

East-Enders

December 2020

“Transitions, Changes and Opportunities”



Presidents Patter



Difficult to believe I am writing this with only a few weeks to go until Christmas and the celebrations that go with that wonderful time of the year. 2020 certainly has been a very different year as we have all had to learn to deal and work and continue our Zonta activities under COVID-19 Restrictions. It has been a challenge with most of our meetings this year held by ZOOM which whilst successful this has limited our personal interaction and proved challenging for some members but on the plus side quite a few of us have gained new skills in this process. To

each of you I say thank you for persevering with our “new way of doing things”.

Regardless of the challenges we have had some successful fundraisers eg our Trivia and Afternoon Tea and of course our Bunnings Sausage Sizzles and we have been able to meet our service commitments determined earlier in the year using our fundraising dollars from 2019-2020. Whilst our fundraising undoubtedly will be much less than in previous years I am also quite confident that when we determine our service projects for 2021-2022 will have sufficient to continue with the many projects and organizations that we support.

This has been quite a busy month for the Club as covered in the following pages and thank you to all that helped with our activities.

I also had the pleasure of being invited to attend the Zonta Club of Southern Gold Coast Tweed Inc 40th Birthday celebrations. A wonderful lunch and lovely to catch with up friends of many years. Congratulations to you all on your wonderful achievements and thank you for inviting me to celebrate with you and a special mention of Merle Stephen who was celebrating her 85th Birthday. Merle has attended many of our Club functions over the years.

Finally to all the readers of this Newsletter I wish you all a very happy and safe Christmas and a wonderful 2021.

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Fundraising



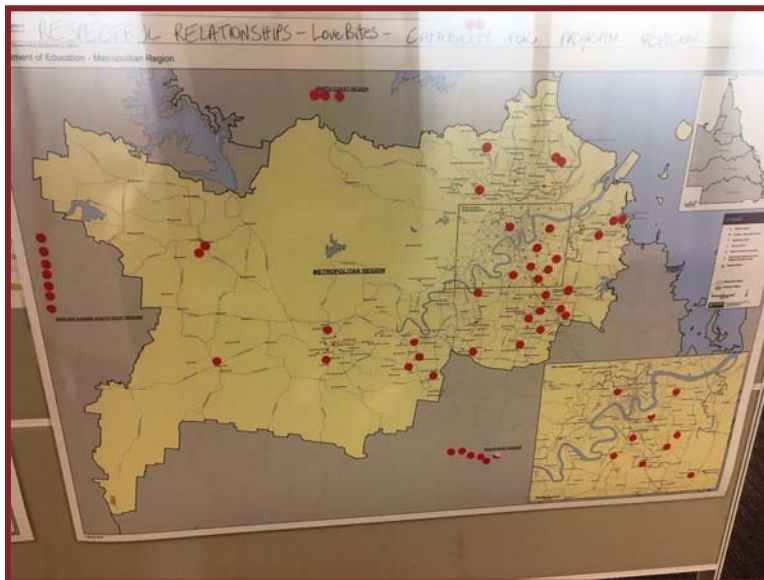
Fundraising this month again involved a Bunnings Sausage Sizzle at Rocklea on a hot Sunday. Many thanks to the members and HonZons who worked on this day. Whilst our takings on the day may not have been as high as we had hoped the day was still very successful so thank you very much.

Scholarship Winners

Congratulations to Jessica Nethercott from Balmoral State High School. Jessica is the 2020 recipient of our Beverley Farley Zonta Scholarship. Congratulations also to Nyiela Annuaritte who is the 2020 recipient of our Yeronga State High School Zonta Scholarship. Both students will be invited to our March 2021 Monthly Meeting along with all our current scholarship winners and we look forward to hearing of their studies and plans for their future careers.



Advocacy



Using the last of the funds received from the Zonta International Centennial Grant NAPCAN trained a further 23 facilitators across SE Queensland in the LoveBites Trauma Informed program. The facilitators will implement the program during the 2021 school year. Our thanks go to Yeronga State High School who provided an excellent venue for this training, to NAPCAN for managing the registrations (there was a waiting list!) to the caterers and very importantly to Club member Barbara Bolton-Hall who has taken the lead for this project since we first

commenced it in 2015. It is a big job and we really appreciate the time and effort Barbara puts in to this program to ensure it is a success.

Barbara has kept great records of the coverage in schools and has reported that nearly all high schools in the Metropolitan Region have at least one person trained to present the program. (represented by the red dots on the attached map). With contributions in 2016 from the Zonta Cubs of Brisbane River, Brisbane, Maroochy, Pine Rivers and Brisbane Sunrise facilitators have also been trained in high schools outside the Metropolitan Region.

This is a great effort from all involved with very positive feedback received from students who have been through the program.



Our other major advocacy focus 25 November through 10 December is our 16 Days of Activism highlighting the Zonta Says NO to Violence Against Women. The campaign kicked off with the Zonta Banner hanging outward bound on the Story Bridge from 23 November through 6 December and an Advocacy/Fellowship Walk on 24 November through Brisbane City, organized by the Zonta Club of Brisbane Sunrise Inc, to view bridges and buildings lit orange.

Fellowship

In lieu of our December meeting we will have our traditional Christmas get-together over dinner. This year it is being held at the Lovewell Project Café at the Mt Gravatt Café. Invitations have been sent out and the dinner is open to our HonZons and family members. Cost is \$35 per person for a set two course meal – drinks (soft drinks/juice only) extra. Hope everyone can come along.

Member News

Our thoughts are with Beulah and her family on the passing of her brother Denis after a long illness.

District News



Congratulations to the Zonta Club of Biloela Inc which has officially become the 45th Club in our District. Using ZOOM technology the Zonta International President, Sharon Langenbeck was able to join in the celebrations from the USA as was our ZI International Liaison, Florence Fischer-Herber from Luxembourg. They joined in with our D22 Governor,

Bridget and Lieutenant Governor, Lyn and other Zontians to wish the new Club all the very best. Special mention to Robyn Liddell and Zontians from the Zonta Club of Gladstone Inc for their great work in SOMing our new Club. The Club already has in hand some very exciting projects including a very active and innovative participation in the Zonta Says NO to Violence campaign and we wish them well for their future programs.

Congratulations to our D22 JMK Women in Business Scholarship winner, Sanuri De Silva, who was recently announced as one of the Zonta International winners.

Diary Dates

- 11 December 2020 – Dinner at the Lovewell Project Café, Mt Gravatt Lookout
- 25 November – 10 December 2020 – Zonta Says NO/Zonta Says YES campaign
- 8 February 2021 – Board meeting by ZOOM
- 15 February 2020 – FACE-TO-FACE Monthly Meeting



From the Zontians of the Zonta Club of Brisbane East Inc our best wishes for a very happy Christmas with friends and loved ones and to all a happy, safe and prosperous 2021.