

# Zonta International District 7

## Governor's Newsletter

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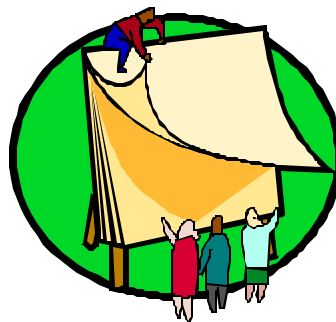
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### Greetings from the Governor

Dear Zontians,

As I sit here compiling all the information for this newsletter I look around the campus and see all the students returning for the semester. It's exciting to see all the new freshmen wandering around just taking in their new environment. They are all starting a new chapter in their lives and evaluating what they are doing and where they want to go in life. It reminds me of what several of the clubs around the district are doing in evaluating their projects, fundraising, and membership activities. Please take a look at the article from Kathy Swan, district StWS chair on page two for ideas in review your service projects. Also, several clubs are doing membership activities so check that out on page 3!



Included in this newsletter is some great history on District 7 that I came across in some documentation that I got from Past Governor Cathi. Take a look – we've contributed some great things to Zonta as we know it today and have had two International Presidents come out of District 7. I was surprised to learn some

of these things and wanted to share it with all of you! There is also a listing of all the clubs in the district, past and present, including chartering dates. We've had quite the history ladies! Now let's get to planning out future!

By now, each of the clubs should have received their packets of information for the business sessions at the Fall Conference in Kansas City and everyone should have received their Call to Conference as well. I hope to see many of you there! We've got a great Kansas City bar-b-que planned for Friday night and lots of activity on Saturday and Sunday! Take a look inside for more information on the weekend!

Just a reminder to everyone that I'd love to see what is going on in your clubs so please make sure to include me and your area director in on your newsletter mailings (and club directories). We'll take them either electronically or by mail. It's the main source I use to let others in the district know what the different clubs are up to as well as who are the new members in the district.

Have a great fall and let's get planning all those great things we do as Zontians in our communities!

See you in Kansas City!

*Kerry*

# Zonta Service (what does it mean?)

Dear Zontians:

Even though we recently completed annual report forms, it's not too early to consider completion of the Service & Advocacy Project Form and optional Fundraising Report! The March 2004 due date will quickly be upon us! The report affords us an opportunity to showcase one of our club projects that exemplifies the mission of Zonta. As a reminder, only "Z" related projects will be recognized on the Service/Advocacy Report. If photographs are submitted, please indicate the scene and names of individuals on the back.

So, what qualifies as a "Z" project? At the 2002 International Convention, Kirsten Theisen (Copenhagen, Denmark), International Chairman of the Status of Women Service Committee addressed service and advocacy as they relate to the mission of Zonta and our international service projects. Her presentation detailed the differences in "Z" projects and "B" projects. Our "B" projects reflect ownership in our respective communities and create community awareness. While they may not specifically be focused on the advancement of women, they enable us to be good stewards of our neighborhoods and serve the immediate needs of others. Each year, as we consider new service projects, it is imperative that we make "Z" projects a priority, both internationally and locally. By committing 1/3 of our monies to Zonta International, we bolster our chances of furthering the advancement of women worldwide. Locally, we can develop our own system of prioritizing projects to make the best use of club resources that advance the status of women, regionally and locally. Member retreats and brainstorming sessions provide a wonderful opportunity to re-focus! Please see Kirsten's PowerPoint presentation on the International website, [www.zonta.org](http://www.zonta.org), entitled, "Zonta Project Test."

Carol Rainey, Service Coordinator, STWS Zonta International Committee offers an explanation of service hours. She reports, "Service hours include the time members spend on service projects adopted by the club. They do NOT include the time spent on fundraising for local, district, or international service projects." So, please keep records of total hours contributed by individual members on service projects and fundraising separately.

With over 1200 clubs and 33,000 awesome members worldwide, we can focus to strengthen our identity and achieve progress for all women to improve their legal, political, economical, educational, health, and professional status. Keep up the good work!

Sincerely,  
Kathy Swan  
Chair, District 7 Status of Women Service Committee

stationed abroad and help foreign workers navigate life in the US. They also offer language classes, site surveys in foreign communities, diversity training and advice on how to close a deal in another culture.

