

Zonta International District 7

Governor's Newsletter

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Greetings from the Governor

Kerry Dixon-Fox

Spring is slowly approaching and we're all still bracing for that one last winter storm. I hope that each club is planning on having members attend the area meetings in April and May – I know the area directors and the hostess clubs are putting together a worthwhile sessions. I'm looking forward to visiting the areas – I can honestly say that I've never been to Duluth before but I am looking forward to going!!

I'd like to give you a "head's up" on something that the Governors in districts 1-12 and 15 are working on. We're putting together a North American Summit in June focusing on developing strategies for advancing membership and furthering the goals of Zonta in the US and Canada. The Zonta Club of St. Louis has graciously volunteered to act as site facilitators – making hotel and meal arrangements – and the governors are developing the agenda. More information will be forthcoming in March as we nail down the dates and the workshops. We're hoping to make this a working session where we can share successes each district has had as well as develop approaches that we all can use to advance the mission of Zonta. This is structured on the two European Seminars that have been held – the most recently in Stuttgart in 2002.

In my last mailing from the International Board one of the things clubs make sure to direct questions

through the established lines of communications, i.e., through district officers and committee chairmen (see the Club Manual, Part 1, Section 1). Many queries are being directed to the staff at Headquarters that could and should be answered at the district level. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your area director, district committee chair, or me before contacting headquarters. If we don't have the answers we'll work to get them for you!



There is a great deal of information in this edition of the newsletter and the board is starting to discuss new ways to keep everyone informed of new developments in and around Zonta – if you have any ideas please pass them on to your area director or to me.

Last of all I would ask you keep Jo Cattryse in your thoughts and prayers. Jo was Area 3 Director last biennium and is recovering from cancer surgery. The prognosis is excellent but I know our good thoughts will help as well!

Happy Spring,

Kerry

District Updates

United Nations

I hope everyone had a great United Nations Month. Considering all the current events and news concerning the United Nations, this is an excellent chance to learn about the political processes as well as the humanitarian efforts that Zontians follow. Have any clubs been successful with twinning (contacting with distant or international clubs)?

Please contact me at harold@csicable.net with questions, news and names and addresses of club United Nations Committee chairpersons.

Laurel Haroldson,
Jamestown, ND Zonta Club

Zonta International Foundation

As District Foundation Ambassador, I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you who have made a contribution to the Zonta International Foundation. We encourage contributions from clubs and individuals. Contributions can be designated to the Fund of your choice.

Did you know that your membership dues support your member services, The Zontian Magazine, and Zonta International conventions; but no portion of your membership dues supports the programs funded by the Foundation? Without contributions from generous individuals and clubs, we could not fund our Amelia Earhart

Fellowships, YWPA Awards, International Service projects, ZISVAW grants and more.

I challenge everyone to think of the Foundation when making memorial contributions, or to acknowledge a fellow Zontian, etc. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Following is a breakdown of District 7 contributions for period June 1, 2002 through January 31, 2003:

Amelia Earhart Fellowship	\$3,553.50
Jane M. Klausman	
Women in Business	250.00
YWPA	100.00
International Service	2,785.40
ZISVAW	1,500.00
Rose Fund	2,848.85
WHPPI Fund	50.00

BIENNIUM TOTAL TO DATE

\$11,087.75

Month of January 2003 1,713.50

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully Submitted

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Status of Women/Service

YWPA

Club YWPA winners are due to Sharon Stark by March 25th to be considered for the district award. Please send your club winners to her at:

Sharon Stark
P. O. Box 4916,
Topeka, Kansas 66604.

Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarship

Club Klausman Scholarship winners are due to Suzanne Bond by May 31st to be considered for the district award. Please send your club winner to her at:

Suzanne Bond
15549 Bradford Court
Bonner Springs, KS 66012

Clubs are reminded that information on both scholarships is available at the Zonta website in the Member Resource Center. You will need to sign in and the sign-in is case sensitive.

