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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Dear Zontians

We are now well in to the second month of 2021, February Wow!!!!

As we start up for the year, I personally have had a moment to reflect on the women that have influenced my life, empowered me! Many of us believe our own mothers to be the first to lead us to discovering our place in life, then there are those women who have come into to our lives and they have helped us cement our lot in life. I believe I have had many women who have had that role and I am truly grateful for being mentored, appreciated, and loved by those women in my past, present and future and I hope that one day I too will that for other women!!

The Wine & Cheese Afternoon was a great success regardless of the storms that passed through, finished off with a couple of calves being born whilst we were at Alice's, always nice to see the best of nature.

A big thank you to our preservers, raffle ticket and jams sales Zontians for their efforts over the break and at the markets. Look forward to adding face masks to our repertoire at the Twilight Markets on Friday 12th at Mitre 10, Beaudesert

The 2021 IWD day is less than a month away... this globally recognised day, celebrating the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women. We also call to action for accelerating gender parity, celebrate women's achievements and raise awareness about women's equality. The Zonta Club of Beaudesert Area Inc. will do all of those things at our IWD luncheon with our wonderful Guest Speaker Sue Wighton and 2020 Zonta International JMK scholarship – Sanuri DeSilva,

Themes of IWD 2021 March 8th

Women in leadership: Achieving an equal future in a COVID-19 world.

The UN Women theme celebrates the tremendous efforts by women and girls around the world in shaping a more equal future and recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.

#ChooseToChallenge

The IWD 2021 campaign theme. A challenged world is an alert world. Individually, we're all responsible for our own thoughts and actions - all day, every day.

We can choose to challenge and call out gender bias and inequity.

We can choose to seek out and celebrate women's achievements. Collectively, we can all help create an inclusive world. From challenge comes change, so let's all choose to challenge.

Looking forward to seeing you all again on Tuesday evening for our Board & General Meetings.

Yours in Zonta

Michelle

DATE CLAIMERS

Tuesday 19th February

Board/General Meeting
RSL at 5.00/6.00 pm
Glynnis Gartside is our guest
speaker

Thursday 25th February

Coffee at Everyday's

Sunday 28th February

Celebrating our 33rd year
at Anthea's home

Friday 5th March

IWD Luncheon at RSL

Saturday 8th May

Area Meeting Venue TBA

September 4-6

District Conference in
Mackay



Next Dinner Meeting
Tuesday 16th February 2021
at
Beaudesert R.S.L at 6:30 pm
Committees will meet at 6:00 pm
Board will meet at 5.00 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 preferably by Monday arvo.



Thursday, 25th February is the date of our next coffee morning.

We'll meet again at Everyday's.

The following is taken from ZI website.

Zonta International's statement on the International Day of Women and Girls in Science 2021

There has always been a significant gender gap at all levels of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) disciplines around the world. Currently, less than 30% of researchers worldwide are women.

On the International Day of Women and Girls in Science, we recognize the critical role women and girls play in science and technology communities.

Zonta International has supported women in STEM since 1938 when it launched the [Amelia Earhart Fellowship](#). At that time, so few women were in the field that it took two years to find a qualified candidate. More than 80 years later, we have presented 1,638 fellowships, totaling more than US\$10.6 million, to 1,209 fellows from 73 countries. [Click here](#) to read more about the history of the program.

"As a two-time Amelia Earhart Fellow, I experienced and benefited from Zonta's support of women in STEM," said Zonta International President Sharon Langenbeck. "Today, we remain committed to empowering women to pursue careers in science and technology through the Amelia Earhart Fellowship and our new pilot Women in Technology Scholarship."

Zonta International's [Women in Technology Scholarship](#), a pilot program launched in 2019, is currently accepting applications. The scholarship aims to encourage women to pursue education, career opportunities and leadership roles in information technology.

The United Nations' theme for this year's International Day of Women and Girls in Science is "Women Scientists at the forefront of the fight against COVID-19."

