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YOU!

Welcome to Volume 1, Issue 8 of **Z-News**, the last issue of this 2008–2010 biennium!

It has been an honor and a pleasure serving as your district governor for the past two years. Each club in our district is so unique and is comprised of many wonderful women who possess countless skills and talents! The contributions you make to your communities is invaluable.

Thank you for your prayers, kindness and concern during my bout with breast cancer. Thank you for your hospitality. Finally, thank you for your commitment to our mission of **advancing the status of women worldwide through service and advocacy**.

Yours in Zonta,

*Governor Kathy*

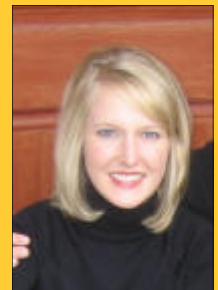


## NEWS FLASH!

**DISTRICT 2008 JMK RECIPIENT TO  
SPEAK AT THE INTERNATIONAL  
CONVENTION**



**Lauren Howard**, the 2008 Jane M Klausman award recipient from District 7 has been invited to speak at the Zonta International Convention! She will address the group on Tuesday, June 29, 2010 at 8:30am. Her JMK application was submitted to the district by the Zonta Club of St. Louis. Ms. Howard has recently accepted a position as an international auditor with Monsanto in St. Louis.



Maria Childress  
Secretary

Thank you to the District 7 Board for bearing with me as I took minutes throughout the board meetings and at the district conference. I had to ask for clarification many times—thank you for being so willing to answer them even months after the fact! It was a pleasure serving on the District board and getting to know so many more wonderful Zontians!

*Maria*

## Zonta International District 7



Barb Jirges  
Lt. Governor



District 7 ZONTA  
Yellow Rose Club



Janet Kannard  
Treasurer

The District 7 membership for the end of the 2008-2010 biennium stands at 564. Congratulations to the following clubs who added new members between July 2009 and March 2010:

Austin  
Bismarck  
Breckenridge-Wahpeton  
Cape Girardeau  
Jamestown  
Jefferson City  
Johnson County  
Mankato  
St. Charles  
St. Louis

It has been a pleasure serving on the District Board and working with many talented and accomplished women in District 7.

Thanks,

*Janet*

### Membership-A Shared Responsibility

It's up to each Zontian to keep our clubs and district membership healthy. Look around your workplace, neighborhood, and other organizations you belong to and invite someone to come to a meeting. Don't make it complicated, share the gift of Zonta! And let's not forget the Zonta members in our clubs who haven't been active lately. Pick up the phone, drop them a line, and let them know they are missed. We need to remember that retention is as important as new members.

At the Fall 2009 Conference 44 Zontians signed commitment cards to bring in a new member in the coming year. They will be the first members of the District 7 ZONTA Yellow Rose Club! A few have already contacted me sharing their success. Congratulations! Everyone's efforts will be recognized at Fall Seminar in Austin, MN.

Let's rise to the membership challenge and exceed our expectations!



**AREA 1 -  
North Dakota &  
South Dakota**

Mary Reed  
Area 1 Director

I have really enjoyed my last two years as Area 1 director. It was so much fun traveling to all the clubs in the area and meeting all my wonderful Zonta sisters. I thank you for the privilege of letting me serve in this capacity. The mission of Zonta is so critical and I am pleased to be a part of that. I am looking forward to seeing many of you at International Convention in San Antonio.

*Mary*

**AREA 2 -  
Eastern Missouri**



Darla Porter  
Area 2 Director

What an honor to serve Area 2 as Director. It is very hard to believe that two years have passed. I thank you for keeping me in the loop as to what is going on with each club and can honestly say it was a great biennium for Missouri. While the area meetings were not well attended, the information shared by our sisters was invaluable. Membership growth and service projects that more closely reflect our Zonta mission have been the primary focus of each club. We were sorry to see our Troy Club dissolve. With the loss of jobs in the area and the economic pressures felt around the state, it was a difficult time to bring women together. I look forward to seeing many of you at our International Convention and our District meeting in the fall and I am especially pleased to turn over the Area to the direction of Polly Holten, Cape Girardeau. The best thing about being Area Director is meeting and working side by side with all of you.

*Darla*

Members of the Zonta Clubs of St. Louis, St. Charles, and Jefferson City gathering for dinner prior to Area 2 meeting.



**AREA 3 -  
Minnesota**

Sonja Jacobsen  
Area 3 Director

Area 3 has had a busy year! Mankato hosted a very successful Area Meeting with 30 attendees. St. Cloud continues to grow and expand its project base. Brainerd member Alice Smith is poised to assume the Area Director position. Minneapolis continues to host an incredible holiday event and will host the 2011 Area Meeting. Austin is busily planning the leadership event in October 2010 under the direction of Carol Pasanen. Our condolences to the St. Paul club. Two of their long-time members passed over the winter, however, they are boasting 3 new members. It has been my honor to serve as area director and an honor to know you all. Thank you for your continued service to Zonta.

*Sonja*



Cynthia Yin  
Area 4 Director

Getting to know wonderful Zontians in the Area and the District is one of the best parts of being a Director. We have many dynamic and forward-thinking ladies in our clubs! I'd like to commend the members of Area 4 for participation in District and inter-club activities the past two years. Despite the small size of our clubs, we are a very active Area. Our biggest challenge this next biennium will be to increase membership to sustain the energy level of our busy clubs. I look forward to seeing our clubs grow and flourish in the future as we continue our mission of helping women and girls.

*Cynthia*