



East-enders

Newsletter of
Zonta Club of Brisbane East

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Next Dinner Meeting

**Monday
9 October**

Pre-Dinner nibbles 6pm

Committee Meetings

6.15pm

Dinner 7.30pm –9.30pm

At

Terraces on Wickham

Wickham Tce

(Ground Floor)

Cost \$32.00 each

\$5 Meeting only

(This includes one raffle
ticket)

Apologies to

Jill Hedley

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

We are into the last quarter of 2006 and I know we are feeling the pressure to get things done before we get to the Christmas break.

I would urge members to start thinking about 2007 and where the members feel the Club will be heading.

We will also be exploring projects to support during the coming 12 months so if anyone has ideas on how we can support advocacy for women and the status of women in the community please put your ideas forward for consideration.

Breast Cushions

Thanks to everyone who turned up for the breast cushion working bee—understand that we were able to send off a supply of cushions for the hospital to honour our commitment to the women who are undergoing breast cancer surgery in Brisbane.

At last supplies of fill donated by Tontine have arrived in Brisbane and Margaret Casey collected a supply for the club. So at the next working bee on 24 September at Mt Gravatt (Jo Diesel's workplace) there will be plenty of fill as well as partly completed cushions to hand sew and wrap for delivery. We are hoping that some of our fellow Zontians from

Logan Club will join us. Honzon Pat has cut out around 80 cushions so there will heaps to do for everyone. Details of the venue will be emailed to everyone beforehand—I hope everyone will make an effort to come.

Christmas Function: We need to make a decision on what members would like to do for Christmas this year. It will be hard to top the city lights from Bronwyn's level 25 home, so the challenge is on to see what we came come up with for 2006.

Lynn C



Message from International President:

Zonta's Goals This Biennium

Zonta goals of this biennium (2006-2008) were agreed at Convention in Melbourne in June this year.

These goals are set out in the Zonta Web site and centre around SIX areas - **service, advocacy, credibility, identity and visibility, and membership, financial and governance.**

The goals underpin clubs, districts and international activities during the biennium.

I encourage you to become familiar with them and use them to guide club service, advocacy, fundraising, fellowship activities.

Christmas Cakes & Puddings?

Take the work out of Christmas
2006 Order cakes and puddings
from Toowoomba—Denise has all
the delicious details.

Executives of the Zonta Club of Brisbane East Inc are:

President: Lynn Callander
1st Vice Pres: Heather Mildwaters
Secretary Jill Hedley
Treasurer: Karen Hendry
Board members:

Bronwyn Campbell
Margaret Casey

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United Nations : Women & children on the move

6 September 2006 – Governments must do more to address the human rights violations and lack of opportunities that force women and girls, who make up half the world's 95 million migrants, to leave their homes, while countries need to work together to make migration safer and in particular stamp out human trafficking, according to new reports issued today by the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA).

This year's *State of World Population report, A Passage to Hope: Women and International Migration*, was accompanied for the first time by a companion volume entitled *Moving Young*, which highlights the social, economic and demographic aspects of youth migration, the agency said in a [press release](#).

"There is an urgent need for stronger cooperation between countries to make migration more safe and fair. And there is a dire need for greater action to address the lack of opportunities and human rights violations that lead many women to migrate in the first place," said Thoraya Ahmed Obaid, UNFPA Executive Director.

"Although awareness and action against trafficking is growing, there is an urgent need to do more to end this terrible crime and the impunity that goes with it. The report calls for greater cooperation between and within countries to bring traffickers to justice and to provide services and human rights protection for trafficking victims."

Human trafficking is the third largest illicit trade after drugs and gun smuggling, UNFPA said, warning that it remains an ongoing source of "revenue" to be exploited over and over again until those being trafficked are too ill or too worn out to continue. Many die as a result of their servitude—either as a direct result of violence or from contracting the many diseases, including HIV, to which they are susceptible.

Another manifestation of female migration is the massive outflow of nurses from the developing world to industrialized countries such that the yearly exodus of 20,000 highly qualified nurses and doctors from Africa is worsening an already grave situation for a region ravaged by HIV/AIDS, malaria and high numbers of maternal and child deaths.

October Roster: SOW/UN

- Provide item for newsletter
- Provide raffle prize
- Provide Dinner activity
- Provide member to read Grace/Objects
- Assist at door if needed

Now is the time for vision and leadership on behalf of women migrants," said Ms. Obaid. "Labour, human rights protections and sound immigration policies can ensure that migration for women is a passage to hope as the title of this year's State of World Population report suggests."

The *Moving Young* report offers a glimpse into the lives of young migrants and the reasons that compel them to leave their homes and countries, through profiles of young men and women from 10 countries whose stories are very similar to those of millions of others who cross borders every day.

Many are searching for jobs and better opportunities, while others are forced to escape conflict or persecution. An increasing number of students are seeking education abroad, while many young people move to be reunited with parents or other relatives who have already settled abroad. Many leave their homes to marry, including young women forced to do so against their will. Many go willingly, lured away by false promises, while others are coerced into sex slavery.

"Young people are characterized by innovation, by creativity, by perseverance and hard work, and by wanting to try something new. If well-guided and directed, that spirit is the kind that will bring well-being to any society," said Ms. Obaid.

The launch of the two reports comes a week before the UN holds a High-Level Dialogue on International Migration and Development in New York from 14 to 15 September. That event will be the first of its kind to bring together the world's governments to discuss the many challenges and benefits of migration.

DATE CLAIMERS

Friday 22 September: Educating Rita at Brisbane Arts Theatre cost \$30 by Brisbane South Club

Sunday 24 September—Breast cushion working bee at Mt Gravatt (Education Office) 9.30am—12noon—look for email with details

Monday 25 September— Board Meeting

Monday 9 October—Next dinner meeting -

Thursday 12 October—Janet Irwin Dinner—Parliament House (See Denise Conroy)

Friday 20 October—Pink Luncheon for Breast Cancer—Bretts Wharf 12noon

15 November—Closing of nominations for Amelia Earhart Award.

LITERACY DAY— 8 SEPTEMBER

With an estimated 800 million adults still illiterate, two thirds of them women, and over 100 million children out of school, the United Nations today marked International Literacy Day with a plea from UN Headquarters to erase the deficit, and warnings from front line outposts of the challenges in the field.

"As the foundation of learning throughout life, literacy is at the heart of sustainable development," Secretary-General Kofi Annan said in a [message](#), noting that this year's celebration of the Day marks the start of the UN Decade of Education for Sustainable Development (2005-2014).

"It is clear that support for literacy continues to fall well short of need. On this International Literacy Day, let us recall that literacy for all is an integral part of education for all, and that both are critical for achieving truly sustainable development for all," he added.

Perhaps typical of the challenges faced by UN agencies in the field was the assessment of the UN Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA).

"In Afghanistan the situation is especially alarming. According to statistics from the recently published National Human Development Report, only 28 per cent of adults aged 15 and above can read and write," spokesman Adrian Edwards told a news briefing in Kabul, the capital.

"Experience and research show that literacy can be an important tool for eradicating poverty, enlarging employment opportunities, advancing gender equality, improving family health, protecting the environment and promoting democratic participation.