



District 7 Newsletter

Governor's Message

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Happy New Year!

As we say goodbye to 2007, we can look back with pride. District 7 applicants were chosen as International winners for the Jane M. Klausman scholarship, the Amelia Earhart fellowship, and the YWPA scholarship—hurray!

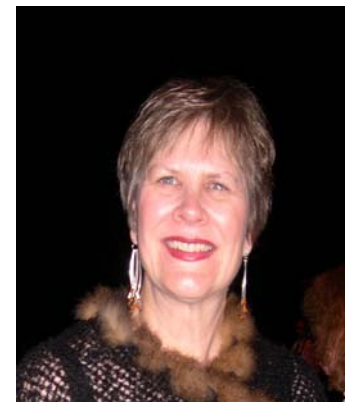
Our District Conference held in Minneapolis was a great success—thanks to the superb planning of the Minneapolis Club—check out pictures and resources from our Conference on our district website—www.zontadistrict7.org!

The St. Charles Club with strong assistance from Linda Jacobsen and Brenda Fraser

are sponsoring a new Zonta Club in Troy, Missouri. Their Authorization Request for Organizing a New Zonta Club has been received at Zonta International. Let's hope they'll be able to charter a new club yet this year!!!

The Atchison Club celebrated their 50th Anniversary this fall—pictures are included later in this newsletter. How wonderful to achieve this milestone. Congratulations!

We should now turn our attention to Area Meetings this spring and the International Convention in Rotterdam from June 27-July 2. Let's have a strong District 7 showing at all of these events!



Carol Pasanen
Governor, District 7

Special points of interest:

What's happening in Every Area?

Atchison's 50th Anniversary!

International Slate of Candidates

Zonta Calendar

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| 11 January 2008 | Amelia Earhart Day |
| 8 March 2008 | Zonta Rose Day and International Women's Day |
| 1 April 2008 | Deadline for contributions to Zonta International Foundation for 2008 Convention recognition |
| 1 April 2008 | YWPA club candidates due to District |
| 27 June—2 July 2008 | 2008 Convention, Rotterdam, The Netherlands |



News from Area 1—Joan Wrolstad, Director



From Fargo-Moorhead - Stacey Lentz, President

The Zonta Club of Fargo-Moorhead was busy raising money for our Zonta Thanksgiving Basket Project in November. The club raised \$11,500 which purchased nearly 600 Thanksgiving Baskets for the area hungry via the Salvation Army. The club raises funds for the Thanksgiving Baskets in a variety of ways including our annual Wine Tasting and Silent Auction event (pictures included later in the newsletter). This year everyone had a good time tasting over 20 wines from whites to dark, and the club raised an additional \$1522 for the Thanksgiving Basket project. They also inducted two new members in November!



Breckenridge-Wahpeton - Patty Lies, President

The Breckenridge-Wahpeton Club is working with Area Director Joan on hosting the 2008 Area 1 Meeting.



Aberdeen - Dorene Nelson, President

The Aberdeen club has been busy selling See's candy. This is their best fundraiser each year with this year being the best yet! Most of the money from this fundraiser covers the cost of the various scholarships available on the local level. At the October meeting, non-perishable food and paper items were collected and donated to Safe Harbor, a safe house for women and children. Linda Dillavou, one of their Zonta members, presented a program on "Zonta and UN" to commemorate United Nations Day on October 24. In November, the Aberdeen club sponsored several projects. First, the each member brought a monetary donation for the Salvation Army. Second, each Zontian brought Christmas gifts for Dakota House, a residential school for emotionally disturbed children. Third, the club bought several Christmas gifts for a needy family in Aberdeen. The family that received these gifts was selected by Safe Harbor.



