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# Zonta International District 7 Governor's Newsletter

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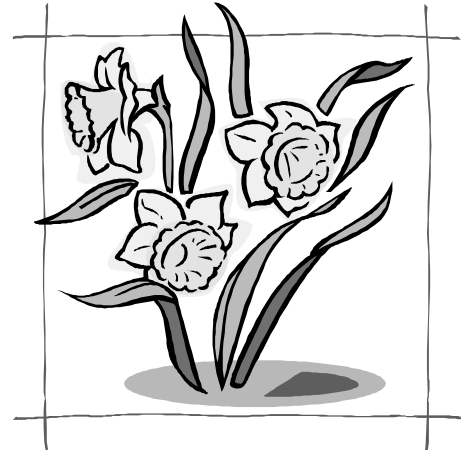
*Kerry Dixon-Fox*

I am proud to announce District 7 is the latest addition to the electronic presence of Zonta International! We've put much thought into the materials that we want to have available to our members so please take advantage of the information on our site. We have links to all the club websites within the district as well – if your club doesn't have a site yet, you should think about doing it. There is information later in the newsletter about help that is out there for you.

Spring is rapidly approaching and that means Area Meetings, Convention Registration, officer elections, and forms. Please review the due dates for materials so your club can start planning for the next biennium.

Speaking of Area Meetings, I know that all the area directors are thick in the planning for their meeting. We're working to present information that the clubs need to make informed decisions about service funds, convention business, and have some fun too! Please look on page 4 for the date of your meeting and get that on your schedule. I will be attending each meeting and hope to see you there! One of the things we will be doing at the meetings is the installation of the new area directors – they officially take office on June 1, but the district board felt that it would

be most meaningful to install the new director in the area that she is serving.



I would like to stress to each club the importance of our club donations to the Foundation – be it to the International Service Fund which supports our selected service projects for the biennium, one of the scholarship funds, or to the Endowment or Rose fund. For the biennium, 23 of the 24 clubs in the district have contributed to the Foundation – many through the gifts of individual club members, not club service funds. The impact we can show the world is done through the funds provided to the Foundation – please remember to support those programs this spring.

I look forward to seeing many of you in the next two months, and then in New York City! Have a wonderful spring,

*Kerry*

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# Cape Girardeau Foundation gets 501(c)3 Status

The Zonta Club of Cape Girardeau Area Foundation has exciting news! The Foundation has received its recognition of exemption as a 501(c)(3) organization under the Internal Revenue Code. This means that donations to the Foundation are deductible for federal income tax purposes in accordance with the Internal Revenue Code. Because the Foundation is a newly created organization, it will operate under an "advance ruling period" that began on June 30, 2003 and will end on May 31, 2008. At the end of the advance-ruling period the IRS will make a final determination of the Foundation's exemption status.

## Visit from Taipei 2 Club to the Heartland

By Laura Burton

During the International Twinning Cities convention held in St. Louis during the week of July 21<sup>st</sup>, I received a call from Bambi Shen, who lives part time in Kansas City and the rest of the time in Taiwan, stating that she was in town for the convention and that she would like to meet one evening for dinner. I had met Bambi while at the Gothenburg convention last year. She was in St. Louis with a delegation from the Kansas City government and she served as interpreter for the French-speaking delegates from Africa. In addition to Bambi's membership in the Taipei 2 Club, she is a member of the charity group "Homes From The Heart Project". The Taipei Club had donated a check to the El Salvador Ambassador to build two homes, at a cost of \$3500 each, on

behalf of the many earthquake victims who are still homeless and suffering.

After I picked up Bambi at her Hotel, I asked her where she would like to go for dinner. She quickly told me that she had seen Mr. Giovanni on the Oprah Winfrey show touting a pasta entrée named after Oprah. Since I was not aware of any of this, and had skipped lunch, we both were anxious to visit "Giovanni's on the Hill". YES, it was worth the trip and after we had sampled this delectable entrée, none other than Mr. Giovanni introduced himself to us and Bambi quickly told him that she had come all the way from Taiwan to have Oprah's favorite pasta.

## District 7 ZIF Contributions

The latest Foundation report (1 June 2002 to 31 January 2004) has District 7 ranked 21<sup>st</sup> out of 31 in Donations to the Zonta International Foundation. Here is how we stack up:

|                           |          |
|---------------------------|----------|
| Total D7 Contributions    | \$97,733 |
| Total D7 Club Cont.       | \$37,885 |
| Total D7 Individual Cont. | \$59,848 |

Special thanks are due to some very special individuals who have requested to remain anonymous. Alone they account for \$55,000 to the Rose Fund, Endowment Fund, International Service Fund and ZISVAW.

