



East-enders

Newsletter
Zonta Club of Brisbane Inc

GPO Box 3060 Brisbane 4001

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June 2007

Next Dinner Meeting

Annual General Meeting

**Monday
9 July**

Pre-Dinner nibbles 6pm
Committee Meetings 6.15pm
Dinner 7.30pm –9.30pm
At

Good Earth Hotel

Wickham Tce
(Ground Floor)

Cost \$32.00 each

\$5 Meeting only

(This includes one raffle ticket)

**Apologies by Sunday 8 July
to**

Margaret Casey

Phone 3907 0845

After hours

*In absence on an apology
an invoice for \$27.50 will be
sent to all non-attending
members.*

PRESIDENT'S PATTERN

Breast Cushions: The next breast cushion morning will be on **Sunday 29 July** at Education office at Mt Gravatt Market Square. We start at about 9.30am through until midday—everyone is welcome to come along. There are plenty of cushions, as the sewers will make sure we have some to fill. Last workshop we finished 46 cushions, thanks to Bev Farley, Denise, Lyn Papa, Jo Diesel, Bronwyn, Michelle, Betty and Joy which was all the prepared cushions we had so we will start with a clean slate this time. Members of the Logan Club will join us again for the morning.

July Meeting: The July meeting is scheduled the day after our Antique Fair so there may be a change of plans at the June meeting. Please make sure you check your emails or come along to the Fair as there maybe some news then.

Special Guest: and Management. We welcome her nomination.

Antique Fair: Not much more to say on this subject—we are just hoping for a big crowd and a good roll-up of members and friends to keep everyone happy and

well-fed. Flyers and posters are still available to put up in your workplace or neighbourhood so please see Denise or Heather.

Entertainment Books: Still some books available for just \$60 each with the club earning \$12 for each book sold. Please see Jill to get your copies as they are limited in numbers this year.

Resolution: At the May 2007 meeting the club voted to second a resolution from Toowoomba Club to go to the District 24 Conference asking for the Federal Government to subsidise one DXA benchmark bone scan for all post-menopausal women and all men over 60 years of age with follow-up DXA scans at least every 5 years for those with low bone density. In addition the resolution advocated that all people diagnosed with low bone density be eligible for PBS medications to treat osteoporosis.

Membership: Denise had some interesting thoughts on membership difficulties of many of Zonta Clubs and how we might address the challenges. Copies of the information was at the May dinner meeting—Anyone wanting the information should give me a call.

Thank you: I would like to thank everyone for their support during the last two years. We have certainly done a lot for the small club. I look forward to the new Executive leading the way for the next two years and with their support will continue to provide news and information for everyone.

Miss Saigon: Anyone interested in attending this show in late August ???

.Lynn Callander

CLUB

EXECUTIVE

2007-2008

Executives of the Zonta Club of Brisbane East Inc are:

President: **Bronwyn Campbell**

Vice Pres: **Jo Diessel**

2 Vic Pres: **Jill Hedley**

Secretary : **Margaret Casey**

Treasurer: **Ros Kinder**

Directors: **Lyn Papa**
Bev Purcell



Antique & Collectibles Fair
Sunday 8 July
Jindalee State School
Bring your friends, family members
All offers of help gratefully accepted
Flyers available

Female UN Officer are Role Models

Female United Nations police and military serve as role models in the war-torn countries where they are deployed, the President of the General Assembly has said.

"Peacekeepers not only carry out their mandated tasks; they create a lasting legacy by exemplifying how military and police can engage in humanitarian work while interacting respectfully with civil society," General Assembly President Sheikha Haya Rashed Al Khalifa said in a [message](#) for the International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers,

"A shining example of this is the first ever all-female contingent of United Nations Police sent from India to Liberia," she added. "These Blue Berets are not only helping to restore the rule of law, they are also serving as role models for Liberian women."

Since the contingent's arrival, the number of Liberian women taking steps to join the national police force has increased, according to the President.

Sheikha Haya also hailed the contribution being made by UN military, police and civilian personnel across the world engaged in a broad range of activities, from disarmament to human rights monitoring. "Accomplishments last year – from helping organize the Democratic Republic of the Congo's first elections in four decades to taking Haiti's streets back from the gangs – are milestones of success," she said.

"The overarching objective is to create space for individuals to resume a normal life, so that children can return to school, ex-fighters can join the workforce and farmers can use fields once infested with mines to plant crops," she added.

The President emphasized that UN operations "do more than just silence the guns; they help to foster a culture of sustainable peace in countries that have been devastated by conflict, some for decades."

UN pledges hope for Africa's children

The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) marked the Day of the African Child by calling on governments, communities and families to boost efforts to prevent child trafficking.

"Globally, an estimated 1.2 million children are trafficked each year, within countries as well as across borders," said UNICEF Executive Director Ann M. Veneman. "Children are trafficked into prostitution, into armed groups to serve as child soldiers, to provide cheap or unpaid labour, and to work as house servants or beggars."

Trafficking exposes children to violence, sexual abuse, severe neglect, and HIV infection, she pointed out, while violating children's right to be protected, to grow up in a family environment and to have access to education.

UNICEF called for punishing the perpetrators of human trafficking, which generates an estimated \$9.5 billion a year and fuels other criminal activities.

Concerted action is also needed to tackle the social and economic factors behind this crime, which has its roots in poverty, UNICEF said. Children are frequently lured with promises of good jobs in other countries or in cities in their own countries. In reality they are "traded like commodities" to work in brutal conditions and many children face beatings and other forms of physical and sexual abuse from their employers.

Citing an example of the trauma endured by African children in conflict, the Special Representative described the ordeal of a former child soldier in Sierra Leone who left his community because he felt "haunted by bad spirits" and was re-recruited to fight for rebels in Liberia before working as a mercenary in Côte d'Ivoire. He said he left Sierra Leone because there is peace there now, explaining: "What I really know how to do well is fight and be a soldier."

Ms. Coomaraswamy pointed out that courts are now trying Charles Taylor, the former President of Sierra Leone, and Congolese fighter Thomas Lubana. The battle against impunity, she said, is the key to end grave violations against children.

"Children deserve protection. Violations of children's rights must stop, impunity must end," she said.

The Day of the African Child is celebrated on 16 June in recognition of the day when, in 1976, thousands of Black schoolchildren had marched in the streets of Soweto to claim their right to a better education, sparking a two-week revolt in which more than 100 people were killed and thousands were wounded.

Important Dates

Sunday 8 July— Antique & Collectable Fair—Jindalee

Monday 9 July—Next Dinner Meeting.

Thursday 19 July—Respect-the Musical—Caboolture Club

Patricia Clunes 5498 6066 (Last Chance for a great show)

Saturday 8-Sunday 9 September—D24 Conference at Twin Towns, Tweed Heads—Registration available soon.

Sunday 14 October—Pine Rivers Women in Business Expo