

East-Enders

June 2023

"Building a Better World for Women and Girls"



President's Patter



Welcome to my first President's Patter.

It has been a challenging month for some of our members. Ros had an accident while helping at Rosies Friends on the Street and spent the night in hospital with stitches in her forehead, black eyes and two broken ribs. Fortunately, she is on the mend and we hope to see her back to full health soon. Jacinta's mum who lives in Toowoomba had a fall and broke her leg. Again, fortunately, Jacinta's brother was with

her at the time but as we all know a break of this kind is particularly difficult when you are 89 years old.

Please keep Ros and Jacinta in your thoughts as they recover and deal with these difficult times.

Lyn, Sophie and I attended the Breast Cushion Working Bee at CHAC. Lyn and Sophie were amazing as they corralled the young team into their various roles. Karen, Ros' sister-in-law and her friend Gwen who helps with the cutting out and sewing of the cushions and makes quilted drainage bags for us were helpful on the day and had some suggestions to make things easier – i.e. ironing the edges to be sewn so that the students could fold, pin and sew them more easily.

I attended the Wynnum Candlelight Vigil and was pleased that Zonta was mentioned as one of the supporters during the address.

Jo and Kirsten attended the Wynnum Rotary Fun Day. This is a really important event that allows us to connect with so many people who may not have heard of Zonta. Several enquiries about joining so we will see how that pans out.

Sarah, Jo and I attended the Art of Banksy Exhibition on Saturday. Unfortunately, we were unable to catch up with other members but we enjoyed the afternoon.

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I also delivered a Certificate of Appreciation and letter of thanks to the Do-OP shop. I met Zoe the owner and also the manager. Two great ladies.

We have not been able to secure a venue for the June meeting so as planned it will be on line.

Susan

May Meeting

Our May Meeting was also our AGM and we welcomed a number of guests including our Area 3 Director Michele Turner who installed our Club Board for 2023-2023. Other guests welcomed to the meeting were Sophie Papa, Jill Bolhuis, Carly Bolhuis, Robyn, Colliss and Janeve Bolhuis



Our Board installed for 2023-2024 is President: Susan Bamford, Vice-President: Jacinta Fromm: Secretary: Sarah Skelecki, Corro Secretary: Alex Grove, Directors: Kerstin Liebchen and Litty Abraham. Ros Kinder, Treasurer and Director Kirsten Besemer will be installed at the June Meeting.



Promotion

The Club accepted an invitation from Wynnum Manly Rotary to participate in their Annual Family Fun Day at George Clayton Park Wynnum. Many thanks to Susan, Jo and Kirsten for staffing our stall on the day and handing out promotional material about our Club and Zonta International. It is understood the ChuppaChops were also very popular hand-outs.

Fellowship

Members and HonZons enjoyed a visit to “The Art of Banksy” on 27 May 2023 at the Lower Ground Floor, Queens Plaza.

Our next Fellowship event is to visit the “*Monet in Paris*” exhibition at Le Grand Palais, Northshore Brisbane, Hamilton 24 June 2023 at 2.00pm. Tickets for the day are still available at <https://premier.ticketek.com.au> As with all our fellowship events HonZons and family are more than welcome to attend.



Fundraising

The Club thanks the Do-Op Shop at 8/25 Junction Road, Morningside for its very generous donation to our Fundraising Account. The shop nominated Zonta Club of Brisbane East Inc as the beneficiary of their fundraising jar in April. The funds will support our Scholarship program and our Birthing Kit Assembly.



Our next sausage sizzle at Bunnings Rocklea is on 8 July. As always we need a roster of volunteers to share the work. Our sausage sizzles are our major fundraiser so please if you can volunteer for a couple of hours on the day let Jo know so she organise the roster. The more volunteers the shorter the roster and the easier it is for everyone. We also have 4 November for a Sausage Sizzle so mark that date in your diary.

For those who are helping with our fundraising via “Containers for Change” we now have a deposit number to make it easier for you. Just drop your bag of recyclables to the drop off centre and quote the number C10671310. The funds raised will then go direct into our Fundraising Account.



Service

This month we again met with the wonderful staff and students of the Cannon Hill Anglican College to stuff, sew and wrap Zonta Breast Care Cushions for delivery to the Mater Private Hospital. The students completed 102 cushions on the day – a great effort! Thanks to Susan, Lyn, Sophie, Karen and Gwen who supervised the afternoon and of course thanks to the students themselves and the teachers. Thanks also to Michele and “the sisters” and to Gwen for cutting and sewing the shells ready for finishing and to Gwen for the lovely quilted drainage bags she has made.

District 22 Conference

The second Conference Newsletter was forwarded to members and provides more information on Conference including the profile of one of the confirmed guest speakers..

Early Bird Registration should be available in early June and details will be forwarded as soon as they are received.

Diary Dates

11 June 2023 – Board Meeting
19 June 2023 – Monthly meeting – by ZOOM
24 June 2023 – Monet in Paris – fellowship event
8 July 2023 – Sausage Sizzle, Bunnings Rocklea
10 July 2023 – Board Meeting
17 July 2023 – Monthly Meeting
14 August 2023 – Board Meeting
17 August 2023 – Birthing Kit Assembly Day with CHAC Students
21 August 2023 – Monthly Meeting
8-10 September 2023 – District 22 Conference, Mackay Entertainment & Convention Centre
25-28 June 2024 – Zonta International Convention – Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre
4 November 2023 – Sausage Sizzle, Bunnings Rocklea