## Topeka Club Awards Woman of Achievement

Cindy Maude is the new recipient of the Zonta Club of Topeka's Woman of Achievement award. Among her achievements, Ms. Maude graduated

from KU in 1971 and opened her own design studio in 1978. In 1988 she joined the Ad Mark agency and ended up purchasing the company in 1996. She has created marketing ideas for Colgate-Palmolive, Sprint and Southwestern Bell. In 1999 she moved the company to Lawrence and renamed it Callahan Creek. In 2001 she re-focused the company to serve the female market. Ms. Maude has been extremely generous with her philanthropy. She writes the newsletter for St. Matthew's Church and does pro bono work for various charities and non-profit organizations. Her employees teach at KU, K-State and Baker University.

## YWPA/Radusch Scholarship Update

According to the Dorthea Radusch Scholarship guidelines agreed to at the District Fall Conference, the interest on the funds will be awarded to the district Young Woman in Public Affairs winner.

In January the board decided that this year we will award \$350 to the district winner in addition to the Zonta International Foundation award of \$400, bringing the total District 7 YWPA award to \$750.

The International Board has decided to continue to fund this Scholarship through the next biennium from the Zonta International Foundation.

Please remember to make donations to this scholarship as well as the other Foundation scholarships so we can assure their continued effectiveness in the future.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the district YWPA Coordinator Sharon Stark of Topeka.

## International Club Service Reports

The 2002-2004 Zonta International Club Service Reports are due by MARCH 1, 2004!!! You may download the form from the international website, but will need your membership number to log in to the new website. You may find this number on the address label of the Zonta publication. After logging in, click on "Member Resources" on the left, then under Materials for Download-click on "Committee." The form may be found under the "Status of Women Service Committee"-2002-2004 Zonta International Club Service and Advocacy Report.

Carol Rainey, ZI Service Subcommittee Coordinator, offered a few tips in completing the form. Select ONE service/advocacy project from the current biennium that exemplifies Zonta's objects to advance the STATUS OF WOMEN.

### New Mailing Address of the Foundation Bank!

This change affects club non-electronic payments given by checks and bank drafts to the Zonta International Foundation:

**Zonta International Foundation  
ATTN: Development  
4837 PAYSHERE CIRCLE  
Chicago, IL 60674 USA**

(This replaces the old address: 135 South LaSalle Street, Dep. 4837, Chicago, IL 60674).

To determine which project to submit, ask the following questions:

- 1) How did the project improve the STATUS OF WOMEN?
- 2) Was this a Z PROJECT and not a B project?
- 3) When did it take place and over what period of time was the project implemented?
- 4) Why was it selected?
- 5) Were the results measurable? How? By monetary or direct services of club members?

Photos, brochures, or other materials may be included and can be mailed or emailed as an attachment. Label any additional pages with Club name, district, and area and please keep a copy for your files.

Carol offers the following project suggestions:

- 1) Mentoring programs for WOMEN entering the Work Force
- 2) Educational programs targeting WOMEN
- 3) Health programs offered to disadvantaged WOMEN
- 4) Seminars offered on subjects that empower WOMEN
- 5) Community forum on violence against WOMEN
- 6) Vocational programs for WOMEN
- 7) Unique programs offered to WOMEN's shelters

Please submit the completed form to Kerry AND to Carol Rainey by March 1, 2004. You may mail, fax, or email your report. Contact information for Carol is located at the bottom of the form.

GOOD LUCK!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Kathy Swan  
District Chair Status of Women Service Committee

## Upcoming Dates and Events

**March 27, 2004**

**The Hotel at Gateway Center,  
Ames, Iowa**

*Area 5 Meeting*

For more information contact Cheryl Disney-Breedon

**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](http://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*

**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*

## Zontians in the News

**Linda Jacobsen**, Governor-elect of District 7, would like to invite us all to share in the kickoff for her race to U.S. Congress in Missouri's 9<sup>th</sup> District. She formally announced her candidacy on Saturday, February. We have a sister hoping to represent women's issues and advocate for many things that are important to us all, so come and join in the race to Washington, DC for all women!

