

# East-Enders



**August 2020**

## Presidents Patter



This past month was all about the ZI Convention and the Club congratulates all those elected to office at International and District level. Our Zonta International President is Sharon Langenbeck from the USA and our District 22 Governor is Bridget Mather a member of the Zonta e-Club of Queensland. To our outgoing D22 Governor Sandy Venn Brown and Area 3 Director Anne Beulah many thanks for your support and assistance these past two years. Congratulations also to our own Jo who was officially installed as our Area 3 Director. More information on Convention is covered later in this Newsletter.

Our August meeting will be face-to-face at the Bulimba Library with an option for members to ZOOM in if they so desire. COVID-19 restrictions do apply to the meeting room which has a limit of 12 persons with each person required to supply their contact details. It will be good to have a face-to-face meeting even though we will need to maintain social distancing.

Sadly we have had to cancel our High Tea which was scheduled for late August but if restrictions are lifted maybe we can reschedule at a later date. With Bunnings Sausage Sizzles recommencing we are also monitoring these regarding any new requirements.

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## July Meeting

Our July meeting was a busy one as we determined our service projects for the coming year. This year we have committed to continuing our Scholarships for girls exiting Grade 12 at Balmoral and Yeronga State High Schools to continue their tertiary education. A commitment was made to hold a Birthing Kit Assembly Day, continue our Club support of the ZI scholarship programs, Madonna House, the Zonta Says NO campaign and provide some

assistance to Open Haven. Our Zonta Breast Cushion project which is funded separately will also continue.

Our JMK Committee also reported on their evaluation of the six applications the Club received for the JMK Women in Business Scholarship. Our congratulations to our Club winner Lily Kennedy. Lily is in her third year of study in International and Public Relations at QUT. She has achieved extremely good results for her studies and received many honours. Lily's application will now be submitted to the District for judging at that level and we wish her all the best. We will also invite her to a future Club meeting to receive her cheque and Club Certificate.



### ***Fellowship***

On a beautiful sunny Sunday afternoon nine of us attended a wonderful fellowship lunch at the home of Jacinta. Many thanks to Jacinta for your hospitality and ensuring we followed the social distancing rules. The fellowship lunch was also a great reason to have a baby shower for Divya who is expecting her little boy on 4 August. We look forward to hearing the news of his arrival in August and of course lots of photos.

### ***District 22 Board 2020-2022***

The 2020-2022 District 22 Board was officially installed on 25 July 2020. Congratulations to all and best wishes for a very successful biennium.



## ***Member News***

Congratulations to Denise Conroy on her appointment to the Zonta International By-laws Committee. The Committee is charged with a total review of the ZI Bylaws so Denise will have a very busy time ahead of her but with her knowledge and experience there is no doubt she is more than well qualified for this role.

Bronwyn and Greg Campbell are having a busy time. They have moved in to their new home so “nomads no more” and according to Bronwyn having some difficulty “down-sizing”.

### ***2020-2022 ZIF Service Projects***

Convention adopted the following International Service Projects for the 2020-2022 Biennium

- Adolescent Girls Health and Protection in Peru - \$US 1,000,000 through UNICEF USA
- Delivering Survivor Centred Response to Gender Based Violence in Papua New Guinea and Timor-Leste - \$US 1,000,000 through UNFPA
- Let Us Learn Madagascar – Phase 111 - \$US 500,000 through UNICEF USA
- Ending Child Marriage – Phase 11 - \$US 1,500,000 to UNFPA & UNICEF through UNICEF USA

Details on each of these programs including anticipated outcomes can be found on the ZI website (<http://zonta.org>)

### ***Member Profile – Beverley Farley***



I was born in New Farm, Brisbane and apart from a two and half year sojourn in Canada and England and an exciting five years in Gatton I have remained a Brisbane 'girl'. In my primary school era, girls who resided in the so-called poorer suburbs were not educated any further than Scholarship. I was blessed with parents who saw the need for girls to be educated. As a result, I was the only one of my Scholarship class (boy or girl) to obtain a Senior Certificate. This enabled me to train at Kelvin Grove Teaching College as a primary school teacher.