## On-line Information

### Zonta Resource Center

Just a reminder to everyone, there is a plethora of information available at the Zonta International website – [www.zonta.org](http://www.zonta.org)  
All Zontians can access Member Resource Center and it is password protected. This is a great way to keep current on Zonta news and check out the links to other clubs around the world. You will need to sign in and the sign-in is case sensitive.  
Username: zontainternatl  
Password: Amelia

### Governor's Newsletter On-line!

The Zonta club of St. Cloud has volunteered to post the district newsletter up on their website so more members can access it. Please share with your club members (and potential Zontians) that they can now see past and current newsletters at:  
<http://www.zontastcloudmn.org>

### Convention 2004 Information

The Convention website is up and running and continues to be updated. Please check it out at:  
<http://www.zontaconvention2004.com/>

## Zontian in the News

**Pat Lawrence**, Jefferson City, was one of six finalists for the 2003 Jefferson City Teacher of the Year.

**Cheryl Mothes**, Cape Girardeau, was awarded the Century Award for her work with Edward Jones.

**Linda Jacobsen**, St. Charles, was featured in an article in the business section of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch in July. The article focused on her business – Global Vision Strategies – where she provides training to Americans who are about to be

## New Members in the District!

*(from club newsletters)*

- Shannon Brenneke, Betsy Akerholdt, Lori Raitchel, Nia Ray, Holly Schroer - Jefferson City
- Alicia Hansen, Terri Foley, Sherry Persinger, Karen Stephens, Susan Hall, Ellen Dillon and returning Zontian Marcia Southard-Ritter - Cape Girardeau
- Pam Graff Corbin, Regan Frank - Fargo-Moorhead
- Bea Awonyii - Central Iowa

# A Look around District 7

## Service

**Cape Girardeau** – The club wallpapered two bathrooms in a local Habitat for Humanity house. The assembled literacy packets for distribution; participated in Relay for Life, and volunteered to do repairs at the “Red House”.

**Johnson County** – Collecting winter coats for the Johnson County Christmas Bureau for distribution in the community;

## Fundraising

**Topeka:** First Annual Zonta Garage Sale held at local Wal-Mart including sales of hotdogs and cold drinks [Wal-Mart supplied the grill...this could be a good idea for other clubs to use!]

# Women of Achievement – Jefferson City

Kudos to the women of Jefferson City – With their May Women of Achievement Luncheon they:

- ❖ Hosted a crowd of 856;
- ❖ Honored 14 local women who make a difference in their community;
- ❖ Gave a second chance to five women;
- ❖ Awarded two Women of Achievement;
- ❖ Honored Rosalee Little with the first ever Mrs. William H. Weldon Lifetime Achievement Award;
- ❖ Celebrated Dr. Debbye Turner for her work in the area of communications; and
- ❖ Enjoyed the Governor proclaiming 13 May 2003 Zonta Day!

# District Membership

According to the latest membership information from the district treasurer, dues have been received by all but 2

clubs and district membership is at 571. We ended 2002-2003 with 650 so this is a 12% drop. We had great growth last year so we need to work on getting our numbers back up.

Also, a reminder that clubs need to get their dues and new member dues in on a timely basis to the District and to International so we can be fully counted for our membership!

# Membership Drive in St. Paul

On September 23rd, we are hosting a membership recruitment event. We have sent letters out to 200 business women and associations inviting them to find out more about Zonta. It was suggested at our meeting last night that perhaps you have friends in the Minneapolis/St. Paul area that might be interested in becoming a Zontian whom we could invite to this recruitment event. Would you be willing to either contact those women directly, or send us their contact information so that we can reach out to them? The event is from 5:30-7:30 PM on Tuesday, September 23 at the Sheraton Four Points Hotel on Highway 94 and Hamline Ave. in St. Paul. Please contact Joann Usher at <jusher@tcgmc.org > if you know of any potential members in the St. Paul area!

# Rochester Club Update

Lt. Governor Linda Jacobsen met with Zontian Jo Rockwell in Rochester, Minnesota in July. Jo has been working behind the scenes for several years to jump start a new Zonta club there.

The District 7 board thought it would be great to see if we can all swing behind Jo's efforts, and so we are, with great gusto! Jo and Linda had three separate meetings with women interested in joining the club-in-progress, and it was agreed that the best way to start off, so they can

begin functioning as soon as possible while they continue to build, is by becoming a satellite to the Mankato club nearby. A representative of the Mankato club, Kay Van Buskirk, herself a longtime Zontian, came the first day to offer every personal encouragement as well. All in all, Jo and Linda met with five women all ready to rumble!!

They have tentatively set up a sort of board meeting in early August, under Jo's loving care and knowledge base, and Linda set them the tasks of building prospective member contact sheets by profession and media releases, a public relations and communications contact sheet for media awareness and relationship development, and creating a six-month agenda of speakers, projects and activities to learn, make connections, and from which will publicize and market the formation of the club there. They have all necessary forms, know what is what, and Jo and Kay will work together to keep them on task as far as international requirements. Linda will go up and work with them as much as they need to get going, and will keep the District posted. One woman in particular, Rose Pappas, seemed ready to take on leadership of the new club and Jo will serving as treasurer.