**Sherrill Mulhern**, Kansas City II, had the pleasure of meeting with Kanan Verma, President of the Zonta Club of Madras, during a trip to Southern India this fall. Since it was chartered in 1966, the Zonta Club of Madras has provided career guidance for women in schools and colleges as well as programs for upgrading women's professional skills. In 1990, the club established the Zonta Resource Center, a

nonprofit, non-political trust intended to improve the economic, social and legal status of women. The Center provides vocational guidance and placement services for women, runs literacy and non-formal education programs and helps in organizing occasional bazaars where self employed women to market their products. Beginning in 1991, the Center created Project Live, an outreach program for women who are HIV positive and who have nowhere to turn for help. The Center provides skills training to women who are well enough to rebuild their lives and a caring environment for women who are in the terminal phase of the illness. Currently, the Zonta Club of Madras is building a new facility for Project Live designed by their past president May George.

**Cheryl Hill**, Cape Girardeau, received an award from United Way for her participation in the United Way campaign.

**Uma Eachempati**, St. Louise, was featured in an article in the Chesterfield Journal on July 9, 2003. The article was about Abhinaya, an organization that Uma founded in 1993. She founded Abhinaya, which means "expression", to promote and present the seven different forms of classical Indian dance to a diverse audience through performance. Her organization has been able to bring professional Indian dances and more expensive acts to this area.

Uma moved to St. Louis from India in 1969 and currently practices as an obstetrician-gynecologist at St. Anthony's Medical Center. After celebrating her 40<sup>th</sup> birthday, she began taking dance lessons once a week, practicing her moves in the kitchen in her spare time. Uma's passion for dance grew and as she tried to learn more about her hobby she began funding dance programs for the St. Louis area. Abhinaya received non-profit status in 1998.

## Important Due Dates

- 1 March 2004** "Club Service & Advocacy Report" due to Governor and to International Service Subcommittee Coordinator Carolyn Rainey
- 1 April 2004** YWPA Club candidates due to District Coordinator Sharon Stark
- 1 April 2004** Deadline for contributions to the Zonta International Foundation to be included for recognition at the Zonta International 2004 Convention in New York. All Zonta Clubs are encouraged to contribute one-third of their service dollars each year to the Foundation. These contributions make it possible for the Foundation to fund all of Zonta's charitable programs.
- 1 May 2004** **Credentials, Registration and Proxy Certificate due to ZI Headquarters.** Due to procedures involved for electronic voting in New York, it is especially important for forms to be received no later than **1 May**. Copies to Governor, Area Director, and Delegate.  
*Be sure your club's voice is heard at convention!*

### Do you want a club web site...

...but aren't sure where to start? The web designer that built the District 7 site, past International Director Judy Johnston, will work with you to get your name registered, web space, and build your site for you for a special rate. Registering your name and site space will be about \$125 and then her cost for building the site is \$125. She will make sure that your site meets all the Zonta guidelines and will set it up so you can manage the site when complete. If you want to find out more, contact Judy at [zonta1@comcast.net](mailto:zonta1@comcast.net)

# Look at What's Happening in D7

## Service

**Cape Girardeau** – Providing supplies for the Alternative School. Zonta received recognition for contributing to the Red House construction.

Participated in projects with Missouri Mentoring, ushering at the Nutcracker, and the Girardot Center Christmas party (they work with at-risk boys). Project ReDirectory - a new environmental project for the club recycling old phone directories.

**Johnson County** – Received four applications for the scholarship to be awarded to a non-traditional student. All four of the applicants are employed at Spofford Home.

The committee evaluating the applications looked carefully at the financial need of each applicant and selected an unpaid Spofford intern to be the recipient of the scholarship. Spofford Home serves children with emotional/behavior problems

**Kansas City I** – Collecting new and gently used children's books for Hope House.

**Kansas City KS** - Collecting personal items for Friends of Yates and the Joyce Williams Safe Home.

**St. Charles** - Supporting the Women's Money Matters Workshop, entitled "Planning Your Financial Future, Seeds for Success." This day-long event is Saturday, March 13<sup>th</sup> over at the Heart of St. Charles Banquet Center from 8:30am to 4:30pm. Tell your women friends in the St. Louis metro area about this wonderful opportunity to advance the financial status of women by coming and learning new things

about managing money. The club name is on all the literature as a partnering agency.

**St. Louis** - Ms. Doris Webster, Graphic Design major at the University of Missouri-St. Louis, as the first recipient of the **Irene E. Geer Art Award**. Doris lives in Fenton, IL, plans to graduate in May 2005. She has a 3.9 grade point average. There were five applicants for Zonta's first annual Geer Award.

