

Zonta International District 7

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Greetings from the Governor

Kerry Dixon-Fox

It's been an amazingly busy spring for all of us. I had a wonderful time visiting all the area meetings – the weather cooperated and the programs were very good. There were a couple of speakers that I'm thinking about bringing to the District meeting in October.

There is a great deal of good going on in the clubs and I'm proud of the job that all the District 7 members have done in their communities. Give yourselves a pat on the back!

I want to take a minute to thank Mary Nimmerfro of the Zonta club of St. Cloud for volunteering to put the district newsletter up on their website so more members can access it. Please share with your club members that they can now see the newsletter online at <http://www.zontastcloudmn.org>

I also want to thank Courtney Lee of Johnson County for volunteering to help me in getting the District 7 website up and running. Hopefully between the two of us we should be able to have it up and running next fall. She's a new Zontian and I'm relieved that she agreed to help me out.

The district winner of the YWPA award has been selected and forwarded to Headquarters. Due to changes in the procedure for the award I don't want to announce the winner until she is ratified by the Zonta International Executive Committee. There is more information on the changes in the award later in this

newsletter. Presidents, keep your eyes peeled as I will be sending out the information to the clubs who nominated YWPA candidates later this summer. We received nominations from 8 clubs this year and they were all very strong.

It looks as if we will be having six or more Jane Klausman candidates for the district award this year. The due date is postmarked by May 31st, so I will have an update later. We will be able to award the district scholarship early this fall.



You've probably all noticed by now the image that I continue to use on this page of the newsletter – she reflects the job that all of us have to do in juggling our many hats – personal, family, professional, and Zonta hats. As a whole, we are busy women who are able to multi-task and keep it all together. Just remember to take time for yourself in all that you do.

Enjoy the summer,

Kerry

Zontian Oral History Film Project

PIP **Harriette Yeckel** is engaged in an oral history filming project, which will record, for Zonta archives, the work and achievements of some of our outstanding leaders around the world. She has raised all the money personally to initiate this project, and her daughter Judith, an excellent theatre director, and documentary filmmaker John Altman, are part of her team.

Harriette reported that Judith has just returned from Paris where she interviewed and filmed France de la Chaise Mutin, a Zonta PIP. France has not only done some amazing new club founding for Zonta, but also was very active in the French resistance movement during WW2, receiving every meritorious medal and honor her country bestows. The De La Chaise Mutin family dates back to the 15th century and there are both a street in Paris and a cemetery that bear her family's name. Since Judith speaks good French, she had an immediate rapport with her subject, and a fabulous experience.

On May 20th, Harriette and Judith go to Taiwan to interview and film, after which Judith will go on to the Philippines to interview 93 year old Justice Cecilia Munoz Palma, a close Zonta friend, who was the first woman to serve on that country's Supreme Court. Although Fernando Marcos subsequently removed Justice Palma from the court because of her resistance to his dictatorial methods, he described her as "the only real man on the court"!

After Marcos was overthrown, Justice Palma went on to write the new democratic constitution under which the country now operates. She is so admired by everyone and by the Zontians in the Philippines that former President Corizon Aquino, a Zonta member, has agreed to be among the members Judith will interview about Cecilia. KCII member, Emmeline Quiason, is Justice Palma's niece and has generously contributed \$3000 to help with filming costs.

PIPS Helvie Sipila and Harriette will also hopefully be filmed as part of this initial documentary. And speaking of Helvi who is Finnish, it's worth noting that Finland has recently become the first country in Europe to have women serving as Prime Minister and President. (from KC2 newsletter)

Access to Zonta.org

Just a reminder to everyone, there is a plethora of information available at the Zonta International website. All Zontians can access Member Resource Center. 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.

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Zontian in the News

Flo Goodrich of St. Cloud, MN received the Kay and Dick Fliehr Award for Outstanding Service to MN Theatre from the MN Association of Community Theatres. Flo received her award at a gala event held in Crookston. Take A Bow, Flo!

