

# East-enders

FEBRUARY 2014



Zonta Club of  
Brisbane East Inc.

Member of Zonta International

Next Dinner Meeting/Planning Meeting  
Monday 10 March 2014

Downstairs Meeting Room, Bulimba Library  
6.30pm for Food & Fellowship, Meeting 7.00pm

RSVP to: Jo Diessel by 6 March 2014

Failure to apologise if unable to attend will incur a cost of \$15  
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## President's Patter



What a great start to our new year. Many thanks to those members who responded to the Member Survey conducted by Sue and for your input into our Strategic Planning session at our February meeting.

Whilst our numbers were depleted, good ideas were raised and we have a few issues identified that we need to address – one of course is membership and how we can increase our membership. We wait with great anticipation for strategies for this and for fundraising from our sub-committee of Jo and Kerstin. Please let them know your suggestions on both these issues.

We welcomed Jenny Thor as a guest to our February meeting. Jenny has expressed an interest in knowing more about our Club and possibly joining us. Jenny will be at our March meeting so again please make her welcome.

February was the month for putting in suggested service projects for our coming twelve months. I hope you all responded to this and I am looking forward to Mel's report on your submissions and our discussions on them at the March meeting. We have already determined that the dollars raised this past twelve months will be allocated to this year's service projects less of course our Club contribution to the Zonta International

Foundation which is equivalent to one-third of funds raised.

March is going to be a busy month for our members and is an important month for Zontians worldwide as we celebrate International Women's Day and Zonta Rose Day. For our Club it is extra special and busy as we will be celebrating our 25th Birthday with a Gala Cocktail Party – hopefully you have all responded by now and invited family and friends to celebrate with us. March is also the month for our Area 1 and Area 3 Meeting hosted by the Zonta Club of Caboolture Inc.

Our recipients of our scholarships from Balmoral State High School and Yeronga State High School will attend our March meeting to tell us of their plans for the future and their course of study. Hearing from these girls always leaves you with the feeling that our scholarships do make a difference and are a great assistance to these girls as they transit to tertiary education.

Net result of this – March will be a big monthly meeting (we will have to keep good time and adhere strictly to our Agenda) and a big month for the Club.



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## Home Away from Homelessness Project

Irene and Bronwyn are our representatives on the Committee organising the October Fashion Showcase Fundraiser for this project. We will hear regular updates from them on progress. The function will be held on 12 October in the Main Auditorium at City Hall and will be a great afternoon so hopefully we can have at least one table of members there. Last year Zonta received great publicity for the afternoon and no doubt this will be repeated this year so great exposure for Zonta and our Club as well as supporting a very worthwhile project.

Anglicare's new home-away-from-homelessness: helping more women break the cycle of homelessness.

The shocking inequity  
10 times more beds for homeless men than women

Why the urgency?  
150 women a month are turned away from homeless accommodation

Our solution  
10 extra beds every night for homeless women

That's an average of the women every single night.

## 2014 Area Meeting



Caboolture Club is hosting the Combined Area 1 and Area 3 meeting this year on 22 March 2014 at Norths Leagues and Services Club, Kallangur. Registration forms and details have been sent out and are on our District website. Early Bird Registration has closed but it is still not too late to register. At the time of writing Jo, Irene and Ros have registered. Last year the Area Directors Amena and Narelle had a great program arranged and this year should be similar so do make an effort to attend if you can.

## 25th Birthday Celebrations



Our Committee of Beverley, Irene, Lynn and Jill are working hard to make this night a great night of celebration. Jill has made a wonderful birthday cake, invitations have been sent to a large number of former members and a number have indicated that they will be there. Our book is at the printers and we thank Jan Kazakoff for the many hours of hard work she put in editing this. We also have a great summary of Club activities over the 25 years which will be on display, photos gathered over the time and a PowerPoint presentation. We have an impressive record over the 25 years and for our small numbers these past few years we certainly have achieved a lot as will be evident on the night—lots of goodies as we walk down memory lane. All we need now for this to be a night to remember is your support and that of your family and friends so make sure you RSVP with payment either at our Dinner meeting or prior, direct into our bank account. Don't forget immediately after the cocktail party we will be having an optional dinner at the Colmslie and of course for those wanting a big night out there is the great rate for Bed and Breakfast there as well.

## Young Women in Public Affairs Award



At the beginning of February the eligible students from Balmoral and Yeronga State High Schools were invited to submit applications for the YWPA Award. March is the month these applications will be judged with our winners announced at the April Meeting. Our winning application must be forwarded to District by 1 April for it to be included in the District judging. It is many years since we have had a YWPA entry so this is a real achievement to have interested students at both these high schools.

## Potential Z Club



Some interest has been expressed in establishing a Z Club at the Balmoral State High School. The interest has come from a Grade 12 student. A meeting has been arranged to speak with the girl students after their assembly on 13 March. This is yet another way our Club can meet Zonta objectives and again raise our profile in the local community.



## From ZI

ZI has a new look website – address is still the same <http://zonta.org> – lots of information there so check it out.

