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Zonta International District 7

Governor's Newsletter

Happy Holidays!

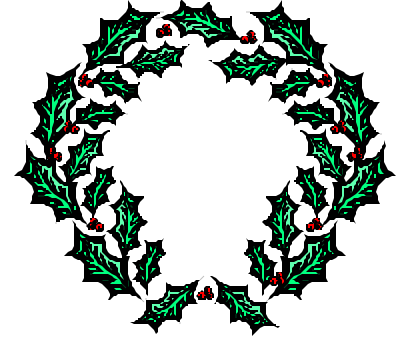
Kerry Dixon-Fox

I'd like to take the opportunity to wish all of you a happy and peaceful holiday season. With all that is going on in our busy lives, please take time for yourself – sit back and reflect on all the wonderful things that you have done for you, your family, and your community. As Zontians, this is what we need to do to realize how blessed we are.

A lot has happened in the last few months – we had a wonderful Fall Conference in Kansas City, recognized one of our own Zonta Treasures in Dorothy Herrin who received a Zonta Award for Meritorious Service for her more than 50 years in Zonta, elected the new District Officers for the next biennium, and brought all of our district operating documents into compliance with International guidelines. Congratulations ladies!

The next few months will be busy for all of us. Be it fundraising or service projects, membership drives or retention activities, there is much to do in our clubs, areas, and districts. The area directors are working on the Spring Area Meetings – if you have ideas of topics you would like to see addressed, please let them or me know. These are for us to share information and educate our members.

It's also the time to think about serving the District as a committee chair or coordinator for the next biennium. If you are interested in any of these



positions, please contact Governor-Elect Linda. It really helps to fill out the committees if a Zontian steps forward!

So to wrap it up, take a look at all that is going on around the district, check out the new Zonta website, and have a Happy New Year!

Kerry

International Convention Update

Information is coming out in the December edition of the Zontian but here are a few tidbits to whet your appetite!

The Marriott Marquis in Times Square will be the only convention hotel. Headquarters staff has negotiated the following rates which are good for five days before and after the actual convention dates:

- \$165 Single
- \$168 Double and
- \$189 Triple.

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Highlights from the October 2003 ZI Board Meeting

The Zonta International Board at its fourth meeting of 2002-2004 biennium in Chicago in October 2003. At that meeting they took the following actions:

- Adopted the report of the auditors for fiscal year 2003.
- Adopted a draft budget for 2004-2006.
- Agreed to increase the fee charged to cover the cost of general liability insurance for US and Canadian clubs from US\$2 to US\$3 annually, beginning as of 1 June 2004. *(Note: this will be reflected in the 2004-2005 dues invoices sent to US and Canadian clubs.)*
- Adopted a number of procedures that will result in more information being made available through the Web site and less through club mailings, and a reduction in the number of

club mailings in 2004-2006. For example, the biographies of candidates on the official slate will be made available on the Web site this biennium in December 2003, rather than being mailed to clubs.

(Note: The biographies booklet also will be included in convention registration packets.) These actions are in keeping with the objective to “use our assets more efficiently and modernize our working methods” as stated in *A Course for the Future*.

- Agreed that all clubs as of 1 June 2005 will be expected to provide to Headquarters a valid email address (updated as needed).
- Agreed to propose a number of bylaw amendments, which will be reviewed in final form at the February 2004 meeting.
- Agreed that the terms “area” and “region” should not be used in official club names and agreed that the names of clubs (new clubs and name

changes) will be approved by the governor in consultation with the ZI Board liaison before submission to Headquarters for processing. *(Note: see attached for the complete policy.)*

- Authorized the organization of clubs in Mongolia, subject to certain conditions.
- Reviewed goals and objectives for all programs and will review additional materials at the February 2004 meeting.
- Agreed to request from the Zonta International Foundation funding for recommended 2004-2006 International Service Projects.
- Approved a budget for the 2004 Convention based on a registration fee of \$300.
- Approved Rotterdam as the site of the 2008 convention, subject to making acceptable contractual arrangements.
- Received a report on the new ZI Web site and the plans to phase-in special features and services. *(Note: The new Web site will be available in mid-November at the same address – www.zonta.org. Additional information will be sent to each Zontian who has provided to Headquarters a valid email address.)*
- Approved International Committee Chairmen for 2004-2006.

