



# District 7 Newsletter



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Linda Jacobsen, Governor

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*Meet the  
incoming D7  
Board*

*Joint Board  
Meeting held in  
Minneapolis June  
9-10*

*Plan to attend  
Fall Seminar in  
Atchison, KS  
Friday, October 6-  
Sunday October 8*

*Closing Comments  
from Governor Linda*

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*We're on the Web!  
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## A Wonderful Spring of Area Meetings and Zonta Growth

It was a delight to attend all four area meetings again this spring. Getting to know clubs, cities, and ways in which Zontians serve their communities has



been one of the best parts about serving as your governor. Area 6 met first, and unanimously voted to change their name to Area 2. St. Charles, now a club of 15 members, hosted at a new area convention center. They cleverly invited their Zonta Rose Day recipients to attend the Friday night cocktail gathering, and several guests attended and learned more about Zonta. Their theme for the meeting was "Building Together...Creating Healthy Community Partnerships." They had a panel which included area Zontians living out this mission on behalf of women and children. Renowned speaker Pam Vaccaro came to share wisdom about time management for busy Zontians. The day was topped off by a visit to the St. Louis History Museum, where a national exhibit honoring the country's First Ladies was on display.



April 8 saw me in St. Cloud for the Area 3 meeting. St. Cloud sisters spoiled me rotten, and worked very hard on a wonderful program entitled "Soaring to New Heights." Their focus was on celebrating women in aviation, and they went to great trouble to host two of our District 7 AE Fellows, Xueli Jiang and Ying Qi, both of whom spoke very articulately about their graduate research. Keynote speaker Tara Harl, an Assistant Professor of Aviation at St. Cloud State University, spoke on attracting and retaining more African-Americans in corporate aviation. Her historic overview and slides were fantastic. Everyone learned so much, and our AE Fellows especially enjoyed the theme and the historic perspective.



A highlight of the Area 3 meeting was hearing from longtime Zontian Mary Knevel, who knew Amelia Earhart during their years at Purdue together. Our AE Fellows were particularly fascinated to hear a personal account, right from the source, about one of their own longtime idols in aviation...

April 22 brought me to Kansas City II, where sisters there hosted the Area 5 meeting. Now, though, again due to a unanimous aye, their Area is now 4. (So, from North and South Dakota in Area 1 and moving southward, we now have four contiguously numbered areas!). The beautiful grounds and venue of the Kauffman Foundation were where we spent our Saturday together. The meeting theme was "Advancing the Status of Women by Preventing Gender-based Violence." A terrific panel of highly



qualified speakers took their time to educate us about the plight of women and children throughout the cycle of domestic violence. The police, a local prosecutor, and other experts serving battered women and children came to share their perspective, and what we can do to improve the situation. The discussion was feisty and participation was intense. The speakers stayed late to continue the dialogue! To top off that day, four visiting experts on women's issues from Thailand were at the

session, courtesy of the Rotary International club which had invited them to the region. I think we spent a good few minutes during break sharing news of Zonta with them, too! ☺



April 29 brought me to Aberdeen, South Dakota, to the last area meeting of my biennium. I was honored to stay with Jacki Omland, who even allowed me to crash her satellite learning classroom at a local college. I was thrilled to see that there was a Hutterite class logged in, and young women were in class, too. It was a physics class, so I was even more impressed to see many young



women participating, and Jacki setting such a marvelous example of women in the sciences. The club had also worked hard for some local PR, and we were on the area radio station talking about Zonta. Way to go, Aberdeen! The theme of their meeting was "Caring, Sharing, Giving." We installed incoming AD Joan Wrolstad from the Fargo club, and local clubs shared ideas, best practices, and Jacki spoke about "The Hats We Wear" as women each day, which was a big hit. A rural advocate for women came to speak about a seven county program combating violence



against women called Safe Harbor. She showed a powerful video on violence in its ugliness and the escalating patterns so viewers might recognize and rescue themselves and loved ones to break the cycle.



## CLOSING COMMENTS...

I am so proud of all of you. Having been given the opportunity of a lifetime to serve you, get to know you better, and try to share a little of what Zonta means to me, has been an honor. Thank you, each precious sister of mine in D7, for the privilege of these two years together. My board, from Secretary Suzanne Bond, Governor-elect Carol Pasanen, Treasurer Barb Zapp, and each Area Director, Peggy Irmen, Lila Moen, Janet Kannard and Cheryl Mothes, along with immediate past Governor and ongoing Webmaster Kerry Dixon-Fox and ongoing Parliamentarian Extraordinaire Patty Palm, has been incredibly supportive, inventive, professional, and a force for positive change and growth in Zonta. Thank you, each one of you amazing women, for making the time for Zonta, and for giving me the chance to learn and grow from each of your wisdom and experience. I am the better for having been by your side! ☺



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## Plan Now to Attend District Seminar!!

**Please make time to attend our Fall Seminar, in Amelia's Hometown, Atchison, Kansas!!**

The host committee in Atchison is hard at work with Governor-elect Carol Pasanen, and incoming AD for Area 4 Sharon Stark of the Topeka club, to bring you the best possible District Seminar, full of fun, learning, sharing, and growing. Come and walk where Amelia walked. Meet the 99s who support her birthplace and childhood home. Watch this summer for more information. Fly into KCI, or drive to Atchison. Incoming D7 treasurer (outgoing A5D) Janet Kannard asks any sisters who might like a ride from the airport to the seminar to contact her and she will make arrangements with local KC clubs...Contact Janet at [jkannard@juno.com](mailto:jkannard@juno.com). Don't wait! I plan to get there early on Friday, to wander around what I have been told is a completely charming town...Join me? I would be honored to walk with you...