It is all very exciting, isn't it?

Rochester is home to the famous Mayo Clinic, and the medical, research and office buildings are everywhere there. The city is in the middle of great farmlands and many Amish enclaves, and has a population of about 85,000. It feels smaller and warmer, and Linda has great hopes that Zonta will meet a need there not presently met in the service community, much like the Jefferson City club in Missouri. We will plan on putting the two clubs in contact, as their demographics are somewhat similar, as soon as each feels it is time. They will have much in common as they build the Zonta mission into their communities!

Please wish Jo luck at <jorock10@aol.com>. If you have any contacts for her in the Rochester area, kindly forward those to her as well at your earliest convenience!

# District 7 Fall Conference

Hopefully you have your calendars marked on October 10<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> for the District 7 Fall Conference in Kansas City, Missouri, with International President Margit Webjörn! The Call to Conference should have been received by all club members, but if you need additional copies or have questions about registration please contact Sue Berry at 913-442-7102.

As always, someone will have a question about dress for the weekend. "Dressy casual" is suggested for Friday night. Dress is semi-formal on Saturday night. Business/Business casual will be appropriate for the business sessions.

The District Board will be meeting Friday afternoon with President Margit and then the conference will kick-off Friday night with cocktails and great Kansas City style Bar-B-Que! (Don't worry, it won't be ribs.) Friday night will allow everyone to meet the candidates for District Office and voting will be first thing Saturday morning.

In addition to the standard reports on the biennium and approving the budget for 2004-2006, there are several items that we will be discussing during the business sessions. Each club has received a copy of the existing District 7 Standing Rules and the Proposed Rules of Procedure. We hope to adopt the new Rules of Procedure in place of the existing Standing Rules. We'll also receive a report from the Dorothea Radusch Ad-Hoc committee with a recommendation of what we should do with that fund. We've also got a proposed change to the Zonta International Bylaws proposed by the Zonta Club of Cape Girardeau. Please take time to review these items in your clubs, discuss them, and have the club delegate(s) be informed of how the club feels about them for the meetings. A formal dinner is planned for Saturday with a special surprise!

On Sunday, Dorothy Herrin is coordinating the memorial service, recognizing our departed Zontian sisters. We'll then wrap up our business and have a great Brunch before heading

our separate ways. Invitations for the Fall Seminar 2004 and Fall Conference 2005 will also be presented on Sunday.

The Zonta Store will be open throughout the weekend so that we can collect goodies from around the district. (I'm actually looking forward to seeing the Nut Ladies!). Please plan on visiting the booths during store hours!

The 2002-04 Board and the elected 2004-06 Board will be meeting with President Margit at the conclusion of the conference to get her evaluation and feedback. The elected board will also get a chance to know each other as well.

## YWPA & Klausman Scholarship News

### YWPA Scholarship Award

Eight applications were received for the YWPA program this year from clubs within the district.

The winner of the YWPA award for the district is Bridget Nordquist, nominated by the Zonta club of Aberdeen. The club will be presenting her certificate and check this fall! Miss Nordquist graduated from Britton-Heckla High School in Britton, South Dakota in May 2003 and is planning on majoring in English with a minor in Communications. She is planning on attending law school. She has been very active in her community, in 4-H, and in school and church groups.

The runner-up is Melanie Perry, nominated by the Zonta Club of St. Louis. Miss Perry graduated from Clayton High School in May 2003 and plans to double major in English and Anthropology with a concentration in Latin American Studies and/or Urban Affairs. Her goal is to get a master's degree, work for the Peace Corps, and eventually get a PhD and teach at a college or university. She was very active in her school, the Girl Scouts, and in her community.

Both young women demonstrated the attributes looked for in the Young Women in Public Affairs winners and the evaluation committee had a difficult

time in making their selection. Because of this the evaluation committee asked that the district recognize the runner up as well with a certificate.

### Jane Klausman Women in Business Scholarship

Five applications were received for this International sponsored program this year.

These applications and their supporting documents were delivered to the District 7 judge who reviewed them once for a read-through and then a second time in-depth. The successful applicant's information was forwarded to International and we have been advised that District 7's candidate has been certified.

