

# Zonta International District 7

## Governor's Newsletter

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### Greetings from the Governor

*Kerry Dixon-Fox*

Happy Holidays fellow Zontians! As the holiday season rapidly approaches I'm trying to catch up with all that is going on with work, Zonta and family. The balancing act that we all do is amazing and I want to thank you all for your dedication to Zonta, and assistance that you provide to me, to the district, and to Zonta world.

As this is the season for greetings, I have been receiving holiday wishes from the other governors around the world and would like to pass those on to you as well. Zontains around the world have been busy this year – assisting in elections in the US, helping with literacy project in India, assisting shelters for women in Europe, and celebrating the founding of new clubs around the world. New clubs have been formed in New Jersey, North Carolina, Ohio, Gemany, Togo, Italy, Thailand, and Mexico! We have 31,867 fellow Zontians around the world!

I do want to congratulate you all for the grown of Zonta in District 7. We are one of 3 districts in the US that has shown grown over last biennium and one of 6 internationally (out of 30 districts). I would like to stress the importance of each club sending in the new member dues to both district and International when the member is installed in the club. We need to be current with our records for several reasons – our District budget relies on it. The district budget is based on 680

members for the biennium. We're slowly getting there and I think we are closer to that number than the official number from Headquarters (based on the number of new Zontians installed in the local clubs, but the paperwork isn't following up. Let's make a New Year's resolution to keep current with our membership!



We are starting to plan the spring Area Meetings. The dates are listed on page 3 so start talking up those events now. It will be a great chance to get together with other clubs in the area so please plan on coming.

Last of all, I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a joyful New Year. Let me know what I can do to be of assistance to you.

Sincerely,

*Kerry*

# An OMC Update

By Linda Jacobsen

First off, happy holidays to each of you, my sisters! Second, we need to thinking about ways to grow the message of Zonta in and around our own communities. Each club makes wonderful plans, but are you also making plans to market your activities and events, so others may learn more about them, and, ultimately, Zonta International? If you need any brainstorming on membership drives, publicity, and anything that drives the growth and health of your membership, please contact me. I love to hear what clubs are doing, and am in contact with our OMC chairs all over the world, and listening to their ideas as well. I am happy to share them with you. To that end, I have to tell you, I was honored recently to be able to work in Japan, and combine that trip with many interactions with our sisters from seven or eight clubs across Japan.

The president of the Yokohama club came to Tokyo and took me out for dinner, where we discussed projects and outcomes. The next day, I was invited by the Zonta Club of Tokyo III to their

service project, which was painting art murals on the walls of the children's ward at the Red Cross Hospital in Tokyo. What a blast, and I have pictures to share! Then, after working all week, I rode the bullet train up to Sendai, where I spent the night. But first, lunch with the Sendai I and Sendai II clubs, and the Shiogama club. We had a fun, formal luncheon, and I traded one of Barb Jirges' amazing Prairie Art Glass Z-pins for a Sendai rose pin. I toured the indigo dye and weaving studio of Tsuruko Watanabe, the president of the Sendai I club. Then, as if that weren't enough fun, conversation and spoiling, when I got back to Tokyo, the presidents of Tokyo I and II came to have lunch with me at my hotel in Shinjuku-ku. I learned so much more about Zonta, and how it works in Japan. Wow, is all I can say...I urge each of you, individually or as clubs, to reach out and dialogue with your eager and generous sisters around the world. Face-to-face is fun, I admit, but any communication is a treasure!

Next, in our very own district, our sister and hardworking Zontian, Jo Rockwell is working hard to bring a new Zonta club to charter in Minnesota. I urge each club to contact Jo and find out what you can do to help her. Do you know anyone who lives and works in the region?

What can the new Zonta club use to get started? I was thinking of things like a gavel, a president's pin, stationery, copies of the ZI Articles of Incorporation & Bylaws, or some money to offset postage. What about a newsletter template, to make the new club's newsletter editor have an easier start? Or what about sharing rose clip-art or other tips that make your club run smoothly? GO JO!! Tell us all what you need, and we will be there for you, and for any other club thinking of sponsoring a new club in our district.

Finally, I urge club presidents to work hard on the directory information updates and get those back to me with the new classification data, so we can create a whole new directory. It would be wonderful to have a new directory ready before the Area meetings this spring! Governor Kerry and I are here to assist you and your clubs in any way possible.

Joyous holidays to you all. May your travels be safe. Yours in Zonta love,

Linda

## New Members in the District!

*From the club newsletters*

**Fargo-Moorhead:** Melissa Rogne; Alvina Glatt, Sara Wehlander, Gina Walkup, Patricia Romaine, Kristi Kaiser, Stephanie Strand.

**Mankato:** Barb Bergman, Sonja Jacobsen, Janet Wassman

**Jefferson City:** Dorothy Andrae,, Rebecca Gordon, Cheryl Grazier, Anne Hackman, Marlys Harris, Christine Hollingsworth, , Connie Hubble , Pam Mayfield, Joan Prenger, Colleen Taylor

**St. Louis:** Trish Martin, Kathy Wenzel

REMEMBER TO SEND IN YOUR NEW MEMBER DUES TO THE DISTRICT AND TO INTERNATIONAL SO WE GET CREDIT FOR IT AT THE DISTRICT LEVEL!

