



East-enders

Newsletter of
Zonta Club of Brisbane East

GPO Box 3060 Brisbane 4001

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March 2006

Next Dinner Meeting

**Monday
10 April**

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 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*

AREA 3/5 WORKSHOP

One of the highlights of the Area 3/5 Workshop held yesterday at Kedron Wavell Club was the guest speaker and International JM Klausman winner, Anna Kloeden.

Anna was the nominee of Brisbane North Club and spoke about her experiences in China as part of three month arts/law trip which was partly funded by her Zonta award.

She spoke of the dramatic progress in China but highlighted the difficulties faced by everyday people in earning a living in this exploding economy. She also told us about the

PRESIDENT'S PATTERN

The next couple of months are very important in the Zonta calendar. Our annual dues need to be sent off to ZI to ensure that we are represented at Convention. So there is little time in getting the bill and paying before 1 April. Our ZI Foundation contribution also needs to be sent off and this year we can specify which International Project we want to support including the Rose Fund.

It is also election time in April when we need to fill the important position of Vice President and at least one board member.

Heather Mildwaters has been very generous in filling the role but as a club we need to consider future planning and allowing the vice-president, who will take over the President role in 2007, time to take a deep breath and prepare.

It would be great if someone was to put up their hand to fill both this role.

Breast Cushions

The February working bee was one of the best in recent times with Denise, Karen, Margaret, Claire, Bev F, Jill, Lyn P and Ros all working hard to complete 49 cushions. My thanks to HonZon Pat Nemeth who cut out and helped sew the previous month so that we had a pile of cushions to fill, hand sew and wrap.

laws protecting intellectual property in China but the lack of enforcement.

Her experiences of the orphanages and the 'death rooms' where children, often girls and the disabled, are ignored to death as it not considered economic to spend the resources to keep them alive. Millions of children are in this category.

She also told us about a foster home which is offering hope for a small number of these children. I am sure many Zontians went home and hugged their children/grand children after hearing Anna's experiences.

Well, Pat has been hard at work and has cut out a further 66 cushions which will need pinning, sewing, filling, hand sewing and wrapping over the next few weeks.

We sent off 8 cushions to Logan Hospital and 41 to the Mater Private. So you can see that we need to keep ensuring that we have a supply ready for these hospitals.

Next breast cushion working bee—Sunday 26 March.

District 24

There is a move to divide District 24 along state boundaries and a ballot has been arranged for all Clubs in D24. We will need to make a decision as to Brisbane East's choice at the March meeting. The decision will be considered at the District Board meeting. Information on the pros and cons will be available at the meeting and can be emailed to members not able to attend.

Convention 2006

We have submitted a couple of photos in the Convention Display on two of our fundraising projects, the Antique Fair and Breast Cushions. It was good to see that variety of activities and projects done by other clubs at the Area Workshop.

Lynn C



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

Kate-a-Gram

Well, I have survived my first month in Melbourne. The weather has not been as bad as expected - only two days of rain - however, it is 38 one day and 22 the next - I have never watched the weather reports so much in my life.

I am madly running around town every weekend looking for a place to buy but there is so little on the market - I do hope I will have something sorted out in the next month. So, in the meantime I am staying in the lovely Monash university accommodation of a rather salubrious original 1960s red brick flat which is located in an area colloquially known as Saigon City - quite a change from the leafy surrounds of Brisbane's western suburbs! Oh well, it is character building!

Teaching is going well. I have only 700 students in my first year unit - about half of which are international. At the moment they still have that wide-eyed, stunned look of trying to comprehend a new country, start of university etc. 90% of them attend lectures and they seem very receptive. I also have a masters class (about 3/4 international students). It is very multicultural and diverse here - just call me Skippy!

I am working with two colleagues on a proposal to put to Bluescope for joint collaboration in China. I will be going to China for two weeks in June. So, all in all, I am very busy but excited by new things to do! There is a very nice organisational culture here - academics do work hard but it is very equitable and the staff are very collegial.

I may be in Brisbane at Easter time - if yes, I will let you know soon.

From Kate Hutchings

Did you remember Zonta Rose Day 8th March

See Zonta Rose Garden at PA Hospital



International Project 2004-2006

The International Service projects for the 2004-2006 Biennium focus on urgent issues in three parts of the world: Niger, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Afghanistan.

- Women now account for almost half of all cases of HIV/AIDS in the world. The impact of HIV/AIDS is so devastating in the Bouza District of the Tahoua Department (state) in Southern Niger, that the district is known as "the Valley of the Widows" because of the high number of young married men who have died in recent years.
- In late 2000, the International Police Task Force of Bosnia estimated that over 10,000 victims of trafficking are in the country at any one time. Local women's groups estimate that more than 95 percent of these are women.
- Only 3 percent of Afghan women are literate; and the majority of women have no access to clean water, energy or sanitation. For almost six years, Afghan women were completely removed from social, economic and political life, and virtually all of their human rights have been violated.

International Service Program

Women's equality is not yet a reality. Women worldwide face systemized discrimination - they lack opportunities to live healthy lives, free from legal, social, economic and political inequality.

Zonta International empowers women to overcome barriers to their equal human

rights through its International Service Projects funded by the Zonta International Foundation.

Since 1923, Zonta has provided ... more than US\$6 million to projects benefiting over 2 million women representing 25 countries.

FAST FACTS.....

In sub-Saharan Africa, 57% of adults with HIV are women and young women 15 to 24 are more than three times as likely to be infected as young men.

Globally, more than 80% of women do not have sufficient knowledge about HIV/AIDS and many women do not have the power to say no to sex with an infected partner.

Every year an estimated 4 million women and girls are bought and sold worldwide.

More than 59 million school-aged girls are not in school and female illiteracy rates remain higher than men

About 530,000 women die annually in pregnancy or during childbirth, mainly due to lack of access to health care.

United Nations

Everyone should have received their UN newsletter from District UN Chair Margaret Casey—some interesting reading especially Zonta's involvement with the United Nations.

Don't forget your copy of Governor's News letter....

Happy Birthday to us.... Thanks to everyone for another year for Brisbane East....17 years and still counting.....

DATE CLAIMERS

Sunday 26 March—Breast Cushion Working bee at Lyn Papa's home 9.30am start

Sunday 26 March—Brisbane South Birthing Kit Day

Monday 27 March—Club Board meeting

Monday 10 April—Dinner Meeting—Elections & Sue Purden guest speaker

Friday 31 March—Last Day for Early Bird Registration for Convention

Saturday 22 April - Gold Coast Club's Race Day 12noon start

24-29 June—International Convention in Melbourne