New Members in District 7

Breckenridge-Wahpeton – Karen Viger, Jodi Kleven, Barb Diederick

Cape Girardeau – Michael Pickard (first male member of their club), Erin Hamm, Mary Johnson, Karen Stephens **Central Iowa** – Katherine Lyons, Lori Murray

Fargo-Moorhead – Stacey Ertfelt

Jefferson City – Shelly Schwarz, Tanna Douglas, Brandy Moore-Klutse; Betsy Aderholdt, Holly Schroer, Nia Ray, Shannon Brenneke, Lori Raithel, Sandy Allen, Nisan Harlow-Nichols, Jennifer Horton, Nanci King, Janel Luck, Paula Moorehouse, Julie Wehmeir, Tyiesha White-Musopole, Vicki Wilbers, Heather Wilson,

Johnson County – Sue Vaughan and Cynthia Yin

Kansas City II - Lorna Wright

Policy Approved

At the October ZI Board Meeting a new policy was approved regarding the naming of new clubs and the names of existing clubs. This policy was enacted to clear up some confusion that existing in the Zonta world. It shouldn't affect many clubs in District 7 but I would ask that all clubs review their club names in light of the new policy guidelines.

The Naming of New Clubs:

- Because the terms "area" and "region" have specific meaning in Zonta, new clubs should avoid using these terms in the official club name. An "area" is a part of a district; a "region" is the official designation of a part of the Zonta

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Registration for Convention and related events will also be available online through a secure server. The Zonta International Board has set the registration fee for \$300.

Convention planners are excited to present a "high-tech" convention with electronic voting via hand held voting units for delegates providing instantaneous and accurate reporting of voting. No more getting up at the crack of dawn for your assigned voting time! Training for all delegates will be provided.

Presidents have been sent information regarding the Zonta Marketplace – open to clubs in North America for sales of items. Tables will be available for \$100 each until the end of May.

Convention information is on the Zonta convention web site:
www.zontaconvention2004.com.

world in which membership in Zonta clubs is not currently at 150 and thus qualifies as a district

- When possible, new clubs should be named for the city, town or location in which the club MEETS, even if its members come from a broader geographic area.
- In naming clubs in inter-district "border" areas, it is particularly important to avoid broad regional or geographic areas as part of the name of the new club(s).
- Naming a club for a geopolitical region or geographic area will prevent further new-club building in that area and will not best serve either the interests of Zonta International or the residents of the area or region.
- Names of new clubs are to be approved by the Governor in consultation with the International Board Liaison.

The Name of Existing Clubs

- Existing clubs with the terms "Area" or "Region" should evaluate the potential for confusion and determine whether a more geographically specific name would benefit Zontians and non-Zontians alike.
- When more than one club exists in a city, or location, clubs should consider using I, II, III, etc., or other additions to the location name, to distinguish each club.
- When naming clubs, Zontians should recognize that Zonta is international and using a locally known "nickname" for a location will be confusing to both Zontians and non-Zontians who are not from that specific location.
- A change of the name of an existing club is to be approved by the Governor in consultation with the International Board Liaison

Upcoming Dates and Events

January 12, 2004

Conference Call

District 7 Interim Board Meeting

For more information contact
Kerry Dixon-Fox.

March 27, 2004

Ames, Iowa

Area 5 Meeting

For more information contact
Cheryl Disney-Breden

April 3, 2004

St. Louis, Missouri

Area 6 Meeting

For more information contact Anne
Anderson

April 23, 2004

Mankato, Minnesota

Area 3 Meeting

For more information contact Carol
Munns.

May 1, 2004

Fargo, North Dakota

Area 1 Meeting

For more information contact Mary
Jacklitch.

