

East-Enders

October 2021

“Transitions, Changes and Opportunities”



Presidents Patter



As we look forward to our October fundraiser at the cinema to view the movie “Respect”, it is worthwhile to consider our collective understandings of exactly what respect means. The adages that bluntly state that “children must respect their elders” or that “people in positions of authority” should be respected, are clearly outdated given the insidious crimes that have been committed by members of these groups. However, we must challenge disrespect for groups or individuals based singularly on gender, age, race, religion, beliefs, sexual preference, economic demography or lifestyle.

To show respect when in direct contact with another, we need to listen to them. Everyone wants to have their say and feel that they are being listened to, and by doing this we validate them. We find out what is important to them and what concerns them. By noticing something positive about the person or group, we are providing evidence that they matter.

Helping others is a significant action that shows we care, and by caring we show our respect for that individual or group. Kindness is an integral part of helping as we recognise that someone is in need.

We often tell our children that manners and politeness do not cost anything, but are priceless. Our polite response to all those we meet, interact with, or serve communicates respect.

Have you ever done something for a stranger that will benefit them, and been acknowledged? Something as simple as slowing to allow a car to merge into your lane, or allowing someone with fewer groceries than you to take your place in the queue and being rewarded with a thank you, a smile or a wave creates a very warm feeling inside. It is not that we carry out the act for the potential thank you that may eventuate, but it sure makes us feel respected for our gesture.

The removal of respect from a particular group leads to rejection, discrimination and ultimately abuse. The importance of rewarding respectful behaviour and challenging disrespectful behaviour, cannot be under rated. Bystander behaviour can significantly influence how we make a statement about our values; choosing to ignore or challenge disrespectful behaviour is a statement about our true character.

Valerie

Membership

Not quite a fellowship activity but certainly a demonstration of the advantage of a hybrid monthly meeting was evident for our September monthly meeting. Whilst some members enjoyed each others company face-to-face we were joined by Sarah who was working in Hervey Bay, Jacinta who was enjoying a break in Mount Isa and Litty a potential member who was working in Roma. The meeting also welcomed Maria as a guest to the meeting.

Susan has been in the wars and is sporting a cast on her wrist after a fall. Hope it is better soon,

Advocacy

Planning is well underway for the 16 Days of Activism in support of the Zonta Says NO to Violence campaign in November/December. As per previous years a walk around the city is planned for 24 November to view and photograph many of the city buildings and bridges that will be lit orange. This walk is open to all (including fur babies) and will commence from King George Square at 6.00pm. More information on activities will be included next month and can be accessed from the District 22 website.

Fundraising

Thanks to Sarah for organizing our next fundraising event – a movie night to see the great movie “Respect” at the Palace Cinema at the Barracks on 10 October. Tickets are only \$29 which includes a drink on arrival and the movie and can be purchased via ZontaTickets. Get your friends together and purchase your tickets. Tickets available at <https://zontatickets.com.au/event/14217> Full details on the Flyer attached. **TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED BY SUNDAY AS WE HAVE TO GIVE FINAL NUMBERS ON MONDAY 4 OCTOBER 2021**

Service

11th October is the date (if allowed under COVID restrictions) for our third Birthing Kit Assembly Afternoon with the staff and students from the Cannon Hill Anglican College. This year, with contributions towards the kits from CHAC and the Zonta Club of Brisbane Inc, we are hoping with the help of the very eager students from CHAC to complete 800 kits during the afternoon. A further Assembly Day will be organized to assemble yet more kits with the help of funding from the Zonta Clubs of Brisbane Sunrise and Brisbane South.

International News



October 24 is United Nations Day so it is timely that we remember the relationship Zonta International has with the UN.

