



East-enders

Newsletter of Zonta Club of Brisbane East Inc

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Next Dinner Meeting

Monday

14 March

Pre-Dinner nibbles 6pm
Committee Meetings 6.15pm
Dinner 7.30pm –9.30pm
At

Good Earth Hotel

Wickham Tce
(Ground Floor)

Cost \$35.00 each

\$5 Meeting only

Apologies to

Karen Hendry

Thursday 10 March

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Mobile 0419 027 156

In absence on an apology an invoice for \$27.50 will be sent to all non-attending members.

PRESIDENT'S PATTTER

Member Survey

If you have not already done so, please complete the Online Member Survey.

It is to assist Zonta International to develop their strategic plan. This plan is being developed by a Strategic Planning Task Force consisting of members of Zonta International and Zonta International Foundation Board.

Their aim is to develop a plan for our future for the next five to ten years. It will also look at what planning needs to be done for Zonta's 100th anniversary in the year 2019.

I would urge everyone to complete the Survey by logging on to the website. You will need your Zonta member ID number to register which is on the mailing label of your copy of The Zontian magazine.

Breast Cushions

We had a successful working bee on Sunday 30 January 2005 at my home. We made about 28 completed cushions. Our next working bee is on Sunday 27

February 2005. We will need to decide whether we need to defer the workshop in March due to Easter being held on the last weekend in March. April may also be a problem due to the Anzac day falling on Monday and the last Sunday being on the 24 April. Please think ahead and decide what we want to do.

Area Workshop

It is scheduled for Sunday 10 April. As soon as we know a venue, we will advise everyone. I would encourage you to all attend and meet other clubs and members.

Lynn Papa

For all Very Good Looking, Damn Smart Woman. Remember this motto to live by: Life should NOT be a journey to the grave with the intention of arriving safely in an attractive and well-preserved body, but rather to skid in sideways, chocolate in one hand, wine in the other, body thoroughly used up, totally worn out and screaming, "WOO HOO what a ride!"

Film Evening—1 April

We have booked for a film Evening for *Friday 1 April* for *Ladies in Lavender*. Venue is Palace Cinemas at New Farm. Time is 6.30pm for 7pm film start. Tickets will be \$13.00 each which includes a glass of wine before the movie.

The movie stars the two Dames, Judi Dench and Maggie Smith and is set in Cornwall during the 1930's. A gifted young Jewish violinist, Andrea, appears on the beach below the Widdington sister's cottage and their lives and their community will change.

Please tell all your friends and work colleagues about this evening—it is a cheap but enjoyable fundraiser with minimal effort on our part.

International Women's Day Events

Zonta Club of Wynnum Redlands Dinner on Friday 4th March 2005 at Stevens by the Bay, Pacific Resort Motel at Cleveland \$40 pp with special guest speaker Sanjana Hattotuwa a Rotary World Peace Scholar who will speak on "Women and Peacebuilding" RSVP 16 February

Zonta Club Southern Gold Coast Tweed Clubs Tuesday 8 March—Breakfast 6.45am the Radisson Resot Pal Meadows Cost \$35pp Guest Speaker Debbie Kilroy OAM from Sisters Inside.

Zonta Club of Gympie IWD Breakfast Tuesday 8 March 2005 6.30am Guest Speaker Maxine Baldwin "100 Years of Womens Right to Vote in Queensland" Cost \$25pp.

- 8th March is also Zonta ROSE DAY
- Brisbane East Club 16th Birthday 13th March 2005

ANOTHER SOUTH EAST ASIAN ADVENTURE -

CHINA, VIETNAM AND CAMBODIA
OCTOBER 2004

Having enjoyed the Silk Road immensely last year, our little party set off again to visit some more remote places in China. There were definitely highlights – the marble village where artisans carve from huge blocks of marble placed on the ground. Bare feet, hand tools, frayed electrical leads, no sun protection – Workplace Health and Safety in Australia would have a fit!! Young girls of maybe 14 years of age carve along with older women and men. And they are so very talented. Fancy a copy of the Trevi Fountain? – No problem! We saw it almost finished.

Being such a remote area accommodation was what can only be termed 'basic'. However the food was of a good standard. Naturally the toilets were not!

