

East-enders

FEBRUARY 2017



ZONTA
CLUB OF
BRISBANE EAST INC

MEMBER OF ZONTA INTERNATIONAL
EMPOWERING WOMEN
THROUGH SERVICE & ADVOCACY

Next Monthly Meeting

20 March 2017

Bulimba Library 6.45 for 7.00pm

Cost \$5 per head to cover coffee, tea and sweets

Board Members 2016 - 2017

Jo Diessel
(President)

Irene Kinder
(1st Vice-President)

Kerstin Liebchen-Meades
(2nd Vice-President)

Ros Kinder
(Secretary)

Bronwyn Cameron
(Treasurer)

Directors:

Margaret Casey

Jane Gray

Lyn Papa

Elizabeth Peters

President's Patter



Despite having caught a flu bug on her return from the cruise, our own Ros Kinder did a sterling presentation to the Brisbane City Council seeking a partnership with Council to join the Campaign to End Violence Against Women. Six women in the first two months of 2017 have died as a result of family and domestic violence. This has to stop and together we can do something about it. Our work on this 2017 advocacy project is fast taking shape and I look forward to updating you at our March meeting.

Our discussion group at the February meeting told us what we did in 2016 we did well including our LoveBites project, Zonta Says No Campaign, High Tea and increasing our membership. Our discussions also indicated we need to share workloads and work smarter when we take on big projects ie "think about the what we need to do for the project" and "the how we do it".

Members felt the directions we were heading in and our service and advocacy projects were very positive. Our discussion session gave us some good ideas on possible projects or areas we may explore further, some fellowship activities and possible fundraising ventures. I look forward to continuing this discussion at our upcoming March meeting.

At the March meeting our special guests on this night will be our scholarship winners from Balmoral and Yeronga State High Schools. It is always a good night as we meet these students and hear of their aspirations for the future. I will send out an email to you before the meeting to share the achievements of our young women and each of them has certainly proven that they merit our continued support with their studies.

A reminder that project proposals will be due to Elizabeth. If you have a proposal send it along to Elizabeth. Please do not feel daunted by this. If you have an idea I am only too happy to talk with you as is Ros or other Board members.

Many of us will celebrate International Women's Day in early March. The Zonta International Foundation celebrates Rose Day on 8 March in honour of International Women's Day. A number of Clubs have organised celebrations over these two weeks and information has been forwarded to you.

How will you mark the day to celebrate the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women?

Jo

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Breast Cushions



We have a number of cushions and drainage bags to be completed so a date will be set for our next working bee. Jo has delivered cushions and drainage bags to the Mater Private and met their demand over the holiday period. We have delivered 200 cushions so far this year – seems like it will be a record year.

Bunnings Sausage Sizzle

Our next Sausage Sizzle at Rocklea is 27 March plus a further dates — 24 April, 8 May and 5 June. We also have Bunnings at Cannon Hill – 2 July 2017 which is a Sunday. The Cannon Hill Bunnings is a very busy store so help is definitely needed on this day as we need four people for each shift. Again, if available on these days please let Jo know.



Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee will present the "slate" at our March Meeting with elections as required in April. Please consider nominating for a Board position – ie don't wait to be asked. Contact Beverley, Loris or Heather. Being on the Board increases your knowledge of Zonta and the Club operations and does mean another meeting each month, but as with our Monthly Meetings the meetings are kept short. The new Board will take effect from 1 June which is the start of the Zonta year.

Service Projects for the 2017- 2018 Zonta Year

Over the next day or so Elizabeth will be forwarding documents seeking your suggestions regarding service projects for our 2017-2018 Club year. Please give this some thoughts and return the completed documents to Elizabeth by the due date so she can collate these and present them for discussion at our March Meeting.

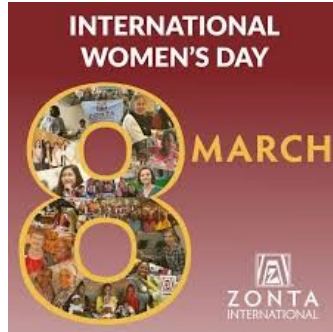


Member News



Congratulations to Margy and Paul Casey on the birth of their first grandson. Casey Nicholas Yates came into this world on 24 February to be welcomed by very proud grandparents and of course proud parents, daughter Ellen and her partner Nick. Congratulations to you all.

International Women's Day and Zonta Rose Day



International Women's Day is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women. The day also marks a call to action for accelerating gender parity.

International Women's Day (IWD) has been observed since the early 1900's - a time of great expansion and turbulence in the industrialised world that saw booming population growth and the rise of radical ideologies. International Women's Day is a collective day of global celebration and a call for gender parity. No one government, NGO, charity, corporation, academic institution, women's network or media hub is solely responsible for International Women's Day. Many organisations declare an annual IWD theme that supports their specific agenda or cause, and some of these are adopted more widely with relevance than others.

"The story of women's struggle for equality belongs to no single feminist nor to any one organisation but to the collective efforts of all who care about human rights," says world-renowned feminist, journalist and social and political activist, Gloria Steinem. Thus International Women's Day is all about unity, celebration, reflection, advocacy and action - whatever that looks like globally at a local level. But one thing is for sure, International Women's Day has been occurring for well over a century - and continues to grow from strength to strength. (<https://www.internationalwomensday.com/About>)

The theme for 2017 is *#Be Bold for Change* and many of our Zonta Clubs are holding functions to celebrate IWD under this banner. These are listed in the Calendar on our District 22 website, so it is still not too late to register for some of the functions

8 March is also Zonta Rose Day where we acknowledge our floral symbol and encourage donations to the ZIF Rose Fund which is a fund established to "top-up" donations as needed for the other ZIF projects. Donations to the ZIF Rose Fund enable Zonta to continue supporting projects and programs that help women achieve a life free of violence and empower them to overcome gender barriers that hinder their access to health, education and professional advancement.



Date Claimers

13 March 2017	Board Meeting, Easts Leagues Club
13 March 2017	Club Charter Anniversary (28 years)
13-24 March 2017	61 st Session of the Commission on the Status of Women
20 March 2017	Monthly Meeting, Bulimba Library
27 March 2017	Sausage Sizzle, Bunnings Rocklea
10 April 2017	Board Meeting, Easts Leagues Club
17 April 2017	Monthly Meeting, Bulimba Library
24 April 2017	Sausage Sizzle, Bunnings Rocklea
8 May 2017	Sausage Sizzle, Bunnings Rocklea
5 June 2017	Sausage Sizzle, Bunnings Rocklea
2 July 2017	Sausage Sizzle, Bunnings Cannon Hill
27 August 2017	4 th Annual High Tea
8-10 September 2017	District 22 Conference, Brisbane
29 June-3 July 2018	64 th ZI Convention, Yokohama, Japan