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***AREA 3***

***DISTRICT 22***

***CHARTER DATE***

***17 – 11 - 1980***

***NEWSLETTER –MARCH 2012***

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

Area 1 & 3 meeting-Sunday 1st April at Redcliffe

“New Members Day” Sunday 29th April

DINNER MEETING DETAILS

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

in the The Secret Garden room on Monday 19th March

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

**COST $20-00**

**APOLOGIES to MARIE-ELISE *By SUNDAY 18th March***

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***THOUGHT OF THE MONTH***

 Do not dwell in the past, do not dream of the future, concentrate the mind on the present moment.
[**Buddha**](http://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/quotes/b/buddha101052.html)

**Advancing the Status of Women World Wide**

***Zonta Club of Southern Gold Coast Tweed***

**Presidents Report March 2012.**

Cruising around New Zealand seems so long ago, the past month has flown. However it’s a holiday I highly recommend, very relaxing. Our Kiwi neighbours certainly have some beautiful sights to see. I’m definitely going back for more.

The Zonta Club of Southern Gold Coast/Tweed hosted its 20th International Women’s Day Breakfast last Thursday. Whilst the number of attendees was down on previous years the morning was filled with highlights. Our guest speaker Robyn Henderson proved to be a huge success. Robyn gave us insightful information on the benefits of networking. Her connection to the audience, especially the students was a delight to watch, they were certainly not shy, surprising even Robyn with their responses. As Robyn said “nobody is a nobody”.

The students from Kingscliff High showcased their musical and speaking talents. Thank you to Jacqueline Norris, Sophie McMahon, Hannah Harrington and Josef Moss. These are very talented young people.

Jenna Dearness-Dark was an absolute delight to hear, Jenna provided our pre-breakfast entertainment. Look out for Jenna on Young Talent Time; she has been selected as a contestant. We certainly wish her every success. Check out our Facebook page for all the photos, there are a few!!

My presidents’ message focused on the year in review. I realise when I look back over the past 12 months just how much our “little” club achieves. The club’s 30th Birthday and the wonderful guest speakers who have entertained and enlightened us. Donations for the year included: Tweed Shire Women’s Service, and the Women’s Refuge. Tweed Drug & Alcohol Service, Tweed Sexual Assault Service, Kingscliff Bursaries, financial assistance to Bond Uni. Student Kelly Bertram. “Knicker” night was again well sponsored with over 300 pairs given in the past 2 years. Judi Sanders author of “Keep it in Your Knickers” provided a humorous tale of her very personal adventures. Members and volunteers assembled 2,000 birthing kits in October and despite the increase in costs, we intend to do the same this year. John Flynn Obstetric Unit has already donated $500 to the cause. The breast cushion project is as always ongoing and we will attempt to canvas for some sponsorship to help cover the costs. So, another year of fund raising… I believe it is tough work due to the sad fact that people are “time” and cash poor. My heartfelt thanks to our members who put in the hard yards to make the Zonta projects we support ongoing.

These words are in a book… “No Tattoos before you’re thirty” What I’ll tell my children… Seek a mentor in your field. Once you know what you want to do with your life commit yourself to it 100per cent. Find someone who’s done it all and get their advice. Old people love to talk about themselves.

See you at the Area Meeting…..

In fellowship,

Kind Regards,

Kaye Lollback.

President,

Zonta Club Southern Gold Coast/Tweed

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**JANUARY/FEBRUARY/MARCH MONTHLY REPORT FROM**

**Marie-Elise Allen,
Director, United Nations. Organisation, Membership & Classification
Zonta Club Southern Gold Coast/Tweed**

Wednesday, 14 March 2012

**Action taken during the months of January 2012/February 2012:**

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

1. I was Guest Speaker on 6th February at the School of Medicine at Bond University, which was organised by MAD Global Health. The presentation was to bring awareness of Female Genital Mutilation and was attended by students who also helped raise funds by purchasing cupcakes. You can see photos of this on the Zonta Facebook Page. The students put together an amazing poster, which said it all pictorially.

2. Birthing Kits - An email was sent to Hilary Carruthers at the Birthing Kit Association requesting an allocation of 1500 birthing kits to be assembled on or around 5th August 2012. We have been advised that the cost this year is going to be $3 each up from $2. So we need (as a ZONTA Club) to be consistent in our efforts to raise funds. If anyone would like a donation tin, for their office, for their school, for their salon, please let me know and they will receive a tin that gives an outline of what the donation is for.

 The exact number of birthing kits is dependent on funds raised at mid-year, however I am hoping and going for $1000. This means we need to raise $3000 by July.

**Membership:**

An all out effort will start after Easter in encouraging women to attend the next membership drive which will be held at South tweed Sports Club. The room has been booked for 29th April. I will be informing Bond University, Kingscliff TAFE, as well trying to get air time on redio, newspapers and the Southern Cross Community Event on Channel Ten.

**Fundraising:**

I have placed collection tins at Lush Hair and Beauty and also at Beautiful Beauty and Skin Therapy. I will continue to target places to drop off tins, which will include the physio at Pottsville and the Chiropractor at Pottsville.

Marie-Elise Allen

Membership Chair