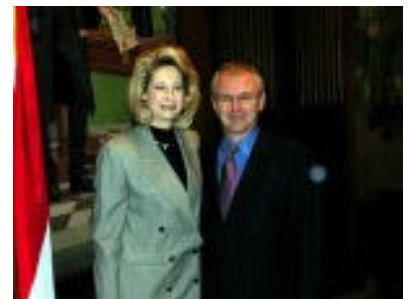
Congratulations go out to **Kathy Swan** of the Zonta Club of Cape Girardeau. Kathy was nominated to the Missouri Coordinating Board for Higher Education by Gov. Bob Holden and confirmed by the Missouri Senate on April 10th. The press release from the Governor's Office stated:

"Swan, 52, is President of Johnson Communication Services Inc. in Cape Girardeau. She was formerly the vice-president of the Cape Girardeau School

Board and currently serves on the Missouri Business Education Roundtable. Swan has been awarded the American Cancer Society Volunteer of the Year and the Vision 2000 Award of Distinction. She earned an associate's and bachelor's degree from Southeast Missouri State University.

"Access to higher education is a key to economic growth in Missouri," Holden said. "Kathy will help ensure that the quality of higher education in the state continues to thrive."

The Missouri Coordinating Board for Higher Education's mission is to foster a thriving system of quality higher education. The board employs a commissioner to serve as its chief executive officer and carry out its goals and administrative responsibilities for coordinating the state system of higher education, which includes 13 public four-year colleges and universities, 17 public two-year community colleges, 1 public two-year technical college, 25 independent colleges and universities, 120 proprietary schools and 39 specialized independent schools and colleges and theological institutions"



Kathy with Governor Bob Holden

New Members in the District!

(from club newsletters)

Karen Stephens, Cape Girardeau
Ann Leonard, St. Cloud

A Look around the District

Service:

St. Paul gathered items for the Neighborhood House Food Shelf
Jefferson City collected women’s business attire for Dreams to Reality Program including clothing, accessories, pantyhose, etc.

Cape Girardeau applied for a ZISVAW grant in conjunction with the Girl Scouts. They are working with local Habitat for Humanity chapter – working on two bathrooms and collected 3 tons of telephone directories in their recycling project and received 3 dogwood trees to plant in a local park.

St. Cloud delivered five pallets of books to Journey Home, Anna Marie’s, Catholic Schools, Public Schools, and the Boys & Girls Club as part of their literacy projects; donated over \$3,500 to Anna Marie’s where the funds have been designated to the Children Exposed to Violence Initiative based at Anna Marie’s shelter. The director wrote in her thank you that “Zonta’s interest in empowering battered women and their children—philosophically and through financial support—helps promote what children and women need to thrive—safe communities and safe homes, literacy, healthy relationship skill building, awareness of domestic violence in the community and options for victims.”

Johnson County - The club adopted Safe Home in Overland Park for an ongoing service project.

Fundraising Activities:

May is the big month for fundraising in the district: Kansas City I’s fashion show and flower sales, the Jefferson City Women of Achievement luncheon, St. Cloud flower sales, and many others. Here is a look at what went on this spring.

Cape Girardeau - Hosted a local flea market in April – advertising locally and then staffing concessions for fundraising.

Kansas City, KS - The local nut ladies are selling out!!

Topeka – The club held a flower sale at the Downtown Farmers Market on May 10th. The committee worked over 200 hours to pull together all the flowers and get ready for the big event!

Jefferson City - On May 13, they held the 4th Annual Women of Achievement Yellow Rose Luncheon. Debby Turner, who represented Missouri when she won the Miss America title in 1990, received this year’s “Celebration of Communication” award. Ms. Turner, a CBS news correspondent, nationally recognized motivational speaker and Doctor of Veterinary Medicine, serves on many local, state and national boards, including the National Council on Youth leadership and the Matthews - Dickey Boys and Girls Club. The event sold out with 878 tickets sold!

