradise Point Zonta Club. *LOVE BiTES.* Maryborough Club. *Enlighten Education.* Bowen Club.Just to name a few. I know we think at times we do a lot however there is always more that can be done. These projects were truly inspirational.

Zonta International President Elect; Lyn McKenzie reported on the work happening in Liberia. Information regarding the Zonta projects was again reinforcing the need to keep raising funds. The obstetric fistula hospital is lucky enough to have 1 of 3 obstetricians available for a population of 3.98 million people. We cannot in Australia hope to imagine childbirth in anything but the most up to date facilities. This makes all the effort that goes into organizing a birthing kit assembly day even more insignificant in comparison to what some mothers must endure to do the most basic of maternal desires. To have a healthy baby, in a “clean” environment.

“*Your mission in life is not to change the world. Your mission is to change yourself. There are no outside solutions….only inside solutions.”*

We hope to see you on the 30th Oct. In fellowship…

*Kind Regards,*

*Kaye Lollback.*

*President,*

*Zonta Club Southern Gold Coast/Tweed*

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**Action taken during the month of September2011:**

The following tasks have been completed since the last Board Meeting.

1. Birthing Kit components have been received and are being stored as we wait for for the arrival of our assembly day. It would be appreciated if all members who are actively seeking volunteers for Sunday 30th october, would ensure that a list of names is emailed to me so that I have an understanding of how many people will be attending. Afternoon tea options are being looked into and I will require numbers.

2. Donations towards funding for birthing kits are still coming in and members are required to ask friends, family and workmates for small donations to assist our Zonta Club in raising funds to meet the $2000 cost.

3. Attended the Zonta District 22 conference in Brisbane as delegate for our Zonta Club. I found the conference to be extremely rewarding and learned a lot. I certainly gained a more detailed understanding of how the Zonta clubs work towards a common goal and was blown away by some of the presentations. It was also wonderful to learn how Zonta Clubs collaborate with other organisations to reach outcomes and goals. By working together we are all making a difference. I have a detailed synopsis on the Conference uploaded onto the Zonta Group on **Linked In** and have a short **You Tube** review on Zonta's Fistual Project in Liberia available to watch. **http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YMYXqs1ZtDA&feature=youtube\_gdata**

4. Business cards for Board and members are in the process of being printed and will be available by 10th October.

6. As a Zontian, I notice that with the advent of Spring there invitations galore to various fundraising events of many Zonta Clubs. I will be attending the following; Tambourine Mountain's High Tea, 2011 Tweed Mini Field of Women Breakfast at Tumbulgum, the DUSTY fundraiser for Paradise Point Zonta Club.

**Membership:**

I personally am still targetting Kingscliff and am working with the Ion Clinic at Salt to encourage donations for Birthing Kits as well as generating interest in new members.

**Fundraising:**

Still working on an appropriate film as a fund raiser for Zonta. I have a copy of "The Garden at the End of the World" coming and I am still seeking permission to privately screen "Desert Flower". I am waiting for Roadshow to get back to me.

Marie-Elise Allen

Membership Chair