

East-enders

AUGUST 2013



Zonta Club of
Brisbane East Inc.

Member of Zonta International

Next Dinner Meeting

Monday

12 August 2013 @ 6.30pm for Food and Fellowship

7.00 pm Start of Meeting

Bulimba Library

Apologies to: Jo Diessel by 9 August 2013

NB Failure to apologise if unable to attend will incur a cost of \$10

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Board Members:

Ros Kinder
(President)

Jo Diessel
(Vice-President)

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(Secretary)

Irene Kinder
(Treasurer)

Directors:

Melissa Ablitt

Beulah Castan



President's Patter

Thank you to everyone who helped with our Garage Sale and Sausage Sizzle and a very big thank you to Jo for holding it at her place and to her ever helpful relatives and great Club supporters – Michelle, Cindy and Pete. Whilst disappointed that our Sausage Sizzle idea was

not a huge success, we still made a profit of over \$520 which of course goes into our fundraising for our approved service projects, so well done to all involved and all our helpers. Unsold clothes and linen have been donated to the Brisbane Women's Domestic Violence Service and Madonna House and other unsold items to Lifeline. We also earned a few extra dollars with Mel putting a few "collectibles" on eBay. Thanks Mel.

Our next big fundraiser is our Welcome to Spring High Tea. Details later in this newsletter but please start selling tickets now. At the Dinner Meeting we will be asking for some idea of numbers and for volunteers for the various jobs on the day.

Thanks to those who came along to our Zonta breast Cushion working bee. We completed and wrapped 50 plus cushions for delivery, so it was a very productive morning.

We have no external Guest Speaker for our August meeting, but because we had to change venue for our July meeting on very short notice (I apologise but I forgot to pick up the key) we still have a speaker. At our meeting we will all find out how to access our Dropbox and our archives and the steps taken to ensure our Club records are preserved.

We will also have our Club promotional merchandise available for purchase – the personal manicure sets, and key rings with LED light. Both look great, are engraved with the Zonta International logo, and are gift boxed so will make great gifts for family and friends. Thanks Irene for organising these.

And finally a reminder from the "wish list" of BWDVS for new women's and children's underwear. If you want to bring any to the meeting, a collection bag will be there and the goods will be taken to the Centre to give to the women and children in need. Thanks to those Club members who have already donated some – they were very well received at the Centre.



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Zonta Says No Campaign



Our order form for the Zonta Says No ribbons has been placed, so we should have these shortly for distribution and sale. The date has been set and the hall booked for our November function (see date claimer at the end of this Newsletter) and we have begun the preliminary work on this. Main thing at the moment is to book the function into your diary and that of your friends to ensure a good attendance.

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

District News



Congratulations to the Zonta Club of Rockhampton Inc. In August the Club is celebrating 30 years of service and has posted a “potted history” of the Club on their webpage. Check it out - it is impressive and a great record.

District 22 launched a website dedicated to the Zonta Says No Campaign. Denise, Irene and Ros attended the launch. Check out the website at <http://zontasaysno.com.au> A District initiative to raise awareness is a planned Zonta walk on 9 November 2013 commencing from Newstead Park, Brisbane. Full details of the walk are on the website.

ZI News



The latest Newsletter from our International President Lynn McKenzie again has some great articles. The Newsletter provides updates on ZIF Service projects, information on Convention 2014 and a Who's Who at ZI Headquarters including a profile of our new Executive Director, Allison Summers.

Coming Club Fundraisers



Our next major fundraiser is our Welcome to 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. Kerstin, through her contacts, has organised some great entertainment to ensure a very interesting afternoon – lots of fun and absolutely minimal speeches. Irene will very happily give you more Flyers for distribution/promotion and additional tickets to sell if you have already sold those sent to you. Remember, as we need to cater, we do have a strict RSVP date of 1 September 2013. At our August meeting we will also need to finalise catering arrangements – who will make what and allocate jobs for the day. We have a spreadsheet drawn up with jobs listed so come prepared to put your name down to spread the work load.

In November and December we have our Sausage Sizzles at Bunnings, so if you can spare a few hours on these days please let Irene or Ros know so that we can develop a roster and again share the workload.

November is also the month we showcase our Club at the Bulimba Library and hold our “Zonta Says No” function. Suggestions for either of these are most welcome.

In March 2014 we will celebrate 25 years since receiving our Charter. Whilst this seems some months away, we already have set the date (15 March) for our “do” and the 25th Anniversary Committee under Chairman Beverley Farley has already met to start the planning for the night.

Member Profile - Beulah Castan - Director



I normally write an account of myself when I have to submit a CV for a job application, but because I have been asked for a profile, I will now endeavour to share with you a brief outline of my diverse career history. Some of this may be known and some may be unknown.

I started my career as a cadet Industrial Chemist when I was 17 years of age. Two years later, having worked all day at Drug Houses of Australia and then going immediately to QUT to study in the evening, catching the last tram home at 11:00pm at night, I decided after hearing how my fellow school friends had graduated as teachers, being paid what seemed to me great wages and also studying at night at the University of Queensland, sounded a much easier option than what I was doing that I would try for a career change and apply to become a Secondary Teacher, Science. Though my first and remaining love is Science, I applied and immediately got accepted to train as a Secondary Teacher (Science). The following year, Industrial Chemistry became a University of Queensland full time subject course. By now I had qualified as a teacher and began my teaching career.