St. Louis - The club recognized the 2003 Yellow Rose Award Recipients at their fashion show on March 29th: the Honorable Catherine Hanaway, first woman Speaker of the Missouri House of Representatives; Kathleen Hanrahan, director of the YWCA sexual assault center; Sister Silvestri, who does mission work with local immigrant women who cannot speak English; Rosa Schwarz, consul of Peru; Robin Smith, local newscaster; and Dr. Blanche M. Touhill, retiring chancellor of the University of Missouri – St. Louis .

Kansas City II - Lillian Pardo and Jan Armstrong co-chaired their big event: an Evening of Turkish Delights. The club met their goal of raising \$3000.00 this year. The weather was fine, the crowd friendly and eager, the entertainment excellent, and the food, was plentiful and authentic, including a shish kabob that the Turkish members described as superb and delicious. The club also cosponsored the Women who make a Difference dinner for the residents of Sheffield Place, a shelter that works to counteract the effects of growing up believing that you have no value and women are worthless. The typical Sheffield Place resident is a 28-year old African American female who grew up in a poverty dependent home; has been using drugs and alcohol for at least ten years; has learned to survive on the streets selling her body and victimizing others; and who has had no positive female role model.

Public Relations:

Topeka - A brief report on the success of the 29 corsage and certificate presentations at five sites including Topeka Capital Journal (4), City Council (4), County Commissioner Kane (1), Saint Francis Volunteers (10) and Kansas Rehabilitation Hospital (10), Newspaper coverage, City Proclamation and samples were distributed for review – On March 8th

Kansas City, KS - A yellow rose has been chosen to plant in Presbyterian Manor’s courtyard garden. Marcia Schuler was very honored to think the club planted a rose in her honor

Fargo Moorhead - A cold March brought warm yellow roses to the monthly meeting! Zonta Yellow Roses were given out to women in the community. This is the third annual rose event. Roses were given out to 35 women in the media. Local Radio station, “The Box”, again, mentioned Zonta and the yellow rose on the air

LAA:

St. Paul is spreading news about the proposed changes in Title IX legislation for the participation of women and girls in sports and sharing information on how to provide input on changes.

Z-Clubs:

Z-club of Jefferson City invited back a former member to meet with the girls and give hints for a successful first year of college life – what a way to tap those former members! They are also doing job shadowing with Jefferson City Zontians to be better informed about career options.

Membership in District 7 is UP!

According to the April membership information, district membership is up to 650! This is 4% growth from last year. Lets hope that we can retain all our members and start the next Zonta year off strong!

CONGRATULATIONS!!

Just for Fun . . .

For fun, April was Mad Hat Parade at the KCI club meeting – all members were to attend wearing hats!! What a way to bring some fun into the meeting.

February was for Fellowship & Beads

The Fargo-Moorhead Club was the host for the annual fellowship dinner held in February. The theme was “A Mardi Gras Night”. Local chapters of Altrusa, Soroptomists, and Quota were in attendance. Over 60 guests were given beads and visited club booths during the social hour. A New Orleans dinner was served and door prizes were given out throughout the evening. Guest speaker, Tammy Swift, gave a humorous speech on life. It was an excellent evening with opportunity to share each clubs activities, fundraising ideas and projects.

District 7 Conference

Start marking your calendars now for the District 7 Fall Conference in Kansas City, Missouri. The Zonta Club of Kansas City 1 is hard at work planning the event and we are looking to have a wonderful time at the KCI Hilton. They’ve guaranteed that we WON’T have a wedding reception next door and are putting out the red carpet for our arrival.

The conference will begin Friday night, October 10th with cocktails, dinner, and a chance to meet the candidates for office. Business sessions are scheduled for Saturday including reports from the committee chairs, approval of the district budget for 2004-2006, revisions to our standing rules/rules of procedure, and a wealth of other activities. A formal dinner is planned for Saturday with a special surprise!

On Sunday we will begin with our memorial service to recognize those Zontians that have gone before and will conclude our district business before heading back to the four corners of District 7 on October 12th. Additional information will be coming out to you in early August with the Call to Conference, business actions, and club delegate information.

International President Margit Webjorn will be our special guest representing the International Board and I hope that we will show her the kind of hospitality that District 7 is known for having. See you in October!

