



District 7 Newsletter

Governor's Message



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Spring means it's time for our District 7 Area Meetings. Area 2 held their meeting in St. Louis on March 3 featuring a discussion on local service organizations that serve international clients and a speaker on Missouri state legislative issues affecting women.

Upcoming Area Meetings:

Area 1

May 5, Bismarck

Area 3

April 15, St. Paul

Area 4

April 21, Kansas City

Attend your meetings—it's a time for learning together and sharing what it means to be a Zontian!

Third quarter club reports were due on March 5. Twelve clubs have submitted their reports. The information submitted by clubs in the second and third quarter reports will be included in my March Governor's Report that will be sent to International. It's vital that clubs submit their reports as these replace the former end-of-year reports. The fourth quarter reports are due June 5.

In compiling data for the Governor's Report, it was hearten-

ing to see that as the end of the third quarter and using the data from the clubs that have submitted their reports, we are up 17 members since June. Our goal is to be up at least one member per club—we're on our way!

Updated club award scoring forms are now available on our District 7 website—don't miss an opportunity to let your club shine!

Think Spring!

Dr. Carol Pasanen
Governor, District 7

Special points of interest:

What's happening in Every Area?

Who are your district committee chairs and coordinators?

What are the deadlines and procedures for YWPA and Jane Klausman scholarships?

A Time to Grow—In Leadership and Membership Zonta International North American Seminar—June 22-24, 2007

Save the date! This informative seminar will be held at the Marriott Ann Arbor Hotel and Eagle Crest Conference and Resort Center in Ypsilanti, Michigan.

Learn successful techniques for membership growth and invest in leadership develop-

ment for yourself, your club, and your district. Meet keynote speaker Angela Morgan, co-author of Leading from the Front. Network with other dedicated Zontians and share your stories. Be part of Zonta's future! More information coming soon!





News from Area 1—Joan Wrolstad, Director



From Fargo-Moorhead- Completed the Annual Thanksgiving Basket Community Project in Fargo-Moorhead area serving 500 needy families. Program on Amelia Earhart included speaker Robin Mugavero, one of a few women Air Traffic Control Managers in our region. Several members will attend the Annual Fellowship dinner in February. This event includes five area women service clubs enjoying fellowship. In April, the FM Zonta club will part of the YWCA 'Women of the Year' event that includes providing yellow roses to 32 outstanding volunteer nominees. *Stephanie Strand, President*



Breckenridge-Wahpeton - Patty Lies, President

The club celebrated Amelia Earhart day with a Jeopardy Game with all answers dealing with Amelia Earhart. The club will be hosting a one person comedic event in May for a fundraiser. The club donated funds to the Out of Africa community project. Funds from the Silent Auction held in December were donated to ZISVAW fund.



The Aberdeen Zonta Club hosted its 4th annual Rose Luncheon which was attended by over 200 ladies. Entertainment was a style show by eight Chinese foreign exchange students who attend Northern State University in Aberdeen. Following their modeling, the students explained the design and patterns of their native costumes. A silent auction, which was held in conjunction with the luncheon, helped us with our fundraising for scholarships given to students at the two colleges in Aberdeen. A new member will be initiated at our February 27th meeting.



Capitol City of North Dakota

The Bismarck club will be hosting the Area I Meeting on May 4-5, 2007.

News from Area 2—Brenda Myers, Director



‘Helping Hands’ Describe Area 2’s Zonta Club of St. Louis

When it comes to breadth and variety in Zonta projects, the St. Louis club takes the prize. This well-established club offers their helping hands to further the mission of Zonta through community grants and service projects.

In this photo, St. Louis Zontians took a break from painting, decorating and furnishing the Tutoring Classroom at the Mathews-Dickey Boys and Girls Club to pose for the camera. Contributions included tables, school supplies, text books and shelving and resulted in a wonderful study environment for children and their tutors.