The following information is taken from the Zonta International website and specifically the book “100 Years of Zonta International”, *Appendix 16 Zonta International and the UN* authored by Zontian Eva Nielsen, a member of the Zonta Club of Copenhagen 11. The full book can be accessed at https://www.zonta.org/Web/About/100_Years_Zonta_International.aspx

Zonta International has a long history with the UN having been granted roster-level status by the United Nations Economic and Social Council (UNESCO) in 1963. This status recognised Zonta as a UN-affiliated NGO. During the 1960s, Zonta International worked to advance the status of women through close cooperation with the UN Commission on the Status of Women. In 1969 Zonta International celebrated its golden anniversary and its status with UN ECOSOC was elevated from Roster level to Consultative Status Category II. (Category II consultative status is granted to organizations “Which have a special competence in, and are specifically with, only a few of the fields of activity covered by the Council, and which are known internationally within the fields for which they seek consultative status”.) Zonta’s Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws are inextricably linked with those of the UN, and for that reason Zonta was one of the first organizations to be granted consultative status.

1971 saw Zonta International granted Consultative Status with UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization) and in 1972 consultative Status with UNICEF (United Nations International Children’s Emergency Fund). 1972 also saw PIP Helvi Sipilä appointed Assistant Secretary-General of the United Nations, the first woman to have held this post. Consultative status with the ILO was granted in 1975.

Zonta International Category 11 status with UNECOSOC was upgraded to Category 1 in 1985. . Category I consultative status is granted to organizations “which are concerned with most of the activities of the Economic and Social Council and can demonstrate that they have marked and sustained contributions to make the achievements of the objects of the UN known (...) .and are closely involved with the economic and social life of the peoples of the areas they represent and whose membership is broadly representative of major segments of population in a large number of countries.”

In 1986 Zonta International became the first NGO to support UNIFEM by helping to institute the “Women’s Development is World Development” program 1986–92 providing training, education, appropriate technologies, and revolving loan funds for women funding for women in Argentina, Botswana, Comoros Islands, Egypt, Honduras, India, Mexico, the Philippines, Sierra Leone, Thailand, Togo and Zimbabwe

In 1996 the UN changed its nomenclature and, as Zonta International met the criteria, granted Zonta the highest NGO status offered by ECOSOC - General Consultative Status. This gave the organization special privileges and responsibilities to the UN. There are over 4,600 NGOs with consultative status but only 143 of them have General Consultative Status.

Zonta International has been an active contributor to then UN with submissions on major issues and a strong involvement in the annual Commission on the Status of Women facilitating workshops and moderating panels. In February 2008, Mr. Ban Ki-moon, the then General Secretary launched the global campaign UNiTE to End Violence Against Women with the words “violence against women is an issue that cannot wait. Zonta is a launch-partner to UNiTE to End Violence Against Women”. As a launch partner to the Say NO-Unite to end Violence against Women campaign, Zonta has brought attention to the efforts to end violence against women around the globe and in the local communities.



Our Zonta International Service projects are also conducted through the various UN agencies eg UNICEF (Let us Learn Madagascar and Adolescent Girls Health and Protection in Peru and United Nations Populations Fund (Ending Child Marriage



and Strengthening Response to GBV Survivors in Papua New Guinea and Timor-Leste)

Diary Dates

10 October 2021 – Movie Night at the Palace Cinema, the Barracks, Petrie Terrace
11 October 2021 – Birthing Kit Assembly Day, CHAC
11 October 2021 – Board Meeting/Fellowship Drinks
18 October 2021 – Monthly Meeting
24 October 2021 – United Nations Day
23 November 2021 – Paint the Bayside Orange Breakfast, Wynnum Manly Leagues Club
24 November 2021 – ZSN Fellowship Walk
25 November 2021- 10 December 2021 – ZSN 16 Days of Activism
2 December 2021 – ZSN Breakfast in partnership with BDVS – The Greek Club
6 December 2021 – ZSN Webinar
25-28 June 2022 - 65th Zonta International Convention, Hamburg, Germany
2024 – Zonta International Convention - Brisbane

ZONTA BRISBANE EAST
PRESENTS

MOVIE NIGHT

"RESPECT"

OCTOBER 10
18:00 ARRIVAL | 19:00 START
PALACE CINEMA AT THE BARRACKS
COMPLEMENTARY DRINK + RAFFLE PRIZES
\$29 THROUGH ZONTA TICKETS



ACADEMY AWARD® WINNER
JENNIFER HUDSON
IN
ARETHA FRANKLIN



RESPECT

HER VOICE CHANGED EVERYTHING