

# January Newsletter 2021

## President's Report

We commence 2021 once again with some Covid 19 Restrictions, thankfully we have been lucky in Queensland and haven't had it as tough as the Southern States, although with the recent restrictions we now have to wear masks.

Reluctantly we have had to cancel our Trivia Night in February as the venue has restricted the numbers drastically and the venue might also close to events. We hope to hold it later in the year if restrictions ease.

We have also had to cancel our Bunnings BBQ as it is only a day after the restrictions are reviewed and we didn't want to take the chance on buying the goods only to have the day cancelled. Bunnings understood our reasons and hopefully we will get other opportunities.

Although we didn't have a meeting in December, we have been busy with working on our proposed Golden Z club and football code DV day and contacting potential new members. There will be an Information Night for Potential New Members on Monday February 15 2021.

At our dinner meetings we will be trialling buying our own meals instead of catered meals for three months. Please remember to arrive and order before going upstairs and tell them your meal is with Zonta, so that they will be delivered to us. We will be charging everyone, whether you attend the meeting via Zoom or in person \$5 to go into the admin account. Please remember to pay. Please also remember to advise me if you are not attending.

Looking forward to another successful year in 2021, thank you everyone for all your work and enthusiasm.

**Marie Stewart**  
**President 2020 - 2022**

## Meetings

Dinner Meeting held on fourth Monday of the month at Seaspray Room, Belvedere Hotel, Woody Point. 6.15pm for 6.30pm start.

It will be assumed all club members will be attending all meetings unless advised otherwise.

If no apology is received the meal price of \$5 is payable.

Please advise Marie before 4pm Friday prior if not attending or if bringing a guest.

Payment by direct deposit by the Friday prior and email Sammy to confirm.

Zonta Club of Redcliffe Admin.

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## Birthdays for January

- June

## Date Claimers

March 2021 - 40 + 1 Zonta Birthday Party details to be confirmed

March 7 2021 – IWD Function - details to be confirmed

## UN Update - Kathy Holmes

Hi Zontians

### Some important UN dates for January:

- 4 January – [International Braille day](#)
- 24 January – [International day of Education](#)
- 27 January – [International day of commemoration in the memory of victims of the holocaust](#)

Are you curious about why the UN recognises certain days, and who decides which days are recognised? If so, have a look [here](#).

### 2021 is also the International Year of:

- International Year of Peace and Trust
- International Year of Creative Economy for Sustainable Development
- International Year of Fruits and Vegetables
- International Year for the Elimination of Child Labour

More information can be found on these [here](#).

2021 also starts off the [United Nations International Decades](#) of:

- Healthy Ageing
- Ecosystem Restoration
- Oceanic Science for Sustainable Development

### Zonta International is partnering with the UN in:

#### [Adolescent Girls’ Health and Protection in Peru](#) -

The Adolescent Girls’ Health and Protection project will contribute to guaranteeing the rights of indigenous and rural adolescents, especially girls, and respond to their needs by preventing pregnancy, addressing mental health concerns and providing a protective environment from violence by providing

quality, gender-sensitive, and culturally adapted health, education and protection services.

The Peruvian government defines adolescents as the ages of 12 to 17, with adolescents constituting 11.2% of the population, or 3.5 million people. However, adolescents are often considered neither children nor adults and find themselves in between. This means that there are significant inequities based on gender, age, geographic location, ethnicity and income persist for many Peruvian adolescents.

Zonta International is partnering with the United Nations International Children’s Emergency Fund (UNICEF) for this project and has committed US\$1,000,000 to UNICEF USA to improve the capacity of services to respond to the health needs of adolescents—especially girls—in a timely manner and prevent violence in schools in the regions of Huancavelica and Ucayali. Specific objectives include:

- Improving the response of the health sector in the provision of quality, comprehensive and differentiated adolescent care, with an emphasis on mental health care and violence prevention for girls.
- Improving the capacity of the protection and education sectors to promote health and prevent and address all types of violence in schools, especially gender-based violence, in a timely manner.

More information - [Zonta International website](#),







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## Membership Committee Contribution

### Elevator Speech Examples



#### What is an elevator speech?

An elevator speech is what you say to someone to promote Zonta when you have just a few moments to do so—like the short time of an elevator ride. It is about starting a conversation and opening the door for them to want to learn more about our organization. The goal is to get their contact information so you can follow through when there is more time.

#### How do you do this?

First, have a brief description of Zonta ready, and more importantly, a good follow-up question to engage them and discover more about them.