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# **15 Clubs Submit YWPA Winners for D7 Consideration; up from 11 last year!**

Dear Zontians of District 7,

The District 7 YWPA winner was selected and sent to International YWPA Chairman Jane O'Brien. I cannot tell you how difficult the decision was for the judges. The professional women who volunteered to judge were amazed at the international awareness of these young women.

We had applicants that spoke several languages and had visited different countries. These young women were already involved in service projects and mission work in both their local communities and in their world communities. One of the applicants who was born deaf helped teach English to Spanish-speaking immigrants. I myself was amazed at the insight into the plight of women throughout the world and at home.

I want to thank everyone for their hard work and apologize for the mailing problems. I am still unsure what transpired as I have lived in the same house for 15 years and have the same mail carrier. He too was unsure why my mail was being returned, but assures me that the problem has been fixed.

I received applications from 15 clubs. One application only had 1 letter of reference and could not be considered and 2 applications did not get to me until after May 1st which was my deadline to turn in our winner to International.

Our winner this year was Angelina Guidos from the Cape Girardeau Club and I will send her name and excerpts from her application to Governor Linda so that they can be put on the District 7 website.

Thanks for all your hard work and dedication to Zonta.

Sincerely,

Louise Davis  
Zonta International District 7 YWPA Chairman

*Louise, on behalf of District 7, we thank YOU for all your hard work and dedication to advancing the status of young women across our district! ☺*

*In addition to the \$500 award presented to Angelina by ZI, our district has also given \$500 to Angelina to help her on her way.*

## Meet Your New D7 Board for 06-08

Over the last weekend, your outgoing and incoming D7 officers gathered in Minneapolis to share information, responsibilities, suggestions and generally made the most professional and smooth transition you have come to expect from your board. Governor-elect Dr. Carol Pasanen, a middle school principal and a member of the Brainerd club, came fully prepared with a calendar of the biennium, to which we began marking dates and making commitments to continue to serve you best. Lt. Governor-elect Kathy Swan of the Zonta Club of Cape Girardeau, comes to us with years of small business and marketing experience. She is ready to work on a Best Practices model for club membership growth and retention, which she hopes to publish on the D7 website during her term. Incoming D7 Secretary and outgoing A3 Director Lila Moen (Brainerd) was taking notes at the meeting for Carol, and sharing information with successor JoAnn Hanson. Outgoing Treasurer Barb Zapp (Fargo-Moorhead), who has served us all so well over these many years, was celebrated with a sentimental gift of a piece of Eleanor Roosevelt's First Lady china, which was a warm and lovely yellow rose design. Make no mistake, she was our kind of lady, and Barb would have made her so proud! Incoming Treasurer, Janet Kannard of KCII, got up to speed rapidly, and both women briefed the board on the fiscal status (Strong!) of the district. Any clubs which have not yet paid dues (there are TWO!) must now pay them to Janet Kannard. Read on in this newsletter to find out how to contact her... ☺ Also, according to ZI Bylaws, those two clubs are not eligible to vote at convention. Whether that is enforced will be up to the Credentials team at convention check-in, but that is the governing regulation, fyi.



Area Director for Area 1 is Joan Wrolstad, of the Fargo club. Area Director for Area 3 is JoAnn Hanson of the Minneapolis club. Area 2 (formerly A6) Director is Brenda Myers, from the Zonta Club of Jefferson City. And serving as Area 4 Director (formerly A5) is Sharon Stark, of the Zonta Club of Topeka. Patty Palm (Mankato) continues to serve as not only the ZIB Parliamentarian, but also ours. We are ever honored by her wisdom and dedication to us all, and to Zonta. Kerry Dixon-Fox (Central Iowa) continues as well in her role as Webmaster, and I, stepping into the role of immediate past Governor, will remain as an ex-officio member of the board, not voting but in an advisory capacity, as Kerry served me so well and Cathi before her! The knowledge chain continues, and we are stronger than ever!

I have been asked by ZIP-elect Livie Ferry to serve on the ZI Public Relations and Communications Committee under Erlinda Panlilio and Vanida Tulalumba, with whom I am honored to serve from their locations in The Philippines and Thailand, respectively. We will meet at convention this year, and set our agenda to help bring Zonta to the world's attention. We hope to attract more members, greater financial support, and more visibility in our role as advocates on women's issues and the status of women around the world. I promise to do my part to make the name Zonta a recognized one across the world. But more important, we will work together from around the Zonta world to bring our projects and their powerful impact to the attention of the wider world. Wish us luck! ☺

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## **MAGIC MOMENT: District 7 Boasts the First Upward Membership Numbers Since 1992-93!**

At our transitional board meeting last weekend, we learned that our 05-06 total D7 membership number was 606, *up by three precious members from the year before*. And that doesn't count the four new members St. Charles has on its local roster (The check is in the mail, right, St. Charles? ☺). So, our unofficial present number is closer to 610 or more. Way to go, ladies! We are getting the message out, and women are learning that combining efforts and working smarter together are having a more profound impact on the lives of women everywhere.