



# East-enders

Newsletter of Zonta Club of Brisbane East Inc

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## PRESIDENT'S PATER

### Next Dinner Meeting Monday 10 July

Pre-Dinner nibbles 6pm  
Committee Meetings 6.15pm  
Dinner 7.30pm –9.30pm  
At

### Good Earth Hotel

Wickham Tce  
(Ground Floor)

### Cost \$32.00 each

\$5 Meeting only

Apologies to  
Jill Hedley

Thursday 7 July  
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### After hours

*In absence on an apology an  
invoice for \$27.50 will be sent to  
all non-attending members.*

Welcome to the new Zonta year I hope that we will all enjoy the year ahead and I look forward to hearing from all members as to how they would like to see the club progress over the next 12 months.

New members are very high on the priority list so I would encourage everyone to keep a keen eye on work colleagues or friends who might embrace the Zonta ideals.

### Committees

To avoid the practice of the same few people carrying out most of the club activities I would encourage everyone to embrace a strong Committee presence in the club. If we spread the load around then we can all manage our work and home responsibilities with the activities of Zonta.

The Club with its reduced the number of Board members needs the support of all members. Your Executive will be asking everyone to indicate which committee they would like to join. So when the membership sheet is circulated please think hard about how you would like to contribute.

Current committees are: Status of Women; United Nations; Public Relations & Communication; Organisation, Classification & Membership. Committees have been allocated the time before the meeting to meet—I urge everyone to make time to meet with your committee.

**Breast Cushions:** We had to cancel our last workshop as everyone was busy however, we have completed a number of cushions through the 'relay' method. We hope to have some more cushions cut out and ready to sew..stuff..close..wrap.

Volunteers for any of these tasks are always welcome. We have committed ourselves to supplying a number of hospitals so need to continue our workshops.

Our next workshop is scheduled for Sunday 25 June, right in the middle of Convention so stalwarts like Denise and Roz with be otherwise engaged. So if we could have some volunteers in the meantime it would be great.

**Antique Fair:** Our Antique Fair is drawing close—now only one month away . Denise and Heather have organised all the preliminaries all we need is plenty of help on the day. There are flyers to distribute through work and your neighbourhood as well as the Jindalee area and a list of other duties that Denise has outlined. Most members would have been emailed the proposed roster and . If everyone can contribute then we will have another successful event.

*Lynn Callander*

**Entertainment Books...Just  
about sold out— please talk to Jill**

## Our Work—Our Lives

Griffith University (GU) and The Queensland Working Women's Service Inc (QWWS) present their first national conference on women and industrial relations. The conference is held over three days and hopes to attract over 150 delegates from a variety of backgrounds. Attendees include industry leaders, academics, human resource managers, policy advisors, government staff, lawyers, union delegates and employer organisations.

The program offers a mix of hypotheticals, panel discussions, discussion papers and workshops from a variety of perspectives.

The conference will appeal to lawyers, HR professionals, business people, government, IR professionals.

Date: 12-14 July 2006

Where—Rydges Hotel

South Brisbane

Book through Event organiser

Phone 3341 8004

Email [admin@portman-events.com](mailto:admin@portman-events.com)

## Forced marriages, domestic violence contribute to female suicide in Turkey – UN expert

1 June 2006 – Traditional practices, such as forced marriages, domestic violence, and denial of reproductive rights, often play a key role in suicides of women and girls in Southeast and Eastern Turkey, while the authorities often do not implement protective laws, according to a United Nations expert who has just concluded a 10-day visit to the region.

“The majority of women in the provinces visited live lives that are not their own but are instead determined by a patriarchal normative order that draws its strength from reference to tradition, culture and tribal affiliation and often articulates itself on the basis of distorted notions of honour,” the Special Rapporteur of the UN Commission on Human Rights on violence against women, Yakin Ertürk said.

