

East-Enders

February 2021

“Transitions, Changes and Opportunities”



Presidents Patter



Welcome back to a new year. I hope everyone enjoyed a restful and safe Christmas and New Year and is ready for 2021. We still have COVID-19 with us and no doubt at times during the coming year it will impact on some of our plans but in true Zonta spirit I am sure we can adapt as we did in 2020.

This month Zonta celebrated Amelia Earhart's achievements. Amelia was a Zontian and the AE Fellowship is to encourage women to pursue PhD/Doctoral degrees in aerospace engineering and space science. The Fellowship was first established in 1938 to recognize and honour Amelia's achievements. Since the program's inception in 1938, Zonta has awarded 1,638 Amelia Earhart Fellowships, totaling more than US\$10.6 million, to 1,209 women representing 73 countries. Our Fellows have gone on to become astronauts, aerospace engineers, astronomers, professors, geologists, business owners, heads of companies, even Secretary of the US Air Force. Sharon Langenbeck, our 2020-2022 Zonta International President began her involvement with Zonta when she was twice awarded an Amelia Earhart Fellowship.

The meeting room at the Bulimba Library has been booked for our February Meeting so I do hope you can come along to it. Whilst social distancing is still required there is enough space for us so we can meet face-to-face and stay safe.

On a very different note I am sure all members join me in congratulating Councillor Kara Cook and her husband Josh on the safe arrival of their little baby boy Arlo. Congratulations also to Kara for her successful campaign to convince Brisbane City Council to reverse an earlier decision and now allow hybrid (virtual and in person) meetings of Council and Committees. Well done Kara!

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Fundraising

Bunnings at Rocklea have offered us a Barbque on 28 February. Thank you to all who responded to Jo's call for volunteers for the roster. If you can help on the day please let Jo know of your availability. We had considerable stock (sausages and drinks) left over from our last Barbque but thanks to Jo, Vern and Lyn we were able to off load some of it and receive payment for it. This obviously improved our bottom line for the day.



Scholarship Winners

Jacinta and Lyn met or have been in contact with our 2020 scholarship winners from Balmoral and Yeronga SHS's. We are in the process now of confirming with our previous winners regarding their studies and enrolments in order to make payment to them for the current year. All our scholarship winners and representatives from both schools will be invited to meet and talk with members next month. It is always great to hear from the students about their experience and aims for the coming year.

Young Women in Public Affairs Awards

Applications for these Awards must reach our Club no later than 28 February 2021 to enable them to be assessed with the successful application then forwarded to District no later than 1 April 2021 for assessment at that level.

The Awards are open to young women, aged 16-19 on 1st April each year, living in a Zonta district/region, or who are citizens of a Zonta country, are eligible to apply. Applicants need to be able to demonstrate the following:

- Active commitment to volunteerism;
- Experience in local government, student government, or workplace leadership (paid or unpaid);
- Volunteer leadership achievements;
- Knowledge of Zonta International and its programs; and
- Support for Zonta International's mission of empowering women worldwide through service and advocacy.

If you meet these criteria or know of a young woman who does please download the Applications from either the ZI website or our Club webpage, complete the Application form and return it to the Club address on the form by 28 February 2021.

Service and Advocacy



Many thanks to Jacinta for coordinating the team to put together the Christmas Hampers for the women at Madonna House. The hampers were packed with goodies and wonderful fresh fruit and vegetables and were appreciated by the women who also received a gift from the Club. A very big thank you to all involved with this project.

Whilst we may not have been meeting our HonZons have been busy continuing to produce Zonta Breast Care Cushions and drainage bags and have met all our commitments to the Mater Private for both cushions and bags. As is customary the demand increased in the weeks leading up to Christmas and again from late January. Our thanks also to former Club member, Virginia Evans, for the material for the drainage bags and of course to HonZon Pat for her contribution.

