



Next Dinner Meeting

Monday
11 February

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

At

Terraces Hotel

Wickham Tce
 (Ground Floor)

Cost \$32.00 each

\$5 Meeting only

(This includes one raffle ticket)

Apologies by Sunday

10 February

Margaret Casey

Phone 3907 0845

After hours

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

PRESIDENT'S PATTTER

As the 2007 year draws to a close some reflections across the year shows our club though small in number is great in effort and achievements.

Once again our group joined with colleagues from Logan Club in November for a breast cushion morning. Some 40 cushions were wrapped and taken home by Jill and Lynn for the summer holiday period. These with the extras that Jill has will provide a good reserve for our hospitals.

We also have prepared two boxes of breast cushions,- stuffed and sewn and ready for wrapping - should we need them. There is also another pile is being sewn ready for 2008 working bees. Our next one is planned for February.

Reflection: Personally I have been privy to two women who have been given our cushions.



My sister who is now finished her treatment still uses her cushion at night time and gains great relief from her cushion.

My colleague who is at the start of her treatment is forever thanking me for the relief the cushion gives her.
Do we make a difference? - Yes.

During the year there have been many times of fellowship and fund raising. A great effort is our Antiques Fair - particularly due to Heather and Denise.

Reflection: For a small team we can make a mighty effort and we are well placed financially to consider extending our support to our sisters in need.

What are your reflections on the year past? Let us celebrate on Monday night to a strong club - small in number but great in effort and achievements

Jo Diesel
 Vice- President



CLUB EXECUTIVE 2007-2008

Executives of the Zonta Club of Brisbane East Inc are:

President: **Bronwyn Campbell**

Vice Pres: **Jo Diessel**

2 Vic Pres: **Jill Hedley**

Secretary : **Margaret Casey**

Treasurer: **Ros Kinder**

Directors: **Lyn Papa**
Bev Purcell



The Joys of Christmas Past.....

Celebrating those members who are still enjoying the fun of Zonta.

Remembering those who are no longer with us.

WHEN WOMEN ARE EMPOWERED, ALL OF SOCIETY BENEFITS

United Nations Deputy Secretary-General Asha-Rose Migiro today highlighted the importance of empowering women to build healthier, better educated, more peaceful and more prosperous societies.

“Study after study has shown us that when women are fully empowered and engaged, all of society benefits,” Ms. Migiro <<http://www.un.org/News/Press/docs//2007/dsgsm353.doc.htm>> told the International Women Leaders Global Security Summit in New York.

“Only in this way can we successfully take on the enormous challenges confronting our world – from conflict resolution and peace building to fighting AIDS and reaching all the other Millennium Development Goals,” she stated, referring to the ambitious set of anti-poverty targets the world has pledged to achieve by 2015.

She recalled that at the 2005 World Summit, leaders declared that gender equality and human rights for all are essential to advancing development, peace and security. Five years before that, the Security Council adopted resolution 1325 on women, peace and security.

But while global goals and commitments on women’s empowerment are in place, “we still have far to go in implementing them fully – from school enrolment to women’s

economic independence and representation in decision-making bodies,” she stated.

The Deputy Secretary-General noted that in almost all countries, women continue to be under-represented in decision-making positions; their work continues to be undervalued; and violence against women and girls continues unabated worldwide.

“Changing all this requires all of us – women and men – to work for enduring change in values and attitudes,” she said. “It means working in partnership – Governments, international organizations, civil society and the private sector. It means men assuming their responsibility. It means ensuring that women and girls enjoy their full rights, and take up their rightful place in society.”

With regard to tackling violence against women in particular, she recalled that Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon had earlier this year urged the Security Council to establish a mechanism to monitor that scourge, within the framework of resolution 1325. He had also encouraged Member States to consider proposals to strengthen the UN’s “gender architecture.”

“The Secretary-General and I believe we could significantly advance our cause by replacing several current structures with one dynamic UN entity,” she stated. “Such a new body should be able to call on all of the UN system’s resources in the work to empower women and realize gender equality worldwide.”



There was once a great czar in Russia named Rudolph the Red.

He stood looking out the windows of his palace one day while his wife, the Czarina Katerina, sat nearby knitting. He turned to her and said, “Look my dear, it has begun to rain!” Without even looking up from her knitting she replied, “It’s too cold to rain. It must be sleeting.” The Czar shook his head and said, “I am the Czar of all the Russias, and Rudolph the Red knows rain, dear!”

Why was Santa’s little helper depressed?
Because he had low elf esteem.

Important Dates



Monday— 14 January— Fellowship dinner—venue to be decided at December meeting

Monday 11 February—Next Zonta Club meeting & dinner