July 3 – 7, 2004

Marriott Marquis, Times Square

New York City

Zonta International Convention

For more information see
www.zontaconvention2004.com

Summer 2004

site to be determined

District 7 Board Meeting

October 1 – 3, 2004

Kavanaugh's Resort

Brainerd, Minnesota

District 7 Fall Seminar

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Sept. 30 – Oct. 2, 2003
Cape Girardeau, Missouri
District 7 Fall Conference

July 24 – 29, 2006
Melbourne, Australia
Zonta International Convention

Summer 2008
Rotterdam, Netherlands
Zonta International Convention

Dues Reminder

Please remember to send your dues for new members to both Headquarters and to District Treasurer Barb Zapp. For those members joining between now and the end of the year International dues are \$25 (half-price) and District dues are \$16.

Zontians in the News

Mary Johnson, Cape Girardeau, was appointed by Gov. Bob Holden to the Missouri Training and Employment Council in October. The purpose of the MTEC is to provide recommendations on creating a state workforce development plan and to aid in establishing policies that allow convenient access to job and career opportunities for all job seekers and employers.

Naomi Nibbelink Wins Award
Naomi Nibbelink of Topeka was chosen as the “Nurse of the Year” by the KSNA District 1 on 6/17/2003. Naomi is only the second recipient of this award.

2004-2006 Elected District 7 Officers

- Gov. Elect.....Linda Jacobsen
St. Charles
- Lt. Gov. Elect.....Carol Munns
Brainerd
- Treasurer-Elect.....Barb Zapp
Fargo-Moorhead
- Area Directors-Elect
- Area 1.....Peggy Irmen
Bismark
- Area 3.....Mary Nimmerfroh
St. Cloud
- Area 5.....Janet Kannard
Kansas City II
- Area 6.....Cheryl Motes
Cape Girardeau

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Look at What's Happening in D7

Service

Jefferson City – provide childcare at Rape and Abuse Crisis Service; Three Second Chance Scholarships awarded to local women at least 24 years of age and have a high school diploma or GED; supplied food and school supplies to Samaritan Center

Cape Girardeau – provided staff for Library book sale; prepared goody bags for attendees at local Health and Safety Fair and assisted with setup and takedown, registration, lunch, and distributing the goody bags; Literacy Program has secured funding from local ROTARY (ha!) clubs to purchase materials to be assembled into the clubs Literacy Packets; provided monies to the Children's Fund which provides for medical and other health-related expenses for financially disadvantaged children in the local school district; in conjunction with the Jackson Rotary club raised funds and will distribute a "Book about Me" to every first grader in Jackson, Missouri;

Johnson County – donated needed items to local Safe House; wrapped almost **900 presents** Tuesday night for *Cancer Action!* (They thought they maxed out last year at 600!) There were 13 members there along with two guests; adopted a family for Thanksgiving and provided all the makings for a holiday meal

Kansas City II - Sheffield Place commitment continuing and club members will be providing items for their Holiday Store for the

mothers and children who reside there; developing a new Service Project: Health Screening (bone density screening) for women without access, to be planned in the spring 2004.

Topeka – Created gift baskets for the Marion Clinic that will be auctioned off at their October fund raising event and will be making them for the Capper Foundation; collecting food and gift items needed for their Christmas family adoptions; hosted the Georgia Neese Gray Distinguished Lecture Series at Washburn University

Kansas City KS - donated cash, candy or packaged cookies to Advance Kansas City for their Halloween Party; collected school supplies for Youth Unlimited Opportunities which will be given to needy schools in local school district; participating in "Adopt an Angel" by collecting gifts for children and helping make Christmas brighter for some child as well as helping the parent/parents

Fargo – participated in the community Thanksgiving Project which they distributed 500 plus Thanksgiving Baskets to needy families in the area.

Breckenridge-Wahpeton – participating in the Holiday Parade of lights and their float has Mrs. Santa Claus reading to children near the Christmas tree and elves will be distributing candy canes, bookmarks with Zonta information on the back and a flyer promoting the Potatoe Feed fund raiser which is Tots - for – Tots.

Fundraising

Kansas City I – holiday poinsettia sales,

St. Paul – Held their Global Event at the Great American History Theatre. A catered dinner, silent auction and History Play rounded out the evening!

Minneapolis – Held their annual Holiday Event at the international Market Square with entertainment from the St. May Romanian Orthodox Church adult and children's dance groups and music by the Ecuador Mana: Music from the Andes ensemble.