Last week ZI held another in their Webinar series; the last one being on E-Clubs. There are now three E-Clubs established – one in Uruguay and two in the USA – one in Silicon Valley and the other more generally across the US. It was interesting to hear how these Clubs operate and how they manage their service commitments. They each use different technologies for communication and meetings with Facebook closed messaging being one of the most popular.

## International Women's Day



International Women's Day is celebrated in many countries around the world. It is a day when women are recognised for their achievements without regard to divisions, whether national, ethnic, linguistic, cultural, economic or political. It is an occasion for looking back on past struggles and accomplishments, and more importantly, for looking ahead to the untapped potential and opportunities that await future generations of women.

The official United Nations theme for International Women's Day 2014 is "Equality for women is progress for all."

Celebrated by women's rights activists across the world annually on 8 March, International Women's Day (IWD) has been marked by the UN since 1975.

Many of our District Zonta Clubs have special functions to celebrate IWD on the day itself or on a date close to 8 March. You can find the details and invitation to these on our District website.

The history of IWD can be found at UN Women Watch <http://www.un.org/womenwatch/feature/iwd/history.html>

## Zonta International Rose Day



Each year 8 March is also designated as Zonta Rose Day. Who remembers that wonderful description of the Zonta Rose as written by a previous District 24 Governor, Judy Lord? It is attached to remind you of the symbolism of the Zonta Rose.

## Commission on the Status of Women (CSW)

Zonta International will be well represented at the fifty-eighth session of the Commission on the Status of Women which will take place at United Nations Headquarters in New York from 10 to 21 March 2014.

IMPLEMENTING THE MDGs  
FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS  
10 - 21 MARCH 2014

The priority theme for CSW this year is "Challenges and Achievements in the Implementation of the Millennium Development Goals for Women and Girls".

For further information on this go to <http://www.unwomen.org/en/csw/csw58-2014>



## Coming Club Fundraisers

Our next Bunnings Sausage Sizzle is 7 March – please let Jo know if you can spare a few hours to help. We particularly need help for our April date as it is Easter Saturday and we anticipate this will be a big day for the Club so please offer some help on that day.



On 5 April we will have another Fashion Showing at Blue Illusion, Oxford Street, Bulimba. These functions are great fundraisers for our Club and, apart from those who buy some of the great clothes on sale, are at no cost to Club members. Again please publicise this event and encourage your friends and relatives to go along between 11 am and 2pm as the Club receives a percentage of all sales between those hours.

## Club Merchandise for Sale

Our manicure sets and torch key rings are now available for sale. Both are engraved with the Zonta International logo. Cost is \$12 for the travel manicure set and \$7 for the key ring. We still have Irene's beautiful hand made cards for sale at cost of \$5 each.



## Member Profile – Charter Member, Beverley Farley OAM



I was born in New Farm, Brisbane and apart from a two and half year sojourn in Canada and England and an exciting five years in Gatton I have remained a Brisbane 'girl'. In my primary school era, girls who resided in the so-called poorer suburbs were not educated any further than Scholarship. I was blessed with parents who saw the need for girls to be educated. As a result, I was the only one of my Scholarship class (boy or girl) to obtain a Senior Certificate. This enabled me to train at Kelvin Grove Teaching College as a primary school teacher.

As was the practice then, my first appointment was to Zillmere State School where I had completed my primary education. Here I was mentored by many of my past teachers. My next position was to a new school over the railway line. This was where I learnt many of the skills necessary in encouraging a love of learning in young minds. Resources were few and rooms were limited. You learn very quickly when you have forty ten-year olds three feet in front of you in the old lounge room of the original house on the site and five different nationalities to deal with.

Bald Hills was my next school – an old school but well resourced.

I then fulfilled one of my dreams of teaching overseas. My friend Anna and I were able to obtain positions in British Columbia and Quebec, Canada and then in England. These positions brought both a wealth of experience in methodology and presentation. They also allowed me to realise another of my dreams of travelling to South America and climbing Machu Pichu.

## Member Profile – Charter Member, Beverley Farley OAM (Cont)

On my return to Queensland, my feet were firmly planted on the ground for me by the Education Department by insisting that I serve six months' probation if I were to resume teaching. Apparently my overseas experience was detrimental to my teaching ability!!! I was appointed to Lockyer District High to begin with the new year Eights in the new scheme. I taught for five years in Gatton thoroughly enjoying my 'country service'.

Nashville High, another new school, was my next appointment as Senior Mistress and acting English Subject Master. After five very enjoyable years there I became the unthinkable - a Deputy Principal at Ipswich High. I was very fortunate in having an administrative team who were very supportive of me. The mixture of 'town kids', 'country kids' and 'Air Force kids' made teaching very exciting.

Next was Wavell High as Deputy Principal where I was for nine years. This was a challenging place to be as we had 1700 students and rooms for only 1400. At that time all timetables were hand done so my six by four office had wall of boards and pins. Deputy Principals also taught in those days so my Senior English classes were always a delight taking me away from the hassles of everyday management of people and spaces.