As was the practice then, my first appointment was to Zillmere State School where I had completed my primary education. Here I was mentored by many of my past teachers. My next position was to a new school over the railway line. This was where I learnt many of the skills necessary in encouraging a love of learning in young minds. Resources were few and rooms were limited. You learn very quickly when you have forty ten-year olds three feet in front of you in the old lounge room of the original house on the site and five different nationalities to deal with.

Bald Hills was my next school – an old school but well resourced.

I then fulfilled one of my dreams of teaching overseas. My friend Anna and I were able to obtain positions in British Columbia and Quebec, Canada and then in England. These positions brought both a wealth of experience in methodology and presentation. They also allowed me to realise another of my dreams of travelling to South America and climbing Machu Pichu.

On my return to Queensland my feet were firmly planted on the ground for me by the Education Department by insisting that I serve six months probation if I were to resume teaching. Apparently my overseas experience was detrimental to my teaching ability!!! I was appointed to Lockyer District High to begin with the new year Eights in the new scheme. I taught for five years in Gatton thoroughly enjoying my 'country service'.

Nashville High, another new school, was my next appointment as Senior Mistress and acting English Subject Master. After five very enjoyable years there I became the unthinkable - a Deputy Principal at Ipswich High. I was very fortunate in having an administrative team who were very supportive of me. The mixture of 'town kids', 'country kids' and "Air Force kids" made teaching very exciting.

Next was Wavell High as Deputy Principal where I was for nine years. This was a challenging place to be as we had 1700 students and rooms for only 1400. At that time all timetables were hand done so my six by four office had walls of boards and pins. Deputy Principals also taught in those days so my Senior English classes were always a delight taking me away from the hassles of everyday management of people and spaces.

I was promoted to Mabel Park High as Principal to open a new school - 300 Year Eight's, limited resources but new rooms not all completed and no playing areas. Here I soon learnt that female Principals were a 'novelty' and that many a Jackie Howe singled out father who thought he would be able to brow-beat me quickly learnt that this was no easy task. Opening a new school is a very rewarding experience but full of hopes and despairs. If you were not tolerant of human nature then you soon learnt to be. After three years I was again given the opportunity of opening another new school at Bray Park. This was a wonderful time as all rooms were completed and the oval was being developed. The entire school community was very proud of the school and worked extremely hard to make it a success.

Balmoral was my last school. It was very different from my previous experience as it was an old school already steeped in its own traditions. To create something new was not always an easy task. But it was here that I had my first encounter with Zonta through Phyllis Pledger, a member of the Zonta Club of Wynnum Redland Inc. She told me a new club

was forming and I was very keen to join as I knew how difficult it was for a woman to break into a man's world.

I was accepted as a Charter Member of the Zonta Club of Brisbane East. During my membership I have witnessed the comings and goings of many members and I have been honoured to share in their lives. I realise that my involvement has been very parochial but I enjoy learning of the wider scope of Zonta's activities. My role in the club has varied and I have held a number of executive positions. My one regret is that I have never attended an international convention.

One of the greatest lessons that I have learnt is that being even a small cog in a very large wheel enables that wheel to function fully. It has also taught me the necessity of being tolerant of working with very high achievers because we are all members hoping to improve the status of women throughout the world.

Since my retirement I have been involved in the Queensland Women's Historical Association. This affords me the opportunity of furthering the recognition of women in our great State. I have also been awarded an OAM which I hope will help people to recognize the work of both these societies.

I thank my fellow Zontians for their friendship and their always being there for me and hope that the Club will continue with the fight for women.

### ***Diary Dates***

10 August 2020 – Board Meeting

17 August 2020 – Monthly Meeting – Face-to-Face Bulimba Library plus option to ZOOM in

14 September 2020 – Board Meeting

21 September 2020 – Monthly Meeting