



East-enders

Newsletter of
Zonta Club of Brisbane East

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November 2006

Next Dinner Meeting

Monday

11 December

Pre-Dinner nibbles 6pm

Committee Meetings

6.15pm

Dinner 7.30pm –9.30pm

At

Terraces on Wickham

Wickham Tce

(Ground Floor)

Cost \$32.00 each

\$5 Meeting only

(This includes one raffle ticket)

Apologies to

Jill Hedley

3279 2096 after hours

By Friday 8 December

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



Logan Car Rally: Despite living in Logan for almost 25 years, Tim and I found new areas to explore thanks to the Logan Club's Car Rally in October.

We went around mountains, across dry creek beds and collected plenty of mementoes on the way including green jelly frogs which were lucky to make it to the finish line.

It was an interesting journey—we didn't come in first but we were not the last people to finish and we came away with a new street directory for our efforts. *Thanks Logan Club*

PRESIDENT'S PATTERN

Breast Cushions: Our next breast cushion working bee will be held on **Sunday 26 November** commencing at 9am to 9.30am at Jo Diesel's workplace in Garden Square Mt Gravatt. The members of Logan Club will join us again so you can expect plenty of work and chatter.

We need some cushions sewn ahead of time so if there is someone who can take home a few cut out cushions and sew in time for the November workshop that would be great.

There has been some publicity from Cairns to Sydney about how the Zonta Breast Cushions are improving the lives of women who receive them. We need to ensure that as many women as possible do so and don't forget if you want REAL coffee—the machine wants \$2.50.

Special thanks to Jill's daughter Cheryl who bought the materials and put together 29 breast cushions which were among those delivered to the Mater last month.

Also thanks to Patricia Nemeth (HonZon) who has cut out some 80 cushions to be sewn.

Balmoral Scholarship: I was privileged to be among the special guests at the Balmoral State High School awards night to present the

Brisbane East Scholarship to a female student. Claire Berry was the recipient of the award and was praised for her general school spirit and community commitment—She also won an academic award for music and was chosen to represent her school and also Australia at the NASA camp in the United States. If her ambitions and studies go according to plan we might well have a nominee for an Amelia Earhart award in the making. Cheryl's chosen path is aeronautics and she plans to study at QUT or in the USA. We look forward to meeting her in early 2007. See pic page 2....

Christmas donations: As usual we are asking members to bring personal care items to our Christmas function in December to be donated to a women's charity in Brisbane. The decision on which charity should be made at the November meeting. For those who cannot attend, an email will be sent ahead of time as a reminder.

Zontian Spirit: The enthusiasm of one of our members is to commended—I understand she turned up a week early for the November meeting— Her spirit is a joy.....or it may have been that she didn't make the correction to her newsletter—which did say the wrong date altogether???

Lynn C

Guest Speaker for November

Odette Tewfik is our guest speaker for November. Odette she is with the Multicultural Women's Health Project at Family Planning Queensland,.

In Sydney the first prosecution on the issue of FGM has been announced—with the father of a young girl being charged with assault following her mutilation at the hands of relatives. It is clear that this practice has been brought to Australia along with some migrant groups other cultural practices. More education is needed on this issue.

December Roster— PR & C

- Provide item for newsletter
- Provide raffle prize
- Provide Dinner activity
- Provide member to read Grace/Objects

Executives of the Zonta Club of Brisbane East Inc are:

President: **Lynn Callander**
Vice Pres: **Heather Mildwaters**
Secretary **Jill Hedley**
Treasurer: **Karen Hendry**
Board members:
Bronwyn Campbell
Margaret Casey

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Taskforce Zonta

NSW Zontian Club have got together to form Task Force Zonta with an aim of tackling the issue of trafficking of women in Australia. They have put together some points which might be of interest to club outside NSW.

“The Sydney Hills Club SoFw Committee feel we need to clarify our understanding of how, as individual Zontians, what “we” (as a combined group) may or may not do when working as a Taskforce. We also feel we should clarify that our committee of three is made up of all past-Presidents of our Club and two that have served as Area Directors.

