

# East-enders

JULY 2015



Next Dinner Meeting

**Monday 14 September 2015**

Bulimba Library, Riding Road, Bulimba

6.30pm for 7.00 pm meeting

**Please Note: Our August meeting has been cancelled.  
Next meeting will be held on Monday, 14 September**

## Conviction, Commitment, Courage

### Board Members 2015—2016

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### President's Patter

Last newsletter I welcomed Elizabeth Peters to our meetings and it was a pleasure to induct her into our Club at our July dinner meeting. It was also exciting to have Jane along for her second meeting and Zoe to her first of our dinner meetings.

Maria Jose Landeira Oestergaard, International President, recently wrote to all Clubs about membership as the foundation of our organisation. As she so outlined so well, the survival of our organisation relies on our capabilities to attract committed members and develop strong leaders.

Membership remains one of our major objectives in our Strategic Plan and it is a role for each of us to reach out to potential new members, bring them along to a meeting and to ensure our guests and new members feel welcome, engaged and empowered with knowledge and understanding...and feel safe to ask questions. It is an excellent achievement for our Club this year to have a number of new members and women interested in joining us.

As it was written in the 2015 Zonta e-Newsletter:

“Embrace your Conviction of Zonta values, share your Commitment to empower women worldwide, and gain the Courage to ask peers to join our mission”.

Have you the courage to ask?

Many thanks once again to Irene for organising our July stall at the Morningside Festival and to our members and HonZons who helped on the day. The raffle and craft sales did well raising \$405. The major objective was to raise awareness of our Club and Zonta and possibly attract new members.



Remember our next major fundraiser for the year is the

High Tea on 24 October, UN Day. Our High Tea will be held at Yeronga SHS hall. Please start inviting guests now and make sure the date is in the diary.



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## Boardroom Lunch with ClaytonUtz



The Club has developed a strong relationship with ClaytonUtz and this was further demonstrated this month with the law firm providing an excellent opportunity for our young scholarship awardees to meet with women in law and to hear their stories around their careers.

Our young women were invited to a luncheon on Wednesday 15 July at the firm's Brisbane base. Nadia, Lily, Ashvini and Renee were able to come along to meet some senior members of the firm. Thanks also to Kerstin for her attendance with Jo at the luncheon.

Some 12 women and one male from all areas of the Firm joined us and it was heartening to hear that 30 staff had requested to attend and were interested in meeting our young women and hear about our work in Zonta.

Clayton Utz has several programs that aim to increase the number of women in law and senior positions as well as connecting with community. Their Momentum Program aims to provide a strong mentoring strategy throughout the firm and it was heartening to see how generous the women were in sharing their education and career path and their aspirations, as well as their diversity in backgrounds and their willingness to provide connections and mentoring with our young women.



Our thanks for their time and particularly to Scott and Kathryn for their support and organising the luncheon.

## Fellowship Activity

Arrangements are now in place for our next fellowship activity which will be held on Sunday, 15 November at the heritage listed Miegunyah at Newstead. Beverley, who volunteers there on a regular basis and is a member of the Women's Historical Association, the owner of the house, has generously offered to host a tour of this magnificent house followed by morning tea.

Cost will be \$15 per person and HonZons and friends are welcome but you must RSVP by 6 November.



## District Conference



Registration is now available for our District 22 Conference at Airlie Beach from 9 - 11 October 2015. The third Conference Newsletter will shortly be released with further information on speakers and the Conference program. Keep an eye out for it. It will be a great Conference hosted by the Zonta Club of the Whitsundays Inc.

## ZIF

### Empowering Women through International Service and Advocacy

This biennium, Zonta has committed US\$4.093 million to projects to prevent the root causes of gender inequality and violence against women internationally, in addition to more than US\$1 million for educational scholarships and awards. These projects and programs are making a difference in the lives of women and girls, empowering them to recognise their rights and realise their full potential.

In Liberia, Zonta's support continues to provide free surgical treatment to repair obstetric fistulas and empower women with the skills and resources to return to their communities to live healthy and productive lives. Last year alone, 150 women received treatment, despite the Ebola outbreak in Liberia.



Zonta's support to eliminate mother-to-child transmission of HIV in Rwanda also continues this biennium. Additional training for health care workers to use the "finger prick" method for HIV testing eliminates the need for blood withdrawal reducing wait time and improving patient satisfaction. An estimated 8,800 pregnant women and 13,000 participants in the Family Package program were reached during the first year of the biennium.

The first report from the Gender Responsive Schools Pilot Model in Vietnam is forthcoming in the next month.



Due to Zonta International's support for efforts to delay early marriage and early pregnancy in Niger, during the first year of the biennium, five regional workshops were organised to launch the project, recruit mentors, provide training and recruit program staff. Then, through door to door contact, more than 10,000 adolescent girls enrolled in the program.

Activities already underway with the girls include a literacy program and support for obtaining birth certificates and other identification documents. A Zonta site visit to Niger is planned for July 2015.

## Coming Club Fundraisers



Don't forget our Fashion Parade at Blue Illusion in Oxford Street, Bulimba on Saturday, 12 September 2015. This is a great fundraiser for the Club and a lot of fun, so bring your friends along to enjoy a viewing of the current fashions, a glass of bubbly and nibbles. A percentage of all sales made will be donated to the Club.

As Jo said in her President's Patter our major fundraiser for this year will be our High Tea on United Nations Day – 24 October 2015. We again will be holding it in the hall at Yeronga State High School with a starting time of 2.30 pm, so please mark this date in your diary and that of your friends so we can ensure a successful afternoon.

## Club Merchandise for Sale



Our manicure sets and torch key rings are still 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 \$7 each.



## New Member - Elizabeth Peters



At our last meeting we welcomed Elizabeth Peters as a member of our Club. More about Elizabeth next month!

## Date Claimers

31 August 2015	Board Meeting, Easts Leagues Club
12 September 2015	Fashion Showing, Blue Illusion, Oxford Street, Bulimba
14 September 2015	Dinner Meeting, Bulimba Library
28 September 2015	Board Meeting, Easts Leagues Club
9-11 October 2015	District Conference, Airlie Beach
12 October 2015	Dinner Meeting, Bulimba Library
24 October 2015	High Tea, Yeronga State High School
26 October 2015	Board Meeting, Easts Leagues Club
15 November 2015	Fellowship Morning tea at Miegunyah, Newstead
2-6 July 2016	ZI Convention, Acropolis Convention Centre, Nice, France