

East-Enders

October 2020

“Transitions, Changes and Opportunities”



Presidents Patter



It really doesn't seem like a month since I pondered over my last Patter and here I am yet again – COVID restrictions don't seem to have made the days pass any slower!

This month we celebrate Zonta International's relationship with the United Nations with this newsletter featuring excerpts from the ZI website about involvement and connections with ZIF Service projects.

Also it has been a busy month as we discussed fundraising and determined we could do an Trivia and Afternoon Tea and comply with the COVID Safe Plan of Belmont Services Club so I hope to see you and your friends attend this fundraiser on 25th October. Numbers are limited so see the Flyer attached below for full details and payment in advance. Because of the restricted numbers we do need this in advance of the function.

Club members also thank Joan Pease, MP the member for Lytton for nominating both the Club and NAPCAN for inclusion on the DV Prevention Honour Roll established by the Government. I also thank Redland City Council which nominated me for the Roll.

Our Membership and Fellowship and Committee have been busy – see the report later on our Fellowship visit to Ipswich and we welcomed Rachel Wilkinson as a prospective member to our September meeting.

With School Award presentations, our Trivia and Afternoon Tea event, hopefully another Bunnings Sausage Sizzle, a Birthing Kit Assembly Day, our 2.5 day Trauma Informed LoveBite training through NAPCAN and our Zonta Says NO/Zonta Says YES 16 Days of Activism all happening in the lead-up to Christmas we will have a busy end to the year and I thank each of you for your involvement and commitment to these activities.

Til next month.

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Service/Advocacy

Women's Health Week was celebrated 7-11 September and to raise awareness of issues affecting women a daily post was placed on our Club Facebook page and emailed to members. Many thanks for doing this Sarah and Jacinta.

Sarah and Kerstin have been meeting with Desiree from CHAC and plans are all in hand for our second annual Birthing Kit Assembly Day on 13 October.

Fundraising

Keeping to the COVID Safe Plan approved for the Belmont Services Club we have quickly put together an Afternoon of **"Trivia and Afternoon Tea"** set for 25 October commencing at 1.30 for 2.00 pm start. Lesley will again be our Trivia Master so come prepared for lots of fun and of course we will have raffles etc and yummy finger food. Cost is \$30 per person and numbers are limited with a maximum of 6 at each table, limited because of COVID. For this reason and to ensure we can be socially distant the Club needs names and payment no later than 20 October. Full details are on the Flyer attached.

Many thanks to Councillor Kara Cook for her donation to the Club from her Morningside Ward allocation in recognition of the reduced fundraising opportunities for our Club this year because of the COVID-19 restrictions.



Fellowship



Many thanks to Jacinta and Sarah for organizing a very pleasant fellowship day – an outing to Ipswich. Members enjoyed browsing around the Ipswich Antique Centre before hearing from our member Heather on the history of this Heritage Listed building and its transformation from an old Congregational Church Sunday School Hall built in 1895 to its current glory as the Ipswich Antique Centre. We then moved to lunch at The Park Café in Queens Park to further plan for our upcoming Trivia and Tea fundraiser (see later) before enjoying a leisurely stroll through the Japanese Garden in the park – the Nerima Gardens. A great day enjoyed in beautiful Spring sunshine.



International News (taken from ZI website)

With 24 October being United Nations Day it is timely to relook at Zonta International's partnership with the United Nations – UN Women, UNFPA and UNICEF USA. Zonta International holds General Consultative Status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council and Participatory Status with the Council of Europe. Zonta teams engage in these important intergovernmental organizations and in important events and campaigns to further our global advocacy efforts and our mission to empower women worldwide.

Zonta International has invested in partnerships with UN Women (previously UNIFEM) for more than 30 years, beginning in 1986 with projects in Argentina, Botswana, the Comoros Islands, Thailand and Zimbabwe. Much of Zonta's work with UN Women has focused on



efforts to prevent and end violence against women and girls. This partnership has produced safer homes and public spaces, implemented laws to fully uphold women's rights and provided higher quality services for survivors of violence. Many more people from all walks of life know that attitudes and behaviors must

change, and are engaged in saying no to all forms of abuse. Over the last decade alone, Zonta International has contributed more than US\$5.9 million toward UN Women's efforts to end violence against women and girls around the world. Read more at

[https://www.zonta.org/Web/About/Our Partners/ZI and UN Women](https://www.zonta.org/Web/About/Our_Partners/ZI_and_UN_Women)

By working with agencies like UNFPA, the United Nations Population Fund, Zonta International can achieve its mission and goals and have a greater impact throughout the world. UNFPA's objectives include delivering a world where every pregnancy is wanted, every childbirth is safe and every young person's potential is fulfilled. Promoting gender equality and women's human rights and improving maternal health—all essential to achieving these objectives—are equally important to Zonta.