I was promoted to Mabel Park High as Principal to open a new school - 300 Year Eights, limited resources, but new rooms not all completed and no playing areas. Here I soon learnt that female Principals were a 'novelty' and that many a Jackie Howe singled out father who thought he would be able to brow-beat me quickly learnt that this was no easy task. Opening a new school is a very rewarding experience but full of hopes and despairs. If you were not tolerant of human nature then you soon learnt to be. After three years I was again given the opportunity of opening another new school at Bray Park. This was a wonderful time as all rooms were completed and the oval was being developed. The entire school community was very proud of the school and worked extremely hard to make it a success.

Balmoral was my last school. It was very different from my previous experience as it was an old school already steeped in its own traditions. To create something new was not always an easy task. But it was here that I had my first encounter with Zonta through Phyllis Pledger, a member of the Zonta Club of Wynnum Redland Inc. She told me a new club was forming and I was very keen to join as I knew how difficult it was for a woman to break into a man's world.

I was accepted as a Charter Member of the Zonta Club of Brisbane East. During my membership I have witnessed the comings and goings of many members and I have been honoured to share in their lives. I realise that my involvement has been very parochial but I enjoy learning of the wider scope of Zonta's activities. My role in the club has varied and I have held a number of executive positions. My one regret is that I have never attended an international convention.

One of the greatest lessons that I have learnt is that being even a small cog in a very large wheel enables that wheel to function fully. It has also taught me the necessity of being tolerant of working with very high achievers because we are all members hoping to improve the status of women throughout the world.

Since my retirement I have been involved in the Queensland Women's Historical Association. This affords me the opportunity of furthering the recognition of women in our great State. I have also been awarded an OAM which I hope will help people to recognise the work of both these societies.

I thank my fellow Zontians for their friendship and their always being there for me and hope that the Club will continue with the fight for women.

## Date Claimers

7 March 2014	Sausage Sizzle, Bunnings Rocklea
10 March 2014	Dinner Meeting, Bulimba Library
15 March 2014	25th Birthday Celebration, Colmslie Hotel
24 March 2014	Board meeting, Easts Rugby League Club
22 March 2014	Areas 1 & 3 Meeting, Norths Leagues & Services Club, Kallangur
5 April 2014	Fashion Showing, Blue Illusion, Bulimba
13 April 2014	Breast Cushion Working Bee, Jo's place
19 April 2014	Sausage Sizzle, Bunnings Rocklea (Saturday)
9 May 2014	Sausage Sizzle, Bunnings Rocklea
13 June 2014	Sausage Sizzle, Bunnings Rocklea
27 June- 1 July 2014	ZI Convention, Orlando, Florida
19 July 2014	Sausage Sizzle, Bunnings Rocklea (Saturday)
8 August 2014	Sausage Sizzle, Bunnings Rocklea
12 October 2014	Zonta Fashion Showcase, Main Auditorium, Brisbane City Hall

### The Symbol of the Zonta Rose

Author – Judy Lord, PDG District 24

As diamonds are the most precious of stones, the rose is the Queen of flowers. It is a symbol of Peace – as Zontians we strive for Peace, through a world fellowship of executives in business and the professions. Our Zonta colours are gold and mahogany, just as the rose has petals of gold and branches of mahogany.

What is the significance of the Rose to Zonta?

**ROOTS** – the foundation of Zonta, our Objectives, our Mission Statement, our History.

**TRUNKS** – the strength, well-defined structure of our Organisation, our ability to unite to advance the Status of Women.

**BRANCHES** – our direction, with many clubs in many countries, improving the lives of many women.

**LEAVES** – the symbol of a prospering Organisation, growing and multiplying as well as the personal growth of Zontians.

**STEMS** – the link between the clubs and the members – the Committee structure, with all members participating.

**TYPE** - multiple flowers – signifies many members – our diversity, our internationality.

**BUDS** – the new members who need to be nurtured and treasured, so they may grow into mature roses.

**ROSES** – are our Zontian friends, all our members who contribute to the work of Zonta, with their Fellowship and Service and who provide Mutual Support for one another.

**PETALS** – golden yellow, intertwined with one another – the golden principles of Zonta – HONEST and TRUSTWORTHY.

AND finally

**PERFUME** – this is what Zonta gives to our fellow man – it represents the Service Zontians give to their communities, their Nations and the World.



# COCKTAIL PARTY

## CELEBRATING 25 YEARS OF THE ZONTA CLUB OF BRISBANE EAST

SATURDAY 15 MARCH

5.00–8.00PM / TICKETS \$45 pp

WELCOME DRINK AND CANAPES

CASH BAR AVAILABLE

OPTIONAL DINNER FOLLOWING COCKTAIL PARTY AVAILABLE

ACCOMMODATION AT VENUE AVAILABLE

BROSNAN ROOM

THE COLMSLIE HOTEL

CNR WYNNUM & JUNCTION ROADS

MORNINGSIDE 4170



### RSVP

BY 1 MARCH

ROS: 0419 026 756

OR [BRISBANEEST@ZONTADISTRICT22.ORG](mailto:BRISBANEEST@ZONTADISTRICT22.ORG)

With number of people attending and whether interested in optional dinner

### PAYMENTS

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