

East-Enders

March 2021

“Transitions, Changes and Opportunities”



Presidents Patter



With COVID restrictions limiting our numbers to an absolute maximum of 12 in our meeting room it was still great to have a face-to-face meeting in February and enjoy each others company. For those unable to be physically present once again Kerstin kindly arranged a ZOOM link to enable their participation in the meeting. Whilst we had some technical difficulties this time hopefully we have learned a little and will be better should we need to do this in the future.

Also great to induct Rachel Wilkinson into our Club and welcome Susan Bamford as a guest.

March will be a busy month for the Club as we celebrate International Women's Day and Zonta Rose Day on 8 March – see article below. On 13 March we celebrate the Charter Date of our Club in 1989 - we will be 32 years strong – a good time to reflect on our achievements since our Charter. We will also have an afternoon function to meet our scholarship winners and school representatives. This will be open to all our previous winners as an Alumni event and is an opportunity to hear from those who have begun their careers post their studies. It will also be the launch of the reprinted Safety Cards with representatives from BDVS attending. An invitation has also been extended to Councillor Kara Cook to attend so that we can thank her for the financial support she gave us to enable the reprint of these cards. The cards will be distributed throughout the southside primarily through the BDVS network

It is also now time to set our Budget and Fees for 2021-2022 and determine our service projects. I encourage you all to consider service projects for the coming year and submit your ideas. As well our Nominating Committee is busy developing a “slate” for our 2021-2022 Board. Please consider accepting a nomination. Being a Board Member, although it involves one extra formal meeting (usually by ZOOM) has many benefits – you will learn more about Zonta, Club requirements and leadership.

Ros

Fundraising

Our IWD Breakfast being run in partnership with the Zonta E-Club of Queensland is on the 11 March at the Greek Club, South Brisbane. Details have already been sent out and registrations are closing so please register ASAP if you haven't done so already. This is not being considered as a major fundraiser for the two Clubs but more as an advocacy opportunity to hear about a subject of interest to women that is not often openly discussed and as well to raise the profile of the Club and Zonta International. Tickets are \$45 per person and available at <https://zontatickets.com.au/events/12627>

Thank you to all our members and HonZons who assisted with our Bunnings Sausage Sizzle. As we say after each one we could not do these without the help of our HonZons so thank you very much.

Scholarship Winners



Jacinta had the pleasure of attending a special afternoon tea at Balmoral State High School and met our Beverley Farley Zonta Scholarship winner Jessica Nethercott. The afternoon tea was in lieu of the 2020 Awards ceremony which was cancelled due to COVID.

Because of COVID restrictions instead of inviting our scholarship winners and school representatives to our March meeting we are having a special get together in the afternoon of 21 March at the Undercroft, St Gabriel's Church, Carindale. All members are invited but please RSVP for catering requirements.

The Zonta **Women in Technology Scholarship** will again be offered in 2021 but only at the international level. A flier promoting the scholarship is attached. Please circulate it amongst your tertiary contacts and encourage eligible young women to apply. Our Cub and District 22 WIT winner in 2019, Gabriella Behr, recently sent an update on her work and studies. Gabriella said *"Studies are still going strong. Construction is booming and we have some exciting projects on the horizon.*

I am learning so much about the industry and find it exhilarating to go to work each day. I had the privilege of speaking at Chinchilla High School for science week at Origin's women in STEM event. I met so many young women who have aspirations to work in STEM but had no idea for their career paths because its always been such a decidedly male field or for "smart kids" it was great to show them that there is room for creatives in STEM and that it is such a fantastic field to push boundaries in - not just personal knowledge - but also being able to



find unique solutions to issues. It really is a field where rebels and rule followers come together and flourish to create amazing results!

Great to hear from Gabriella and what a strong statement.

Service and Advocacy



The Club has a commitment to supply Mater Private and Mater Redlands with a regular monthly delivery of Zonta Breast Care Cushions and Drainage Bags. With a recent delivery one of the women in reception offered to help take the cushions to the clinic. She said *"You women are just marvellous with what you do" "You do not know what this means to us and the women"*. On arrival at the Breast Clinic, Breast Care Nurse Consultant Ash said that *"women are so thankful for the cushions and many use them instead of pain relief"*.

