

# East-Enders



**September 2020**

## Presidents Patter



Our August meeting was our first combined face-to-face/ZOOM meeting with most attendees ZOOMing in as their preferred method of meeting. With this in mind our September meeting will be via ZOOM with the link forwarded to members on the day of the meeting. Again our thanks to Kerstin who manages this for us.

This month I had the privilege of visiting Open Haven and meeting the Director who has kindly agreed to be our special guest speaker at our September meeting. I urge you all to ZOOM in and hear of the wonderful work of Open Haven and how the vouchers we donated have been welcomed and used by their clients.

The theme for this Biennium is *“Transitions, Changes and Opportunities”* – very appropriate in the current climate and one we can all relate to as Zontians and personally. Each ZI President chooses her theme for the biennium. You can find more information on our ZI President, Sharon Langenbeck, at <https://youtu.be/jFoT5cuteio> Sharon was awarded an Amelia Earhart Fellowship twice and has a strong commitment to the education of young women. Her video covers her journey through her studies and her membership of Zonta

*Ros*

## August Meeting



We welcomed Gabriela and Adriana Fernando as guests to our August meeting. Both young women have a strong commitment to issues affecting women and girls education and health and a strong desire to have an impact in their community. Their knowledge of Zonta goes back to their grandmother in Sri Lanka and the ZIF project conducted

there a number of biennia ago. It was wonderful to have them ZOOM in to our meeting and we hope to get to know them better in the coming months.

We also discussed a number of fund raising options for the Club with Valerie and Lyn to follow these up for a decision at our September meeting. Some novel ideas proposed so “watch this space”.

### ***Gambling Community Benefit Fund Grant***

The Club was successful with its application in Round 104 of the Gambling Community Fund for IT equipment and office products. The grant funds will enable us to purchase a Club laptop and software, printer and other equipment as well as storage for our archives. Many thanks for the Letters of Support we received for inclusion in our application particularly from the Hon Di Farmer MP and Councillor Kara Cook.

### ***Service***



It was with great pleasure that Ros presented the Director of Open Haven with the vouchers approved by the Club as one of our service projects. Ros met a number of the volunteers from Open Haven and learned more about the great work the volunteers do to assist women in the local community.

Kerstin and Sarah have been working with Desiree from Cannon Hill Anglican College on our Birthing Kit Assembly Day arrangements. The College is adding \$1000 to the \$1000 the Club allocated to this project and are very keen to again have their students involved in the assembly of the kits. Sarah has also been invited to speak to students about the project at a breakfast at CHAC and 13 October seems to be the preferred date for the kit assembly day so please keep this day free to come and help – should only take about an hour or two.



### ***Fundraising***

Bunnings at Rocklea offered us a Sausage Sizzle for Sunday 23 August so on very short notice. Jo was able to cobble together a roster for the day and we duly fronted up with COVID-19 restrictions in mind to raise some very welcome funds for our service projects. The sausage sizzles at this stage are limited to weekends only so we have submitted a

request for another this year and our name will go into the draw. Hopefully we may get another before the end of the year but this is not certain.

As usual many thanks to the Club members who made themselves available on the day and particularly to the HonZons who were there to help – we could not do these without the help of our HonZons particularly now with the extra requirements for being COVID Safe.

### ***District News***

The AGM FOR Zonta District 22 Ltd will be held by ZOOM on Saturday 12 September commencing at 9.00am. All Clubs are entitled to vote according to their membership numbers (same as applies to Convention and District Conference) but the meeting is open to all Zontians in the District. Full details have been posted on the D22 Website under Governance.

### ***Member News***

Congratulations to Divya and Donavan on the safe arrival of Kiran Arjun weighing in at 3.42 kgs on time on 4 August 2020. Hope he has settled in at home and there aren't too many sleepless nights.

Good to have Sarah back after her FIFO experience on a rotation with the Flying Obstetrician and Gynaecologist Service out of Roma – a bit chilly but Sarah says it was a great experience working in the rural centres and she is off on another rotation in October to do it all again.

