



Zonta Club of  
Brisbane East

Member of Zonta International

# East-enders

JULY 2013

Next Dinner Meeting  
Monday

8 July 2013 @ 6.30pm for Food and Fellowship  
7.00 pm Start of Meeting  
Bulimba Library

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## President's Patter



What a great meeting last month. A tremendous guest speaker with so much information on the impact of DV in the community (see summary on page 2) and approval for a number of fundrais-

ers for the remainder of this year. Members were also asked to consider the recommended Zonta Committee system for discussion at our July meeting and allocation of areas of responsibility. All a great sign that the Club is moving ahead in accordance with our Strategic Plan.

The Date Claimers at the end of the Newsletter set out all these great activities. Please put them into your calendar and support them as much as possible AND promote them to your friends and colleagues. Promotional material for all has been prepared and Irene will be happy to give you copies if you want to distribute them through your networks.

At our July meeting Mel will increase our knowledge on storing data in the ether in our DropBox. This has been set up and Irene has loaded some of our archival records already. We are still going through our archives in preparation for our 25th birthday so our files will be added to gradually but will be accessible to all members. With copies in DropBox, on our portable hard drive, on our webpage in the secure area and in hard copy, we surely have all avenues covered to ensure safekeeping in all eventualities.



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## Guest Speaker

Our Guest Speaker last month was Sergeant Linda Thomas from the Queensland Police Service who spoke on Domestic Violence, particularly in the South Brisbane District. Linda spoke on the changes introduced when the Domestic Violence Protection Act 2012 came into operation from 16 February 2012.

These changes included a wider definition of DV, provision for immediate protection for victims, allowing police to detain a respondent for up to eight hours in certain circumstances, provision of greater guidance to identify the person most in need of protection, enabling police to issue short term protection notices with a 2 year penalty if breached, provision of greater guidance on the impact of DV on children and increasing the maximum penalty available (3 years) when a DV order is breached.

She spoke of her role as the District Domestic and Family Violence Coordinator in providing direction, guidance and advice to Police Officers and building relationships with the community and other government and non-government agencies to develop initiatives, referral networks and preventative strategies for dealing with the problems of DV. She stressed that policing DV is about Safety and provided comparative statistics from the QPS database.

A very informative talk which will help us as we plan for an awareness raising function in November as part of the Zonta Says No to Domestic Violence campaign.

Linda left a copy of her presentation which I am happy to copy for any member interested.

## Zonta Says No Campaign



All Zonta Clubs around the world are being urged to take some form of action in support of this campaign. A suggested date is around 25 November which is the United Nations' International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women. This fits in perfectly with our proposed function on 23 November. District 22 will be ordering orange T-Shirts using the approved ZI logo as well as orange ribbons which will be mounted on printed card that includes a website link. The ribbons will be packaged in individual poly bags to make them valuable as promotional tools. Clubs will be able to purchase these for use at their functions and the District function.

A recent email from our DG provided some interesting statistics which are reproduced below:

"While we might believe that violence against Australian women is less severe in comparison to other nations, a 2005 report from the Australian Bureau of Statistics (Personal Safety Survey Australia) reveals that "one in three Australian women will experience physical violence in their lifetime, while 23% to 28% will experience sexual or emotional harm."

Other researchers have reported that violence is the leading cause of death, illness and disability for Australian women aged 15 to 44 and is responsible for more illness and premature death than any other preventable cause, such as hypertension, obesity, or smoking."

In September 2012, the Australian Government released The National Plan to Reduce Violence against Women and their Children 2010-2022. The plan sets out a framework for action to 2022 and shows Australia's commitments to upholding the human rights of Australian women through the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, the Declaration to End Violence Against Women and the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action".

Check out what other Zonta Clubs are doing in support of this campaign – visit the Zonta Says NO website - <http://zontasaysno.com>



## ZI News

The June 2013 edition of The Zontian is now available on line – <http://zonta.org> and has lots of great information in it – its focus is Advocacy but also includes reports and photos from last year's Convention and information on the 2014 Convention in Orlando, Florida.

## Coming Club Fundraisers



Our next Fundraiser is a **Garage Sale and Sausage Sizzle** at Southall Street, Fairfield on 13 July so please go through your cupboards with the thought in mind that your trash may be someone else's treasure. Bring your goodies for sale to our Dinner meeting, preferably with a price tag already on them. We will be setting up the day prior so, if you have some spare time, please come and give us a helping hand on the Friday as well as on the Saturday. This is a fun way to make some dollars at no cost to our members – in fact a benefit as we get the chance to “spring clean” a bit early in the year. Attached is a Flyer for this which you can distribute in your area or pass on to your friends.

