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Welcome to Volume 1, Issue 5 of **Z-News!**

This issue of **Z-News** features a Best Practice from Area 2 and a note from Sharon Stark, District Service Coordinator. Is your club actively promoting science, math, and technology education for women and girls?

Don't miss the important announcement regarding the Zonta International website on Page 2.

Kathy



Biennial Calendar

2010

January 11—Amelia Earhart Day

March 8—Rose Day

April 10—Area 2 Meeting

April 17—Area 4 Meeting (Johnson Co)

April 23-24—Area 1 Meeting (Jamestown)

April 30-May 1—Area 3 Meeting (Mankato)

June 25-30—Zonta International Convention (San Antonio, TX)

“Women in Science”



Sharon Stark

District Service Coordinator

The following is an excerpt from the Zonta International website:

www.zonta.org

(Click on Advocacy)

ZONTA'S RESPONSE: Access of women and girls to science, mathematics and technology education

Zonta International Position Paper

Improving the Access of Women and Girls to Science, Mathematics and Technology Education

ZONTA INTERNATIONAL CALLS ON ZONTA CLUBS TO:

- Introduce girls and women to female role models in science, mathematics and technology professions;
- Mentor young women interested in science, mathematics and technology subjects;
- Raise awareness of the achievements of women in science, mathematics and technology careers

Have you ever wondered how to interest young girls in science?

The Zonta Club of Topeka has co-sponsored a “Women in Science Day” for junior high schools 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.

Sharon



globally;

□ Increase awareness of science, mathematics and technology career opportunities for girls and women and share their knowledge of the benefits of working in science, mathematics and technology (e.g. travel, variety of work, joy of learning and discovery, value of contribution to society, training opportunities, etc.);

□ Collaborate with schools, non-government organizations and corporations in providing programs to encourage women's and girls' advancement in science, mathematics and technology careers;

□ Offer grants, subsidies and opportunities for women entering into science, mathematics and technology careers;

□ Promote legislation that supports maternity and paternity leave;

□ Promote Zonta International's Amelia Earhart Fellowships to potential candidates and provide financial support for the program.



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A NEW look and NEW features to the Zonta International website!

Improved visibility

Online donation

Easy-to-use member resources

Share your stories

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INTERNATIONAL

Zonta International is a global organization of executives and professionals working together to advance the status of women worldwide through service and advocacy.

Best Practice

Best practice is an idea that asserts that there is a technique, method, process, activity, incentive or reward that is more effective at delivering a particular outcome than any other technique, method, process, etc. . Best practices can also be defined as the most efficient (least amount of effort) and effective (best results) way of accomplishing a task, based on repeatable procedures that have proven themselves over time for large numbers of people.



Area 2

Best Practice

This newsletter we highlight a Best Practice from the Zonta Club of Jefferson City, their Prospective Member Reception. Each year the members invite prospective members to attend the June Membership Meeting. The meals are paid for by the club. The Jefferson City Club hosts this reception in an effort to educate Prospectives about the organization on an International and local level. It is also a great opportunity for Prospectives to meet other Zontians and hear from them personally. Generally, heavy hors d'oeuvres are served rather than a sit down meal to promote networking. After dinner, the real fun begins. Paula Benne, past Secretary of the Jefferson City Club, created Zonta Bingo as a tool to educate and have fun doing it. The questions may be as easy as "Who is the most famous Zontian?" to "What year was Zonta founded?" Another example would be, "Where is the Zonta International headquarters?" The answers are in the squares on the Bingo Board. Of course, the Zonta members have to provide the answers. These questions also reinforce the history and programs with their current members. The pay off comes in having new members that know a little about the organization and its mission prior to joining and it takes the pressure off the Zonta member to provide all the answers. Finally before the meeting ends, the Prospectives hear a brief testimonial from a veteran member and a rookie member as to why they joined the organization and how it has added value to their lives. Following the meeting, the members are asked to submit "Prospective Member Forms" to the Board for consideration of those who would like to join. In September a "New Member Initiation" is held as part of the monthly meeting. This has proven to be a very successful tool to grow the club and to have new members who are well informed as to the benefits of membership and the purpose of the organization locally and internationally.



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