For the 3rd year, the club awarded community grants to worthy organizations in their community. Funded projects included:

- Villa Maria Center – Funds to purchase items for Villa Store where young mothers can obtain personal care items and other goods.
- YMCA Literacy Council – Funds to buy cameras and art supplies for this program that helps adult learners explore their identity while improving their writing skills.
- “Celebrating Women: Reinventing Ourselves After 50: Continuing Education Program – Co-sponsored with University of Missouri-St. Louis, funds went toward marketing materials and a Zonta International booth at the event.
- Center for Women in Transition – Funds helped organization expand their mentoring program by focusing on easing transitions for women in prison for non-violent crimes.

Prison Performing Arts mission – Funds helped provide opportunities for incarcerated persons to participate in the performing arts as audience members and artists.

The longest running and most visible program of this distinguished club is its Women’s Another Chance Scholarship Program which benefits single mothers who are committed to pursuing post secondary education. Established in 1990, the program provides financial aid for tuition, books, classroom supplies and child care. A mentor is assigned to each student to provide guidance and support during her studies. To date, over 30 students have participated, with 19 earning degrees at area colleges and universities.

Needless to say, Area 2 is proud of the Zonta Club of St. Louis and commends them on their dedication to advancing and promoting Zonta’s mission.



News from Area 3—JoAnn Hanson, Director

Austin

Austin has been busy with their annual nut sale, providing scholarships to young women who showed leadership in their science fair projects, and with a program on becoming a pilot in conjunction with Amelia Earheart's birthday.

Brainerd

Brainerd has inducted two new members since December! Recent activities include presenting yellow roses to women in the community who make a

difference, presenting books about Amelia Earhart to a local elementary school, and hosting a 17 year-old female pilot as a speaker for a meeting.

Mankato

The Mankato club has received eight applications for the Jane Klausman scholarship! They are inducting two new members at the next meeting and are setting up orientations for other potential members as well!

Minneapolis

Minneapolis featured a speaker

from the Indian Women's Resource Center in January. The speaker educated the members about the violence in the Indian women's community in addition to the increasing trafficking of Indian women and girls.

St. Cloud

The St. Cloud donated the proceeds from their Christmas House project to local women's shelter and scholarship programs. They've also donated toys to the Women in Aviation Toys for Tots air program.

St. Paul

St. Paul held a joint meeting with Minneapolis in February. The Department of Transportation Aviation Division presented the program. St. Paul is busily preparing for the upcoming Area 3 Meeting in April.



News from Area 4—Sharon Stark, Director

Atchison

The Atchison Club had a meet and greet on February 26 at Fresh Gallery for prospective new members. The theme for their April meeting will be environment and women's health.

Central Iowa

Membership events were held in February and March.

Johnson County

A local physical therapist was featured at a February social meeting. She discussed and demonstrated stretches to help keep bodies strong. An event to promote new membership is planned for April 26 at Houlihan's Restaurant. It will be a casual evening of appetizers and drinks. Members are strongly encouraged to bring potential new members. If you have a friend or relative in the Johnson County, Kansas, area who you think would make a good Zonta member, please contact Cynthia Yin at zontajocok@hotmail.com.

The Johnson County Club is coordinating with the Kansas City I and Kansas City II clubs to help build a Habitat for Humanity home in May. The project features all-women building crews and financial support from women's groups. The Johnson County Club has raised over \$3000 for this project.

Kansas City I

The Kansas City I Club will be hosting the Area 4 Meeting at the Hilton KCI Airport on April 21. The next business meeting will be held on March 28. Collectively, the KC Metropolitan Zonta Clubs have raised over \$8000 for Habitat for Humanity.

Kansas City II

Dr. Liz Campbell gave a very interesting talk and slide show about her mission trip to Haiti at the February meeting. A Dental Screening was held in February at Sheffield Place, a women's shelter. A fundraiser for Habitat for Humanity was held on March 2. A fundraiser will be held on March 24—International Night and Silent Auction, An Evening in Bolivia featuring Taqui Sisacuan, a Bolivian dance group. This event will be held at the Filipino Cultural Center, 9810 79th St. OP, KS, 6:00—10:00 p.m. Proceeds will benefit local service projects.