**St. Paul** – The club has developed a very effective grand funding request form for not-for-profit organizations in the area to use to receive funds and hands on service from the club members. This is a very well thought out form and would be useful for other clubs as well. Contact club president Joann Usher if you want a copy.

**Topeka** – Georgia Neese Gray Distinguished Lecture Series announced that Pamela Hollie was the guest lecturer on 4 November 2003. The GNG committee is planning to tie-in their 2004 program to the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of Topeka and the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of Zonta Club of Topeka. The club adopted two households for Christmas and is volunteering to perform park clean-up.

## Fundraising

**Austin** – Whether you are looking for fantastic, fresh baking nuts or delicious snack nuts Austin is the club to contact in Minnesota; Selling engraved items as a fundraiser—covered cake and pie pans, towel holders, mugs, covered brownie pans, 2 qt. pannikin, 3 pc utensil sets.

**Brainerd** - Plans are taking shape for the April 19<sup>th</sup> "Friends"

Fashion Show at the Grandview Convention Center.

**Breckenridge-Wahpeton** – The December fundraiser a big success -- \$1,000 was raised for literacy and was gratefully received by four Twin Town elementary schools for use in their media centers.

**Cape Girardeau** – Made approximately \$700 at the Annual craft fair from the sale of pins and cookbooks. The club will be hosting their first Trivia night on February 27. They are hoping to have 25 teams of 8, hopefully raising approximately \$2000.

**Kansas City II** – Saturday, April 3 is the date for this year's fundraising event "An Evening in India." The club has been working with the local Indian community to provide an evening of entertainment, a crafts exhibit and Indian food. The menu will include Chicken Masala Tika, vegetable dishes, Indian breads and dessert. Be sure to mark your calendars and invite all your friends to this exciting event.

## Membership Events

**Austin** – The club got started with a list of names, addresses and phone numbers for possibly new members that they wanted to invite to a new member gathering on September 23, 2003 at the Hormel Home. Invitations were sent out, followed up with personal phone calls. They had one new member join at that event and are following up with other women who expressed an interest in the club.

**Brainerd** – The club is has asked all members to continue to introducing potential members to Zonta. Tell others about Zonta...brag about a great organization that is for women

(and men) giving service to women!! Needed and wanted are enthusiastic, committed women to join in promoting Zonta and its mission!! The club goal is to increase membership by a minimum of 10!!!

## Amelia Earhart Celebration

The annual intercity Amelia Earhart luncheon was hosted by Kansas City I on Saturday, January 24<sup>th</sup> at Hillcrest Country Club. Approximately 28 metro Zontians were entertained by speaker Sandra J. Campbell who portrayed aviation pioneer Bessie Coleman. Bessie was born in Texas in 1892 and was the 10<sup>th</sup> of 13 children. Part Cherokee and African-American, she decided to become an aviator during World War I. Unable to find a school in the United States to accept her, she attending a flying school in France in 1921 completing a ten month course in seven. At the age of 27, Bessie became the world's first licensed black aviator and the first woman to earn an International Aviation License. After additional training she returned to the US and became a flying performer doing exhibition flying and giving lessons. She died tragically by falling during a test flight at the age of 34.

The four metro Zonta Presidents are hoping to make this an annual affair generating more publicity for Zonta and maybe money for the AE Scholarship Fund.

## Amelia Earhart Fellow Recognized



St. Louis Club President, Kay Moss, AE Fellow D'Arcy Meyer Dombard and Area Director, Anne Anderson

The Zonta Club of St. Louis, commemorated Amelia Earhart Day on 17 January 2004 at the Missouri History Museum. D'Arcy Meyer Dombard, a native St. Louisan and AE Fellow, presented her major areas of study and linked them to the goals of NASA and the exploration of Mars and Europa, the ninth moon of Jupiter. Ms. Dombard is working on her doctorate in astrobiology at Washington University in St. Louis. She used images from the Mars Rover, Spirit and NASA satellites orbiting both planets to help Zontians understand where her research and the research of NASA are headed. Ms. Dombard also thanked the Zonta Club of St. Louis for supporting her and all the women who are working in the aeronautics field.

## In Remembrance

**Dorothy Skov**, age 96, died January 3, 2004. She was a charter member of the Zonta Club of Jamestown. She was a school teacher and taught in the rural schools in LaMoure and Stutsman Counties of North Dakota. She was an active community volunteer and was awarded the 1994 Outstanding Citizen Award by the Jamestown Chamber of Commerce for her services to the community. In 1994, Valley City State University honored her for her years of teaching and community service.

