

East-Enders



October 2019

Presidents Patter



The month of September had a busy start. The Zonta Centennial Conference for Australia and New Zealand was held on September 6-8 at Brisbane Convention Centre for 750 members. Six members from our club attended. Ros Kinder was on the organizing committee and also co-wrote a book on the history of Zonta in Australia and New Zealand which was for sale at the conference. Over 200 books were sold. Denise Conroy was a presenter at the Advocacy workshop and Jo Diessel was elected as Area Three Director for District 22. The other three members including myself just enjoyed the conference. We revelled in meeting our International President as well as some very impressive young scholarship women. Great conference! The club is pleased to announce that Gabriella Behr is our Club winner for the Women in Technology Scholarship. Her application has been send to District. The winner of District will be announced in November. The club will present Gabriella with a cheque for \$500 at our October meeting. On Sunday September 15, we held our major fundraiser for the year – our annual High Tea at the Belmont Bowls Club. We had 100 guests and raised approximately \$4500. Many many thanks to all the members for the wonderful food and donations of raffle prizes. Someone commented that they thought we had too much chocolate this year - don't really understand that comment! Kerstin's interview with our two scholarship winners was very much appreciated. We did an elevation of the event at our meeting last month and felt perhaps it's time to make some changes next year. Stay tuned. I didn't win the door prize so now I need to buy myself a red purse- I really wanted that bag! Always next year---- At our October meeting we will be celebrating United Nations Day with presentations from two club members about India and Greece. Our District Governor Sandra Venn-Brown will join us as well to talk about Zonta's International project in Jordan. Should be a fun meeting focusing on International matters!

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“The way we experience the world around us is a direct reflection of the world within us.” Gabrielle Bernstein

Bunnings Sausage Sizzle

Thank you to members and HonZons who helped with our August Sausage Sizzle. Our sausage sizzles are a major fundraiser for the Club enabling us to fund our agreed service projects but without the help of our Hon Zons we could not manage these and again we thank them for their assistance. We are waiting on dates for the remainder of the year – hopefully the next one in late October but rest assured as soon as we know Jo will be in contact regarding a roster.



Annual High Tea

As in previous years our Annual High Tea was a successful fundraiser for us. 100 members and guests attended and enjoyed great food, interesting speakers and of course the Fashion Parade with quite a few new outfits purchased from Wendy from Fashions on Mayfield. Our chat with two of our previous scholarship winners Kaitlyn Walker and Lidia Mebrahtu was a highlight as was having our Area 3 Director Anne Beulah in attendance and



presenting out Charter Members Beverley Farley and Denise Conroy with certificates recognising their 30 years of membership of our Club. Thanks to Divya for the great photos – too many to be included in this Newsletter so just a few have been selected.. Many thanks to our Members and HonZons for their attendance and assistance with food, plating (Cindy, Pete and Michele) and serving and of course the cleaning up afterwards. More (photos at the end of the Newsletter).

District and Inter-District Conference

Six members enjoyed the District and Inter-District Conference and what a great Conference it was. Nearly 800 Zontians from Australia and New Zealand. From our own District 22 Meeting on the Friday where we elected our 2020-2022 District Board – congratulations to them all and especially our own Past President Jo Diessel who was elected as the incoming Area 3 Director. Jo will take over the role in July 2020 after the next Zonta international Convention. From Opening Ceremony on the Friday evening to the moving closing where all present linked hands to join with the wonderful singer Nicky Steele to sing You Will Never Walk Alone it was a great conference. We heard from our Zonta International President and some very engaging, knowledgeable and interesting speakers. Certainly one Conference the



six of us will always remember. Full reports will be given at our October monthly meeting. Congratulations to all the organisers for an event that ran smoothly and efficiently.

District News

The District 22 Board and Nominating Committee were elected at our District Conference. Congratulations to them all. District Governor -Bridget Mather, Zonta Club of Mackay Inc, Lieutenant Governor Lyn Agnew, Zonta Club of Brisbane Breakfast Inc, Treasurer Chrostne Carr, Zonta Club of Townsville Inc, Area 1 Director Pat Cussens, Zonta Club of Noosa Inc, Area 2 Director Alexandra Grove, Zonta Club of Bundaberg Inc, Area 3 Director Jo Diessel Zonta Club of Brisbane East Inc, Area 4 Director Jenni Ziesemer, Zonta Club of Toowoomba Garden City Inc and Area 5 Director Robyn Pratt, Zonta Club of Charters Towers Inc. The 2020-2022 Nominating Committee are PDG Sandy Venn Brown, Zonta Club of Stanthorpe Inc, Robyn Finlayson Zonta Club of Dalby Inc and Jill Lucht Zonta Club of Ipswich Inc.



Diary Dates

- 14 October 2019 - Board Meeting
- 21 October 2019 - Monthly Meeting – Meeting Room under Bulimba Library
- 24 November 2019 – United Nations Day
- 11 November 2019 – Monthly Meeting – Meeting Room under Bulimba Library **(NOTE THE CHANGE OF DATE)**

11 November 2019 – Zonta’s 100th Birthday
18 November 2019 – Zonta Says No City Walk (Combined Zonta Clubs)
24 November 2019 – Walk Against Violence, Love Street Park, Bulimba
25 November 2019 0 UN Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women
25 November – 10 December 2019 – 16 Days of Activism

