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## President's Update

What a delight it was to have Heather Mohay and her cotraveller Linda Gilmour attend our November birthday meeting dressed in the clothes from Bangladesh. Heather, as our guest speaker, shared her experiences of their recent trip to the University of Dhakar, in Bangladesh. Their project was aimed at further developing post graduate training in educational psychology. They set up a program for mothers living in the slums to enable them to enhance their children's learning and development through the use of very low cost materials. The Dhaka students would then run the program as part of their practicum requirements.

We have now completed another month of sausage zizzling at Bunnings and over the last four Thursdays our net profit totaled \$2,448 plus \$107 in direct donations and \$300 in Bunnings vouchers. Pam and I would like to acknowledge all those who have undertaken a shift and for several others who have assisted in alternate ways such as occasionally buying the sausages, drinks and bread and for allowing us to use their freezer facilities. Overall a most collaborative effort from the team of volunteers and our thanks are extended to each member involved.

At this stage, Bunnings have advised that we have confirmed involvement until the end of January which includes Australia Day. We anticipate this might be a very busy day and some extra helpers will be sought. An application has been submitted for some ongoing access to running the zizzle but we have yet to learn of the success of this application.



Trish & Paulette 'at work' on the Zonta zizzle stall

I found it a most worthwhile exercise to review the past year in preparation for our birthday meeting and to reflect on the various activities we have undertaken since the start of 2011.

A copy of the slides will be included with this brief newsletter so members can refresh their memories and also share in this reflection — it is often hard to keep in mind the various achievements and it is motivating to realize that we have contributed over \$18,000 toward the advancement of women this year both here and overseas.



Heather Mohay and Linda Gilmour resplendent in clothes from Bangladesh

Jennie Watt has now ordered the birthing kit materials for the assembly day on Saturday 4 February 2012 to be held in the Toowong Senior Citizens Centre in Maryvale St, Toowong from 8.30am. We were most encouraged by the willingness of members to volunteer for this activity when we will put together 400 kits. More information will be available closer to the event.

As many of us will come together next Monday for our Christmas celebration there will be some members, unable for various reasons, to join us. I would therefore like to take this opportunity to wish all members and Hon Zons peace and happiness for this Christmas and the New Year. I look forward to another successful Zonta year in 2012.