Topeka

The February speaker was Burt Deweese, a physical therapist, whose topic was "Balance and Vestibular Functioning in Adults. The March speaker will be Kristin Lonard, a preservation specialist. Her topic will be the placement of homes and other properties on the National Registry of Historical Places. The April speaker will be Judy, Scherff, adjunct professor from the biology department of Washburn University. Her topic will be "Current Environmental Issues and What We can Do about Them".

OMC—Kathy Swan, Lt. Governor, Chair

Greetings and Happy New Year! Certainly, an important New Year's resolution for our clubs is focusing on MEMBERSHIP! As a reminder, the ZI goals to reach by May 31, 2008 are as follows:

- 50 new clubs (about 2 per District)
- 4 new countries
- Recruiting rate of at least 10% each year in each club
- Retention rate of at least 90% each year in each club
- 80% of clubs grow
- Fewer than 150 clubs have a membership of 20 or fewer (around 5 clubs per District)

Club presidents will begin receiving the first in a series of 4 membership questionnaires on March 1, 2007. The topics of the four questionnaires will be: Recruitment, Orientation, Retention & Rejuvenation. Results of the gathered information will be shared in future newsletters, the District website, and Fall conference! I look forward to hearing from you!

Zonta Membership Stats

International:

As of October 31, 2006	# Members	32,243
	# Clubs	1,240
	# Countries	68

District:

As of December 31, 2006	# Members	575*
	# Clubs	22

* +4 new members since September 30, 2006



Treasurer—Janet Kannard

Reminders:

1. District dues should be sent to Janet Kannard, District 7 Treasurer, at 5772 Marty Street, Overland Park, KS 66202 (instead of sending them to Barb Zapp).
2. District dues are not prorated like International dues.

Good News:

I have received several checks from clubs since the beginning of the year for new members' dues. This means our clubs are growing! St. Charles is up to 18 members!



Public Relations and Communications—Mindy Primm, Chair

The Club Newsletter

One of my goals as your Public Relations and Communications Committee Chair is to improve internal communication within your own club. The more information your general membership has regarding club business, as well as Zonta programming on all levels, the more participation you will receive in kind. The most effective method of communication to each and every member is by producing an informative and interesting monthly newsletter.

The newsletter should answer the basic journalism questions of who, what, where, when, why and how. For example, members need to know; who is chairing a project, what is the goal of the project, where will it take place, when will it happen, why are we doing it and how the club plans to accomplish the task. Now each and every member is on the same page regarding that particular project.

Basic parts of the newsletter that can be included each month are an upcoming events calendar and a roster of all members' contact information. Some groups like to include minutes from their last meeting as well as a treasurer's report. A message from the President is also a common feature found in organizational newsletters.

A monthly newsletter is also an important tool to thank individuals for their contributions as well as recognize their achievements. It's also a great way to welcome new members and include a short biography of them.

No matter what format you decide to use for your monthly club newsletter, it's imperative that you use this effective internal communication tool to enhance your membership's knowledge of basic club information.

Foundation Ambassador—Linda Mohn, Chair

Zonta Rose Day – March 8, 2007



March 8 was International Women's Day. I hope your club holds a special event in March to honor women and to raise funds for The Rose Fund. The Rose Fund is the Foundation's annual operating and support fund. This fund allows the Foundation to add specific program support when and where it is most needed. "There is no greater joy under the sun than the joy of giving: giving of one's time, energy, talent and money to help one's fellow man." William H. Taylor. I think this quote exemplifies the spirit of all Zontians.

Linda M. Mohn, District 7 Foundation Ambassador

Service Update

Jan Ruopp, Coordinator

In this newsletter, I will highlight some of the service projects that Zontians are participating in throughout Area 1.

The Jamestown, North Dakota Zonta club is extremely involved in service. They work with their local SAFE shelter in several ways. They have a suitcase project where they fill a suitcase with personal toiletries and essential supplies for women and their children. When women have to leave their home with nothing; this suitcase helps to supply the items they need.

