

# East-Enders



**June 2019**

**PLEASE NOTE – OUR MEETING ON 17 JUNE 2019 WILL COMMENCE AT 6.30PM**

## ***Presidents Patter***



It is an honour to be elected President of our Club for the next year and I look forward to working with our Board as well as all members of the Zonta Club of Brisbane East. I wish to express many thanks to the members of the outgoing board for your service over the past year. We have a busy program of fellowship and fundraising for the coming year but I am sure once more our Club will reach its goals.

Valerie has designed a very attractive invitation for our High Tea, being our Zonta100 celebration and the club's 30<sup>th</sup> Birthday as well. Please bring your guests for a taste sensation at Belmont Bowls Club on September 15<sup>th</sup>.

We had a very successful Birthing kit assembly at CHAC on Friday, May 17. Thank you to everyone for helping out but special thanks to Sarah for leading our committee of Kerstin, Megan, Jacinta, Lyn and myself. We successfully coordinated the assembly of 400 kits and they will be shipped out to 400 deserving women. We will learn within about 4 weeks, exactly where they have been sent to. We had 55 students and teachers assembling the kits and finished in 1 hour!

Denise has done a tremendous job on collecting donations for "shoeboxes" for the women in Western Queensland. This is wonderful example of helping women in need.

I am very grateful to members who are always working behind the scenes to make our club operate successfully. Thank you all for your support.

Please try to attend our dinner meetings as the discussion is so much more vibrant with more voices and opinions. Our June meeting is a very important meeting as it will set the future for our club.

Several members have already booked for the Centennial Anniversary Inter-District Conference. Take advantage of discounted prices by booking early. Only \$250 by June 30.

Until next month.

Loris

*"The way we experience the world around us is a direct reflection of the world within us."  
Gabrielle Bernstei*

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### ***Mothers Day Gifts for Madonna House***

As we have now done for many years the Club again provided a small Mothers Day gift for the women staying at Madonna House, the women's refuge we support. Thank you Loris for purchasing, wrapping and delivering these gifts.

### ***Birthing Kit Assembly Day***

The Club endorsed the assembly of Birthing Kits as one of our service projects for 2019-2020 and a very successful day was held at Cannon Hill Anglican College who provided the venue with students, staff and volunteers all involved. The result was the assembly of 400 kits which will now be distributed via the Birthing Kits Foundation of Australia. Many thanks to Loris, Sarah and Jacinta for their leadership with the project and of course many thanks to the Cannon Hill Anglican College staff and students and to our Club members who came and helped on the day.



### ***2019-2020 Board Installation***



Many thanks to our Area 3 Director, Anne Beulah for attending our May AGM and monthly meeting. Congratulation to incoming President and her Board and best wishes for the coming you.

Thank you to our retiring Board members for your work over the past twelve months.

### ***Trivia Afternoon***

Valerie and Jill are busily planning our Trivia Afternoon. Flyer for this is attached. We again have the wonderful Lesley as our Trivia Master so you can be assured of a fun and challenging afternoon. Date is 15 June so circulate the flyer and bring your friends and make up a table of 8. Details for payment are on the Flyer)

## ***Bunnings Sausage Sizzle***



Our next Sausage Sizzle at Rocklea Bunnings is set for 25 June and again we are asking for help. If you can help for a couple of hours on the day please contact Jo who will draw up the roster. The profits from our sausage sizzles are a major part of our fundraising endeavours so please support them and help when you can.

## ***Annual High Tea***

Our Annual High Tea is all booked in for 15 September 2019 at the Belmont Bowls Club. This will be a very special function as we will also celebrate Zonta's Centennial Anniversary and of course our past 30 years since Charter. A small committee has been formed to assist with all the preparations so be prepared to hear from them soon and also consider what you can contribute for the day. Also start rounding up your friends to keep the day free and attend. A Flyer for this is also attached for you to start promoting this major fundraiser for the Club.

## ***100 Year Celebration – District and Inter-District Conference***

Early Bird Registration for this not to be missed event closes on 30 June 2019 (See attached Registration Form). Newsletters have been forwarded to members outlining the great program and speakers and are available on the District 22 website. This is a chance to meet Zontians not only from our own District but also from District 16 (New Zealand) and Districts 23 and 24 (the remainder of Australia) and of course our Zonta International President Susanne von Bassewitz.



Workshops are planned for the afternoon of Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September and our District Meeting and District 22 Ltd AGM for the Friday. The Official Opening is scheduled for Friday evening along with a welcome reception with Saturday and Sunday morning filled with interesting speakers and workshops. The Gala Dinner is on Saturday evening.

## ***Member Profile – Loris Neff***

I am Canadian – lived on a small family farm in Western Canada for the first 18 years on my life. The farm has been in our family for over 100 hundred years and my brother still lives there. I always wanted to travel as a child and that is what led me to travel around the world in 2001 and to visit Australia. I now have dual citizenship.

