

East-Enders

November 2020

“Transitions, Changes and Opportunities”



Presidents Patter



October was quite a busy month for the Club with our Birthing Kits Assembly Day and our trivia and Afternoon Tea. Many many thanks for all who participated and helped with these events. More details and photos are provided below in this Newsletter.

October was also a sad month for many Zontians across the world as they learned of the passing of PIP Mary Magee OAM. Mary was a member of the Zonta Club of Brisbane Inc and a staunch Zontian with a passion for all things Zonta and especially membership. She along with fellow

Zontians Dianne Leggo and Jane Wilson-O'Brien travelled extensively throughout especially Queensland to Charter over 20 new Clubs and thus strengthen our District. Our condolences to her family and RIP Mary.

As we near the end of the calendar year (hard to believe that it soon be Christmas!) we still have lots of activities with our 16 Days of Activism against Domestic and Family Violence to launch on 25 November and run through 10 December. Zontians across our District will be busy raising awareness in their communities. Details can be found on the District 22 website (<http://zontadistrict22.org>) so check it out and participate where and when you can.

November is also Zonta's birthday (8 November) – another cause for celebration!

Til next month.

Ros

Monthly Meeting

What a lovely meeting we had in October when we heard from two guest speakers and welcomed three guests as prospective members.

Our first guest speaker was Sabeel Burgess, Director of Open Haven which we supported this year as one of our service projects.

Sabeel covered the formation of Open Haven and its operating structure and how it provides post crisis support to women who have experienced domestic and family violence. She said Open Haven is all about empowering women to step out of the victim position and become independent women. She also talked about her hope to extend hubs such as Open Haven into other communities and is currently working on establishing a hub in the Logan area.



Open Haven receives no government funding and relies on community sponsors and grants from business.



Our second speaker was Lily Kennedy our Jane M Klausman Club scholarship winner and what an impressive young woman she is.

Lily spoke of her studies. She is in her third year in Bachelor Business – International Studies with her fourth year to be spent studying overseas. This will be as a Colombo Plan student and funded by the Department of Foreign Affairs. She said the Department funds internships in the Asian region and she will be doing language studies in Kyoto and internships in the South Pacific. Because of COVID her overseas study has been deferred until 2022 so in the meantime she is hoping to do an Honours year at QUT.

Lily was also President of Enactus undertaking projects around indigenous literacy and refugee and asylum seeking. She said Enactus is an international non-profit organisation providing opportunities to make a difference in community. She said she presented on social enterprise projects in Silicon Valley.

Lily said her vision for the future is to use her skills in international aid and development

We also welcomed guests Rachel Wilkinson, Lily Fontano and Susan Bamford who have expressed an interest in Zonta and finding out more about Zonta and our Club.

Service/Advocacy

A big thank you to our members and the staff and students of CHAC for their contribution to our Birthing Kit Assembly Day. 400 kits were packed in a short time. Special thanks to Sarah, Kirsten and Desiree (CHAC) for organising this and ensuring it was a COVID-19 Safe



Event. There was a lot of interest from the students in this service project with discussion as they assembled the kits. Some also participated in 2019. Each student was presented with a special Certificate recognising their participation.

It was also an honour to be invited to Breakfast with the Social Justice Group at the school. Sarah presented a PowerPoint session contrasting the birthing conditions in Tanzania compared with the facilities at the Mater in Brisbane. This presentation stressed on the group the value of the Kits to women living in these countries and generated good questions on the project. Included in Sarah's presentation was a summary of other Club projects such as the Zonta Breast Care Cushions and again this project generated interest for the students. A great presentation and well done Sarah!



November is the month we start our 16 Days of Activism campaign – 25 November through 10 December. A walk through Brisbane City is planned for 24 November when the bridges and buildings will be lit orange. The walk starts and finishes at King George Square and will comply with COVID-19 restrictions. The map is attached at the end of this Newsletter. All are welcome to participate – even the four-footeds!

Our orange silhouettes will also be out and about so if you know of a business that would be willing to host one please ask and let Ros or Jo know. Updates on activities across our District will be posted on the D22 website and Jo will provide further information at our November meeting.

Fundraising



Great afternoon of Trivia and Afternoon Tea at the Belmont Services Club. Many thanks to Club members who supported the function, donated great food for our afternoon tea, provided raffle prizes and invited their friends to attend. Our HonZon Lesley again kept everyone on their toes with her trivia questions and puzzles. Many thanks Lesley. Thanks also to HonZons Pete, Cindy and Michele who again worked their magic in

plating the food which was served individually to our guests.

The afternoon was a financial success as well as being enjoyable. There was very positive feedback from guests as they left the venue.



Fellowship

Our Membership and Fellowship Committee is busy planning for our Christmas function and are aiming for early December. Jacinta will provide more details at our November meeting.

Member News

Our thoughts are with HonZon Michele Sanderson and her family including our AD3 Jo on the sudden passing of Michele's youngest sister and Jo's aunt.

International News



A major announcement from Zonta International is the name change for our Foundation to Zonta Foundation for Women. It is the fundraising arm of Zonta International (www.zonta.org) and where we send one-third of our fundraising efforts to support the various Zonta International Service projects.

In announcing the name change our ZI and Foundation President Sharon Langenbeck said "Gender inequality and the rights of women and girls have received increased attention globally with the launch of the Sustainable Development Goals in 2015 and now with the 25th anniversary of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action this year. However, these issues are not new to Zonta. The refreshed Zonta Foundation for Women will more clearly illustrate our commitment to realizing the vision for gender equality our founders laid out more than 100 years ago."

Diary Dates

- 8 November 2020 – Zonta International's 101st Birthday
- 9 November 2020 – Board Meeting
- 16 November 2020 – Board Meeting
- 23 November 2020 – "Paint the Bayside Orange" Breakfast, Wynnum Manly Leagues Club
- 24 November 2020 – Fellowship walk around Brisbane City
- 25 November – 10 December 2020 – Zonta Says NO/Zonta Says YES campaign

ZONTA SAYS NO TO VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

Legend

- Photo Stop
- Half Walk
- + = Full Walk

All the bridges and buildings labelled in orange will be lit up orange in support of Zonta, courtesy of Brisbane City Council and Treasury Casino to whom we are grateful for supporting our cause.

Start/Finish City Hall King George Square

Half way point. You are welcome to return to King George Square from here.

Zonta Club of Brisbane Sunrise invites Zontians and friends to join us for the "Zonta Says No" Advocacy / Fellowship Walk as part of the Zonta International 16 Days of Activism to support the Zonta Says No to Violence against Women and to Child/Forced Marriage campaign.

WHEN: Tuesday 24th November. 6.00pm assembly for 6:15pm walk
WHERE: King George Square.
WEAR: Your orange ZSN Shirts or anything orange
DURATION: Half Walk 2.3km, Full Walk 4.7 km. Allow 30 - 45 mins for half walk, 1 - 1.5 hours for full walk.
FINISH: Pig & Whistle, King George Square for refreshments

Email: zontabrisbanesunrise@gmail.com
 or call Ruth on 0438 335 760 to register your interest.
 Note: \$5.00 Parking after 4:30pm at King George Square Car Park
<https://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/traffic-transport/parking-permits/car-parks/king-george-square-car-park>

Please register your interest in this walk with Ruth McKeown Ph: 0438 335 760 or by email zontabrisbanesunrise@gmail.com