International News

On 8 January 2021 Zonta International issued the following statement:

Zonta International statement on events in Washington, DC

Zonta International is an organization founded on democratic principles, and for more than 100 years those principles have guided our membership in our service and advocacy efforts. We condemn the violence we witnessed in Washington, DC on 6 January and reject violence of any kind as a form of protest, both in this instance and in other instances and events around the world. Instead, we believe in the power of our collective advocacy to promote justice and universal respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, and the advancement of understanding, goodwill, and peace, as stated in our objects. It is through the democratic process and legislative action that we will continue to use our voices in pursuit of our mission and in support of women and girls everywhere.

Political and societal instability threaten progress and advancements for women and all underrepresented or marginalized people and underscore the need for organizations like Zonta International to bring people together for good.

We must move forward and work together as an inclusive and united Zonta International community with full respect for our democratic institutions, and we welcome others that share our commitment to equality. Our voices and actions make a difference.

Zonta Webinar ‘Remarkable Women, Powerful Stories’

Each month, hear a remarkable woman share her achievements and personal story. This event is prominent in [EVENTS](#) on the Zonta International Website and is being promoted on

Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn. After the event, the recording will remain available on the open ZI website for general access. Registration is available on the ZI website

- **Join Zonta** to hear the remarkable, personal story of one great woman and learn from her reflections on leadership, success and the path she has forged.
- **Gain insights** on what it takes to meet the challenges of a profession while breaking down barriers, managing family life, and advocating for a cause.
- **Explore** the keys to growing resilience, self-belief, courage and leadership skills to achieve that breakthrough you may need in your own career and life.
- **Remarkable Women Powerful Stories** is a leadership series hosted by Lynne Foley OAM.

.The first interview was with our Zonta International President Sharon Langenbeck and is available at

Core Competencies Development for Zonta Leadership

ZI has developed a plan to assist club members work through what Core Leadership Competencies their club members need. There is much valuable information and self learning programs on the ZI website. Check them out at https://www.zonta.org/Web/My_Zonta/Tools/Leadership%20Development%20Tools%20Home To access these tools you will need to be logged on to the ZI website – this is done using your email address as Username and whatever password you chose. If you have forgotten your password you can request assistance through ZI to have this reset.

District News

The District 22 Board has approved the District Strategic Plan. It is on our District 22 website at <http://zontadistrict22.org/member-resources/governance/district-22-strategic-plan/> and will form the basis for a review of our Club Strategic Plan.

Diary Dates

7 February 2021 – Amelia Earhart Brunch, Brisbane Golf Club
8 February 2021 – Board meeting by ZOOM
15 February 2020 – FACE-TO-FACE Monthly Meeting, Meeting Room, Bulimba Library
8 March 2021 – Board Meeting by ZOOM
8 March 2021 – International Women’s Day/Zonta Rose Day
15 March 2021 – FACE-TO-FACE Monthly Meeting
15-26 March 2021 – Commission on the Status of Women, New York
8 May 2021 – Area 3 Club Meeting – hosted by ZC Paradise Point

2021



YOUNG WOMEN IN PUBLIC AFFAIRS AWARD

Recognizing young women for their commitment to volunteerism, volunteer leadership achievements and dedication to empowering women worldwide



1 APPLICATION, 3 OPPORTUNITIES

Club award
Varies by club

32 district awards
US\$1,500 each

10 international awards
US\$5,000 each

Applications must be received by the applicant's local Zonta club's deadline. To locate a club near you and download an application, please visit: zonta.org/YWPAAward.

CLUB DEADLINE:

28 FEBRUARY 2021

SUBMIT APPLICATION TO:

ZONTA CLUB OF BRISBANE EAST INC
PO BOX 1873 CARINDALE, Q., 4152
Email: brisbaneeast@zontadistrict22.org

The Young Women in Public Affairs Award is a Zonta International program funded by contributions to the Zonta Foundation for Women. Zonta International is a leading global organization of professionals empowering women worldwide through service and advocacy.