In 2001, I decided to take a year off work to travel – I became a “Midlife Runaway”. Even had business cards made up with this description. I had been divorced for many years and my daughter, my only child was through university and married. I felt it was time to “jump off” the treadmill and explore the world. I had done a lot of travelling before but just wanted to experience travel at a slower pace. So I quit my job and I was off! My daughter’s biggest fear was that I would not return to Canada and that is what actually happened.

I arrived in Australia in September 2001 for a 3 month visit and during this time I met my partner Greg. We have been together since then. I returned to Canada in 2002, sold my house and came back to Australia to live permanently.

Greg and I moved back to Canada in 2008. I wanted to be there for my daughter who now has two beautiful sons. It was wonderful to see them grow up into little boys. But Greg developed health problems due to the cold weather and we have returned to live in Brisbane again. Greg returned in 2012, returned to his old job and bought our house. I arrived January 1, 2014 – great way to start the year!

In my professional life, I was a Practice Manager for law firms. I did this for over 30 years working with very large firms (200 people) to small firms of 15 people. I am currently semi-retired and only working in a casual position two days per week as a bookkeeper.

Through all my travels I remained interested and committed to Zonta. I initially joined the Zonta Club of Bundaberg Inc in 2003 and transferred my membership to Brisbane Metro Breakfast when relocating to Brisbane. When I moved back to Canada, there was no club in Calgary. It had folded several years before my return. I re-joined Zonta and Brisbane East in May 2014.

I also have been the Treasurer for BDA (Bodhgaya Development Association) for the past four years. Our small committee of eight people (including two founding members of this NGO) has been supporting and fund raising for educational and empowerment projects in and around Bodhgaya India for women and children. I had the pleasure of visiting the Prajna Vihar School in 2017 to see directly how our support is helping the children in this area.

## Diary Dates



- 10 June 2019 – Board Meeting
- 15 June 2019 – Trivia Afternoon – St Gabriel’s Church, Carindale (Flyer attached)
- 17 June 2019 - Monthly Meeting – Planning session – Bulimba Library Meeting Room
- 25 June 2019 – Bunnings Sausage Sizzle – Rocklea
- 8 July 2019 – Board Meeting
- 15 July 2019 – Monthly Meeting – Bulimba Library Meeting Room
- 21 July 2019 – Fellowship Brunch – Date and venue to be confirmed

- 18 August 2019 – Function to thank our HonZons – time and venue to be confirmed
- 6-8 September 2019 – InterDistrict Conference, Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre
- 15 September 2019 – High Tea, Belmont Bowls Club (Flyer attached)
- 18 November 2019 – Zonta Says No City Walk
- 24 November 2019 – Walk Against Violence, Love Street Park, Bulimba
- 25 November-10 December – 15 Days of Activism – Zonta Says NO to Violence Against Women Campaign

# ZONTA SAYS YES TO GENDER EQUALITY

**Zonta International 1919 - 2019**

Zonta International is a non-sectarian non-partisan organisation that champions the rights of women and girls and advocates for a fair and equitable society—one in which women and girls have access to political, educational, economic and financial freedoms.

**100 years strong**

On 8 November 1919, five women in New York, had a vision to help women achieve equality. That vision became Zonta International.

Within 12 months there were 600 members throughout USA. 100 years later Zonta International has spread to 68 countries and grown to inspire more than 35,000 members throughout the world and over 1,000 members in Queensland and Northern New South Wales.

**Zonta Vision**

Zonta International envisions a world in which women's rights are recognised as human rights and every woman is able to achieve her full potential.

In such a world, women have access to all resources and are represented in decision making positions on an equal basis with men.

In such a world, no woman lives in fear of violence.

**ZONTA**  
CLUB OF  
BRISBANE EAST INC  
MEMBER OF ZONTA INTERNATIONAL  
EMPOWERING WOMEN  
THROUGH SERVICE & ADVOCACY

# ZONTA SAYS NO TO VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

**Empowering women through service and advocacy**

Zonta club members work in their local communities to raise awareness and provide service and advocacy for women's issues.

We have instigated awards and bursaries in schools and universities and raised millions of dollars for local and international projects.

**We have changed lives through:**

- Awards for women of excellence in: Aerospace; IT; Business and young women in Public Affairs
- Education programs for girls
- Advocacy for gender equity and against violence to women and girls
- Breast cushions for women who have had a mastectomy
- Birthing kits for women in developing countries

You can also enhance your personal skills in leadership: managing teams; governance and communication in a supportive and collaborative environment.