<p>What is Zonta?</p>	<p>Zonta is a worldwide organization that has been empowering women and girls for nearly 100 years! Have you ever heard about us?</p>	<p>Why are you wearing a yellow rose or what is that pin you're wearing?</p>	<p>Have you ever heard of Zonta?</p>
<p>No.</p>	<p>That's ok, I would love to share a little more about us because we are very active internationally and we are doing all sorts of service projects to help women locally too. Do you live in the area?</p>	<p>No.</p>	<p>Well, the Zonta Club of ___ is very active here, and Zonta International has clubs all around the world helping to empower women and girls through service and advocacy. Is empowering women something you are interested in?</p>
<p>Yes, I do.</p>	<p>That's great! I would love to chat more with you about Zonta and share some of our projects like shining a light on violence against women or human trafficking here and abroad or promoting financial and professional equality for all women young and old. There are so many avenues to helping women. Is that something that interests you?</p>	<p>Maybe, how do you do that?</p>	<p>I am so glad you asked! We are working on projects that bring to light human trafficking and violence against women. In fact, clubs just like ours are doing it all around the world! <i>Add in projects that your club is doing.</i> We really work to lift women up to better their lives. Would you like to learn more?</p>
<p>Yes, it is.</p>	<p>Wonderful. Let me grab your contact information and we can talk again when we have more time. <i>Be sure to give them your contact information too.</i></p>	<p>I think so.</p>	<p>Great, let me grab your number and email address, and when we have more time I would love to share all the amazing service and advocacy projects we are doing.</p>
<p><b>What do you do if they say they do not live in the area?</b></p> <p>No problem, we have clubs all around the world. Where do you live?</p> <p>Get their information and then forward it on to the club closest to them and let him or her know about that club and their website.</p>		<p><b>Be sure to give them your contact information too.</b></p>	



More example Elevator Speeches to follow in the February Newsletter



 **WHAT IS THE SYMBOL OF THE ZONTA ROSE?** 

The yellow Zonta rose is our floral emblem, symbolising peace. As diamonds are the most precious of stones the rose is the Queen of flowers.

Our Zonta colours are gold and mahogany, just as the petals and branches of the yellow rose.

But what is the significance of the Rose to our organisation?

**ROOTS**  
Foundation of Zonta, objectives, mission statement and history.

**TRUNK**  
Strong well defined organisational structure, with united ability, to advance the status of women.

**BRANCHES**  
Many clubs, many countries moving in one direction.

**LEAVES**  
Personal and organisational growth and prosperity.

**STEMS**  
Links between clubs and members internationally.

**TYPE**  
Diversity in membership worldwide.

**BUDS**  
nurturing of valuable new members mission of service.

**ROSES**  
Zontian friends who have contributed to the work of Zonta with their fellowship and service.

**PETALS**  
Intertwined golden principles of Zonta - honest and trustworthy.

**PERFUME**  
The service Zontians provide to their communities worldwide.



- The beauty of a single yellow rose has been a favorite Zonta symbol for nearly 20 years.
- The "Zonta Rose" was introduced at the 1984 Sydney Convention thanks to the dedication and support of District 16 Zontians. In 1983, then Lieutenant Governor of District 16 (New Zealand), Valerie Webster, proposed that a breed of roses be developed as a living symbol of Zonta International.

- The renowned England-based nursery Harkness Roses worked to cultivate the flower, while Zontian Maureen Ross of Ross Roses in Adelaide, Australia enabled it to be introduced at the Convention
- Today, the lovely yellow bloom can be seen in members' gardens, memorial plantings, schools, hospitals, homes for the elderly, and in the forecourt of Australia's National Parliament in Canberra. Most recently, a Zonta Rose Bed was inaugurated at Bältesspännarparken in Gothenburg, Sweden, as part of the 2002 Zonta International Convention festivities.

***But the Zonta Rose is much more than a lovely flower.***

- Since 1999, it has served as the symbol of Zonta Rose Day, which falls on 8 March and coincides with International Women's Day.
- On this special day, Zontians worldwide are encouraged to publicly distribute yellow roses or items bearing the image of yellow roses, accompanied by information about Zonta International and issues relating to improving the lives of women.
- The Zonta Rose itself has bright yellow blooms, produced in large sprays, and neatly spaced to form a bouquet. Each bloom is formed on its own long stem and has a particularly long life, whether on the bush or cut. Its fragrance is light and pleasant, while gardeners will appreciate that it is easy to grow and hardy, reaching an average of 1.2 meters in height.
- The Zonta Rose is registered internationally under the name "Hartanna." It also goes by the name "Princess Alice" in Canada and the UK, and "Bright Lites" in the USA.

*Thank you Sue for this important contribution. Many newcomers will really appreciate this background information.*

**A note from the 'Editor'**

Please keep emailing me any items that you feel may be of interest and are relevant to our broad ranging membership and the goals of Zonta.

Kathleen