Linda Wrangham, President

NANCY ENGLERTH — OUR LONG-TIME MENTOR By Kathleen Donahue, Assistant Editor

Fellow Zontian Amelia Earhart once said, "Adventure is worthwhile in itself." That philosophy has taken a local angle for Bismarck Zonta Club members in the embodiment of Nancy Englerth, our longest-time member. Zontian Pamela Schmidt has always been inspired by Nancy's adventurous spirit. "She's an absolutely fearless traveler - going to exotic locations and what I would call 'the far corners of the earth'," Pam said. "With this kind of travel comes an ability to respect and embrace cultural diversity that I've always admired. Nancy Englerth is remarkable woman." Nancy was honored at the District 7 Conference in October for her commitment to our club. It's recognition she richly deserves for her 31 years of service to the Zonta Club of Bismarck. Nancy's international travels with Zonta began in Bismarck when Clare Ann Holmberg invited her to join our club in 1975. At the time, Clare Ann worked as the Manager and Nancy as the Executive Secretary for Meyer Broadcasting, where she supervised the support staff and front desk operations. Nancy quickly followed Clare Ann's steps through the club offices to President, and she also served as our area director. Nancy, a Lidgerwood native, has traveled to such places as Helsinki, Toronto, Paris and Kansas City for international conventions. As her daughter, Alison Harries, said, "My mother is fearless. She is not afraid to try something and quite often succeeds. Nancy and her husband, Edward, who worked for the Public Service Commissioning mine land

News from Area 1 continued...

reclamation, are enjoying retirement. She's the proud grandmother to daughter Alison's son, Rhys, a junior at Century High School, and Rachel's children, Hannah, who is attending school in Oklahoma City, Gordon, who lives in Detroit, and Gareth, high school senior who lives with his mother in California. Nancy also maintains a web page for a college in Liberia, dedicates countless hours to the membership booklet, and is tracing her family history. While some Zontians who retire may choose a more limited role, Nancy prefers to remain active with our club for many reasons, but one in particular - the members whose careers are as diverse as their interests. As she said, "It is one of the few things I do where I meet young professionals." Nancy offers sage advice to new members: "Just stick to it. Pay your membership and come every chance you get." The rewards, as Nancy knows, are the friendships you form with your fellow Zontians.

The Bismarck Park Committee approved the Bismarck Zonta grant request for a new pathways project. The club has completed several fund-raising projects; downtown street fair selling Dominoes Pizza, selling booklets for Her Berger's Community Day event receiving a portion of the profits, and selling Schwan's products.

Barb Jirges from the Bismarck club was elected District 7 Lieutenant Governor for the 2008-10 bi-ennium at the District 7 Conference in Minneapolis in October! Congratulations, Barb!



Jamestown Club - Mary Reed, President

Felicia Sargeant, a member of the Zonta club of Jamestown had planned on attending the District 7 Conference in Minneapolis until she found out she had won the moose hunting lottery and obtained a moose hunting license in North Dakota. She had a successful hunt and sent the following picture. Felicia is the director of the National Buffalo Museum in Jamestown and is on the planning committee for this fall's Seminar in Jamestown. At our November meeting we shopped for books for our local Even Start literacy program. The owner of a local business brought books to our meeting so we could shop and socialize before our regular meeting. Club members will deliver the books and spend time reading them to the children who will enjoy them.

Mary Reed was elected Area I Director for the 2008-10 biennium at our District 7 Conference in Minneapolis in October. Congratulations, Mary!



News from Area 2—Brenda Myers, Director

Single moms, African orphans, Boys & Girls Clubs, and the Salvation Army are all benefiting from the service and generosity of the Zonta Clubs in Area 2.

St. Louis Club

In St. Louis, Zontians have been supporting efforts of the Salvation Army since the 1920s! In a recent review of the club's service history, members learned that the club spent \$218 on a stove for the Salvation Army during the depression.