**Why not join us? Contact us today...**

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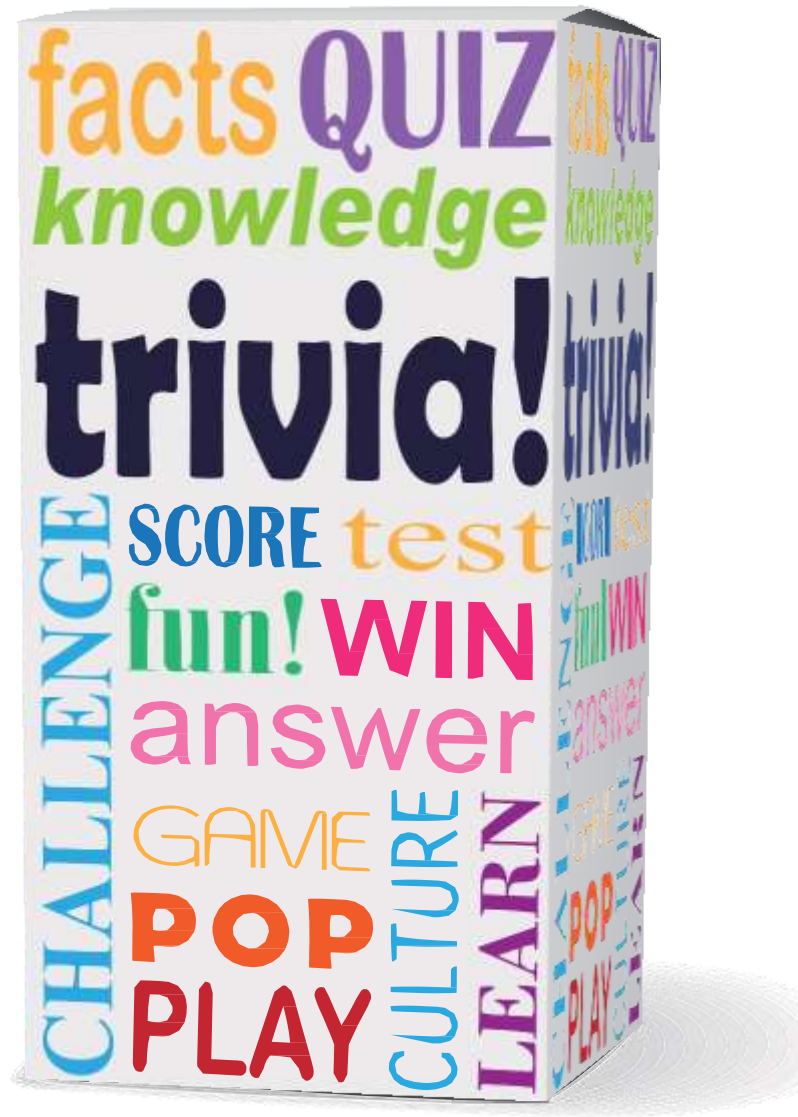
## TRIVIA AFTERNOON

### WHEN:

Saturday, 15 June 2019  
1.30 pm for **2.00 pm**

### WHERE:

St Gabriel's Church  
11 Bridgnorth Street  
Carindale 4152



## *Experienced Trivia Quiz Master*

**\$15 per person**

**Tables: 8 max**

*Prizes to be Won*

*Multi Draw Raffles*

*Drinks for Sale*

COMPLIMENTARY

Tea/Coffee

*Bring your own nibbles*

**RSVP: By 8 June to:** [brisbaneeast@zontadistrict22.org](mailto:brisbaneeast@zontadistrict22.org)

**ENQUIRIES:** Valerie (0418127575) Jill (3907 1124)

**PAYMENTS:** Zonta Club of Brisbane East Inc.— Bank of Queensland

BSB: 124 001 Acct No: 11207043 Reference: **Your name**



Zonta Club of Brisbane East Inc

# High Tea, Fun and Fashion Bookings Essential

Please advise special dietary requirements when booking



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Lucky door and spot prizes, raffles and a parade by Fashions on Mayfield.  
Items will be available to purchase on the day in sizes 8 – 26.  
Not all sizes may be available on the day but can be ordered.



Join the members of the ZONTA Club of Brisbane East Inc. at our Annual High Tea and Fashion Parade to raise funds for local and International service projects to advance the status of women and .....

Celebrate our Club's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**DATE:** Sunday 15 Sept 2019  
**TIME:** 2.00pm – 4.30pm  
**VENUE:** Belmont Bowls Club, 20 Narracott St, Carina 4152  
**COST:** \$40 per person for delicious sweet and savoury finger food, tea and coffee.  
**CASH BAR WILL BE AVAILABLE**  
**RSVP:** By the 6<sup>th</sup> of September with payment  
Email: [presidentbrisbaneeast@gmail.com](mailto:presidentbrisbaneeast@gmail.com)  
Phone: 0466 082 002

**PAYMENTS:** ZONTA Club of Brisbane East Inc – Bank of Qld  
BSB: 124 001 Account No: 11207043 (referencing your name)

**PROJECTS INCLUDE:**

- Bursaries for students from Balmoral SHS and Yeronga SHS over a 3 year period to encourage them to continue with higher education
- Making and free distribution of Breast Care Cushions and Drainage Bags to men and women who have undergone breast surgery
- Providing support to women in Domestic Violence refuges
- Assembling Birthing Kits to provide a safe and clean birthing area for women in developing countries
- Providing opportunities such as education for vulnerable and excluded children particularly girls in Madagascar through education
- Assisting Syrian and Jordanian refugee women's access to sustainable employment and safety
- Supporting an accelerated program to end child marriage
- Addressing human trafficking & unsafe migration in Nepal
- Continuation of the campaign to End Violence Against Women