

**Next Dinner Meeting**

**Monday**

**12 November**

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  
 11 November**

**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 PATTERN**

Several of us (Ros, Denise, Jill and I) attended the Charter Dinner of Sandgate at the Full Moon Restaurant in September. This new club has 31 charter members, and the District 24 Governor Patricia Lawson, was there to do the honours.

The Club membership has a broad range of women, including the local state parliamentarian. With the enthusiasm we saw, there is a bright future for Sandgate Club.

Also, we had a good representation from Brisbane East at the District 24 Conference at Tweed Heads. The most significant happening was the vote to form a new district, thus splitting Queensland from New South Wales.

Certainly, on visiting Zonta activities outside of our own club, one's eyes are opened to the

global landscape of what our organization is achieving. I would encourage everyone to visit other clubs and functions to help gain this perspective.

For the next three months, Jo Diessel will be taking over as President while I am away. I wish you all a wonderful festive season, full of all the good things we experience at this time.

Reminder about the Janet Irwin Dinner—this is the last dinner to be held in Janet's honour. It is always a great evening. Denise has details if anyone is interested.

In addition, the Anti Trafficking seminar will be held on our meeting night in November. Some members might like to attend.

Thanks for your support

*Bronwyn Campbell*

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**



**District 24  
 Conference**

Enjoying the District 24 Conference Dinner at Twin Towns Resort were Denise, Jo and Bronwyn along with Logan club members Jan and Joy.

## UNICEF CHIEF CALLS FOR END TO FEMALE GENITAL CUTTING, 'HONOUR CRIMES,' CHILD MARRIAGE

New York, Sep 10 2007 9:00AM  
Female genital cutting, so-called honour crimes and child marriage are symbols of discrimination against girls and women and must be ended, United Nations Children's Fund (<http://www.unicef.org/>) UNICEF) Executive Director Ann M. Veneman has said.

In an opinion piece this week in the Modesto Bee, a daily newspaper published in her home state of California, Ms. Veneman highlighted the cases of two young girls in Egypt who died as a result of genital cutting this summer.

"About 3 million girls are cut each year, and an estimated 130 million women have undergone the procedure," she wrote, assailing the practice as "one of many harmful practices that have their roots in discrimination" against girls and women.

Other destructive and discriminatory practices cited by Ms. Veneman included 'honour crimes' and child marriage. Any effective strategy to end such abuses has to include community-based approaches like those adopted by Tostan, a UNICEF-supported non-governmental organization in Senegal, she argued.

"Tostan works with communities in local languages to help provide women with a voice in decision-making," she wrote. "This approach has been put into practice in hundreds of Senegalese villages – with great success."

Ms. Veneman, who visited the Tostan programme last year, said nearly a third of the 5,000 communities in Senegal had abandoned female genital cutting and many had moved away from child marriage.

Through collective action encompassing efforts like these, female genital cutting and "other harmful practices that subjugate young girls must be consigned to history," she concluded.

**Don't miss out on the real taste of Christmas with cakes and puddings from Diana in Toowoomba**  
**Denise has details**



Congratulations to Judy Scotney who was inducted into the Brisbane East Club at our August meeting.

**Welcome Judy.**

**Alison MacIntyre will be our guest speaker. Alison won the JMK District and International awards and she will speak to us about the importance of education to life choices.**

**Alison Macintyre** (Australia) is the first person in her family to attend university and says she recognizes her responsibility to act as a role model for younger women. Alison is in her final year of business at the Queensland University of Technology, (QUT), from which she plans to graduate in 2007 with first class honors in economics. QUT does not provide her on-campus housing, so Alison has had to pay for rent in addition to financing her education. She said the Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarship will help relieve some of this financial burden.

"The scholarship will assist in achieving my professional goals by offsetting the cost of rent during my honours year, giving me the freedom to pursue non-academic opportunities more in line with my future career," she said.

### Important Dates

**Sunday 14 October—Pine Rivers Women in Business Expo**

**Monday 12 November—Redcliffe Clubs Anti Trafficking Seminar**

**Monday 12 November—next Dinner Meeting**