We are happy to report that the District 7 winner is Karissa Ladlie who was sponsored by the Zonta Club of St. Paul. Karissa is a sophomore at the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities and her Major/Field of Study is Human Resources Industrial Relations in the Curtis L. Carlson School of Management. Karissa's professional goal is to achieve a Master's degree in Human Resource Development leading to a Director's position within a corporate Human Resource Department with international opportunities. Her credentials are impressive and we will share them with you further at the District Conference in Kansas City.

This year's judge was Michele Janson. Michele's background is in accounting and finance; she is currently Executive Director of the Helzberg Entrepreneurial Mentoring Program, a formalized mentoring program that matches established entrepreneurs with seasoned business veterans. Her past positions include assignments with Sprint and the accounting firm of Ernst and Young. She has held numerous leadership positions within the not-for-profit community in Kansas City including The Central Exchange, The Women's Foundation of Greater Kansas City, Sheffield Place, the Coalition for Community Collaboration, and the Johnson County Extension Community Development Council. In 1998 she was recognized as an "Up and Comer" in Kansas City.

# The History of District 7

Within the boundaries of the present District 7, the oldest clubs are St. Louis, MO, organized in 1925 and Minneapolis and St. Paul, MN, both organized in 1926. At that time all were in District D. The Confederation of Zonta Clubs was then divided into five districts – A through E.

In November 1929, new district boundaries were established and three clubs became a part of Region B, District II, with the district extending east as far as Detroit. Before further territorial changes in our district, we had two International conventions, the first in St. Paul, MN, in 1928 and the second in St. Louis, MO, in 1932. International Conventions were then on an annual basis and the International President served one year. Mrs. Olivia Johnson, St. Paul, served as International President in 1929-30. Mrs. Ellen Anderson Parks, also of St. Paul, served as International President in 1937-38.

Again in 1943 a redistricting plan changed boundaries. The clubs in this Midwest area became a part of District IV. This are included 10 states with clubs in only five of the ten. The district included: Missouri, Kansas, Iowa, Colorado, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wyoming, the eastern two-thirds of Montana, Minnesota, and all of Canada to the north. This was the largest area for any Zonta district.

At the 1947 Mackinac Island convention it was voted to change the time of district conferences from spring to fall and to eliminate the second conference, which had been actually a regional conference developed at the time districts were divided into regions. At this convention, regions were abolished and each region given the status of a

district. This renumbering changed District IV to District VII, with no boundary change. This geographical area continued to be twice the size of any other district.

It soon became apparent that no elected district officer could afford the time, nor did 10 clubs provide enough money to cover so much territory. Therefore, in 1948 a program was undertaken by the District to study possible division or change of boundary lines. We were informed that a minimum of 250 members was needed to finance the functions of a district. Thus, the first procedure must be the formation of more clubs. A district committee continued to study various redistricting potentials. Denver was so separated from the rest that although it was a large and very active club, the first endeavors were made in that western section of the district. In 1948-49, through the efforts of two Denver Zontians, four new clubs were organized.

Even though district and international funds were available, no competent organizers would be obtained during 1949-50, so no additional clubs were formed. However, the 1949 Fall Conference delegates prepared a plan for future redistricting to be submitted to the International Board. An International Redistricting Special Committee was appointed in 1950 with the Past International President Dora Keun as Chairman. She met with the District at Fall Conference in Des Moines in 1951 to study and discuss plans.

During 1950-52, Dorothea Radusch as International Organization and Extension Chairman promoted organization in District VII. Having just completed two years as District Chairman and Governor (the title was changed in 1949), she knew the district well and was able to persuade five district Zontians to work on organizing clubs. Consequently 13 clubs were added during those two

years. By Convention time in 1952, there were a total of 27 clubs, in a district that started with 10 in 1948.

Therefore, at the International Convention in Houston in 1952, District VII was officially divided by a north-south flexible line, giving established and future clubs the privilege to choose which district would serve them best, taking into account transportation and trading areas. In 1952, 16 clubs elected to remain in District VII and 11 clubs made up the new District XII. The funds of the district were divided equally, giving each \$631.40 to start. Gladys Manion of St. Louise County, Governor 1950-52, officiated at the ceremonies and at a special informal “roping off of the doggies”. Because her club continued as a member of District VII, she continued as District Governor and a special committee was appointed by the International Board to arrange for the 1952 Fall Conference of the new District XII.

It is significant that District VII became “International” when Winnipeg was organized on November 6, 1952. A second club, Regina, was chartered in 1954.

In 1953, International President Dr. Dorothea F. Radusch presented to the International Board a plan she hoped would help strengthen the clubs of a district as well as save time and energy for a busy governor and also conserve district funds. In large districts it was often impossible for clubs to send delegates to conference and for the Governor to visit each club. Thus the stipulation helpful to developing into truly effective clubs as a part of an International organization was often lacking. A special committee was authorized to study a plan for setting up district areas within district boundaries. Proposals were presented for discussion at all 1955 Fall Conferences. In general, the smaller eastern districts thought they did not need such areas, but the larger western districts wished to try areas.