Soon after, I received a life changing phone call from the Head Mistress of BGGGS, Louise MacDonald, offering me a position as Head of Department Biological Sciences. It was because of my training as a cadet Industrial Chemist and my different University Subject choices that BGGGS felt I was the person they needed. I had the wonderful opportunity of designing a state of the art Science Laboratory that lasted for 20 years before it was upgraded to one of the finest laboratories that I have seen. I was a special guest at the opening of that New Laboratory, in the late 1990's. While at BGGGS, I took study leave and went to study Psychology, Guidance and Counselling at the University of California. I was interested in introducing Counselling and Guidance Services to Independent Schools. At that time, I was the Vice-President of the Queensland Association of Teachers of Independent Schools and felt that guidance and counselling services were also needed in Independent Schools as well as parity of wages, males and females, and Independent Schools with State Schools. By the way, we were successful with all of these submissions.

While studying for my Masters Degree at the University of California, I received a second life changing call, that from the Director General of Guidance and Special Education, Dr. Pat Doherty inviting me to become a Guidance Officer. Now, I had found a second love, the love of Psychology, Guidance and Counselling. I took further leave and flew in and arrived on the very day that the course was beginning. I got the taxi to take me from the airport, to the flat that I was sharing with friends, to drop my luggage and then continue to the end of George Street to start my training. It took me some time to adjust to the culture shock of the move from the Independent Education System to the State Education System.

I was involved in training Guidance Officers as a Senior Guidance Officer, and during the first major restructure of the State Education System, I was appointed as the Adviser Special Needs for Metropolitan West Region. A further restructure of the System and I was appointed Principal Education Officer, Student Services at Coopers Plains District. I retired three times and was reappointed as a Senior Guidance Officer (requesting part time status). I have been fortunate in that I have always enjoyed whatever work I was doing. That is why I have not yet hung up my hat.

I have also been the chair on the Board of Migrant Resource Centres assisting refugees and new migrants into this country by setting up support programs, counselling, education and employment training programs.

I have won a number of University Fellowships and Scholarships that have enabled me to teach, study and research in Universities interstate and overseas.

Member Profile - Beulah Castan - Director (Cont.)

I have been an active member of the ACE and was made a life member ten years ago.

I was a volunteer teacher abroad and this was entirely self funded so when I ran out of money I had to return home, but supported the school located in the poor areas of Kowloon, Hong Kong for a further two years. This was one of the most rewarding professional experiences of my life.

I was also a founding member of the Conservationist movement headed by Judith Wright, one of our great national poets. This movement led to the establishment of a Wild Life journal that is still in existence.

I have always been active in supporting women's rights and when I was introduced to Zonta by my good friend Glenda Page, I was delighted as the aims of Zonta appealed to me and I felt fortunate to have an opportunity to meet and become friends with such special and talented women. I was not disappointed and it is something I value though I have in the last few years, because of personal circumstances, not been as active as much as I would have liked.

Finally, I have also been interested in sport, having been a State and National Basketball Player and while a live-in tutor at Women's College, I was in the Women's Four (a very keen rower). I have always loved the water and in the past was a sailor. As I am not as young as I used to be, I have transferred my interests now to the Arts.

I think that brief sketch will suffice. Thank you, one and all.

Date Claimers

12 August 2013	Dinner Meeting, Bulimba Library
26 August 2013	Board Meeting
7 September 2013	Welcome to 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
9 November 2013	Walk to Say No", Newstead Park, Brisbane
23 November 2013	Zonta Says No function, Senior Citizens Hall, Bulimba
5 December 2013	Sausage Sizzle Bunnings, Rocklea
15 March 2014	25 th Birthday Celebration
27 June- 1 July 2014	ZI Convention, Orlando, Florida



Bookings Essential


Zonta Club of Brisbane East Inc.
 Member of Zonta International
Advancing the Status of Women Worldwide
 Not-for-Profit Organisation

"Welcome to Spring" High Tea

Join the members of Zonta Club of Brisbane East Inc. in welcoming Spring with a High Tea to raise funds for local and international service projects to Advance the Status of Women.

Date: Saturday, 7 September 2013

Time: 2.30 pm

Venue: Bulimba Senior Citizens' Community Centre
 1 Barramul Street
 Bulimba Qld 4171

Cost: \$25.00 per person for delicious sweet and savoury finger food, tea and coffee with a glass of bubbly or juice on arrival, lucky door and lucky spot prizes and entertainment by "**Bulimba Ukulele Group**" (The BUGs) and "**Something To Sing About**" (STSA), Brisbane.
 (Cash bar and raffle will also be available.)

RSVP: By 1 September to brisbaneeast@zontadistrict22.org or Ros on mobile 0419 026 756.

Payments: Zonta Club of Brisbane East Inc.

BSB: 124 001 **Acct No:** 11207043 referencing your surname

All proceeds from this event will benefit our local and international service projects:
 ⇒ 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.