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Newsletter
Zonta Club of Brisbane Inc

GPO Box 3060 Brisbane 4001

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April 2006

Next Dinner Meeting

Annual General Meeting

Monday
8 May

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

(This includes one raffle ticket)

Apologies by Friday 5th to
Jill Hedley

Phone 3279 2096

After hours

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

PRESIDENT'S PATTERN

The April meeting will have a special guest in Sue Purdon, lawyer and author who will tell us about her latest book on Women in the Law. Sue has been a member of Brisbane East so it will be nice to welcome her back for this special evening.

Breast Cushions

Our last working bee on March 26 was off to a slow start with no cushions partly completed. So our machinist Bev was put to the test to sew up some prepared cushions. When Jill arrived with about 20 sewn up then it was a busy morning. We only completed NINE cushions but there are plenty partly completed and ready for the next working bee on **Sunday 30 April**. Thanks for Jo Diesel, Jill, Bev F and Bev P, Claire as well as Sandra and Lyn P.

District 24

The ballot for the splitting of D24 has received some interesting responses. The Governor's newsletter outlines the scenario for the split and other information is available through the correspondence list. Please make sure you collect your Governor's newsletter which will be available at the dinner meeting.

Convention 2006

The Early bird registrations for 2006 Convention have now closed however, there is still time to register for those members who have still not decided whether to attend.

Registrations can still be made online.

Annual General Meeting and Report

Next month is our AGM and I hope everyone will make a special effort to be present. To ensure that we have an Annual Report to present I need the three committees to send information through to Karen or myself so that we can compile a report for your approval.

This is always a busy time and it is important that we allow as much time as possible for the Club Executive to prepare for this important meeting.

Lynn C



*May the Easter
Bilby bring you
many expensive
chocolate delights
with no calories.*

ANTIQUA FAIR

Heather and Denise attended the Open Day at Jindalee State School to promote our July 9 Antique & Collectibles Fair to be held at the school. They received a warm reception and were able to show some of the items that the general public will be able to buy at our July Fair. They were also able to promote Zonta and the work we do in advancing the status of women. It seems our fame has reached ABC in Hobart and they are interested in a segment on the fair.

Entertainment Books:

These are now available for just \$60 each with the club earning \$12 for each book sold.

Please see Jill to get your copies as they are limited in numbers this year.

Executives of the Zonta Club of Brisbane East Inc are:

President: Lynn Callander
Vice Pres: Heather Mildwaters
Secretary: Jill Hedley
Treasurer: Karen Hendry
Directors: Bronwyn Campbell
Margaret Casey

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SENIOR UNICEF OFFICIAL VISITS AFGHANISTAN TO HELP MEET NEEDS OF WOMEN, CHILDREN

New York, Mar 20 2006 10:00AM

United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) Deputy Executive Director Rima Salah has begun a week-long visit to Afghanistan in a bid to draw global attention to the progress being made for the country's women and children while highlighting unmet needs in areas of health, education and protection.

The figures are still stark. Less than half of primary school age girls attend classes, while a quarter of primary school age children undertake some form of work, and an estimated one-third of women are married before the age of 18. Some 50 women die every day due to obstetric complications. An estimated 600 children under the age of five die every day in Afghanistan, mostly due to preventable illnesses.

Ms. Salah's visit coincides with the start of a new academic year, when up to 5 million children are expected to return to classrooms. She will see first hand efforts made by the Afghan Government, UNICEF and other partners to increase school enrolment, visit maternal health programmes, and discuss broader child protection policies.

Ms. Salah, who began her visit yesterday, will encourage renewed investment in development programmes for women and children and draw upon the benchmarks for health and education set out in the Afghan Compact adopted in London in January, a multi-billion dollar blueprint for partnership between the Government and the international community to bolster security, economic development and counter-narcotics efforts.

The Compact calls for a primary school enrolment rate for girls of 60 per cent, a reduction of maternal mortality by 15 per cent, and full immunization coverage for infants under-5 for vaccine-preventable diseases, reducing mortality rates by 20 per cent, by the end of 2010.

With a recognized need to reduce disparities throughout the country, Ms. Salah will spend the first part of her visit in the provinces of Bamyan and Balkh before returning to Kabul, the capital.

For more details go to UN News Centre at <http://www.un.org/news>

From the International Service Newsletter:

Women and minorities are strongly under-represented in Science & Engineering

Zonta created the Amelia Earhart Fellowship with the express purpose to encourage women to participate at the highest levels in field of aerospace related science and engineering. Science and engineering are acknowledged as significant instruments of change. However, there is a concern in the world that the sciences have lost their allure. According to a recent article in the New York Sunday Times Magazine discussing the lack of interest in science in the U.S. 'only one in five has bothered to take a physics course. Three out of four haven't heard that the universe is expanding.

Less than 10% of adult Americans, it is estimated, are in possession of basic scientific literacy.' Science is often viewed as the evil empire, the cause of all that is wrong with the world, and the bastion of white males.....

This entire report of Holly Anderson, AE Coordinator will soon be posted on the ZI website

District 29 held a seminar, about: "Working Women - Working Mum" in Bonn, Germany on the weekend of 10-12 March. Zontians from the Netherlands, France, Germany and even from Russia attended. While most discussions were around women working full-time vs part time, working around home responsibilities, it was the Russians who brought home how far many countries still have to go...." Our Russian Zonta friend showed us a reality with quite different aspects: in her country the question is not whether to work full-time or part-time but the simple fact that in order to keep up a certain standard of living require at least a second job on top of your original one....

A copy of the SOW and Service newsletter is available.

Club News:

The Purcell family returned from Tasmania with some excess baggage, namely a gold and bronze medal from the Australian Rowing Championships where son Darren gave mum and dad some rewards for all those early morning car trips to before sunrise rowing practice.

Congratulations to Jo Diesel who has been appointed Regional Executive Director for Greater Brisbane in Education Queensland.

Birthing Kits: Jill went along to the Birthing Kit Assembly session organised by the Brisbane South Club. It seems they had an excellent response from members and medical students (TIME) who were able to contribute. It took the 69 people less than three hours to pack 1,600 kits for Ethiopia.

Antique & Collectibles Fair
Sunday 9 July
Jindalee State School
Bring your friends, family members
All offers of help gratefully Accepted
Flyers available for distribution

DATE CLAIMERS

Saturday 22 April—Race Day— Gold Coast Club 12noon start

Monday 24 April—Board Meeting

Sunday 30 April—Breast Cushion Working bee at Lyn Papa's home 9.30am start

Monday 8 May—AGM Dinner Meeting—

24-29 June—International Convention in Melbourne