This Taskforce, representing only itself and working merely to improve the status of women, can and should advocate at the same levels that clubs do already. Individual Zontians can and do already work in combined groups i.e. Combined Area Meetings.

The Taskforce would respect District Guidelines and work with and through our elected representative, the District Governor, in any required approaches to the Federal Government of the day. Clubs already talk to/consult with/advocate to/work with our individual State and Federal Government MP's as well as Local Councillors.

The Taskforce should be made up of individual Zontians who may or may not be “appointed” by their club.

Reporting back to clubs would be an arrangement between any individual and their club. Every individual Zontian should have the right and be given the opportunity to work on this issue. To this end we ask all Presidents to **ensure** all papers sent to them in mailings from the Taskforce are distributed to every member of their club. Reports/minutes of every meeting will be sent to every club along with a schedule of work and it's current status once actual work begins. The reporting/taking of minutes should rotate to varying members

Balmoral SHS
Scholarship winner
Claire Berry with
her mother at the
Awards Night



perhaps each biennium so that it does not become burdensome on any individual. Work/projects can be undertaken by either groups from within the Taskforce or individual clubs with the permission of the Taskforce and a detailed brief of the work to be undertaken.

Seed funding (for initial costs as they occur) as previously stated at \$100 per club was thought reasonable by the meeting. This can be discussed at further length when the Taskforce is actually formed. We see that any club (because they are incorporated) can auspice funds held for the Taskforce. This role would be voluntary for approximately two years and then rotate to another club as determined by the Taskforce and club offers.

We will not be re-inventing the wheel. This Taskforce will work with multiple partners and consult with any organisation already working at the coalface of anti-trafficking. We believe a substantial number of Zontians were not forwarded a copy of the information on the disc sent to all club Presidents in NSW. This information was sent to both inform and educate members about Trafficking for sex slavery – not to be confused with prostitution per se. The Chairman's request for a show of hands determined a Taskforce should be formed. To this end two Meeting dates were set. The venue was thought to be suitable and the time for the meeting suitable and adequate, so these remain constant for now.

There is information available about the inaugural meeting if anyone is interested.

Not a minute more...

Violence against women is the most pervasive violation of human rights, occurring every day, in every country and every region, regardless of income or level of development.

Its true extent is unknown, owing to fear of reprisal for reporting, refusal by authorities to recognize, or knowledge that nothing will be done. However, WHO estimates that nearly one in four women will be raped, beaten, coerced into sex or otherwise abused in her lifetime — sometimes with fatal consequences. **On 25 November, the International Day to Eliminate Violence against Women**, people around the world are coming together to condemn this universal crime against women.

In the context of HIV/AIDS, and in situations of war and conflict this daily reality of violence against women intensifies — and becomes especially deadly. Almost half of all people living with HIV/AIDS today are women, approximately 17 million. In sub-Saharan Africa, it is more than half — and young women age 15 to 24 are at least three times as likely to be infected with HIV than are young men. A decade ago, women seemed peripheral to this pandemic, now, they are at its epicentre.

Violence against women is both a cause and consequence of rising rates of HIV infection: a cause because rape and sexual assault pose a major risk factor for HIV transmission, and consequence because HIV-positive status makes women more likely to be targeted for abuse. Often, the perpetrator of violence is an intimate partner. Deeply rooted in unequal power relations, sexual violence occurs because women cannot negotiate safe sex or refuse unwanted intercourse.

DATE CLAIMERS

Friday 24 November—*No to Violence Against Women* Breakfast -Graceville

Saturday 25 November—White Ribbon Day

Sunday 26 November—Breast Cushion Working Bee Mt Gravatt

Monday 27 November—Board Meeting

Monday 11 December—Xmas Dinner Meeting

Monday 8 or 15 January—Fellowship Dinner—TBA

Monday 12 February—Dinner Meeting

Friday 23 February—Amelia Earhart Cocktail Party \$35 pp