Being robbed when our limousine was broken into was quite an experience. The Police didn't care about our Chinese hosts missing handbag, identification etc. My backpack got their undivided attention, and many snide comments from my fellow travellers as to the uses for an 18D brassiere. A watermelon carrier was one tongue in cheek suggestion.

Sadly, the perpetrator of this robbery will apparently be executed if caught, as the Chinese do not like such events to befall their Western visitors.

We had the distinction of being driven to Beijing by the driver for the Governor of the Province. The Police because of the dreadful fog closed the road. Another 'no problem'. We simply drove onto the closed road and continued our journey. I do not think the poor man knew what else to do with us.

Several days later we flew to the South to meet up with the rest of our party who were flying into China. Then we set off to see the fabled Shangri-Lai. Wonder how much opium the author who named this area in the 1900's had consumed to acquire such rose coloured glasses.

Getting there was to be yet another adventure when our coach broke down on a remote mountain road where there was no mobile telephone reception. When a vehicle breaks down in these areas, you simply place branches and stones on the road in either direction to warn other motorists. No red triangles here.

Eventually we managed to hitch a ride on a local bus going in the correct direction. Needless to say, some of us had to sit on sacks of noodles etc, as there were not enough seats. Not sure if the locals have yet recovered from our rendition of 'Waltzing Matilda'.

Most people fly into Vietnam, but we had to be different. We walked over the border at Lao Cai, much to the displeasure of the local Customs officials and border guards who scrutinized our paperwork VERY thoroughly. A little Vietnamese lady pulled a large handcart with our suitcases over the bridge. Needless to say, we all gave her a substantial tip in addition to her quoted fee.

Then it was onwards to the Victoria Resort at Sapa. In the morning, we thought we had died and gone to heaven when we spotted the French breakfast! We all wondered how long we could afford to live permanently in this fabulous resort.

Because we had been guests at the Victoria Resort, we were able to catch the 'Victoria Express' overnight train to Hanoi. The black-feathered negligee caused quite some comment.

There were very picturesque places in Vietnam, two of the best being Halong Bay and Hoi An. The sister of the tailor at the Hotel (another Victoria Resort) managed to make to measure 2 shirts and 2 silk skirts in 5 hours. The women in the countries are very skilful and delightful to deal with.

Contributed by Heather Mildwaters

On a more sombre note, the Cu Chi Underground tunnels constructed during the Vietnam War were a real eye opener, as was the War Museum in Saigon with such things as deformed foetuses in bottles.

We left Vietnam on an old prop jet plane to fly to Siem Reap in Cambodia. We flew so low I was able to take photographs out of the window of the Mekong Delta.

The great highlight of our tour was Angkor Wat. You should have seen me climbing on hands and knees up the final long steep staircase (no handrail and no protection) to get the best view of the sunset over Angkor Wat from Phnom Bakheng. Then clambering down again!

This brought to a close another great adventure with many fine memories of places, faces, and great friends. Roll on GAA Conference in Sri Lanka!!



Fellowship Evening

Eight members found the time after a busy Christmas schedule to come to the fellowship dinner at the Thai Orchid at Milton.

The food was great and the company of course first class. The entertainment was also first class, especially hearing Kate's latest exploits with the boys in blue.

Executives of the Zonta Club of Brisbane East Inc are:

President: Lyn Papa

1st Vice Pres: Lynn Callander

2nd Vice Pres: Bev Farley

Secretary Karen Hendry

Treasurer : Margaret Buchanan

Board Members:

Heather Mildwaters;

Jill Hedley;

Margaret Casey

Kate Hutchings

All Members needed Club Garage Sale

Saturday 16 April

At Darra

Workshop of John Papa

32 Queensland Road

Books
Crockery
Furniture
Clothing

Tools—all types

- Bring to dinner meeting
- Board Meeting
- Breast Cushion Morning

DATE CLAIMERS

Monday 14 February—Dinner meeting

Monday 28 February—Board Meeting

Sunday 27 February—Breast Cushion morning—at Lyn Pappa's Home

Tuesday 8 March—International Women's Day & Zonta Rose Day

Monday 14 March—Brisbane East's 16th Birthday Meeting

Friday 1 April—Club Movie Night "Ladies in Lavender" at NewFarm

Sunday 10 April—Area 3&5 workshop—venue TBC