They also do a fundraiser for the women's shelter, where they work for a local Women's Expo and give the funds they raise to the women's shelter. Members of their club also serve on the women's shelter board and volunteer at the shelter.

Another project that the club participates in is a literacy project called Evenstart. The Zontians buy books for the program instead of having a gift

exchange at Christmas. At their Christmas party, they get together and wrap the books in scarves or tote bags. The children are given the scarves or tote bags and Evenstart keeps the books for their program. They also give a GED scholarship to a single mother on welfare through Evenstart.

Their newest project is the Peace Pole Project. In 2005, they planted a Peace Pole at their local museum in the Peace Garden on UN day. Last summer they moved their pole to the International Peace Garden at the border of US and Canada along with six other peace poles.

The Aberdeen, South Dakota Zonta Club has several service projects: they collect Christmas gifts for emotionally disturbed children who live in a residence home/school facility. Gifts range from stocking caps and socks to CDs. The club also adopted a needy family for Christmas from the women's resource center. The club shopped for the family, wrapped the gifts and delivered them to

the family.

The Fargo – Morehead Zonta Club has a Thanksgiving Basket service project each year. They work in conjunction with their local Salvation Army to give away 500 food baskets to need families in the Fargo – Morehead community. Each basket contains a turkey, bread, vegetables, pumpkin pie, stuffing mix, potatoes and a 2-liter bottle of soda. Money is raised by the club by hosting a wine tasting. Club proceeds from the wine tasting go directly towards this project. Baskets are assembled and distributed at the local Civic Center the Monday evening before Thanksgiving.

As you can see Zontians in Area 1 are very involved in service. Hopefully these projects will spark an idea for your club. In the next newsletter we will highlight service in Area 3. Don't forget to get your applications in for Young Women in Public Affairs, and keep working on service through Zonta.



Don't forget to check out our District 7 website at

www.zontadistrict7.org

Resources, contacts, links, newsletters, and more... Kerry Dixon-Fox, Webmaster



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Jane Klausman—Pat Will, Coordinator

Club Presidents, now is the time to start promoting the Jane M Klausman Women in Business Scholarship in your areas. In January we received an updated time table for this award via the internet. The application is updated and on the Zonta International website (www.Zonta.org). Applications should be received by local Zonta Clubs by April 30.

Please select your club recipient from your applications and send via registered mail if possible to Pat Will, Jane M. Klausman coordinator, 160 Jo Ray Drive, Mankato, MN 56001 by August 1, 2007. The district winner will be selected and sent on to Zonta International Headquarters by September 1. Announcement of international recipients of the \$5,000 scholarships will be made by October 15, 2007.

Verification of enrollment from the college/university/institute registrar must be provided before any scholarship funds will be released. More information on this memo will be posted on the ZI website with the updated JMK materials. Look for the "International Scholarships and Awards." link in the "Member Resource" section.

If I can be of assistance to you in the application process or help you find the answers you need, please do not hesitate to call me at 507-387-2019 or e-mail me at mpwill@hickorytech.net.

Young Women in Public Affairs—Linda Linn, Coordinator



The goal of the Zonta International Young Women in Public Affairs (YWPA) Program is to encourage more young women to participate in public and political life by recognizing a commitment to the volunteer sector, evidence of volunteer leadership achievements and a dedication to the advancement of the status of women.

At your club level, the YWPA program offers opportunity to generate publicity that projects Zonta as an organization committed to programs that work to advance the status of women. Publicize the YWPA award in your communities to any pre-university or pre-college woman student, aged 16-20 at the time of application. Distribute, receive and evaluate applications. Handwritten applications will not be accepted and should not be submitted. Select one application to send to me at the address below. Club recipient must be selected and received by April 1, 2007.

At the district level we will select a recipient from the applications received from clubs within the district. The Zonta International Foundation provides \$500 for each district winner. Our District will then submit the recipient's application to International for an opportunity to receive \$1,000.

Please contact me with any questions or support on this opportunity for young women in your communities.....

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