YWPA & Klausman Scholarship News

At the January 2003 meeting the ZI Board decided that the Executive Committee will approve all monetary awards and awardees for the Amelia Earhart, Freeman, YWPA, Klausman and ZISVAW programs. This means that the YWPA subcommittee must first review all of the district applications and submit a list of qualified recipients to the ZI Executive Committee. The ZI Executive Committee must then vote by ballot to approve all recipients. All of this must happen before the recipients can be officially announced and before any checks can be processed.

This new policy will delay the checks. At the moment, the YWPA subcommittee is preparing the list for the ballot. The checks for the District YWPA recipients will be mailed by mid July, and the checks for the District Klausman recipients will be mailed by the end of September. The staff at Headquarters apologizes for any inconvenience that this may cause.

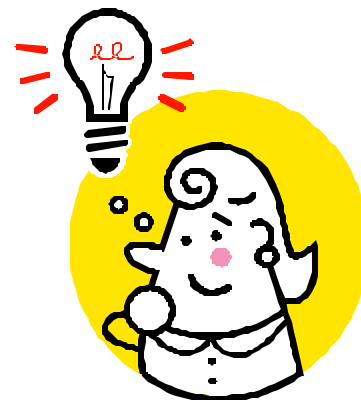
The District 7 YWPA winner will be announced as soon as we are notified of the approval by the Executive Committee and that information will be shared with all clubs submitting nominees and then district as a whole. Thank you all for promoting this opportunity to the young women in our seven state district!

Zonta North American Summit

The planning is complete and the workshops are set! The summit is set for June 21 and 22 in St. Louis. Early registration has been extended to June 7th! We’ve got women registered from 12 districts across the continent. It should be a blast!!

Check out www.zontadistrict3.org for information on the workshops and for registration forms!

See you in St. Louis!



Membership Ideas

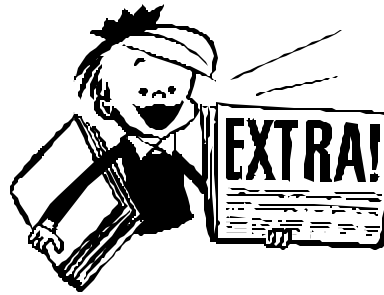
These are ideas that are being explored by clubs around the district – maybe it is something that you haven’t thought about yet!

St. Paul is looking for alternative resources for potential members including local colleges, professional associations, and advertisers in the MN Press Women’s Directory. They are planning on inviting women from these sources to a meeting.

Johnson County developed Zonta Club of Johnson County business cards for club members to distribute at events as well as new club brochures.

Jefferson City: Holding a booth at the Women’s Expo – using it as a way to expose more women to Zonta and get potential members.

Cape Girardeau held a Zonta Reunion social event inviting current and past Zontians. They were sharing some things the club has done locally and world-wide. They are hoping to reconnect with past members and get them interested again.



Governor Tim Pawlenty of Minnesota declares March 8th to be Zonta International Rose Day

STATE OF MINNESOTA

Proclamation

Whereas: International Women's Day is an occasion marked by women's groups around the world. When women on all continents, often divided by national boundaries and by ethnic, linguistic, cultural, economic and political differences, come together to celebrate their day, they can look back to a tradition that represents at least nine decades of struggle for equality, justice, peace and development; and

Whereas: Zonta International is a worldwide service organization of executives in business and the professions working together to advance the legal, political, economic, educational, health and professional status of women; and

Whereas: For decades, the yellow rose, a symbol of friendship, has been the symbol of Zonta International and for the fifth straight year Zonta International Rose Day will be celebrated on March 8, 2003, coinciding with International Women's Day; and

Whereas: Minnesota has local Zonta International chapters in the Austin area, Breckenridge-Wahpeton, the Brainerd area, Duluth, the Mankato area, Minneapolis, the St. Cloud area and St. Paul; and

Whereas: The local Minnesota chapters support, with volunteer hours, in-kind and cash contributions, such organizations as The Jeremiah Program in Minneapolis, Hmong Women's Action Team and Women's and Children's Recovery Center-Hazelden Foundation Program in St. Paul, Port Group Home in Brainerd and Anna Marie Shelter and Journey Home in St. Cloud; and

Whereas: The local Minnesota chapters provided educational scholarship grants to support women in their pursuit of self-sufficiency through the Amelia Earhart Scholarship Program and the Myrtle Lee Scholarship Awards; and

Whereas: The purpose of Zonta International Rose Day is to increase visibility of Zonta and promote recognition of International Women's Day and issues affecting women.

