

East-enders

MARCH 2014



Zonta Club of
Brisbane East Inc.

Member of Zonta International

Next Dinner Meeting

Monday 14 April 2014

Downstairs Meeting Room, Bulimba Library
6.30pm for Food & Fellowship, Meeting 7.00pm

RSVP to: Jo Diessel by 11 April 2014

Failure to apologise if unable to attend will incur a cost of \$15

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Last month I talked about how we would be having a big month in March and I was not wrong but what a wonderful month for our Club.

Our Sausage Sizzle started us off – again great funds for our service account and many thanks to Michael and Michele for their help on the day and of course to Jo who does the bulk of the work on these days.

Our Dinner Meeting was a wonderful night with many guests including our Yeronga and Balmoral State High School Scholarship winners. Also at the meeting were the Principal of Balmoral State High, Allison Crane and Deputy Principal Gerowyn LaCaze and the Head of Special Education Services at Yeronga State High School, Jessica Walker. As is always the case, it is great to hear from our scholarship winners about their plans for the future and their studies. We also heard about the successes of both schools and the troubles facing many of the students at Yeronga State High School because of changes in Government policy in regard to visa processing and approval.

Prospective members Liz Buckman and former Brisbane East member Joan Mayne were also welcomed to the meeting and we

hope they will decide to join our Club.

As I said, a great night because we also determined our service projects for this year – more on that later.

Our next big event was our 25th Birthday Celebrations. It was just so wonderful to welcome so many of our past members as well as our other guests. We received many compliments on the night about the food and service at the Colmslie Hotel and also on the achievements of our Club over the past 25 years. Our archival display was very impressive. A sincere thanks to Beverley Farley, Irene Kinder, Jill Hedley (who made and decorated our Birthday cake) and Lynn Callander for organising a great night. See later for more info on this great night to remember.

And now to our April Dinner Meeting. During this past month I have had contact with two women who have expressed an interest in coming to our April Dinner Meeting. I have invited both to attend, so please introduce yourselves and make them welcome.



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Club Dues and Club Contribution to ZIF

Our Club Treasurer has sent an Invoice to all members for their 2014-2015 dues. A number of members have already paid but for those that haven't, would you please either transfer your \$150 to our **General Account** (details are on your Invoice) or pay Irene at our April Meeting. It is important that we send our dues to International and District by the end of the month to ensure we are "in good standing" in time for Convention.

Our Club accounts are currently with our Auditor and on completion of the Audit one-third of the funds we raised this past Zonta year will be forwarded to the Zonta International Foundation.



Home Away from Homelessness Project

Irene and Bronwyn are our representatives on the Committee organising the October Fashion Showcase Fundraiser for this project. We will hear regular updates from them on progress. The function will be held on 12 October in the Main Auditorium at City Hall and will be a great afternoon so hopefully we can have at least one table of members there. Last year Zonta received great publicity for the afternoon and no doubt this will be repeated this year, so great exposure for Zonta and our Club as well as supporting a very worthwhile project.



2014 Area Meeting

On 22 March 2014 Caboolture Club hosted the Combined Area 1 and Area 3 meeting at the Norths Leagues and Services Club, Kallangur with Denise, Irene, Jo and Ros representing the Club.

The focus of the area meeting was on lifting the *Cloak of Invisibility*. The ongoing issue of membership numbers, retention of members and attracting younger women to Zonta were a focus for participants, particularly in the sessions of strategic planning and ideas for fundraising ideas.

In her presentation, DG Judith Anderson reminded us we had much to celebrate particularly in our service projects such as breast cushions, birthing kits, Z Clubs and our many activities around the Zonta Says No Campaign. She also reminded us of the advocacy campaign that District in particular undertook and recognised Denise Conroy in her work in this area.

Use of technology, particularly modern media of YouTube and Facebook, still remains a challenge for many members. Yet as we were constantly reminded, it is these areas that we need to start to embrace to raise our visibility, take initiatives online in the many available fundraising opportunities and perhaps interest a younger group of women in our work and fellowship.

Clubs shared individual ideas and events held during the year as well as the interclub initiatives - Project Now and the 2014 Fashion Showcase. Ros Kinder led two sessions on archives and club histories and Club Constitutions. From the reaction of members it was evident that many Clubs were of the same view as our members regarding the Constitution ie having a generic document submitted to the Office of Fair Trading with an exemption to annual reviews. One Club did review and update their Constitution on an annual basis and indicated this was not an onerous task, but one that did require a member/members to take management of.

Overall, a thoroughly enjoyable and productive day was had by all catching up with other colleagues and the news and future work of the District and Zonta International.



25th Birthday Celebrations



A big thank you to all those who made the night a success. We contacted as many of our past members as we could find and received some lovely emails/cards of apology from many who couldn't attend and we had ten past members present. It was just great to see them talk about "the good old times" and look back through the archives – our photo albums in particular raised many a laugh as we looked back on how we looked and dressed all those years ago. It was wonderful to have Ailsa Gillies there with us and to help cut the cake with the three Charter Members present – Beverley Farley, Denise Conroy and Carol Marsh. Ailsa, a member of the Zonta Club of Brisbane, was there at our Charter and guided us through those early years as our sponsor or more fondly our "mother".

As a result of our Celebrations, many of our former members have indicated they would like to receive our monthly Newsletter so to those who are receiving this for the first time we hope you enjoy reading our news and we are always happy to welcome you to one of our Dinner meetings and of course to our Club functions.

