



District 7 Newsletter



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www.zonta.org/register*

Area Meetings
2006

Area 1: April 29 in
Aberdeen, SD

Area 3: April 8 in
St. Cloud, MN

Area 5: April 22 in
Kansas City, MO

Area 6: March 25
in St. Charles, MO

HAVE YOU
REGISTERED
FOR:
International
Convention June 24-
29, 2006
Melbourne, Australia

D7 Fall Seminar 2006
Atchison, Kansas
October 6-8

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Welcome New Burkina Faso Club!

In the most recent information from ZI HQ, we are happy to welcome a new club in **Ouagadougou Crystal, Burkina Faso, in District 18, in West Africa**. As of 30 November 2005, we have 1,246 paid clubs with total global Zonta International membership of 32,038. District 7 has 22 paid clubs with a total of 578 members, according to ZI HQ. If your numbers are not accurate, contact D7 treasurer Barb Zapp to verify your club's roster, payments, and status. Eight of our 22 clubs have fewer than 20 members, so let's all work hard to build and grow Zonta right here at home, too!

Club Updates...

Area 1: The **Jamestown**, ND club has been researching Peace Poles all over their state for several years. They have purchased one of their own, and "planted" it at the National Buffalo Museum located right in Jamestown on United Nations Day this fall. The **Fargo** club just finished a wonderful Thanksgiving Day Baskets project. **Bismarck** is involved in a new community service opportunity called Tracy's Sanctuary House, for families in life-threatening crisis.

Area 3: Hosted a club presidents training on October 8 in **St. Cloud**. The Zonta Club of **St. Paul** collected blankets for Katrina survivors, and is going to host a Global Event at the Great American History Theatre in St. Paul on January 20, 2006. They are currently working on a project around collecting and distributing books for women in prison. **Mankato** held a very successful Passport to Fashion event and is working hard to review and evaluate for future successes, too.

Area 5: Kansas City I held a special meeting around United Nations themes, and focused on music from many nations. They also held their 34th annual fashion show, and did a fine job. The **metropolitan KC clubs** will host their annual Amelia Earhart Luncheon on Saturday, January 21st at the Hilton Garden Inn in downtown Kansas City, Kansas. Lucie Johannes, a D7 AE Fellow this year, will be the honored speaker. Many of you met her at conference, and know what a tremendous young woman she is!

Area 6: St. Louis hosted their annual bi-state Zonta trip, this year heading to Springfield, Illinois with Missouri and Illinois sisters to the new Lincoln Library. It was incredible, and a trip well worth taking, for all of you who don't live nearby! **Jefferson City** has a new website you are encouraged to visit, www.zontajc.org. Their Z Club, led by former ZI Governor Amparo Thomas, has 22 members! **St. Charles** now celebrates 12 members, and is looking

We're on the Web!
www.zontadistrict7.org

Download 2005
Conference Minutes and
Photos from Cape
Girardeau!

forward to hosting the Area 6 meeting next spring. **Cape Girardeau**, hosting two enormous Zonta events back to back, is to be congratulated on both. Their Women of Achievement event was hailed by the community and raised a lot of money, and they all came together days later to host a truly fine conference for all of us.

VIVA Zonta!