**Helen Hocker**, Topeka, has passed away late Friday January 23, 2004. Her funeral was held Tuesday January 27, 2004. She was a wonderful woman. Helen was an advocate to the needy, a concerned mentor, a considerate friend, an inspiration to all who benefited from her vision, and a supportive Zonta Sister to us all. She will be greatly missed by those of us who had the honor of knowing her.

**Lois Elaine Banister Christensen**, Kansas City I, passed away in January. Lois was a modern pioneer spirit with an engaging sense of humor who was a wonderful friend to everyone she came in contact with during her lifetime. An interior decorator, she was a long standing member of North Cross United Methodist Church and support leader for the Parkinson's Organization of Kansas City.

You may encounter many defeats, but you must not be defeated. In fact, it may be necessary to encounter the defeats, so you can know who you are, what you can rise from, how you can still come out of it.

*Maya Angelou*

## Special Request from President Margit and President-Elect Mary Ellen

President Margit Webjörn and President-Elect Mary Ellen Bittner have asked each district governor to pass on to the clubs their wishes with regard to gifts or recognition at the Convention.

As you know, at Convention individuals, clubs or districts sometimes present gifts to the President and Incoming-President. Both Margit and Mary Ellen deeply appreciate the feelings that motivate such gifts and the important cultural significance of gift giving. Though individual gifts are not necessary, they would be honored to receive gifts from Zontians, however, they would like to encourage anyone who wishes to give such a gift to instead make a contribution in their honor to the Zonta International Foundation. They both feel this would be the best and most meaningful gift of all – whether small or large.

There will be an opportunity in the convention program to formally present to Margit and Mary Ellen contributions to the Foundation, but this will be in small gathering and not on the stage of the convention. The Foundation booth also will accept contributions during the main convention hours. (Margit and Mary Ellen will receive notification of all Foundation contributions made in their honor.)

All Zontians, clubs and districts are encouraged to submit their 2003-2004 contributions by 1 April, the receipt date for special convention acknowledgment.

However if the donor, or donors, wish to personally present a contribution in honor of Margit or Mary Ellen at Convention, please keep in mind the above.

## International Membership

According to International OMC Chair Olivia Ferry we have plenty of work to do in the area of membership throughout the Zonta world. This information is from a letter sent to the district governors earlier this month.

“We are now in the last quarter of the current biennium and we must work together to make sure that we not only close the gap between current biennium member count and that of May 2002, but that we bring our numbers closer to those of May 2000. In May 2002, we had 32,925 paid members-- today 32,795 are recorded to have paid their dues to international. Based on these numbers, we need only to have 130 more members to pay their dues, net of any resignations; but 1058 more paid members are needed comparing to May 2000. Compared to the member count in January 2002 and 2003, the present member count as of the end of January 31 is lower (e.g. 33,198 vs. 32,972 vs. 32,795). This should be a cause for concern for us. But instead of worrying, let's work closely with the clubs in our districts to push international dues payments, recruitment of additional new members and the chartering of new clubs under formation. There is still time for us to meet our goal of reversing the downward trend in membership. Again, I ask our

District Governors to kindly help in this endeavor.”

Our own District 7 membership numbers are higher today than they were at the beginning of the biennium, but we are lower than where we ended last year. I urge you all to follow up with those prospective members you've contacted and invite them to another meeting. Sometimes it takes more than one contact or meeting to demonstrate what a wonderful organization we are.

## Foundation Update

With just three and one-half months left in the Biennium, please note that contributions to the Amelia Earhart Fellowship Fund have been lower this Biennium and the Zonta International Foundation is concerned about meeting our fundraising goal. This Fund provides for 35 annual fellowships of \$6,000 each. The International Service Fund has exceeded fundraising goals. Contributions to the YWPA Fund have been stronger this Biennium, but it is important to meet the goal of \$100,000 in the Fund as there is no build up reserves and would need to fund any deficit from the Rose Fund, which is also why contributions to the Rose Fund are so important.

Through 31 January, total contributions to the annual fund of \$1,722,694 represents 72% of our overall fund raising goal of \$2,380,000 – 84% of the way through the Biennium. In addition, Endowment Fund contributions total \$46,706 and major individual gifts total \$50,376. Total contributions of \$1,819,776 are ahead of this same time period last Biennium by \$166,824, or 9%.