Username: zontainternat
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Zontian in the News

Congratulations to Mary T. Howard of the St. Cloud, Minnesota Club. Mary was unanimously elected chairperson of the St. Cloud School Board.

New Members in the District!

From the club newsletters

Duluth: Sue Tryon

Jamestown: Mia Mader, Lynette Patrick

St. Cloud: Pamela Lind

Topeka: Gina Coffman

Cape Girardeau: Marcia Southard-Ritter, Sherry Persinger, Karen Stephens **St. Louis:** Jean Huelsing

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 continues to be extremely busy. This information is gathered from all the newsletters that I've received. Please keep them coming!

Service:

St. Paul has started their requests for proposals for funding or in-kind support to local non-profit organizations that serve women and women's issues.

Johnson County – The club wrapped 600 gifts for cancer patients as part of the Cancer Action project.

Cape Girardeau – The club has sponsored events for the Giradot Center and the Veterans' Home. They've painted a room at the Resource Center and provided smoke detectors for the Missouri Mentoring Partnership which were distributed to young mothers in the program following the death of one young mother and her infant in a house fire.

Kansas City, Kansas - Collected school supplies and donated them to an inner city schools in KCKS, donated to the Avance de Kansas City Halloween Party, and participated in "Adopt An Angel" at M.E. Pearson Elementary School. They helped the KCK Housing Authority with "Christmas In The City" party

St. Cloud - Thanks to Jean Madsen for organizing the troops to work at the Federation of the Blind fundraiser. The spaghetti eaters were out in full force and from what I saw Zontians had a wonderful time setting tables, serving cookies and juice, clearing tables and of course eating spaghetti. Thanks to everyone who took part in this worthwhile service project

Bismarck: Instead of doing a gift exchange at Christmas; the Club decided to donate money to "The God's Child" project. This is project that was started by a local man; who has set up orphanages in Guatemala and is starting another in South Africa. You can

choose how you want your money to be spent within the organization. The club decided to sponsora child for a year, and have that tie in with our Literacy Program. \$265 will feed, cloth and send to school that child for a year. They have a separate "donation" box at each meeting where members give to "God's Child" and they hope to get our funds up so that we could support two children next year.

Fundraising Activities:

Kansas City II: an Evening of Turkish Delights featuring delicious and authentic Turkish food, arts, crafts, and antique cultural items.

Atchison: Club members serve as tour guides from March through October at the Cray Historical Home Museum.

Topeka: The club annual flower sale will be the last weekend of April.

Cape Girardeau: The club raised over \$8,000 on their Fashion Show for service projects and over \$1,000 at their Christmas Auction (an internal fundraiser) which supports the general budget.

Minneapolis: "The 12th Annual Holiday Event" was the most successful yet

Jamestown: The club held its annual Chocolate Fever Festival recently in conjunction with the Chamber of Commerce's Cabin Fever celebration. Close to 300 tickets were sold to those wanting to sample chocolate treats supplied by area businesses. The event was a huge success with media from a local radio station and newspaper covering the event. A television station in Fargo also spotlighted the event on their nightly newscast.

Our Membership KEEPS ON GROWING!

According to the latest figures with the district treasurer, district membership is up to 648! This is incredible growth – we're ahead 26 members in the district from the end of the fiscal year in May 2002. CONGRATULATIONS!!

Upcoming Date's and Events

March 8, 2003

- **Zonta Rose Day**
- **St. Charles, Missouri**
2nd Annual Women Empowering Women seminar
Contact Stephanie Thomson at 636-240-4431 for details.

March 29, 2003

St. Louis, Missouri
St. Louis Club Fashion Show at Sunset Hills Country Club

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 at the Classic Cellar on Country Club Plaza, Kansas City

May 3, 2003

Duluth, Minnesota
Area 3 Meeting

June 2003

- **District Board Meeting**
- **St. Louis, Missouri**
North American Summit
More information will be coming from the North American Governors

October 10-12, 2003

Kansas City, Missouri
District Conference

July 3-8, 20042

Marriott Marquis, Time Square, New York
Zonta International Convention

Value of Volunteer Time Increases

D.C.-based Independent Sector (<http://www.independentsector.org/>) has announced that the value of volunteer time increased by nearly 50 cents, to \$16.54 an hour, in 2002.