We had Zontians from other Clubs join us – Bev Follitt from the Zonta Club of Brisbane South, Merle Stephen from Zonta Club of Southern Gold Coast Tweed and Gail Abbott and Jo Hieatt from the Zonta Club of Wynnum Redland. Of course we had the support of our family and friends and many of our HonZons were there as well. Our Club is very reliant on their support and we thank them for this.

Our thanks go to HonZon Jan Kazakoff for the work she did in organising and planning our 25 year Celebrations book. Our thanks also to Sascha from 5th Avenue Collections for the raffle prizes and also for the commission we received from jewellery sales.

We did not set out to have the night as a fundraising event, but more to celebrate our birthday and enough to cover expenses. I am pleased to say that thanks to the generosity of everyone we did this and have a surplus which will go into our fundraising account and our service projects for this year.

Young Women in Public Affairs Award

It is pleasing that this year is the first year since the 1990s that we have received YWPA Applications. Our very worthy winner for this year is Madina Inayat from Yeronga State High School and our runner up, also a strong applicant is Chloe Wunsch-Carpenter from Balmoral State High School. Our congratulations to both students and our thanks to our judging panel. We now wish Madina all the best as her application goes into the pool for the judging at the District level.



Potential Z Club



Work is continuing on the possible establishment of a Z Club at Balmoral State High School. Students saw a PowerPoint presentation on Z Clubs during Assembly and have a good idea of what a Z Club does and how it can contribute to the school and local community. There is support from the teachers at the school and forms have been left for completion by interested students.

From ZI



Denise Conroy will be our delegate at the ZI Convention in Orlando in June this year and vote on our behalf. The latest President's mailing from ZI contains a lot of information related to the Convention. Included in the mailing is the Slate of Candidates, the proposed Bylaw changes, the Goals proposed for the 2014-2016 Biennium and the proposed International Service Projects. Members will be given the opportunity to discuss these and other matters so that Denise, who always gives consideration to the Club's views prior to casting her vote, has an understanding of the Club's wishes on these issues.

The various documents are lengthy. You can access them via the Zonta International website <http://zonta.org/MemberResources/Tools/2014ClubMailing.aspx>

Other information from ZI is that new members who join in April and May need only pay one years membership plus the joining fee and their membership will extend to 31 May 2015 ie for 14 months. This is great news for Clubs in our District where there is always an issue with the half year fees because of the way our Club year and the ZI year is structured. Pleasing also to note that District 22 has a 100% Club contribution to the Zonta International Foundation for this Biennium and will be recognised accordingly at Convention. There is also an update on the recent site visit to Liberia with UNPA to view the international service fistula project.

Coming Club Fundraisers



Don't forget our Fashion Showing at Blue Illusion, Oxford Street, Bulimba on 5 April. These functions are great fundraisers for our Club and, apart from those who buy some of the great clothes on sale, are at no cost to Club members. Again please publicise this event and encourage your friends and relatives to go along between 11

am and 2pm as the Club receives a percentage of all sales between those hours. A Flyer promoting the event is attached so please circulate it as widely as you can.

Our next Bunnings Sausage Sizzle is Easter Saturday, 19 April when we anticipate we will be quite busy.



Club Merchandise for Sale



Our manicure sets and torch key rings are now available for sale. Both are engraved with the Zonta International logo. Cost is \$12 for the travel manicure set and \$7 for the key ring. We still have Irene's beautiful hand made cards for sale at cost of \$5 each.



Date Claimers

5 April 2014	Fashion Showing, Blue Illusion, Bulimba
13 April 2014	Breast Cushion Working Bee, Jo's place
14 April 2014	Dinner Meeting, Bulimba Library
19 April 2014	Sausage Sizzle, Bunnings Rocklea (Easter Saturday)
28 April 2014	Board meeting, Easts Rugby League Club
9 May 2014	Sausage Sizzle, Bunnings Rocklea
12 May 2014	Dinner Meeting, Bulimba Library
26 May 2014	Combined Board Meeting, Easts Rugby League Club
13 June 2014	Sausage Sizzle, Bunnings Rocklea
27 June- 1 July 2014	ZI Convention, Orlando, Florida
19 July 2014	Sausage Sizzle, Bunnings Rocklea (Saturday)
8 August 2014	Sausage Sizzle, Bunnings Rocklea
12 October 2014	Zonta Fashion Showcase, Main Auditorium, Brisbane City Hall



Zonta Club of Brisbane East Inc.

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extends an invitation

to a

Fashion Showing

by

blue illusion



- ❖ Relax with a glass of bubbles, view models in Blue Illusion's latest range and learn how to build a fashion wardrobe that enhances your own individual style.
- ❖ Browse through the beautiful homewares, books, aromatherapy and body products sourced exclusively for Blue Illusion stores.
- ❖ Enjoy a chat and style advice from the friendly Blue Illusion staff.
- ❖ Percentage of Total Sales between 11 am and 2 pm will be donated to Zonta Club of Brisbane East.

Venue: Blue Illusion
171 Oxford Street
Bulimba Q 4171
(opposite cinemas)

Date: Saturday, 5 April 2014
Time: Browse: 10.30 am – 11 am
Sales: 11 am – 2 pm
Cost: Nil



ZONTA PRESENTS A

FASHION SHOWCASE

BRISBANE CITY HALL SUNDAY 12 OCTOBER 2014
1.30PM TO 4.30PM www.zontafashionshowcase.com.au

Watch this space for ticket sale information