During WWII, the club hosted a Little Theatre party for 25 five soldiers and sailors. Proceeds from ticket sales went to the Red Cross, U.S.O., The Women's Allied Relief Fund, Victory Book Drive and the Salvation Army. St. Louis Zontians also entertained service men and women on Thanksgiving and Christmas, serving breakfast and distributing gifts to as many as 400 in 1944 alone. Today, the St. Louis club continues to support the Salvation Army through bell ringing and other projects. They also purchase equipment and supplies for the tutoring room at the local Boys & Girls Club.

In March, the St. Louis club will host its annual Women of Achievement luncheon. This year, they are partnering with the United Nations of St. Louis in the hope of recognizing area women who make a difference on an international level.

St. Charles Club

The St. Charles Club continues to grow with yet another member joining in the past month and several more "in the works." With a membership of more than 20 now, the club is beginning plans to host its first Women of Achievement luncheon in the spring of 2008.

St. Charles Zontians are also busy spreading holiday cheer by adopting a single mom and her children for Christmas and setting up a Zonta scholarship at the local community college in memory of president Brenda Fraser's sister.



News from Area 2 continued...

Jefferson City Club

In Jefferson City, Zontians gathered games and supplies for the local Boys & Girls Club, donated food for the Samaritan Center food pantry, and provided school supplies for a school for children with special needs. The club also awarded four 2nd Chance Scholarships to women seeking to re-enter or advance in the workplace.

Also in Jefferson City, Zontians welcomed 30 high school students at its last Z-Club meeting where students learned about Zonta and Z-Club and joined in the club's first service project of the year - decorating a preschool for children with disabilities for the holidays.

Cape Girardeau Club

Zontians in Cape Girardeau were so inspired by a recent program on an orphanage in Africa that they are now planning a mission trip to put their service into action on an international basis! They hope to make the trip in January 2009, and would love for Zontians from across District 7 to join them.

The Cape Girardeau Club also hosted a successful Women of Achievement luncheon in October, raising an estimated \$15,000 plus for Zonta projects. And, the members are planning their 2nd fundraising event with Barnes & Noble in which Zontians will wrap gifts and help children make holiday cards while shoppers shop and have the opportunity to support the Zonta Club.

New Club Forming in Troy, MO

Thanks to the support of Zontians in St. Charles, a new club is now forming in Troy, Mo. More than 30 interested women met in September to learn about Zonta and the opportunity for chartering a local club. To date, the group has determined officers, dues, and meeting times with a plan to start monthly meetings in January 2008. Area 2 looks forward to welcoming them to our District!

News from Area 3—JoAnn Hanson, Director

The nut ladies in Austin rock! If there is any doubt the integral part the Austin Zonta Club plays in the community just look around the city. The Club has donated a peace sculpture and granite benches to Austin that remind visitors and residents of Zonta's mission. Most recently the Club partnered with Anderson Memorial to donate a bench at Soldiers Field Park. The bench holds two small children with the inscription, "come sit with us." Dignitaries present at the dedication included the Mayor of Austin and other city officials. Glow-in-the-dark golf provided an opportunity for socializing and fundraising. Both golf balls and flags glowed and showcased the 40 participants golfing skills. The flooding in southern Minnesota severely damaged the home of a family in Rushford. The Austin club held a baby shower for the expectant family to help them get on their feet again.

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The Brainerd Club hosts "Career Night" each month at PORT Girls Home. PORT is a residential treatment facility for at-risk girls. Zontians share their career experiences, answer girls' questions and listen to girls' plans and dreams. Working with a local Girl Scout troop, the Brainerd Club engaged in their semi-annual highway clean up. They also assisted the local Susan G, Komen Breast Cancer group with their annual Breast Cancer Survivor Luncheon. In recognition of United Nations month, the Brainerd Club invited a speaker from Kenya to meet and talk with Club members.

