



East-enders

Newsletter
Zonta Club of Brisbane Inc

GPO Box 3060 Brisbane 4001

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August 2007

Next Dinner Meeting

Annual General Meeting

Monday

8 October

Pre-Dinner nibbles 6pm

Committee Meetings 6.15pm

Dinner 7.30pm –9.30pm

At

Good Earth Hotel

Wickham Tce

(Ground Floor)

Cost \$32.00 each

\$5 Meeting only

(This includes one raffle ticket)

Apologies by Sunday

7 October

Margaret Casey

Phone 3907 0845

After hours

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

PRESIDENT'S PATER

Please note: The September meeting for Brisbane East has been cancelled owing to a number of members attending the Charter Dinner for the Sandgate Club on the same evening (10 September).

On last Sunday in August, we had a very successful Breast Cushion making morning at Jo's office at Mt Gravatt. Twelve (12) Zontians including two from Logan Club and guest Lyn Douglas settled in for a busy morning completing 54 cushions for distribution to our hospitals.

In addition, we were delighted to have our visitors from our June Meeting (Beth Schutz and Carolina Sommariva) and they also brought a friend, Jo with them. Ros was able to inform them of what Zonta is about and what we do.

As well, you would be aware that Judy Scotney is also very interested in membership, so things are starting to look a bit more positive.

The early bird dead line for reduced conference fees has been extended. Please consider coming for a very enjoyable time (7,8,9 September 2007) at Tweed Heads.

A new Zonta club is being formed at Sandgate on Monday 10 September 2007. As this is on our meeting night, we may need to discuss this further at the August Meeting.

Have you thought more about what committee you feel best attuned to in our club? Keep thinking, as we begin to grapple with the business end of our work!

For the forward planners in our club, we remind you that the international conference is in Rotterdam next year. Summer in Rotterdam. A couple of members are already thinking of their holiday plans that might include Convention.

Thanks for your support

Bronwyn Campbell

President

CLUB

EXECUTIVE

2007-2008

Executives of the Zonta Club of Brisbane East Inc are:

President: **Bronwyn Campbell**

Vice Pres: **Jo Diessel**

2 Vic Pres: **Jill Hedley**

Secretary : **Margaret Casey**

Treasurer: **Ros Kinder**

Directors: **Lyn Papa**
Bev Purcell

Breast Cushion Working bee

Thanks to: Bev Farley, Michele Sanderson Bronwyn Campbell, Jill Hedley, Denise Conroy, Margaret Casey, Ros Kinder, Jo Diessel, Lynn C, Robin and Joy (Logan). Also guests [pictured right) with Ros Kinder, are Beth Schutz, Carolina Sommariva and Jo.



UN agencies unveil initiative to reduce female genital mutilation

9 August 2007 – Two United Nations agencies have launched a \$44 million programme to reduce female genital mutilation/cutting (FGM/C) by 40 per cent by 2015 and to end the harmful traditional practice within a generation.

Launched by the UN Population Fund ([UNFPA](#)) and the UN Children's Fund ([UNICEF](#)), the initiative will encourage communities in 16 African countries with high prevalence to abandon the practice, which has serious physical and psychological effects. Partnering with the agencies will be Governments, religious leaders, reproductive health providers, media and civil society.

UNFPA says that annually, between two and three million women and girls are subjected to FGM/C, the partial or total removal of external female genital organs for cultural or other non-medical reasons. More than 100 million women and girls worldwide have undergone the practice.

Purnima Mane, UNFPA's Deputy Executive Director (Programme), urged the international community to "do a better job to protect the millions of women and girls who are at risk every year."

Ending the practice will contribute to achieving international development targets, and will enhance the human rights of women and girls, contribute to their empowerment, improve maternal health and reduce child mortality, she added.

In addition to many African nations, various forms of FGM/C have also been reported in parts of some Middle Eastern and Asian countries. It is also practiced in immigrant communities around the world.

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Margaret Casey told us about a film Moolade made in 2005 that tackles the issue of FGM. For those with Foxtel/Optus Moolade is currently playing on World Movies. Certainly worth watching even though it is subtitled.

MOOLADE runs like a fairy tale. The action is set in a magical kingdom ruled by a happy king. The inhabitants go about their daily chores, draped in colourful attire while their children enjoy the fruits of the land. Food and water are sufficient and all the good folk appear to live in harmony.

But there is an evil that is destroying the kingdom. Children are being murdered by an ugly beast that must be banished from the Kingdom so that all can once again live happily ever after.

The protagonist is Colle



(Fatoumata Coulibaly), a second wife to a villager.

The trouble arises when she shields four little girls from the ritual of female genital circumcision. The reason behind the move is the resulting deaths of her two daughters from this traditional ceremony.

She had therefore refused her third, Asmatou (Salimata Traore) making her a Bilakoro. Asmatou is therefore unclean and unwed, because of old beliefs.

So, Colle declares MOOLADE, protecting the girls, but engaging the wrath of the elders and her husband.

This is the story of how this evil is banished from the land, but not after terrible human sacrifice, beatings and mental torture. The film can certainly not be pulled off without the almost perfect act of Fatoumata Coulibaly in the role of Colle. 81-year old director Sembane tells his tale with conviction, power and sensitivity. MOOLADE is filmed in French and Bambara.

Important Dates

Friday, 7– Saturday 8–Sunday 9 September—D24 Conference at Twin Towns, Tweed Heads—Registration available soon.

For more information and to register go to: <http://zontadistrict24.org>

Monday 10 September Dinner Meeting—Cancelled.

Monday 10 September—Charter Dinner of Sandgate Club

Last Sunday in September—Next Breast Cushion working bee

Sunday 14 October—Pine Rivers Women in Business Expo