Now, Therefore, I, TIM PAWLENTY, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim, that Saturday, March 8, 2003, shall be observed as:

Zonta International Rose Day

in the State of Minnesota.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this fifth day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand and three, and of the State the one hundred forty-fourth.

Governor Tim Pawlenty

2003 ZISVAW Grants Announced

The 2003 ZISVAW grants were announced earlier this month. Four awards were given out to five clubs around the world. Below is a look at the grant winners and the programs they will be pursuing.

Zonta Clubs of Hamilton 1 and Hamilton 2 (Canada), District 4

Partnering Organizations: Catholic Family Services and New Faces The FASTWORKS program will work with New Faces, a theater production company, to produce interactive, participatory theater where children and their families will explore alternative dispute resolution. Theater productions will be developed and performed by secondary school students from Hamilton area schools. These productions will explore issues surrounding violence faced by young people at home, in school and in the community. FASTWORKS takes a whole family approach to violence prevention through programs that are designed to enhance parent-child interactions and build a support network for parents.

Zonta Club of Davao City (Philippines), District 17

Partnering Organization: The Institute of Primary Health Care (Davao Medical School Foundation) "Community Response to Violence Against Women and Children Project" will work to increase community awareness and action on issues related to violence against women and children. The project will reinforce the capabilities of organizations working with victims of violence and by creating and implementing an anti-violence action plan. Additionally, the project will strengthen advocacy and referral systems for victims of violence based on district and citywide referral networks.

Zonta Club of Muntinlupa and Environs (Philippines), District 17

Partnering Organizations: Center for the Prevention and Treatment of Child Sexual Abuse (CPTCSA), The City of Muntinlupa and the City of Muntinlupa Division of City Schools The Gabay Bata project - Guidance and in Support of the Child aims to train teachers and guidance counselors in the CPTCSA's Personal Safety Curriculum, so that they can discuss issues of childhood sexual abuse with children. Children will learn to recognize signs of abuse, giving them the knowledge to avoid potentially abusive situations by early recognition of threatening situations. A total of 130 teachers and counselors will be trained on how to implement the Personal Safety Curriculum during an intensive three-day training session to be held over the summer. These teachers will then take their knowledge back to the classroom and teach the curriculum to their students. In addition to teacher trainings, the project will also hold quarterly parent enrichment seminars that will teach parents how to create a supportive, open environment at home -- an environment that will make it easier for children to discuss abuse with their parents.

Zonta Club of Perth Northern Suburbs (Australia), District 23

Partnering Organization: Domestic Violence Children's Counseling Service Domestic Violence Children's Counseling Service will work with families who are living in domestic violence shelters in an attempt to break the cycle of violence early by targeting victims and their children. Project activities will be directly linked to deconstructing violent behaviors towards women and children. Through this project, children will practice conflict resolution skills in a non-threatening family environment. Additionally, the mothers of these children will be taught how to develop boundaries for their children's unacceptable behavior at home.

Upcoming Dates and Events

June 20, 2003
St. Louis, Missouri
District 7 Board Meeting

June 21 and 22, 2003
St. Louis, Missouri
North American Summit
see www.zontadistrict3.org for more information

June 30, 2003
YWPA International recipients to be selected
Chicago, IL

August 15, 2003
Jane Klausman district nominees due to Headquarters

August 30, 2003
District financial information due to Headquarters

September 30, 2003
Jane Klausman International recipients to be selected
Chicago, IL

October 10-12, 2003
Kansas City, Missouri
District Conference

July 3-8, 2004
Marriott Marquis, Time Square, New York
Zonta International Convention