Mankato Club members are celebrating another successful fashion show. "Shall We Dance?" raised some \$5500 that will be presented to the Open Door Health Center which serves the uninsured and underinsured. The Mankato Diversity Council has presented the Mankato Club with a certificate of appreciation in recognition of its financial support. The fall "Meet and Greet" was held in November which will be followed by the annual Holiday party. Look for the new Mankato Club website, thanks to the newest member of the Mankato Club, Kerry Dixon-Fox.



St. Cloud Zonta held their Third Annual Golf Outing and Jewelry Fashion Show on September 14 at Rich Spring Golf Course in Cold Spring, MN. The nine-hole golf scramble was followed by a jewelry fashion show, silent auction and lunch. Everyone walked away a winner with door prizes donated by generous sponsors. Net proceeds from the event were \$4,208.32 and will be used to fund projects locally and internationally that advance the status of women. Local projects include Anna Marie's, Journey Home, scholarships, camperships and literacy projects. Do you recognize our St. Cloud golfers? The Fourth Annual Golf Outing and Jewelry Fashion Show was held on September 12, 2008.

News from Area 3 continued...

St. Paul has a new member - fantastic! The new agenda which includes cultural, educational and recreational activities has sparked interest in Zonta for some and renewed interest in Zonta for others. This is reflected in improved attendance at the monthly meetings. St. Paul continues its fleece blanket project, and funds its philanthropy through its dinner fees. One of the St. Paul Club's successful fundraising projects has been its Poinsettia plant sale. The Club Poinsettia sale will run from November 15th through the middle of December. For United Nations month, the Club studied Kenyan women and the Inheritance Tax issue.

The **Minneapolis** Club successfully hosted the District 7 Zonta conference in October. The conference featured exceptional speakers on micro finance and human trafficking. The weather in Minneapolis could not have been better which allowed visiting District 7 Zontians to explore and enjoy the city. Participants enjoyed a wonderful progressive dinner that encouraged us to get to know other Zontians better. Finally, Minneapolis Zontians completed their annual Holiday event which is the largest fundraiser each year for the Minneapolis Club. The silent auction, delicious luncheon and motivational speaker produced another hugely successful undertaking for the Minneapolis Club. The Minneapolis Club supports Women Achieving New Directions (WAND) which is an organization that helps women improve their employment status and/or reenter the work force.

News from Area 4—Sharon Stark, Director



Atchison: The Atchison Zonta Club finished up giving tours of the Cray House at the end of October. On November 12, 2007 the Zonta Club of Atchison celebrated their 50th anniversary. They invited their past, present and future members to this wonderful occasion. Everyone there including myself enjoyed hearing what they had done for the past 50 years. In December they will give gift certificates for four needy families and will be collecting items to give to DOVES.

Johnson County: In October we provided our annual service of painting faces and applying temporary tattoos to the costumed children at the local Halloween concert and festival. The children and parents are always appreciative of the free services offered by our Zonta clowns. At November's meeting they awarded \$500 Non-Traditional Scholarship to Michele Lawrence. She is returning to school to facilitate a career change and is currently attending a local junior college. They are looking forward to their holiday brunch in December. They collect food and gift cards to give to a local family in need at Thanksgiving and before the winter break. Following the success of this year's Women Build project home our club is meeting with members of the two Kansas City, Missouri, clubs and Habitat for Humanity representatives to help prepare for another Women Build project in 2009. We hope to increase our participation and local visibility for Zonta with the next project.

Kansas City: Their biggest event of the year was held on November 17th. It was the 36th Annual Fashion Show at Zona Rosa shopping center at the Majestic Theatre. They had a silent auction, lunch and the fashion show. The Christmas Brunch was held in December.

Kansas City II: On October 24th the 37th Mayor's UN Dinner was held. The mayors of Kansas City welcomed Michael Gabaudan, regional representative for the U. S. and the Caribbean, of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. The U.N. refugee agency and James M. Maluoff, III received the World Citizen Award for 2007. The program for November was Luanann Schapler, Project Restoration International. The Holiday party was held in December.