Some members – Jo and Jacinta – have been doing their bit for the Queensland economy – hope you both enjoyed your short getaways.

Our thoughts are also with Beulah whose brother had a fall and is in hospital so a worrying time for Beulah.

### ***Member Profile – Bronwyn Campbell***



I was born in Brisbane and attended Newmarket State School and Brisbane State High School. My father's family had been evacuated from Darwin during the Japanese bombing and had lost its home. During my childhood as a young Chinese Australian whose family had arrived in the 1800's there were few Asian people in Brisbane. It was a time of the White Australia Policy when every Asian person you saw had Australian roots that went back prior 1901. It was the time of Arthur Caldwell stating that "Two Wongs don't make a white". I can remember being pushed off a moving tram on the way to school by a

disgruntled old digger, being sworn at and spat at in the street.

I had great school friends and I know my father wanted me to go to University and if possible study medicine. I made the grade, but chose to be a teacher (though there are times when I wish I had listened to Dad). In my teenage years, I was a member of Job's Daughters. It was here that I learnt about service to the community, and the importance of walking in the shoes of others.

Teaching has been good to me and I had had the opportunity to work in Nambour, Townsville, Bundaberg and Wilston. I became a Guidance Officer and worked across Stafford and Logan Districts and did practicums out west (Charleville, Thargomindah, Cunnamulla and Quilpie). During my work with Education I worked as a teacher, a Guidance Officer, and a Principal Policy Officer, Cultural Equity working on policy and legislation and having oversight of ESL (English as a Second Language). After this I was appointed Principal Policy Officer, Behaviour Management and had oversight of the legislation and policy in this area. Over the years I have had acting stints as School Support Centre Coordinator, Assistant Director HR and Executive District Director, School Improvement. For many years, I was a member of the Curriculum Committee on the Board of Senior Secondary School Studies, and for a year I taught at the University of Queensland lecturing Guidance Officers in gaining their Masters. During this latter time I worked on my PhD, on Social Policy.

Over the years I have studied, working on a Diploma (Kelvin Grove), a degree (University of Queensland), Masters (Research) University of New England and Guidance qualifications (University of Queensland).

I have always enjoyed schools and had a chance to act as Principal at Woodridge State School for two years – I loved it. In 1998 I became the Principal of Ashmore for five years. I was living at Hamilton so would wake up at 4.30am to catch the first train out of Bowen Hills to the Gold Coast. I kept an old, baby poo brown Corona at Nerang Station and at the end of each year I would bring it home to have it serviced and washed. For fourteen years I was Principal at Albany Hills State School working with and thoroughly enjoying a wonderful school. Beyond that I became Principal Mansfield State School until I developed breast cancer and had long periods of sick leave.

Over this time I met Greg in Townsville (I followed him down to Brisbane where he completed his PhD on crabs, at UofQ.). We have been married for 42 years and have two children – Julie-Ann (34 years) and John (33 years) who work in a political party and the law, and architecture respectively. I am a proud grandparent of four month old Parker, John's son. Greg retired in 2016 and I have just retired.

I joined the Zonta Club of Brisbane East in 1992 and have spent many years on the Board in various positions and two years as Club President. During my Zonta years I have made many friends and have enjoyed the fellowship and friendships made whilst working to advance the status of women locally and internationally.

### ***Diary Dates***

14 September 2020 – Board Meeting  
21 September 2020 – Monthly Meeting – by ZOOM  
12 October 2020 – Board meeting  
13 October 2020 – Birthing Kit Assembly Day - CHAC – more details to follow  
19 October 2020 – Monthly Meeting  
8 November 2020 – Zonta International's 101<sup>st</sup> Birthday  
9 November 2020 – Board Meeting  
16 November 2020 – Board Meeting  
25 November – 10 December 2020 – Zonta Says NO campaign