# A Look around the District

*or What's up with other clubs?*

The District Clubs have been extremely busy this fall. I've gathered this information from all the newsletters that I've received. Please keep them coming!

## Service:

St. Paul: Creates holiday treat packs for residents at Women & Children's Recovery Center

Jefferson City: Provides toiletry items for Rape and Abuse Crisis Center; Collects hats and mittens for JC Day Care Center; Provides babysitting services for Rape and Abuse Crisis Service; Collects food for Thanksgiving Baskets distributed through Samaritan Center (local service provider)

Cape Girardeau: Provides items to Safe House for Women including baby monitors, clothing, cleaning supplies, etc.; Staffs local library book sale and funds go to reading clubs for children and adults as well as equipment for library; works with local phone company to recycle phone books – phone company then donates trees to be planted.

St. Louis: Provides oversight and mentors for Women's Another Chance program,

St. Cloud: ZISVAW Grant update – the final check for expenses will be issued soon and the account closed out. They are discussing attempting to obtain a grant from the Bremer Foundation to expand this program to other schools.

## United Nations

Former UN Ambassador Richard Holbrooke spoke in Kansas City and all clubs in area were invited to attend. KCK club attended a UN Dinner at UM-KC with speaker from UN –

special advisor to UN Development Program Wally N'Dow of Zambia

## Public Relations/Communications

St. Paul: Received press in the MN Women's Press on Zonta in St. Paul, their mission and projects.

Mankato: Their website is getting ready to go live

Johnson County: Hosting Amelia Earhart Dinner on January 11<sup>th</sup>, open to public and Zontians.

St. Cloud: Featured in the local magazine "About Women" in their Oct/Nov issue

St. Louis: The club has developed a plan to increase community awareness of Zonta and attract new members

## Z-Clubs

Jefferson City: Training members to provide babysitting services for Rape and Abuse Crisis Service and assist elderly with Christmas

## Fundraising Activities:

Fargo-Moorhead: Manned a booth at the local Fall Bazaar and raised over \$400.

St. Paul: Annual Poinsettia Sale raised over \$600.

Mankato: Fall Fashion Show with proceeds going to Open Door (their local service project)

Kansas City 1: The club is selling Rada Cutlery – contact them if you are interested in new knives!

Kansas City, KS: Of course they are sell nuts – they're our district nut ladies!

Jefferson City: Holding a Jewelry Raffle for a string of pearls and will fund community service projects and scholarships

Cape Girardeau: Held a Fall Fashion Show and had been selling cookbooks.

St. Cloud: Organizing their annual Christmas House - local decorators decorate house and the club charges admission for tour; Holding a flower sale with proceeds going to International as well as local service projects

# Upcoming Date's and Events

January 11, 2003

*Amelia Earhart Day*

January 20, 2003

Conference Call  
*District Board Meeting*

March 8, 2003

*Zonta Rose Day*

March 29, 2003

St. Louis, Missouri  
*St. Louis Club Fashion Show*

April 5, 2003

St. Charles, Missouri  
*Area 6 Meeting*

April 12, 2003

Breckenridge-Wahpeton  
*Area 1 Meeting*

April 26, 2003

Johnson County, Kansas  
*Area 5 Meeting*

May 3, 2003

Duluth, Minnesota  
*Area 3 Meeting*

June 2003

*District Board Meeting*

For more information contact Kerry Dixon-Fox.

October 10-12, 2003

Kansas City, Missouri  
*District Conference*

July 3-8, 2004

Marriott Marquis, Time Square,  
New York  
*Zonta International Convention*

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## Update on Reclassification

Reclassification efforts in the district are moving along! Just to let you know that Fargo-Moorhead has already turned in their Member Report Forms for all the members of the club! Congratulations to them and a \$25 donation to the Foundation will be made in the name of the club.

Just a note to the remaining clubs, please get those forms in to International and to Lt. Gov. Linda by January 31<sup>st</sup>!

Forms can be e-mailed to Dorceen Boyle at Zonta Headquarters. Her e-mail is [dboyle@zonta.org](mailto:dboyle@zonta.org)

## District President's Manual Updated

At the October board meeting the district board reviewed and approved an updated President's Manual. The revisions are finally completed and copies will be sent out to all clubs for their use. The manuals incorporate items from the District Manual, Club Manual of Procedures, Bylaws, as well as district information. Look for them in early January. Your Area Director will be working with you to help with questions.

For those who are interested an Area Directors Manual was developed for the district and is available as well. If you are interested in becoming an Area Director and want to see what it's all about please contact me at [kdixonfox@hotmail.com](mailto:kdixonfox@hotmail.com)

## Zontians in the News

Congratulations to Irene Caudillo of the Kansas City Kansas Club. Irene has been appointed by Gov. Graves to the Kansas Advisory Group on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. In addition, Irene is a member of the National Youth Information Network

## District Membership Update

According to the latest figures with the district treasurer, district membership is up to 624! Way to go, we are 2 members ahead of where we finished last fiscal year. Congratulations to all!

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