In September we will be holding our **Spring High Tea** so start asking your friends now to come along on 7 September and enjoy some great food, good company and of course some entertainment. Flyers for distribution/promotion will be available at our July Dinner Meeting. We have written to many Bulimba businesses seeking their support/sponsorship and already have had some wonderful positive responses. Details for payment direct into our Fundraising account are included on the flyer and as we need to cater we do have a strict RSVP date.



## Member Profile - Jo Diessel - Club Vice-President



Whilst born in Sydney, the most part of my life has been in Queensland, mainly Brisbane and the south of the river! I have a very clear memory of the day I announced to the world that I wanted to be a teacher. From that day on my focus never changed. On leaving Balmoral State High School I commenced my lifelong goal at Kelvin Grove Teachers' College. Six months into my primary teaching studies, I realised that my heart was set to teach students with special needs. I transferred across to Mt Gravatt College and commenced my studies in Special Education.

On graduation, I was appointed to the then Queensland Spastic Children's Special School at New Farm. Here my learning really commenced in earnest. For twenty-five years I taught in various special schools and institutions working with a range of specialists to support and educate students with severe intellectual and multiple disabilities. I think these years were the highlight of my life and with my colleagues I enrolled in part-time studies at the University of Queensland studying a range of subjects in early childhood education and special education. I graduated with my Masters in Education Studies in the early 1990's.

## Member Profile - Jo Diessel - Club Vice-President (Cont.)

It was at this time I changed career direction and moved into the policy arena, leading Statewide services in multiple impairments. Our consultants supported teachers and principals working with students with severe intellectual or multiple impairments. I then moved into Central Office leading policy development in student disability. In 1994 I was appointed to the Senior Executive Services as Director of Student Services and later as Director, Curriculum.

It was at this time a friend introduced me to Zonta and I was invited to attend a meeting and then join. I have thoroughly enjoyed the fellowship the Club has provided and working with women from varied backgrounds all of whom are committed to the values of Zonta.

My career changes were not over as yet and in 2002 I was privileged to be appointed Executive Director, Schools leading and supervising principals in the Coopers Plains District. It was great to be back close to principals and teachers in schools. In 2005 I was appointed Regional Director for Brisbane. Our regional boundaries were larger than the ACT or Tasmanian Departments of Education. It was an exciting time leading a range of educational reform with schools.

I retired in 2009 and have concentrated on travelling across Australia and the world.

My Zontian duties keep me anchored to Brisbane and provide a wonderful opportunity to continue to work on community projects and service.

### Date Claimers

8 July 2013	Club Dinner Meeting, Bulimba Library – <b>BRING ITEMS FOR GARAGE SALE</b>
13 July 2013	Garage Sale & Sausage Sizzle, Southall Street, Fairfield 7.00am-3.00pm
22 July 2013	Board Meeting
12 August 2013	Dinner Meeting, Bulimba Library
26 August 2013	Board Meeting
7 September 2013	Spring High Tea, Senior Citizens Hall, Bulimba
27-29 September 2013	District 22 Conference, Noosa
26 October 2013	Fundraiser. Blue Illusions, Oxford Street, Bulimba
All of November	Zonta Brisbane East display at Bulimba Library
1 November 2013	Sausage Sizzle, Bunnings Rocklea
23 November 2013	Zonta Says No function, Senior Citizens Hall, Bulimba
5 December 2013	Sausage Sizzle Bunnings, Rocklea

# GARAGE SALE

All proceeds from this Garage Sale  
will benefit  
our current local and international projects  
which Advance the Status of Women

**Saturday, 13 July 2013  
7.00 am to 3.00 pm**



**Southall Street  
FAIRFIELD**

**Our current local and international projects include:**

- ⇒ Bursaries for students from Balmoral State High School and Yeronga State High School to encourage them to continue with higher education (provided over a three year period);
- ⇒ Making and free distribution of Zonta Breast Care Cushions to women and men who have undergone breast surgery;
- ⇒ Providing support to women in Refuges as a result of domestic violence;
- ⇒ Liberia Fistula Program;
- ⇒ Elimination of New Paediatric HIV Infection and Prevention and Response to Survivors of Domestic and Gender Based Violence in Rwanda;
- ⇒ "Zonta Says NO" - The Campaign to End Violence Against Women.



Sausage Sizzle  
and Cold Drinks  
Available



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