The hourly value, updated yearly, is based on the average hourly earnings of all nonagricultural workers as determined by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. To arrive at its rate, IS takes the bureau's figure and increases it by 12 percent to estimate for fringe benefits.

According to Giving and Volunteering in the United States, 2001, the organization's biennial survey on the giving and volunteering patterns of Americans, 44 percent of adults volunteered in 2001. When respondents were asked why they volunteered, the most commonly cited motivating factor

was compassion. Survey participants also attributed their volunteering to the belief that those who have more should help those who have less.

"While we recognize that volunteers offer a wide variety of services, this estimate provides a uniform way for volunteer managers, nonprofit executives, government agencies, and others to account for the value of volunteer time," said IS vice president of research Gordon Green, Ph.D.

To learn more about key findings of the survey, visit: <http://www.independentsector.org/programs/research/gv01main.html>

Membership Activities

The Zonta Club of St. Louis will celebrate Founders Day at the home of Uma Eachempati, M.D. Members will be asked to bring a friend and hopefully

a prospective new member. This will be a get acquainted meeting, two members or guest will interview each other and then make a two minute introduction of each other to the group. (Does your club do something to celebrate its founding??)

Women Empowering Women

The Charles Club's 2nd annual "Women Empowering Women" seminar is coming. The brunch event will be held March 8th at Stegton's Banquet Center in St. Charles. Time is 10A - 1P with Cassandra Walker from KMOX radio will be the speaker and an award will be given recognizing an area woman. For details they can call Stephanie Thomson at 636-240-4431

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In Memoriam

Duluth: Charlene Zimmerman, a vital member of the Duluth club since 1991, who served as president in 1997/98, has passed away. Char developed the club Literacy Program ten years ago. She was a dedicated Zontians whose presence will be missed by so many. She always made a point to talk to everyone and make the feel welcome. She had a deep down 'tummy laugh' that when you heard it you wanted to find out what was going on and join in.

Jamestown: We report the death of Dr. Anne Carlsen, a charter member and past president of the Jamestown Zonta Club. She was a nationally recognized disabilities advocate who had been born without forearms and lower legs. Dr. Anne began employment in 1938 as a teacher with the Crippled Children's School and also served as Principal before being named Administrator in 1950. In 1980, the school's name was changed to the Anne Carlsen School. She retired in 1981 but served as a consultant and mentor until her passing on December 22, 2002. Dr. Anne received numerous state and national awards, including the Presidents Trophy as the Handicapped American of the Year and North Dakota's highest honor, the Theodore Roosevelt Roughrider Award.



Networking Activities

Various clubs have been trying new ways to get the word out about Zonta in their communities. Here is a look at what some clubs are trying!

The presidents of each of the four clubs in the KC metro area met for breakfast last month to discuss and brainstorm. They are thinking of some ways to collaborate on some things and be more effective. It was a good meeting and they plan on continuing this collaborative effort.

The Zonta club of Duluth holds a joint dinner with Altrusa. This allows both groups to recognize other professional women in the area and share ideas and friendship.

The Zonta club of Fargo-Moorhead participates in an annual fellowship event with women's organizations in the Fargo-Moorhead area.

This year the club hosted the event - "A Mardi Gras Evening" - and had more than 60 attendees from their Zonta Club, the Altrusa Clubs of Fargo and Moorhead, the Quota Club and the Soroptimist Clubs of Fargo and Moorhead.

The evening included information booths from each organization, a Mardi Gras themed dinner and a program including recognition of each of the participating clubs, a humorist speaker and many door prizes.

