

East-enders

DECEMBER 2013



Zonta Club of
Brisbane East Inc.

Member of Zonta International

Next Dinner Meeting (Christmas Party)
Sunday

15 December 2013 from 5.00-9.00 pm
Wynnum Croquet Club,

Cnr Colina and Daisy Street, Wynnum

RSVP to: Jo Diessel by 8 December 2013

This is a catered event so we must have numbers and payment in advance

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President's Patter



What a month this has been for our Club – I am sure we will all enjoy our break over the coming Christmas holiday period – it has been a big but very successful year for our Club – congratulations to

all of you.

We started this past month by setting up our display at the Bulimba Library. It was on show all of November and really looked great and hopefully raised awareness of Zonta and what our Club does locally.



Our next big thing was the following day – our first Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings AND on a Saturday. Paul and Margy, Bronwyn and Greg were there bright and early to set up and start the sizzling and what a job they did. Similarly the next shift of Beverley, Justine and Ros helped by

Denise and followed by Jill, Lynn and Tim.



Finishing the day off were Irene and Duncan and Mel and Lachie. A big day for

us all and a learning experience for our next one. A handsome profit in the coffers as well as donations for our Breast Cushions. Well done to all and many thanks.

The following weekend it was a very early start for Irene, Jo, Mel, Margy and myself as we supported the District Zonta Says No walk from Newstead Park. Margy was the walker (all 7klm) with the rest of us helping with the registration and catering. What a great day – over 300 registered and the big NO looked just great with all those orange T-shirts.



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President's Patter (Cont.)

Next was our Dinner meeting where Mel used her IT knowledge to show us the video update on the ZIF Liberia Fistula program. We now have a greater appreciation of just how our small contribution to ZIF contributes to the bigger picture. Check out the ZI site to see more updates – <http://zonta.org>

Then it was off to the Yeronga State High School Awards night to present our Zonta scholarship to Lidia Mebrahtu – a delightful young woman who already has been guaranteed entry to Griffith University. Jo attended the Balmoral State High School Awards night in October and presented our scholarship to Nadia Querengasser. Both these winners along with our two continuing winners from Balmoral State High School will be invited to our March meeting.

Finally we came to the end of the month with our successful Cocktail Party to raise awareness of domestic and family violence in our community. Whilst numbers were not as high as we had hoped, it was still a successful function and my thanks to all who helped with it. Our Guest Speakers – Sergeant Leisa Wathen from the Queensland Police Service and Kylie Robertson from the Brisbane Domestic Violence Service certainly were knowledgeable and great speakers. We also used the function to formally launch our Safety Cards which we sponsored through BDVS and which now will be widely distributed through the southside of Brisbane. The posters which we also sponsored should be printed and available within the next couple of weeks.



Our Christmas meeting should be a lot of fun – croquet at the Wynnum Croquet Club along with a fabulous meal from Cater to Please. All equipment is supplied by the Croquet Club and Croquet Club members will be on hand to teach us how to play – or at least hopefully hit the ball. This meeting/party is open to family and our friends who have helped us during the year but as it is being catered we do need numbers by 8 December. Wear your brightest Christmas gear – remember flat shoes only – and bring along your contributions for the hampers/gifts for Madonna House so these can be delivered in time for Christmas.



Finally my thanks to all members for your support during this year and your contribution to the Club. I wish you and your families a very safe and happy Christmas holiday and hope that 2014 brings with it lots of happiness, good health and wealth. My apologies for the Newsletter being a bit later this month – had to delay it as my expert in editing/formatting was away enjoying herself in China.

Vale Judy “Goodtime” Anderson

Club members were saddened this month with the loss of long standing and very popular Zontian, Judy Anderson. Judy was always full of life at any Zonta function and had many, many friends in the Zonta world. She will be sadly missed and our thoughts are with her family and friends and the members of the Zonta Club of Brisbane Inc (check out their Newsletter on the District 22 website to read some wonderful tributes to Judy along with some photos of her) at this very sad time,

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.



Zonta Says No Campaign



As mentioned earlier our Club was well represented at the Zonta walk. Check out the website at <http://zontasaysno.com.au> for the video and photos and to find out what other Clubs are doing in support of this campaign.

From ZI

ZI has been providing daily updates during the 16 Days of Activism. The first was a Video and each day more information is forwarded by email. You can also check it out at <http://zontasaysno.com> Here are some disturbing facts taken from WHO and UN Women:

- Women and girls represent some 55% of the estimated 29.9 million victims of forced labour worldwide
- Women and girls represent 98% of the estimated 4.5 million forced into sexual exploitation; and
- More than 64 million girls worldwide are child brides
- 14 million girls under the age of 18 will be married this year – an average of 38,000 child brides per day or 13 every 30 seconds

In an analysis of 18 countries for the safest places for women to live and work Australia rates 4th. The top three countries were Canada, Germany and the United Kingdom. In 2010 the Australian Government Office for Women reported that 19.1% of women experienced sexual violence since the age of 15.

Coming Club Fundraisers

We have two more Sausage Sizzles at Bunnings for this year – 5 December and 30 December. If you can spare a few hours on these days please let Jo or Ros know so that we can include you in the roster and again share the workload.

Our 25th Birthday celebrations are on at the Colmslie Hotel on 15 March 2014. This will be a Cocktail Party from 5.00 to 8.00pm with an optional dinner following. We are endeavouring to contact all our past members to invite them to join us in the celebrations. If you are in contact with any former members, please give their contact details to Ros so an invitation can be forwarded to them. The 25th Anniversary Committee under Chairman Beverley Farley would still welcome additional members to the committee and ideas you may have to ensure a very successful and fun evening – just have a chat with Beverley.



Date Claimers

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| 5 December 2013 | Sausage Sizzle Bunnings, Rocklea |
| 15 December 2013 | Club Christmas Function, Wynnum Croquet Club |
| 30 December 2013 | Sausage Sizzle Bunnings, Rocklea |
| 13 January 2014 | Fellowship evening – Easts Rugby League Club |
| 20 January 2014 | Board Meeting, Easts Rugby League Club |
| 10 February 2014 | Dinner Meeting, Bulimba Library |
| 24 February 2014 | Board Meeting, Easts Rugby League Club |
| 15 March 2014 | 25th Birthday Celebration, Colmslie Hotel |
| 22 March 2014 | Areas 1 & 3 Meeting, Norths Leagues & Services Club, Kallangur |
| 27 June- 1 July 2014 | ZI Convention, Orlando, Florida |