A great time was had by all who took time from their busy lives to journey to Cape Girardeau, Missouri, for our District 7 Conference this September 30-October 2. ZIP-elect Olivia Ferry was our international representative, and we were honored to have her with us to celebrate. Opening night included travel information and the national anthem of The Philippines, to welcome her to District 7 in style. Delegates voted unanimously to support the proposed budget for the next biennium, and so with the 2007 billing cycle, District 7 dues will rise by \$5.00 per member. No motions were passed that need to go on to convention, and the minutes of the conference will soon be posted on our D7 website. Nearly 100 Zontians and guests enjoyed the weekend, topped off by the delightful dinner cruise aboard the Grampa Woo, which took us along the Mississippi for several hours of food, fun, and frolic. The conference theme of VIVA, which stood for Vision, Issues, Voices, and Action, was underscored by Saturday afternoon discussions and workshops to empower members to lead their clubs into the new age of Zonta. We hope to carry through on this theme across the district and into each club in its own way. District committee chairs are always willing and happy to help you grow your club in any way possible. Evaluations for the conference were very positive overall, with many comments centering around the terrific workshop Governor-elect Carol Munns gave on personality differences and how best to capitalize on them in a club setting. D7 treasurer Barb Zapp reported that we raised \$800 at conference to give to the Zonta International Foundation in honor of ZIP-elect Livie's visit to us. It will be sent to the Rose Fund, so the Foundation Board can best apply the funds where they are most needed. Our thanks to the Cape Girardeau club, and Conference Chair Mona Copeland for an outstanding job on the meeting! For photos and more detailed information on conference, visit the D7 website and download the minutes! www.zontadistrict7.org

Has your club given a third of service funds raised to the ZIF for the year yet?

Take time to cut out articles on leading women and get them to your club membership chair!

Send out press releases on every new member, every club accomplishment, and invite the public to come and see what your Zonta club is all about!

**Zonta Rose Day 2006:
What have you got planned?**

NEW WAY TO GIVE TO ZIF: The Zonta International FOUNDATION

Online Giving is available through the Zonta International/Zonta International Foundation Web Site.

To access Online Giving, use the “contribute” button at the upper right of every Zonta page & navigate to the Contribute Online link.

With holiday giving around the corner, think about giving a donation to a Zonta Foundation Fund in honor of that “hard to find something for” individual. In the words of Past Zonta International Foundation President, Jane Roberts Garvey, “By giving, we can find happiness for a lifetime by helping others worldwide and, most important, we can make women’s equality a reality.”

Do it now!!!

Have you registered for convention yet?

Register online at www.zonta2006.com and use your credit card for faster processing. Take time now to reserve your preferred hotel, and do select the prepaid lunch option during convention as it’s a busy week in Melbourne with school holidays and many visitors. Restaurants will be very crowded, and your Zonta days will be very full! Talk to your club about selecting a delegate, and anticipated costs for convention. If you are planning to redeem airline miles for your travel to Australia, reserve your flights now! If your club doesn’t have a line item in its budget for convention, do raise the subject soon. In 2008 the convention goes to Rotterdam, Netherlands, and in 2010 we shall meet in Bangkok, Thailand. Plan ahead to support your club delegates to attend conventions long into the future...

March 8th is coming. Are you ready?

International Women’s Day, as well as our treasured Zonta Rose Day, March 8th, 2006 is a super opportunity for your club to celebrate the status of women by planning ahead. Perhaps your club could honor leading women in your community with yellow roses and an invitation to visit your club? Or you might focus on Zonta International projects and how much money your club has given to specific ZI projects funded through the ZIF. Plan ahead. Get good press, and choose your targeted leaders now!

Zonta clubs everywhere should be recognized as the expert voice for women's issues. What is your club doing to assure this?

Advocacy is Every Zontian's Job: *We are the Voice of Women Everywhere!*

Advancing the status of women takes time in every community. Each town, each community of women, faces different challenges. What are key issues facing the women in your community? What kind of research are you doing to present a strong case for your issue? How are you raising public awareness of the issues, and how are you educating Zontians to speak with authority on serious issues facing the women in your town? Talk about this in your club, and create an action plan! Remember, issues-based advocacy should never be politically motivated or partisan. Stay objective, study the facts, and share your views with the community and the media. Stand up for the issues that affect the women in your region, and stand together for greatest impact! Trafficking of women and girls would be a good place to start...

Your D7 Board in Action

The District 7 Board next meets via teleconference on Monday, January 16 at 7pm. If you have issues you'd like raised, please contact your area director, who will be honored to be your voice during the meeting.