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Welcome to Volume 1, Issue 6 of *Z-News!*

Please note highlights from the Zonta International and Zonta International Foundation board meetings.

Also, enjoy a trip through the Dakotas with Mary Reed, Area 1 Director!

Kathy



Biennial Calendar

2010

- April 10**—Area 2 Meeting (St. Louis)
- 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)

ZI Board Highlights



Sonja Honig Schough
International Director
District 7 Liaison

3. Zonta Policy Revision

A number of Zonta policies are currently being revised, including blogging and disaster response. Revisions will be posted on the ZI website.



4. "UNITE/Say No to Violence"

Visit www.saynotoviolence.org and sign in. Members are encouraged to do a "sign in" at a club meeting or area meeting.

5. Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarship

A new, simplified application form for 2010 is now posted on the ZI website.

- A new District JMK award of \$1000 per participating district, funded by ZIF.
- Eligibility extended to include study up to a Masters degree
- Past recipients may NOT apply for a second award
- Reference provided by applicant will be checked by the nominating committee.

Highlights from the February 2010 board meeting of Zonta International are below:

1. Membership and Dues.

Member Services is now fully staffed and email messages to Member Services are being answered within one business day.

No waiting list—some clubs utilize a "waiting list" for new members. ZI discourages "waiting lists" and encourages clubs to welcome new members who meet the membership criteria. If admitting more members would make the club "too large," consideration should be given to splitting into two clubs.

2. "Voting by Mail"

"Voting by Mail" includes email or voicemail.



**The Power
of One,
the Dreams
of Many.**



Highlights from the February 2010 board meeting of Zonta International Foundation are below:

1. April 1, 2010 deadline

For district, club and individual giving recognition at convention, contributions must be made by April 1, 2010.

2. New ZIF contribution lifetime levels of recognition approved.

Current recognition levels are too large and new steps will be introduced.

3. Target goal - 100% clubs

As of December 2009, nearly 80% of paid clubs and 10% of individual Zontians have contributed this biennium. Please encourage clubs and individuals to make donations to meet our goal of 100% club participation.



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 1

“Road Trip around the Dakotas”



Mary Reed
Area 1 Director

Fargo



President Natalie Dufault installing a new member.

October 10th—went east to Fargo. This was their membership drive meeting.

Aberdeen

October 27th—I had the privilege of driving south to Aberdeen, South Dakota for their regular meeting. I heard reports about the UN and they celebrated another See's Candy fundraiser.



Members of Aberdeen club.

Jamestown



November 4th—the Jamestown club celebrated Zonta's birthday with a special cake. We heard a presentation about Dr. Helena Wink—the first woman doctor in the Jamestown area. In December two new members were installed.

New members Ann Eubanks and Kara Helgeson with President Judy Nohrenberg.

Bismarck

November 17th—west to Bismarck where they celebrated Zonta's birthday with a special Z shaped chocolate dessert. They were gathering baby items for donations to a local charity.



Peggy Irman with all the baby items gathered.

Wahpeton Breckenridge



December 9th— I attended the Christmas Party of the Wahpeton Breckenridge club where they installed three new members. We had fun playing games and they had a silent auction to raise funds for their local women's shelter.

Committee members celebrate with antlers.

All clubs gave me a warm welcome and it was a lot of fun to get to see so many Zonta sisters from Area 1. I hope to see everyone at the area Meeting on April 24th.

Mary