Topeka: The Zonta Club of Topeka co-sponsored a "Women in Science Day" for junior high school girls. This event, planned by the Sunflower Chapter of the American Women in Science organization, brought 220 young ladies to the campus of Washburn University to learn about careers in science and technology. In conjunction with this event the Topeka club, through its Georgia Neese Gray Lecture Series Committee, also sponsored a public lecture by Dr. Barbara Quaney, the keynote speaker for the science day. Dr. Quaney is a physical therapist and neuroscience researcher at the Kansas University Medical Center. Her topic for the evening lecture was, "Girls, Science and Technology: Preparing Our Young Women for Future Careers."

In November the Georgia Neese Gray Committee co-sponsored a reception for Ishmael Beah, a young man from Sierra Leone, who wrote "A Long Way Gone: Memoirs of a Boy Soldier." His book was a featured selection of the "I Read" program at Washburn University, and consequently, the University brought him to speak about his experiences of losing his family in the civil war of Sierra Leone and being forced to become a soldier at the age of thirteen. Mr. Beah mesmerized an audience of approximately 300 people, mostly university students. He not only read excerpts from his book, but also told of the atrocities he experienced and his subsequent rescue from the country by UNICEF. He received rehabilitation services here in the United States, went on to graduate from Oberlin College in 2004, and currently serves several governmental and NGO organizations concerned with the welfare of children.

In support of ZI's "Sixteen Days of Activism Against Gender Violence" the Zonta Club of Topeka presented a check and bundles of sweat suits to officials of the SANE/SART program at Stormont-Vail Hospital. Club members did gift wrapping at the local Barnes and Noble Bookstore. Donations received were contributed to the Topeka Literacy Project. Members, spouses and guest enjoyed a Christmas brunch served at the home of Linda and Rich Hayse.



OMC—Kathy Swan, Chair

At the time of Fall Conference, the number of active members in the district was 560. As of November 30, 2007, we increased that number to 568! With our focus on growing membership, hopefully, you have had time to reflect about strategies to increase membership in your local clubs. Perhaps a New Year's resolution is in order! There are various tools that can be used to assist you in brainstorming and planning activities for recruitment, orientation, retention, and rejuvenation of members. If your club did not receive a Membership Resource CD at Conference, please e-mail me (Kathy.swan@jcstel.com) and I will send one to you. Secondly, stay tuned for the next step...the district board plans to develop a leadership team to serve as a training resource for clubs. Keep spreading the good word about Zonta!

Foundation Ambassador—Linda Mohn

Do you or your fellow Zontians question why we give to Zonta International Foundation?

The answer can be found on our Web site www.zonta.org. There are detailed project updates on our International Service Projects. For example, on the Education and Leadership for Girls and Young Women in Bolivia, there is an explanation of the project goal and the project accomplishments to date. There are five objectives and the related outcomes detailed. Objective 1 - improve educational and literacy skills for working girls and young women. Outcome: A survey was developed to determine students' aptitude in the areas of language and mathematics. The survey will be used to develop the curriculum to be used and also to assess the degree of improvement. In addition, a training program was developed for the teachers. At the end of February 2007, some 200 female students were registered and it was anticipated that up to 500 will be signed up by the end of the registration period. Are you interested in finding "the rest of the story?" Either contact me or check out our website.

Fargo/Moorhead Wine Tasting and Silent Auction Fundraiser





Happy 50th Anniversary, Atchison!





Zonta International Slate of Candidates, 2008-2011

The Zonta International Nominating Committee presents the following slate. Candidates are presented in alphabetical order under each office. Included are the highest offices held that qualify the nominees for candidacy. Please note that all voting members of the Convention may vote for all positions at Convention 2008.