Cape Girardeau – developing their first Women of Achievement event in April and will honor Linda Bloodsworth-Thomas, founder of the Claudia Foundation and television writer/producer/creator; exploring establishment of their own 501(c)(3) foundation; held a fashion show in October;

Kansas City KS - Nut sales are going on now; raffling off a "Valentine Basket" - tickets are \$1.00 each or six for \$5.00 and the winner on Feb. 10th.

Johnson County – provided face painting, temporary tattoos, and balloon animals at JCCC Staff Party and Overland Park Art Fair as part of their Zonta Clowns ensemble;

Kansas City II – On April 3 the club will hold an evening of delicious Indian food and delightful entertainment

United Nations

To celebrate UN Month in October, many local members attended Mayor's UN Dinner in Kansas City – Johnson County, Kansas City I, Kansas City II, and



Kansas City, KS. The keynote speaker was Gillian Sorensen, Assistant Secretary General of United Nations for External Relations (NGO's like Zonta) is the outreach person to civ il society for Secretary General Kofi Annan. KC II Zontian, Harriette Yeckel, is a member of the Mayor's UN Dinner Committee and former KC UNA World Citizen of the Year. KC II has been a longtime major sponsor of this event

Amelia Earhart

January is Amelia Earhart Month in the Zonta world and many of the local clubs are preparing special meetings to celebrate!

Kansas City I is hostess for the Kansas City metro area clubs joint AE meeting on Saturday, January 24, 2004 at Hillcrest Country Club in Kansas City, MO.

Our district Amelia Earhart Fellows will be presented their wings at the January meetings of the St. Louis Club and the Minneapolis Club. Both clubs are developing the programs and information will be sent to surrounding clubs for those who would like to attend.

New Intl. Liaison Named to D7

Régine Aquier, 2003-2005 International Director from Montpellier, France has been appointed the Board Liaison to District 7 for the remainder of the biennium. She will provide information from the Zonta International Board that I will then pass on to the District.

Membership Events

Let's start sharing the membership attracting events that are working for clubs around the district! Look to this section in following newsletters to share ideas and continue the amazing membership growth of the district!

St. Paul hosted a membership recruitment event in September – appetizers, food and beverages were provided for guest. Area Director Carol Munns attended as did several members of the Minneapolis club. They continue to work on finding new members so if you know anyone in the St. Paul area please let Joanne Usher know!

Jamestown is pleased to report their TASTE OF ZONTA membership drive was a success! The "Taste" on a non meeting night and sent out invites to 20 to 30 prospective members and members bring the food: 3 kinds of soup, 3 kinds of breads, and bars for desert. They showed the video "This is Zonta" and had a few members speak on why they joined as well as short talks on what Zonta is about. Their first "Taste" only had 6 attend but of that 5 have joined and one more has indicated she would be in the future. Several more indicated they could not attend but would like to attend a meeting at a later date. The cost of the event was minimal

Central Iowa hosted an informational luncheon that resulted in gaining two new members and potentially four more at the next meeting. An invitation was e-mailed out to targeted women in the

community, followed by a mailing with flyers from ZI with more information about the local club. A data sheet was distributed at the lunch about Zonta as well as the International Service Projects.

Conference Recap

“Setting our Course for the Future” was the theme of this year’s meeting and that was exactly what we were able to do. Practically all of the district’s 24 clubs were in attendance – delegates and proxies from 22 clubs helped in laying the groundwork for improved operations of the District.

Our International Board Representative was the gracious Zonta International President Margit Webjorn. She helped present a Zonta Award for Meritorious Service to Dorothy Herrin of Kansas City I for her more than 50 years of Zonta Service. The major business of the conference included:

- Passage of new District Standing Rules (these will be distributed to all clubs).
- Elected District Officers for 2004-2006.
- Approved a ZI Bylaws change that will be forwarded to International Bylaws committee.
- Approved creation of the Dorothea Radusch YWPA Scholarship Fund to augment the award to the district winner from the ZI Foundation.

The raffle of a Swedish glass bowl from Pres. Margit raised \$250 for Int'l Service projects.

Conference Minutes and other materials will be sent to the club presidents later this month.