East-Enders



June 2020

PLEASE NOTE OUR JUNE MEETING & AGM WILL BE AN ON-LINE MEETING USING ZOOM – FULL DETAILS ON HOW TO CONNECT WILL BE FORWARDED PRIOR TO THE MEETING

May Monthly Meeting



At out May Meeting Barbara gave us an update on the impact our, and other Zonta Clubs, support for LoveBites has in schools. The program is now implemented right across the SE Region of the State with implementation varying between schools from a straight two day program to weekly sessions. Because of logistical reasons within schools the facilitators tend to be drawn from Guidance Officers, School Based Youth Health Nurses, Police Officers

and trained facilitators from NGOs rather than teaching staff.

She reported that since 2015 over 90 persons have been trained as facilitators with a number undertaking the refresher courses when offered and the Trauma Informed Program which complements the Education Department curriculum. She said what has been found is that when a program is run in a school the number of disclosures increases when students realize that they are in, or have been in, an abusive relationship and this has a significant impact then on the work of the Guidance Officers and School Based Youth Health Nurses.

She said that with the current coverage of the training across the schools the cohort of students taking the program is immense and the program has certainly been a core in fostering the positive partnership between Zonta and the Department of Education.

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June Meeting

Our June Meeting will be our AGM and attended by our Area Director, Anne Beulah who will formally install our Board for 2020-2021. Dr Donnell Davies, President and Chairman United Nations Association of Australia, Queensland Branch has agreed to be our guest speaker at our June meeting and is happy to join us via ZOOM for this so please make an extra effort to join in. If any member is having difficulty with the technology please let us know so we can talk you through it.

2020 Area Meeting



How well Zontians have adapted to the new way of doing things was evident by the response to the ZOOM Area Meeting. Zontians from all five Districts joined together to hear from District 22 Board members District Committee Chairmen and some great speakers from each of the Areas.

Speakers covered a wide range of topics of interest to Zontians and in keeping with the theme "Engagement into the Next Century" -

Irene Jacovos Director of Stakeholder Engagment at the Townsville Hospital and Health Service, Trish Walding, the Wellbeing and Education Operations Manager for Queensland Rugby League SE Queensland, Amanda Dalton the founder of the Toowoomba Women's Collective Inc and CEO of Protea Place, Alistair Baggott, Partnerships Officer and overseer of the Townsville City Council grants program, Helen Blackburn, a Councillor with Bundaberg City Council and Di Wills, a creator and collaborator working with the community.



Speakers were spaced to provide time for a coffee break and lunch and we were energised with a Keep Fit and Alert Activity delivered by PDG Ans Van Erp.

The day was recorded with a copy to be sent to all Zontians who registered. The presentations are being loaded on the District 22 website as they

are received (https://<u>zontadistrict22.org/member-resources/district-conference-area-meetings/area-meetings</u>/) and when the recorded copy is received some of the presentations will be shown and open for discussion at a future monthly meeting.

Congratulations to all involved in organising a great meeting with the capacity to include all D22 Zontians.

Fellowship

Our fellowship ZOOM meetings have continued – many thanks Jacinta. These have been "virtual coffee" or "virtual drinks". Great to be able to keep in contact via technology and all very sociable finding out how each of us is handling our social distancing. Keep an eye on your Inbox for upcoming "dates" and join in. As an extra bonus we seem to be now managing the technology much better – a bonus skill and all thanks to COVID19.



Our District Governor Sandy also hosts a regular Friday morning "virtual coffee" which is proving very popular with Zontians throughout the District logging in for a chat. It is easy to log in so go to: https://zoom.us/meeting/register/uplrceCupzMvPNi2X0ayz8FFdqQ1egiGDg to register and details will be sent to you.

Service Projects



Whilst we are not meeting physically our service projects have continued albeit in a limited way. We did not forget the women at Madonna House with Jacinta delivering a gift for each mother for Mother's Day. Many thanks to

HonZon Michele for the lovely hand made gifts we included in the parcels.

With breast surgery continuing Jo has also been busy delivering Zonta Breast Cushions and Drainage Bags to the Mater Hospital.