From 2008 to 2018, Zonta International contributed US\$3.5 million to UNFPA to support efforts to eliminate obstetric fistula in Liberia. Obstetric fistula is a childbirth injury usually caused by prolonged, obstructed labor without timely medical intervention. Zonta International's funding provided quality surgical treatment for women and girls living with fistula, supported their rehabilitation and helped them reintegrate back into their communities. It also provided critical support for training doctors in fistula management and care and helped reduce the incidence of obstetric fistula through widespread advocacy efforts.

In 2014, Zonta International began a new partnership with UNFPA to focus on the widespread problem of child marriage in Niger, where 76 percent of girls are married by age 18 and 28 percent by age 15. For four years, Zonta International and UNFPA worked

together to improve the health of adolescent girls in Niger, ensuring they have access to education, protecting them from violence, and empowering them by giving them access to female mentors and leaders. With the intent to make this Zonta's signature project for the next decade, Zonta International expanded its partnership in 2018 to support the UNFPA-UNICEF Global Programme to End Child Marriage, which brings together governments, civil society, families and young people in a collective effort to prevent girls from marrying too young and to support those already married as girls. Operating in 12 countries, the program is turning commitment into tangible action to make meaningful and lasting changes in girls' lives. Zonta International, as the first private sector donor to the Global Programme to End Child Marriage, is helping fund the initial phase, which has already reached more than 7.7 million adolescent girls.

Read more at https://www.zonta.org/Web/About/Our_Partners/ZI_and_UNFPA



Zonta International's partnership with UNICEF USA began nearly 50 years ago with six mobile medical units in Ghana. It was one of Zonta's earliest international service projects and the first time Zonta and UNICEF USA came together to help women and children in need.

Recognizing even then the lack of basic facilities in the rural areas of developing countries, Zonta International worked with UNICEF USA to establish six mobile pediatric medical units to serve the health needs of mothers and children in remote areas of Ghana from 1972 to 1974. The units were staffed by physicians, nurses and other paramedic personnel and visited six villages a week, providing pre- and post-natal care, information on nutrition and family planning, and treatment of diseases, such as malaria, tuberculosis, trachoma and leprosy.

Zonta International's support for UNICEF USA and its efforts to improve the lives of mothers and children globally has only continued to grow since that first project in Ghana. To date, Zonta International has provided nearly US\$9 million to UNICEF USA to support projects in Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Burkina Faso, Columbia, Ethiopia, Ghana, Guatemala, India, Madagascar, Mozambique, Nepal, Niger, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Uganda, Yemen and Zambia.

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Member News

More members travelling – this month Bronwyn is enjoying the beautiful Port Douglas – a break from the stress of organizing and settling in to her very new home. Sarah is having a well earned break in Townsville and then at home before again doing a roster with the flying Obstetrician and Gynaecologist, and Kirsten enjoyed a break on the wonderful Straddie.

Heather turned TV star with a segment on The Weekender story on Ipswich.

Diary Dates

- 12 October 2020 – Board meeting
- 13 October 2020 – Birthing Kit Assembly Day - CHAC
- 19 October 2020 – Monthly Meeting
- 25 October 2020 – Zonta Trivia and Tea – Belmont Services Club
- 8 November 2020 – Zonta International's 101st Birthday
- 9 November 2020 – Board Meeting
- 16 November 2020 – Board Meeting
- 25 November – 10 December 2020 – Zonta Says NO/Zonta Says YES campaign



ZONTA CLUB BRISBANE EAST
INVITES YOU TO

TRIVIA AND TEA

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

COVID 19 RESTRICTIONS APPLY

25TH OCTOBER 2020

1:30PM – 4:00PM

Belmont Services Club
20 Narracott St, Carina 4152

Cost: \$30 per person

All proceeds raised will help fund Club
service projects such as scholarships,
breast cushions and birthing kits



Q: What tea is named for a British
prime minister?
A: Earl Grey

Payment

ZONTA Tickets:
<https://zontatickets.com.au/event/11943>

OR

Zonta Club of Brisbane East Inc – Bank of Qld

BSB: 124 001

Account No: 11207043

Reference: Your name + TRIVIA

Tables of 4-6

Lucky door and spot prices
Raffles & trivia fun with Lesley
Finger food, tea and coffee
Cash bar available

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