“Diverse forms of violence are deliberately used against women who are seen to transgress this order. Suicides of women in the region occur within such a context,” she added in a press statement on her visit that ended yesterday. She thanked the Government, national and local authorities and civil society for their cooperation and support.

She noted that Turkey is a party to all major international human rights instruments and its domestic legislation provides for the equality and human rights of women and addresses violence against women.

“In practice, however, I have found that authorities too often lack the willingness to implement these laws and protect women from violence. Interlocutors in the region explained that politicians and administrators are often inclined to arrange themselves with local power structures and norms at the expense of women’s rights,” she said.

Ms. Ertürk stressed that personal, family and societal factors interlink in the phenomenon. “I have found that the patriarchal order and the human rights violations that go along with it - for example, forced and early marriages, domestic violence, and denial of reproductive rights - are often key contributing factors,” she noted.

“Additional pressures result from the fact that women have to navigate between the multiple demands imposed by the traditional order and rapid socioeconomic change in the context of urbanization and internal migration as well as having to cope with poverty, displacement and the ambiguities created by the political tensions often experienced in the region,” she added.

Referring to reports that in some suicide cases child sexual abuse in the family circle also appears to be a major factor, she said there was an urgent need to overcome social taboos and openly discuss and address this problem.

Special Rapporteurs are unpaid experts serving in an independent personal capacity, who received their mandate from the now defunct UN Commission on Human Rights and will report to the newly established and enhanced Human Rights Council.

## D24 Foundation Contributions

District 24 clubs are to be congratulated on contributing **US\$179,215** to date. This figure places us **3<sup>rd</sup>** in the District rankings. Our main focus has been YWPA, Zisvaw and Zonta International Service Funds, then Jane M Klausman Women in Business, Amelia Earhart Fellowships and Rose Fund. There are 9 out of our 76 clubs who have not yet sent a contribution...Never too late.

There is also an opportunity to make donations (either Club or individual) at the Zonta International Foundation Booth at Convention.

*Bev Folliat D24*

## DATE CLAIMERS

**Monday 12 June—Queen’s Birthday Weekend (hence early dinner meeting)**

**24-29th June— International convention in Melbourne**

**Sunday 25 June—Breast Cushion workshop—To be confirmed**

**Monday 26 June—Board Meeting—Goodearth Hotel**

**Sunday 9th July—Antique & Collectible Fair at Jindalee.**

**Monday 10 July— Dinner Meeting**

## Zonta Visitors

Before and following International Convention in Melbourne there will be a number of overseas Zontians heading to the warmer parts of Australia, namely Queensland.

Denise Conroy has a visitor from Texas Lynn Altemeyer coming to Brisbane on Thursday 15 June—anyone interested in lunch should talk to Denise.

Ros also has contact with a couple of people from USA and we have already committed the Club to meeting with the Prague Club president following convention.

There could be other approaches as convention gets closer. On that note if anyone is wanting to go to Melbourne there is still time—but only just—

Brisbane East will be represented by Denise as the delegate with alternate delegate being Ros Kinder. Our thanks for their continued support of our club.

State Education Week (4-10 June) activities are planned for schools throughout the state to showcase and celebrate excellence in education. As a female dominated industry and a few club members in this group, it will be interesting to hear some of the winners.

### Principal for a Day (Monday 5 June)

More than 70 schools will host business and community leaders who become Principals for a Day. Those ready to step into the shoes of principals include the Governor of Queensland, Her Excellency Quentin Bryce AC, Triple MMM breakfast announcer Ian Skippen and Australian Idol finalist Dan England. (*Bronwyn Campbell.. Principal Albany Hills*)

### Back to School Day (Tuesday 6 June)

Motor racing legend and driver education advocate Dick Johnson is just one of many inspirational role models going back to his old school as part of this national program being held during State Education Week.

### My Favourite Teacher (announcement of winners during the Week)

More than 40 of the state’s favourite teachers, as voted for by students, will be announced during State Education Week. (*Jill Hedley... maths teacher of note*)