These are excellent examples of public relations and networking activities that get Zonta's name and message out to others and educates Zonta members on the other community support activities being provided by women's organizations in their community.



News from the International Board

The International Board met in January and below are highlights of that meeting – please share with your club members!

- The board approved Macedonia as a new country.
- The Zonta International Foundation board is working to improve information about the administrative costs associated with ZIF programs. A Frequently Asked Questions page will be posted on the website in the Members Resource Center, and the Executive Director is working with staff to reduce costs.
- The board adopted two International service projects in Afghanistan. One project will provide \$52,800 to the Afghan Institute of Learning (AIL) for a Women's Learning Center in Mir Bacha Kot, a village about 45 minutes from Kabul, and the other will provide \$47,200 to UNICEF to vaccinate women in Kabul and Kabul province against Maternal and Neonatal Tetanus. In light of the substantial interest of Zontians around the world in helping women in Afghanistan, the Zonta International Foundation board voted to make a total of U.S. \$100,000 available for these projects.



New Club Coming in Rochester!

Jo Rockwell continues her work on the formation of the Zonta Club of Rochester. She's pulled together a core group of members that are meeting on a monthly basis. They've established a formal meeting place and plan to take a group to the area meeting in Duluth. They hope to have the 20 members needed to chartering a new club later this year

A group of Zontians from the Mankato club is planning to attend their March 18th meeting in Rochester to share Zonta experiences and fellowship. If anyone knows of potential members in the Rochester, MN area please pass them on to Jo at Jorock10@aol.com

New Member Orientation

By Bea Armstrong, St. Louis

Zonta members that had join the club in the past 3 years were invited to attend a Membership Orientation held Saturday, Feb 22 from 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Each presenter was asked to bring a light snack. After introductions, we started the presentation with Zonta International, the International Projects, the importance of attending the conventions and the impact International decisions can have on local clubs. Anne Anderson, Area Director and member of the St. Louis Club covered the District offices and the duties of the area director. A presentation was made on each club board office by a former or current office holder. The new members in attendance were very impressed and felt that it would be helpful if we held the orientation again for those members that were unable to attend. Even though it snowed, we had 11 members in attendance. We plan to do this again in the next six months.

[This is a great idea to try in your club – it's a chance to have new and current members to get together as well as brush up on the different facets of Zonta. Kerry]

Things it took me 50 years to learn

By Dave Barry

- [because we all need a little humor in our lives!-K]
1. Never under any circumstances take a sleeping pill and a laxative on the same night
 2. If you had to identify, in one word, the reason why the human race has not achieved, and never will achieve, its full potential, that word would be "meetings".
 3. There is a very fine line between "hobby" and "mental illness."
 4. And when God, who created the entire universe with all of its glories, decides to deliver a message to humanity, He WILL NOT use, as His messenger, a person on cable TV with a bad hairstyle.
 5. You should not confuse your career with your life.
 6. No matter what happens ... somebody will find a way to take it too seriously.
 7. Nobody cares if you can't dance well. Just get up and dance.
 8. A person who is nice to you, but rude to the waiter, is not a nice person.
 9. Never lick a steak knife.
 10. Take out the fortune before you eat the cookie.
 11. The one thing that unites all human beings, regardless of age, gender, religion, economic status or ethnic background, is that, deep down inside, we ALL believe that we are above-average drivers.
 12. You should never say anything to a woman that even remotely suggests that you think she's pregnant unless you can see an actual baby emerging from her at that moment.
 13. Your friends love you anyway

District 7 Committee Chairs

Organization, Membership, & Classification

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Zonta Club of St. Charles, MO

Status of Women/Service

Kathy Swan
Zonta Club of Cape Girardeau

Ameila Earhart

Janelle Weishaar
Zonta Club of Atchison, KS

Young Women in Public Affairs

Sharon Stark
Zonta Club of Topeka, KS

Jane M. Klausmann

Suzanne Bond
Zonta Club of Kansas City, KS

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