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NEWSLETTER
Zonta Club of Brisbane East Inc

GPO Box 3060 Brisbane 4001

Charter Number 1235

December 2006

Next Dinner Meeting

**Monday
12 February**

Meeting 6.30pm
Dinner 7.30pm –
At

Goodearth Hotel
Wickham Tce
Cost \$32.00

(This includes one raffle ticket)

**Apologies to
Jill Hedley**

Phone 3279 2096

**After hours
By Friday 9 February**

Remember, if you are absent without an apology, an invoice for \$27.50 (cost of dinner) will be sent to all non-attending members

PRESIDENT'S PATTERN

Breast Cushions

Thanks to everyone who came to the last joint breast cushion working bee on Sunday 26 November with the Logan Club. All up we managed to complete 90 cushions with a few more just needing some stitching to complete. It was an excellent morning complete with birthday celebrations for Bronwyn.

We have delivered cushions already to Mater and will be delivering more to tide over until the new year.

The next breast cushion morning is not scheduled until January around 28th—however we will let everyone know as soon as possible as it is around Australia Day holiday weekend.

Fellowship Dinner

This excellent dinner occasion is one we usually look forward to. We are



exploring a couple of venues close to town so that it is not too much traveling for members.

Personal Care Items

Thanks to Claire for taking charge of the personal care items for the Hope Foundation which looks after women who have come out of jail.

Balmoral Scholarships

It is hoped that we will have the two Balmoral Educations Scholarship winners present for our February meeting. I am awaiting feedback from both as to their acceptance into tertiary education. They are both articulate and enthusiastic students and members will have the chance to meet them at the dinner meeting.

Lynn C



One day the first grade teacher was reading the story of Chicken Little to her class. She came to the part where Chicken Little warns the farmer. She read, "...and Chicken Little went up to the farmer and said, "The sky is falling!" The teacher then asked the class, "And what do you think that farmer said?" One little girl raised her hand and said, "I think he said: 'Holy Sh*t! A talking chicken!'" The teacher was unable to teach for the next 10 minutes.

Survey of members:

As Zontians heard at Convention in Melbourne, Zonta International is conducting a membership survey for the biennium. We have chosen to administer the survey during the period January - March 2007. Please set aside some time in one of your club meetings during this period for members to complete the survey. You may also call a special meeting just for this purpose should you want to handle it that way.

You will get the survey questionnaire (translated, if necessary) electronically from your Governor in late December. Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) about the survey are posted on the Zonta International Website.

The survey needs to be completed and posted to arrive in Philippines by end of March.

So Brisbane East would need to complete the survey at the February meeting to ensure deadline is met. The survey may need as much as 40 minutes to complete.

Convention to Eliminate All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW)

Zonta International's Commitment to CEDAW

At the 55th International Convention of Zonta International in 2002, Zontians passed a resolution promoting CEDAW and the Optional Protocol to CEDAW and called on clubs to take action in support of the treaty.

What is CEDAW?

CEDAW, was adopted by the United Nations in 1979 as a way to guarantee women's rights that were not previously subject to international standards, including rights in the political, social, economic, cultural and family life. 174 countries have ratified CEDAW.

How does CEDAW advance the Status of Women?

CEDAW provides a universal definition of discrimination against women and establishes an agenda for national action to end this discrimination. And also establishes a committee that reviews reports of Member States on progress made in implementing the treaty. Women's rights advocates have used their government's ratification of the CEDAW Convention to advocate for changes in their national constitution, to strengthen women's rights through the court system, to introduce and alter laws to promote gender equality and to improve government policies towards women.

Following are just a few examples:

- Colombia made domestic violence a crime
- India developed national guidelines on workplace sexual assault
- In Australia, the Sex Discrimination Act was upheld when the court agreed with the Government that CEDAW ratification expanded its ability to pass national laws regarding women's human rights.

How is CEDAW Enacted?

After the UN formally adopted CEDAW, it was presented to member states for their signatures.

Signing the treaty indicates a country's intent to ratify the treaty.

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Christmas Cheer!

A little girl was talking to her teacher about whales. The teacher said it was physically impossible for a whale to swallow a human because even though it was a very large mammal its throat was very small. The little girl stated that Jonah was swallowed by a whale. Irritated, the teacher reiterated that a whale could not swallow a human; it was physically impossible. The little girl said, "When I get to heaven I will ask Jonah". The teacher asked, "What if Jonah went to hell?" The little girl replied, "Then you ask him".

A Sunday school teacher was discussing the Ten Commandments with her five and six year olds. After explaining the commandment to "honour" thy Father and thy Mother, she asked, "Is there a commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters?" Without missing a beat one little boy (the oldest of a family) answered, "Thou shall not kill!!"

What can Zonta Clubs do to support CEDAW?

- Educate members about CEDAW and what it commits signatory parties to do
- Enlist the aid of prominent women in your community to speak out on issues of concern.
- Engage public officials in dialogues on your issues of concern.

Cultivate the support of organizations in your community that might educate and convince their membership to support your activities.

Scotch and Water

This story is for women in their senior years. If you don't yet qualify then save a copy till you do.

A lady goes to the bar on a cruise ship and orders a Scotch with two drops of water.

The bartender gives her the drink, and she says, "I'm on this cruise to celebrate my 80th birthday and it's today." The bartender says, "Well, since it's your birthday, this one is on me." As the woman finishes her drink, the woman to her right says, "I would like to buy you a drink, too." The woman says, "Thank you, how sweet of you. OK then, Bartender, I want a Scotch with two drops of water." "Coming up," says the bartender.

As she finishes that drink, the man to her left says, "I would like to buy you a drink too."

The woman says, "Thank you very much my dear.... Bartender, I'll have another Scotch with two drops of water."

"Coming right up," the bartender says. As he gives her the drink this time, he says, "Ma'am, I'm dying of curiosity. Why the Scotch with only two drops of water?" The old woman smiles and giggles her reply, "Sonny, when you're my age, you've learned how to hold your liquor..... Water, however, is a whole other issue!"



DATE CLAIMERS

- Monday 8 January—Fellowship Dinner**
- Sunday 28 January—Next Board Meeting**
- Monday 12 February—Next Dinner meeting**
- Friday 23 February—Amelia Earhart 6.30pm at Science Centre Qld Museum**
- Cost \$35pp**