Slate of Candidates for 2020-2021

The following members have been elected to the 2020-2021 Club Board. Installation will take place at our June meeting which is also our AGM.

President: Ros Kinder

Vice President: Valerie Patterson Secretary: Sarah Skalecki

Treasurer: Lyn Papa

Director: Kirsten Liebchen
Divya Viswanathan

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Jane M Klausman Women in Business Scholarship



Applications are still open for the 2020 Jane M Klausman Women in Business Scholarship. The deadline for receipt of completed applications is 1 July 2020.

The application form can be found on our Club website at http://brisbaneeast.zontadistrict22.org and all required documentation must be received by the Club no later than 1 July 2020.



Free on-line learning courses

Just a reminder about free on-line learning course availablecheck **UN Women's** free and self-paced online courses: http://unwo.men/MgS350z07Lx

Zonta International –E-Learning

The Zonta International E-Learning Check it out on https://membership.zonta.org/Tools/Leadership-Development-Tools#Leadership

Recent webinars are now also available eg the one last Saturday "Zonta Cares – our response to COVID19" at https://www.zonta.org/Media-News/Zonta-Talks.





LoveBites

NAPCAN has a number of short free on-line programs for the coming months eg on Child Abuse and Mandatory Reporting. These have been heavily booked through June with more dates continually being

added to meet demand (Many of the dates already have Waiting Lists). Details can be found on https://www.napcan.org.au/training/

Member Profile – Ros Kinder



I was born and bred in Wynnum and now happily have returned "home" to spend my later years on the bayside.

I have had a varied life experience working after finishing Senior at Wynnum State High School initially as a Dental Nurse, then training and working as a Therapy Radiographer at the Queensland Radium Institute, living in Stuttgart, Germany for two and a half years and working for the US Army, returning home and to QRI before taking on a role as

an industrial advocate and later Assistant Secretary for a public sector union. From that position I moved to the public service as a Senior Executive responsible for sector—wide HR policy. When made redundant in 1996 I started my own consulting business providing advice on employee relations issues in both the public and private sectors. Whilst this business is still registered I have cut back considerably on the work and now consider myself "retired". I enjoyed and still enjoy the work but now only undertake small projects to keep the mind active.

I joined the Zonta Club of Brisbane East Inc in 1991 and have valued my membership and the many friends across the world that I have made since then. I have been fortunate to have been elected to senior positions within Zonta and was District 24 Governor from 2004-2006 and still remain active at the District and Club levels.

I joined Zonta because I believed in Zonta's mission and wanted to help women and girls who had not had the same opportunities as I had. I believed that Zontians could, through service and advocacy, improve the lives of women worldwide and I still believe this and am proud of what our Club has done and continues to do to further this mission. Our service projects have varied through the years with many on-going but all are based on empowering women and girls.

A particular area of interest for me is domestic and family violence and recently I was elected to the Management Committee of a Women's Refuge in the Redlands. This has been not only a learning experience for me but an eye-opener into the dire situation of women and children seeking refuge from a perpetrator of domestic and family violence. I am continually saddened by the horrific statistics we receive but steadfastly believe that we have to continue our work in this area via education and providing information to victims and the wider community as well as support and education programs for the perpetrators. Reports show that the pressure-cooker environment of COVID-19 has produced a three-quarter spike in online searches for help, a three-fold increase in the need for emergency accommodation and a marked increase in the brutality and severity of physical assaults. These are frightening statistics and probably do not reveal the extent of this scourge.

Diary Dates

8 June 2020 - Board Meeting, Meeting via ZOOM

15 June 2020 - Monthly Meeting & AGM, Meeting via ZOOM

4-8 July 2020 – ZI Convention, Chicago, USA - Cancelled & to be held "on-line" - Full details to follow shortly

13 July 2020 – Board Meeting, Meeting via ZOOM – To be confirmed

20 July 2020 – Monthly Meeting, Meeting via ZOOM – To be confirmed (depending on COVID 19 restrictions

23 August 2020 - High Tea - Belmont Services Club - To be confirmed

