



East-enders

Newsletter
Zonta Club of Brisbane Inc

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Next Dinner Meeting

Annual General Meeting

Monday

13 August

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

12 August

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.*

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

PRESIDENT'S PATTTER

.Congratulations to all the new members of the Zonta Club of Brisbane East Inc executive. There were some smiling faces as duties were transferred to the new president and secretary.

The changeover dinner was enhanced by the awarding of the J.M.Klausman Women in Business Scholarship club award to Beth Schutz who is studying at Griffith University for a double degree. She was presented with a certificate and Club Award for \$100. Beth's talk to us over dinner was an inspiration and she is a worthy winner of our club award. We hope her progress to D24 and International is just as successful. Beth brought along her friend and colleague Carolina Sommariva as a guest and both young women were very keen to find out more about Zonta. An invitation to pop along to our Breast Cushion working bee was greeted with great interest.



Above– Beth Schutz receiving her award from new President Bronwyn Campbell.

Below– The 2007-2009 Executive of Brisbane East Inc . L-r Ros Kinder (Treasurer) Bronwyn Campbell (President) Jo Diessel Vice President, Jill Hedley (Vice President) Bev Purcell & Lyn Papa (Board members) and Margaret Casey (Secretary)



Left—New president, Bronwyn Campbell is sworn in by former D24 Governor Ros Kinder.

Pic Right– Former Secretary Jill Hedley was happy to handover to new secretary Margaret Casey.



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\$47,000 reward to stop FGM in UK

A \$47,000 reward for information that brings anyone carrying out female circumcision in London to justice is being offered by London's Metropolitan Police.

The police said they believed the summer period to be the "most prevalent time" for the practice of female genital mutilation (FGM) to be carried out, because the extended holiday from school provided time for young girls to recover.

"We are being told that the illegal practice of FGM is occurring to children in London," Detective Chief Superintendent Alistair Jeffrey, head of the Metropolitan Police's Child Abuse Investigation Command, said.

"We take this extremely seriously and that is why we are taking this unusual step of offering a reward, to encourage people not only to help us to prevent this happening, but also where it has occurred, bring those responsible to account."

Female circumcision varies in its scope, ranging from injury to the clitoris to the removal of the labia and clitoris, which is subsequently sewn up leaving only a tiny opening.

It is done without the child's consent, and according to police, only in rare occasions does it involve the use of an anaesthetic or take place in a clinical environment.

The reward on offer is half-financed by the police, with the remaining \$23,500 being supplied by the Waris Dirie Foundation, named after the fashion supermodel and activist who herself survived FGM as a child in Somalia.

It will apply to all information provided over the next year that leads to the arrest and prosecution of individuals for carrying out female circumcision in London.

Police said anyone administering FGM, or found to be arranging for it to be administered, could face up to 14 years in prison.

1 August 2007

Dear Zontians:

Our Headquarters building was bought in 1986 and with the invaluable assistance of many individuals and clubs the mortgage was paid off in 1996.

The building has served us well for more than 20 years; however, we now find it is time to make a change. With the use of modern technology, business process outsourcing, and the need for less staff, we now have too much space for efficient operation. Although our Headquarters at 557 West Randolph in Chicago is a four story building, only three floors were able to be renovated effectively and used.

We are concerned about the operating costs and general maintenance expenses for a building that is too large for our present needs and for our requirements in the foreseeable future. Moving to a smaller space that is well configured will allow staff to operate more efficiently and allow them to focus on the mission and goals of Zonta International and the Zonta International Foundation, instead of dealing with the many issues of property ownership, maintenance, and repairs involved in a building of the size and age of our current Headquarters building.

It is now an appropriate time to consider selling our building. The present positive real estate situation in Chicago and the desirable location of our building together make this an opportune time to make a change. Sale of the building will allow both ZI and ZIF to reduce operating costs by occupying a space better suited to our organizational needs.

After careful research we find that selling the building will allow us to purchase a more up

to date office condominium in an attractive and desirable area of downtown Chicago. Purchasing our own office space, as opposed to leasing space, will allow us to better control our financial situation, to diversify our investments, and to honor our heritage and the confidence shown by Zontians in enabling the purchase of Zonta's Headquarters space in 1986.

After considering these many factors, the decision to sell and also to purchase an office condominium has been approved by the Boards of Zonta International Foundation, the building owner, and Zonta International, the building occupant. The foresight and commitment of many Zontians since 1986 allow us to take this step forward.

We have begun this process. We will provide Zonta members with periodic updates on our progress through the Zonta International Web site (www.zonta.org). We will also keep members updated on the answers to [frequently asked questions](#) (FAQs). We hope that all Zontians will understand the financial and organizational reasons for this major decision that affects both of our organizations.

Sincerely,



Betty Jane Bourdon
President
Zonta International Foundation

Important Dates

**Monday 13 August—Next Dinner Meeting—Meet our new members
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

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