

PRESIDENT'S PATTTER

Next Dinner Meeting Monday

12 September

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

Friday 9 September

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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 August,

Committees:

At the dinner meeting, we need to finalise the structure of committees. Your board has recommended that three committees, Organisation, Membership & Classification; Public Relations & Communication; and Status of Women /United Nations be adopted by our club. We also suggest that sub-committees can be formed for special projects which includes members from all committees as determined by the project's needs. At the meeting we need to confirm the Chairman of each committee.

Each committee will be responsible for a monthly meeting at which they will organise a raffle prize, an activity or speaker for dinner, contribute a newsletter item relevant to their committee and assist at the door.

Breast Cushions: District 24 has produced and distributed more than 4,500 breast cushions for the 12 months ending November 04. Our contribution has been more than 200 and last week we made a delivery to the Mater

Private Hospital and Logan Hospital. Our next working bee is scheduled for Sunday 28 August at Lyn Papa's home.

Antique Fair: Thank you to all members who turned up to work at our Antique & Collectable's Fair on Sunday. Feedback from people attending and the dealers was very positive and it was a success because of the hard work of Denise and Heather. Denise was at Jindalee before sunrise to ensure that everything went to schedule and I know she was there late into the afternoon to finalise the clean-up. Our thanks also to our Hon Zons, Tracy & Sue (BBQ), Michael Langford, Claire Gardiner, John Mildwaters . A special thank you to Stan Prickett who sat all day doing valuations for the long queue of people, many of whom waited more than two hours. This was a major attraction for the day.

District Conference: Just a reminder to everyone that they need to register **asap** for the District 24 Conference in October—the next important cut-off date is 15 August –Close of discount registrations. We will also need to consider Ros' needs for the conference. As one of the host clubs—it will be a major project for our limited membership.

Lynn Callander

Highlights from the District

Governer's newsletter....*Following are some excerpts from Ros Kinder's newsletter ... Find out who said these words????*

....The kids are all screaming, the cat's not been fed; The dog was just sick all over my bed. The bathtub won't drain, I've got to find a new plumber; And my computer just crashed – good grief, what a bummer!..... From Baltimore (or Brisbane) to Bangladesh and Reykjavik to Rome There are thousands of cities that Zontians call home. And I can take comfort from the fact that I see That there are Zontians worldwide who are all just like me



Zontians can go from dining with International Presidents and titled VIPs to making sandwiches for hungry stall holders. *Above:* District Governor, Ros Kinder with Mary Ellen Bittner and *(right)* Claire Gardiner and Margaret Casey coming to grips with corned beef & pickles



An evening with the International President

Around 200 Zontians from clubs as far away as the north coast came together at Queensland Parliamentary Annex to have dinner with the International President, Mary Ellen Bittner.

The food was good, the company excellent and the words spoken by the various guests enlightening and welcomed.

It was nice to hear of the less formal experiences of the International President, especially her first visit to Australia and meeting with Queensland Zontians in Sydney.

Her address to the members present was repeated in a general way during her interview on ABC Radio 612 with Steve Austin.

While her work in the court system of the USA was discussed—there was a major focus of the work of Zonta both at a local level and internationally. Her passion for our projects in Niger and Bosnia-Herzegovina came across in the interview. It is worthwhile logging onto the website and hearing it if you missed the broadcast.



All the fun of the Antique & Collectables Fair held at Jindalee State School on Sunday 7th August. Stall holders setting up before the doors are open.

Book Launch

Thursday 25 August 1pm

Parliament House Brisbane

By Her Excellency the Governor of Queensland

Ms Quentyn Bryce AC

The Suffragists & Queensland Women in State & Federal Parliament



This two volume title is designed to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the granting of women's suffrage in Queensland. It is surprisingly lively and accessible. At the same time it provides an excellent, comprehensive account of how the suffragists won the vote for women, and of the women members of parliament who took that struggle further with their contribution in the parliament as the people's elected representatives.

Tough political cartoons from the newspapers, most of them going back to the days of the big struggle for the vote for women from the 1890s to 1905, are a powerful way of bringing that historical period back to life and of showing us how very prejudiced and condescending the male wielders of social and political power were at that time. Volume 1 especially is amply peppered with these cartoons and historical photos. Some of the cartoons and photographs have never been reproduced since they were first published 100 years ago, and some of the documents unearthed by the author for this book have never been published previously.

To ensure the book will be a valuable resource for those researching women's suffrage and women MPs, the author has included endnotes and bibliography, and an index. In other words the book is meant to be a one-stop-shop for researchers requiring information about women's suffrage in Queensland and about Queensland women members of parliament at both State and Federal level.

DATE CLAIMERS

Monday 15 August—D24 Conference—End of Discount Registration Fee

Monday 22 August—Board Meeting—venue TBA

Thursday 25 August—Book Launch at Parliament House

Sunday 28 August—Breast Cushion Morning—

Friday 9 September—Fashion Parade Wynnum Redlands Club cost \$38

Monday 12 September— Dinner Meeting

7-9 October—District 24 Conference, Gold Coast