She also said *"I just finished our stats for the past twelve months, 469 women underwent surgery at our Clinic, many of these had a double mastectomy"*. She added *"Redlands stats were for 120 women in the past twelve months, again some of these had a double mastectomy"*. We provided cushions and drainage bags to all these women!

Our cushions and bags are regularly made by a group of HonZons and for this we are very thankful. At our February monthly meeting Jo explained to members present, some of whom had not been involved with a breast cushions sewing bee, what actually is done to ensure the cushions we provide meet the requirements of the women who receive them. Jo has offered to arrange a working bee at her home in the near future which will give us all an opportunity to enjoy some fellowship as we sew, stuff and wrap.

Kerstin and Ros met with Desiree from the Cannon Hill Anglican College with Desiree advising that the students were interested in a Breast Cushion workshop in May and a Birthing Kit Assembly Day in August. We also had preliminary discussions re the possible formation of a Z Club at the College.

Member News

A very big welcome to Rachel Wilkinson who was inducted into the Club by our Area 3 Director Jo Diessel assisted by Membership Chairman Jacinta Fromm. Rachel has attended a number of meetings and functions and will be a very valuable asset to our Club.

Congratulations to Kerstin who has commence work as a German teacher in the IB Program at the Queensland Academy of Science, Maths and Technology.



Sarah has again enjoyed her travel with the Flying Doctor Service out to Roma and the west.

International News

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.

Marked annually on **March 8th**, International Women's Day (IWD) is one of the most important days of the year to:

- celebrate women's achievements
- raise awareness about women's equality
- lobby for accelerated gender parity

The United Nations theme for International Women's Day 2021 is “***Women in Leadership: Achieving an equal future in a COVID-19 world***”.

Purple, green and white are the colors of International Women's Day. Purple signifies justice and dignity. Green symbolizes hope. White represents purity, albeit a controversial concept. The colors originated from the Women's Social and Political Union (WSPU) in the UK in 1908.

Source of information and where you can find out more <https://unwomen.org.au/get-involved/international-womens-day/>

Zonta Rose Day



Rose Day, 8 March, is celebrated along with International Women's Day as a time to reflect and give tribute to the women who have empowered you. To make a tribute gift go to:the Zonta International Foundation for Women <http://www.zonta.org/donate>:

A Past District 24 Governor, Judy Lord, wrote a poem on the significance and meaning of the rose to Zontians. It is attached it to this newsletter for your enjoyment.



CSW 2021 New York

Like most events in the last year, the 65th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) will be held virtually this year, 15-26 March 2021. While we will not get to gather as a Zonta community at the United Nations in New York, the virtual CSW65 does give more Zontians the opportunity to participate in the CSW and the NGO CSW Forum.

In addition to the official meetings of the CSW and side events, the NGO CSW Forum will also be virtual this year. You can attend the Forum for free or register as a Forum Advocate, which costs \$25. You can find more information about the virtual forum and registration options at <https://buff.ly/2McZIIh>.

Diary Dates

- 8 March 2021 – Board Meeting by ZOOM
- 8 March 2021 – International Women’s Day/Zonta Rose Day
- 11 March 2021 – IWD Breakfast at the Greek Club
- 15 March 2021 – FACE-TO-FACE Monthly Meeting, Bulimba Library
- 15-26 March 2021 – Commission on the Status of Women, New York
- 21 March 2021 – Fellowship afternoon with our scholarship winners
- 12 April 2021 – Board Meeting
- 19 April 2021 – Monthly Meeting, Bulimba Library
- 8 May 2021 – Area 3 Club Meeting
- 10 May 2021 – Board Meeting
- 12 May 2021 – Breast Cushion working bee with the students at CHAC
- 17 May 2021 – AGM and Monthly Meeting
- 3-5 September 2021 – D22 Ltd Conference and AGM - Mackay

