



District 7 Newsletter



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"Women stepping up to power, and offering a helping hand to a sister along the way..."

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See you at District Seminar!

Your club presidents by now have informed you of the details surrounding our upcoming District 7 Seminar, set for the weekend of October 1-3, 2004. Brainerd, Minnesota is exceptionally lovely this time of year, and the weather will be perfect for walking outdoors and other activities, too. This is a time to bond, grow, share, and encourage one another to greater success and impact through our time spent in Zonta activities. Please bring a new Zontian, items to sell for fundraising, if you wish, and all your best stories and ideas! I will arrive around 5pm at Brainerd Airport, and will hop the hotel shuttle from there. I will be there the whole weekend, and am happy to make time for Zonta. Will you do the same and join me? ☺

D7 Housekeeping...

Your District 7 Board is working well together, blessed with great past leadership to light the way for the new team. Thank you, Kerry, for doing such an outstanding job of organizing and tightening our district processes and publications. We met by teleconference in August, and are working to grow our district and support the activities of our four Area Directors who are going to stay in close touch with each club president. Our job as a board is to support your activities, offer assistance, and share our experience when requested. If any club is interested in starting new programs or fundraising or service projects, start to check the D7 website for more ideas. Club presidents and committee chairs, please keep tidy records and notes so when it is time for annual reports to be submitted, it will be a simple process to review and write.

Area Meetings in Spring

Please consider planning now for your upcoming Area meetings. Secure a venue, calculate your budget, consider speakers and other activities for your area clubs to benefit from. If you are the host club, please work now with your Area Director to assure early mailing of invitations (January 2005) and to ease planning stresses. Make use of your budget forms in the AD Manual, and if help is needed, feel free to ask your AD or D7 treasurer Barb Zapp for assistance in financial planning. Zontians, please consider participating in Area and District meetings a personal priority. These are not for club officers only, but for us all to gather and grow.



At International Convention in New York City, Kerry Dixon-Fox and Linda Jacobsen celebrating a new biennium of service together. The shawl Linda is wearing was a gift that night from a sister from Ghana. Linda presented Kerry with a 24-carat gold-dipped rose.

D7 Committee Chairs...

I am honored that many wonderful women in our district have consented to serve as Committee Chairs for the good of us all. Please visit the D7 website at www.zontadistrict7.org and get to know who is doing what for you. Each woman has a special talent to share with you, should you need her guidance, wisdom, or ideas as to how to work at the club level on things like Amelia Earhart, the Zonta International Foundation, Women's Health Issues, United Nations, Public Relations, and so much more!

Share and Grow

This newsletter is to encourage you to communicate on-line as much as possible, and to share your ideas, celebrations, and successes via word and picture whenever you can. I hope every club in our district will eventually submit information for our D7 website, which will have two purposes. First, it inspires other Zontians to try new things. Second, it may attract new members to our clubs. This newsletter, for example, will be posted on the website, so others can get to it after it is sent to the Area Directors and the board members for distribution. We can save a lot of time and money by using electronic media as much as possible. You might want to print out a single copy of this type of publication to bring to your club meeting for those who do not have e-mail capability.

Member Directory and Records

To create a new D7 Directory, we need the updated electronic rosters sent to Lt. Governor Carol Munns as soon as possible. Kindly forward the information to her at cmunns@brainerd.k12.mn.us for inclusion. Also, whenever you gain a new member, remember to send the information to the district, as well as to Zonta International along with appropriate payments. Call me with any questions!