The [UN said](#) that the COVID-19 outbreak "has clearly demonstrated the critical role of women researchers in different stages of the fight against COVID-19, from advancing the knowledge on the virus, to developing techniques for testing, and finally to creating the vaccine against the virus."

The COVID-19 pandemic also had a significant negative impact on female scientists—particularly those in the beginning stages of their career—which contributed to "widening the existing gender gap in science and revealing the gender disparities in the scientific system," according to the UN.

This year's celebration will bring together experts working in fields related to the pandemic from different parts of the world. [The event will take place online](#) at 1 PM CST on 11 February. A simultaneous interpretation of the debates will be provided in English and French.

In addition to Zonta's two educational programs that support women in aerospace engineering and space sciences and information technology, we fully support the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), which aim to achieve gender equality by 2030. Zonta International encourages its members to promote and donate to our education programs, as well as plan advocacy and awareness programs surrounding the SDGs.

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District 22 Governor:

Bridget Mather

Area 3 Director:

Jo Diessel

District 22 Website:

<http://www.zontadistrict22.org>

Member's Biographies: This month it is Alice Warby who joined Zonta in July 2004



I was born in the great metropolis of Jandowae — close to my mother's family home & was taken to Meandarra as a wee baby. What a golden time it was — not sure that my parents thought so when attempting to educate us as the governesses came & went on the mail truck with alarming regularity, so off to Glennie with my younger sisters to board in 1956. I can remember sneaking under the veranda rails, across the tennis court & off across the back yard to the stables & hooking up with whatever musters were heading out for the day. It was a busy life for those who helped keep things running smoothly, 8 cows to be milked every day, butter to be made every morning & the lashings of food we all ate to be prepared & cooked— 12 stand shearing shed & a couple of sets of cattle yards in use. Thankfully I was able to take my horses to Toowoomba when I went to school & continue riding — so that was marvellous.

My parents believed in travel so as children we had wonderful trips with them all over Australia — grandparents in Vacluse & Jandowae & enjoying the world outside south western Queensland. How fortunate we were.

After finishing at Glennie, Brisbane, then Sydney, a year overseas — paid for my father in lieu of a fancy coming of age party, marriage. Jakarta for 4 years which was interesting work wise & when people whinge about Australia, they ought to try living in a third world country on the wrong side of the equation.

The joy of life — beautiful Sons & now grandchildren. Boys went to school in Brisbane so was able to work for 14 years for Bob Templeton of Rugby fame — fantastic!

Tried retiring in 2002 when I sold New Farm & moved to Beaudesert but was pleased to go back to work in 2010 — having always volunteered in a political sense. Still working & enjoying it.

Beaudesert is an easy place to live & work.

Gerry Gimblett arranged for me to join Zonta which was a master stroke. I didn't join Zonta to change or save the world —for friendship & so it has proved to be.

On Tuesday night our guest speaker is Glynnis Gartside, who compiles the HOWZING newsletter. She works with a District 22 committee on Advocacy and will be accompanied by a friend, Susan Davis, who is also involved with Advocacy.

Glynnis and Susan will sit in with our Advocacy committee meeting so if you have any questions they may be able to answer them.

Carolyn has decided to visit Cairns next week and she tells me Anthea will be stepping in for her.



In March we have Michelle celebrating on the 7th a couple of days after our IWD luncheon.

Wendy is next on the 10th and Margie Brennan on the 13th. At the end of the month is Alice on the 27th....

MANY HAPPY RETURNS TO YOU ALL

Don't forget to buy your tickets to IWD luncheon—**BSB 084 536 A/C 396365064**

When I popped into Zonta International website to see what was happening, I was impressed to read the stories of the 6 young women who won the JM Klausman award, of which Sanuri was one. Their stories are all impressive and, dare I say, exhausting. Oh to be so young.

Check them out on this link, just copy and paste into a search engine.

https://zonta.org/Web/Programs/Education/Women_in_Business_Scholars.aspx

True friendship comes when the silence between two people is comfortable.

— David Tyson Gentry