Candidate for President-Elect

Dianne K. Curtis

Zonta Club of Santa Clarita Valley, CA USA, District 9
International Vice President, 2006-2008

Candidates for Vice President

Annette Binder

Zonta Club of Hamburg-Elbufer, Germany, District 27
International Director, 2004-2006

Dunstanette Lucille Macauley

Zonta Club of Lome, Togo, District 18
International Director, 1996-1998

Lynn J. McKenzie

Zonta Club of Wellington, New Zealand, District 16
International Director, 2004-2006

Candidate for Treasurer/Secretary

Gloria Stootman Wristen

Zonta Club of Auburn, NY USA, District 2
International Treasurer/Secretary, 2006-2008

Candidates for International Director for 2008-2010

Four (4) to be elected

Ingeborg Geyer

Zonta Club of Vienna, Austria, District 14
District Governor, 2006-2008

Lynn R. Goodhue

Zonta Club of Northampton Area, MA USA, District 1
District Governor, 2006-2008

Lynette Grave

Zonta Club of Metropolitan Dunedin, New Zealand, District 16
District Governor, 2006-2008

Elke Johler-Duriez

Zonta Club of Bad Homburg, Germany, District 28
District Governor, 2004-2006

Heddy Tangen Steffensen

Zonta Club of Stavanger, Norway, District 13
District Governor, 2006-2008

Mary Ann Tarantula

Zonta Club of Northern Valley, NJ USA, District 3
District Governor, 2006-2008

Candidates for International Director for 2009-2011

Three (3) to be elected

Beverly A. Duff

Zonta Club of Ft. Myers Area, FL USA, District 11
District Governor, 2002-2004

Sonja Hönig Schough

Zonta Club of Kungsbacka, Sweden, District 21
District Governor, 2006-2008

Beryl McMillan

Zonta Club of Melbourne CBD Inc., VIC Australia, District 23
District Governor, 2006-2008

Kirsi Nickels

Zonta Club of Hyvinkää Area, Finland, District 20
Area Director, 2002-2004

Carol Pasanen

Zonta Club of Brainerd Area, MN USA, District 7
District Governor, 2006-2008

Candidates for Nominating Committee

North, Central and South America

Barbara J. Lippa

Zonta Club of Fairfax County, VA USA, District 3
District Governor, 2000-2002

Sharron Miles

Zonta Club of Johnson County, TX USA, District 10
District Governor, 2006-2008

Europe

Anu Hämäläinen

Zonta Club of Lappeenranta, Finland, District 20
District Governor, 1994-1996

Africa

Jadesola Akande

Zonta Club of Lagos, Nigeria, District 18
District Governor, 1992-1994

Josephine Kolapo Odedina

Zonta Club of Lagos, Nigeria, District 18
District Governor, 2006-2008

Australia and New Zealand

Patricia I. Lawson

Zonta Club of Sydney Hills Inc., NSW Australia, District 24
District Governor, 2006-2008

Elizabeth Woodgate

Zonta Club of Peel Region Inc., WA Australia, District 23
District Governor, 2002-2004



ZONTA DISTRICT 7 **International Nominating Committee Candidates continued...**

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Asia

Bi-Shiou Chiou

Zonta Club of Hsin Chu, Taiwan, District 31
District Governor, 2006-2008

Olivia A. Ferry

Zonta Club of Makati & Environs, Philippines, District 17
International President, 2006-2008

At Large

Four (4) to be elected

Mary Benoit

Zonta Club of Denver, CO USA, District 12
District Governor, 2002-2004

Donna Lane

Zonta Club of Frederick, MD USA, District 3
International Treasurer/Secretary 1994-1998

Sally F. Rankin

Zonta Club of Houston, TX USA, District 10
District Governor, 2003-2004

Ronda Walker

Zonta Club of Kyneton Inc., VIC Australia, District 23
District Governor, 2004-2006

Beatrice Weaver

Zonta Club of Greater Miami I, FL USA, District 11
District Governor, 2006-2008

Irene Wiese von Ofen

Zonta Club of Essen, Germany, District 29
International Director 1992-1994

