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Welcome to Volume 1, Issue 4 of **Z-News!**

This issue of **Z-News** features highlights from Area 4 and a report from Linda Wrangham, District United Nations Committee Chair.

October 24th is UN Day and November 8th is Zonta's 90th Birthday! How will you celebrate?

Kathy



UNITED NATIONS

The Zonta Vision

Linda Wrangham
District UN Committee Chair

Zonta International envisions a world in which women's rights are recognized as human rights and every woman is able to achieve her full potential. In such a world every woman is literate and has access to education, health care, legal and economic resources on an equal basis with men. In such a world, no woman lives in fear of violence.

Keeping this vision in mind, following are the official UN Dates, followed by some of the projects done by our clubs in District 7.

Rose Day - March 8

-Clubs presented the staff of an abused women's shelter with yellow roses and cookies.

-Collected coins in yellow cups for 2 months prior and presented to their local shelter.

-Hosted a Zonta display in their local libraries.

-Gave roses to the women making a difference in their lives.

-Donated and planted 6 yellow rose

bushes at the local parks and a recreation garden, along with a commemorative plaque.

-Gave roses to the women making a difference in their lives.

International Day of Peace - Sept 21 UN Day - October 24

Our clubs did the following:

-Hosted foreign exchange students from the Ukraine to speak at their meeting.

-Studied Fair trade countries Ecuador, Galapagos Island and Armenia.

-Two teachers from the Philippines spoke on their life history and the politics of their country.

-Promoted and hosted a 5K walk during a local festival and donated the collected funds to the Zonta International Foundation.

-Had a food drive on UN Day, donating it to the local Hospitality House, to bring awareness to poverty in the community.

-Hosted a dinner with guests who spoke on "Reflections of Volunteer Service in South Africa."

Biennial Calendar

2009

October 24—UN Day

November 8—Zonta International "Birthday"

December 1—World Aids Day

December 10—Universal Declaration of Human Rights

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)



Zonta International Birthday – Nov 8

-Baby items were collected, gift wrapped and donated to single mothers through Catholic Family Services.

World Aids Day – December 1

-Studied AIDS in our community.

Universal Declaration of Human Rights – December 10

-The Club had a presentation on children orphanages and the Patch Adams Institute.

Quoted from our President Beryl Sten – The Hawaiian saying; “the Future is guided by our Past” leads us to our commitment to support the programs of the United Nations for the advancement of women and gender equality.

Zonta International has a proud and unbroken record of partnership with the United Nations. In June 1945, the Charter of the United Nations was signed in San Francisco by signatories of fifty countries. Zonta International was represented at the inauguration and in 1946, the then, International President Louise Grace said about the UN: “This organization is the best existing machinery for establishing conditions under which peace and social justice can prosper.”

Our Zonta goals and objectives are all under the UN umbrella. Through our collected resources to the recognized UN agencies operating worldwide, Zonta International is seen as a major partner, which gives us visibility and credibility through this co-operation. The concentration of projects within the UN agencies is also necessary to protect our consultative status in the UN and we have a proud record to protect in that regard.

Thanks you to all the District 7 club UN chairs.

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Best Practice

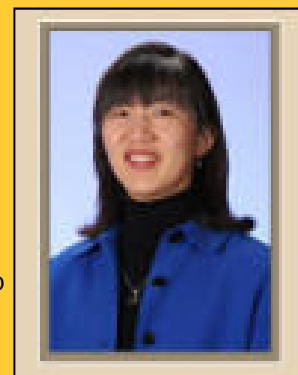
Best practice is an idea that asserts that there is a technique, method, process, activity, incentive or reward that is more effective at delivering a particular outcome than any other technique, method, process, etc. . Best practices can also be defined as the most efficient (least amount of effort) 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 4 Highlights

Greetings!

The Zonta Club of Johnson County, KS, has a long-standing tradition of annually budgeting funds to supplement a substantial portion of costs for one delegate to attend a District 7 Conference or Seminar and the Zonta International Convention. Typically the president will attend as the club's delegate. By helping to defray the registration and travel costs, the club always has representation at District and International meetings. And as those of you who have attended these meetings know, participation in these meetings helps the attendee to broaden her understanding of Zonta's mission. Other benefits of Area, District and International meetings are the opportunities to meet outstanding, inspiring Zontians from other clubs, learn leadership skills and share ideas for club activities. Delegates return to club meetings with renewed enthusiasm for Zonta. As quoted by many a Zontian, “Once you go you get it!”.



Cynthia Yin
Area 4 Director

Cynthia

The following resolution was adopted by District 7 at the Fall Conference.



Zonta District 7
Legislative Awareness & Advocacy

Advancing the status of women worldwide

CEDAW Resolution for District 7

Sponsored by Sherrill Mulhern District 7 Legislative Advocacy Chair, 2009

Whereas; Zonta International has supported the UN since 1946 and, as an international non-governmental organization (NGO), has brought women's concerns to the UN; and Whereas; Zonta and other women's organizations worked for decades to get the UN to adopt a comprehensive Convention (Treaty) to eliminate discrimination against women that would codify rights delineated in a series of individual treaties or subsumed in generic human rights documents; and

Whereas; the Convention to Eliminate All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) was adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations in 1979 by votes of 130 to none with 10 abstentions, to guarantee women's rights that were not previously subject to international standards, including rights in the political, social, economic and cultural realms and family life; and

Whereas; on 17 July 1980 at the Copenhagen World Conference on the United Nations Decade for Women, "Equality, Development and Peace", 64 States signed the Convention, and on 3 September 1981, 30 days after the twentieth member State had ratified it, the Convention went into effect; and

Whereas; the United States was active in drafting the Treaty for the Rights of Women and President Carter was among the leaders who signed the Convention on 17 July 1980; and Whereas; in September 1994, the Senate Foreign Relations Committee voted 13 to 5 with one abstention for ratification of the Treaty, and again on 30 July 2002, the Senate Foreign Relations Committee supported ratification by a bipartisan vote of 12 to 7, but each time opponents blocked action by the full Senate; and

Whereas; the 55th International Convention of Zonta International in 2002 passed a resolution promoting CEDAW and the Optional Protocol adopted in October 1999 by the UN General Assembly, and urged clubs to take action in support of the treaty; and

Whereas; as of 15 February 2008, a total of 185 countries (over 90% of the members of the UN) have ratified the Convention, but the United States is the only industrialized nation that has not ratified the Treaty; and

Whereas; the Zonta International United Nations and Legislative Awareness and Advocacy Committees have made active support and implementation of the terms of CEDAW by Zonta Clubs one of its priorities this biennium (2008-2010), and have urged Zonta clubs in the United States, the only Zonta country that has NOT ratified CEDAW, to work for the ratification of this convention by December 2009, the 30th Anniversary of CEDAW;

BE IT RESOLVED, therefore, that:

1. District 7 urges members to educate themselves about the importance of ratification of CEDAW by the United States.
2. District 7 urges Zonta clubs to make ratification of CEDAW by the United States one of their main legislative advocacy projects this biennium.
3. District 7 encourages members to draw upon their diverse expertise and resources to educate the public about the need for the United States to become a party to CEDAW.
4. District 7 encourages members to work with other community organizations in their respective states to urge their United States Senators, the members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, the U.S. Secretary of State, and the President of the United States to ratify CEDAW, thereby strengthening America's position among nations as an advocate for women's equality and human rights.

Please visit the Zonta International Website to learn how your club can support CEDAW.
Go to Member Resources—Leadership—Committees—United Nations

http://www.zonta.org/site/PageServer?pagename=mr_committee_un