Thus it was voted at the 1956 International Board Meeting that any district (more specifically Districts VII, VIII, and IX) desiring to do so could divide itself into as many areas as it deemed desirable. It was decided to try the plan before amending the Bylaws. It was so successful the first two years, that the Bylaws were amended in 1958 by adding Section 19 to Article XIII, International Bylaws; amended in 1978 to Section 4, Article X.

Outlines for use of districts wishing to give the area plan a trial were prepared by Virginia Eastlick of District IX which had already been using such an informal plan. Area directors were to be elected at Fall Conference for a two-year term.

Thus, in 1956, District VII at District Conference adopted a plan dividing the district into three areas and elected area directors. At the Conference in 1958 the area plan was reviewed and it was decided that to be truly effective, the areas must be smaller, for it was still too time consuming and costly for an area director to visit clubs. Thus each of the three districts was further divided into three, making 9 in all. In 1961, with the loss of one Canadian club, two areas were consolidated, for a total of 8 areas. Again in 1962, area boundaries were revised into 7, which now appear to be functioning satisfactorily. At this time, it was decided also, to elect area directors the year between the elections of District Officers. It was thought this system would give smoother functioning, than changing officers and area directors at the same time.

Since the establishment of the present district boundaries, the district has served capably in Zonta International. There have been a number of International Chairmen of committees and committee members from District VII as well as two International Presidents – Dorothea F. Radusch, Minneapolis, 1954-56, and Harriett Yeckel, Kansas City, 1973-74.

## Zonta Clubs – Past and Present

<u>Iowa</u>		
Cedar Rapids	#525	6/13/64 (disbanded)
Council Bluffs	#370	8/22/56
Des Moines	#180	10/13/45
Sioux City Area	\$379	10/29/56 (disbanded)
<u>Kansas</u>		
Atchison Area	#403	12/7/57
Johnson County	#695	5/18/72
Kansas City	#183	6/18/46
Salina	#689	9/12/72 (disbanded 1993)
Topeka	#440	6/21/59
Wichita	#319	2/22/54 (disbanded 1991)
<u>Minnesota</u>		
Austin Area	#249	1/27/51
Brainerd	#334	11/16/53
Breckenridge-Wahepeton ND	#294	2/21/53
Duluth	#124	6/8/34
Mankato	#758	5/28/74
Minneapolis	#40	2/4/26
Rochester	#546	4/30/66 (disbanded)
St. Cloud Area	# 248	1/9/51
St. Paul	#41	11/13/26
<u>Missouri</u>		
Cape Girardeau	#784	5/10/76
Columbia	#790	5/27/76 (disbanded)
Jefferson City	#191	4/17/47
Kansas City	#148	5/29/37
Kansas City II		
St. Charles	#502	1/30/63
St. Louis	#37	11/13/25
St. Louis County	#158	2/24/39 (disbanded 1991)
Springfield	#517	11/12/63 (disbanded)

<u>Nebraska</u>		
Lincoln	#339	4/25/55 (disbanded)
Omaha Area	#323	3/26/54 (disbanded)
<u>North Dakota</u>		
Bismark	#269	11/29/51
Fargo-Moorhead	#293	1/26/52
Jamestown	#297	5/9/53
Mandan	#276	5/4/72 (disbanded 1995)
Minot	#512	6/15/63 (disbanded 1992)
???	#326	4/26/54
<u>South Dakota</u>		
Aberdeen	#299	5/12/33
Sioux Falls	#381	11/20/56 (disbanded)
<u>Manitoba, Canada</u>		
Winnipeg	#291	2/12/53 (disbanded 1996)
<u>Saskatchewan, Canada</u>		
Regina	#384	3/26/54 (disbanded)

## Zonta North American Summit

The Zonta North American Summit is over and was deemed a success by those who attended! There is an article on the Zonta International web site in the News section.

I do want to thank the St. Louis club for all their assistance with the site arrangements – the attending district governors were most impressed!

It was a busy weekend and there was quite a buzz around the Marriott during the entire event. Thank you to all the District 7 Zontians who attended – I hope that you found it worthwhile and will consider attending the next one in 2005 (we governors will be putting the pressure on the governors elect to continue the tradition – we even have seed money for them!). Registration reported that we had 131 women attend the summit (both full weekend and one day attendance). I'll be providing additional information about the results at the Fall Conference.