



East-enders

Newsletter of
Zonta Club of Brisbane East

GPO Box 3060 Brisbane 4001

Charter Number 1235

March 2007

Next Dinner Meeting

☺ **Monday**
16 April

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 to

Jill Hedley

Phone 3279 2096

After hours

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

PRESIDENT'S PATTERN

The next couple of months are very important in the Zonta calendar. Our annual dues need to be sent off to ZI. It is also election time in April/May when we need to fill the important positions of President, Vice President, Secretary & Treasurer and at least one board member.

The nomination Committee will be making phone calls looking for the next executive of our club. I urge everyone to have a think about what they can contribute in the months ahead.

Breast Cushions

The Breast Cushions were well received and we have had a couple of months off. Time to now prepare for the next working bee. It is scheduled for the last Sunday in March at the Mt Gravatt workplace of Jo Diesel. It is always a fun morning, especially with the members of the Logan Club and everyone is welcome to come along. All volunteers very welcome.

District 24 Conference

8-9th September at Twin Towns at Tweed heads/Coolangatta. So mark your diaries for that weekend

Convention 2008

The first newsletter on the Amsterdam Convention in 2008 is now available. Time to consider those travel plans especially to support our Australian delegates and nominations.

Lynn C



AREA 3/5 WORKSHOP

Area 3 & 5 Zonta Workshop
for 2007 to be held

Sunday 1st April

at Brookwater Golf Course
near Springfield south of
Brisbane. 9am to 4pm with a
variety of Zonta and other
speakers, panel discussions
and workshops. Full details will
follow shortly to all clubs.

Working Together:
"Coming together is
the beginning
Keeping together is
progress
Working together is
success"

Join your fellow Areas 3 & 5
Zontians sharing fun &
learning.

DATE CLAIMERS

**Sunday 25 March—Breast Cushion Working
Working Bee TBC**
Monday 27 March—Club Board meeting
**Wednesday 4 April—RESPECT the musical at
12th Night Theatre**
EASTER BREAK 6-9 April
**Monday 16 April—Dinner Meeting—
Please note this date.**

International Women's Day Dinner Experience

Secretary Jill Hedley was able to attend the The Zonta Club of Wynnum Redlands annual function to celebrate International Women's Day on Wednesday evening at the Alexandra Hills Hotel. She was able to provide a few words about the function:

More than 100 guests including representatives of other service clubs and prominent citizens of the Redlands attended the dinner. Whilst enjoying an excellent dinner and were impressed and entertained by guest of honour Professor Ian Frazer. Professor Frazer, who has just been awarded the Florey Medal to add to his other impressive honours, spoke on the importance of personal responsibility in maintaining our own health.

The club presented Professor Frazer with a cheque for \$5000 to further his work in providing the vaccine against cervical cancer to as many women and girls as possible, both in Australia and in less fortunate countries. As well as acknowledging the support of organisations such as Zonta, Professor Frazer mentioned the Support of The Bill Gates organisation which is subsidising the provision of the vaccine to developing countries.

The club also presented their Young Women in Public Affairs Award to a former Carmel College student. As always the achievements of this young lady leave one wondering how she

Did you remember Zonta Rose Day 8th March



managed to fit in all her activities and cope with her academic load.

Club members and guests judged the evening to be a great success.

Birthday Thoughts from a Charter Member—Bev Farley

Who remembers the following ladies? Does anyone know what has happened to them?

Margaret Williamson, Mary-Ann Hill, Leneen Forde, Lynne Bowler, Lee Bateman, Ann Brand, Glenda Page, Margaret de Araugo, Kym James, Val Lancaster, Trish Newman, Gabrielle Emery-Reece, Desley Campbell-Stewart, Mary Kios, Pam Nicholson, Carol Marsh, Roz MacAllan, Julie Bleakley - to name but a few.

All of these people have contributed to our club in many different ways.

Their membership has been important to us and to the international world of Zonta.

They have instrumental in furthering the advancement of women.

All of our present members may be able to spend a few moments on the reflections of things which have been accomplished by the club during our eighteen years but we then need to spend more time looking to its future.

Changes to Associations Incorporation Act (Qld). (Thanks to Denise Conroy)

On 15 April 2005 our club put in a submission to the Office of Fair Trading (OFT) on their Consultation Paper for review of the said Act.

In November last year a Bill was introduced to make some changes . Those which will affect Zonta clubs are: introduction of a 'tiered' auditing system:

Level 1 associations are those with at least a total revenue or current assets of more than \$100,000 will continue to be fully audited

Level 2 associations are those which do not fall into Level 1 or Level 3. They are not required to provide fully audited

statements, but must instead, have a registered accountant confirm that the books have been kept in a manner consistent with good accounting practice.

Level 3 associations are those with a total revenue of \$20,000 or less and current assets of \$20,000 or less. They are required to lodge a statement by the association's president or treasurer, that they have kept accurate books of account.

If any club is required to produce audited accounts under other legislation such as the Collections Act, Gaming Machine Act or due to the terms of funding or grant agreements with the government then those requirements must be met.

other changes to rules which may impact on clubs are, inter alia,:

- if any rule of an association conflicts with the Act, then the Act prevails (already covered by ZI Bylaws)
- members will be able to access minutes of any general meeting and financial documents
- a quorum to hold a general meeting is altered to the number of committee members at the last general meeting plus one, unless all members of the association are also the members of the committee
- a three-quarters majority will be required for a resolution to incorporate and adopt proposed rules
- casual vacancies on the management committee will be allowed in situations where an elected member of the committee resigns or dies
- teleconferencing for meetings is now sanctioned
- the association's registered name must appear on all documentation endorsed or issued by the association
- the requirement for associations to have a registered office has been removed.

New powers for the OFT.

Failure to comply with the reporting requirements in the Act is proposed to constitute grounds for cancellation of the incorporation of the Association. Associations that are late with their annual returns are likely to find themselves with cancelled incorporation that has serious consequences.

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