

District 7 Newsletter

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Message from the Governor

Someone told me that Spring has sprung, however as I look out my window I see no evidence! We still have a foot of snow on the ground and are expecting more this weekend. Thank goodness I have an Area 4 Meeting to attend next weekend in Kansas City! Oh, how I long to see grass!

This issue will focus on what is going on around the District. I would like to say “thank you” to each of the Club Presidents who turned in their quarterly report forms on time so the Area Directors could share some of the exciting things going on in your clubs.

Area meetings are coming up. This year Areas 1 and 3 are going to meet together due to the flood forecast in North Dakota. The past few years have been very difficult for many club members in Area 1 and 2011 is looking like another difficult spring.

I have also included information on the North American Inter-District Meeting in Reno, NV June 3-5. The agenda looks very exciting and should prove to be a wonderful opportunity to participate in workshops designed to revitalize our clubs and membership. We could all use that!

I look forward to visiting with you at your Area Meetings!

Governor Barb



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District Membership Report

Congratulations Zontians! It is exciting to report that our District membership has increased from 551 (11/30/10) to 583! This is exciting news, and I know from talking to many of you there are members in the wings waiting to join. A hearty thank you to Jane Miller for pulling this membership information together.

At the Austin, MN leadership seminar in October the membership chairs from the various clubs held a brainstorming session and Debra Kellerman of the Zonta Club of St. Cloud was truly inspired with this recruiting idea: a club postcard that could be sent to prospective members with a clever invitation to a meeting/event. This postcard could be easily modified to suit the specific needs of any club. A contact person and website address could also be inserted. This mailing list would then serve as a database with easy access to names and addresses of possible members, making invitations to recruiting events almost effortless! The source for these potential members could be the local paper, professional journals or any source where new positions and promotions are announced. We all agreed that the recruiting of new members cannot be limited to the few dedicated events that are held during the year. The Zonta drumbeat must be constant. Thanks to Kerry Dixon-Fox for working on the mock-up. Happy recruiting!

Sonja Jacobsen
Lt. Governor



Picture Yourself Here.....

....You would make a great Zontian!



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AREA 1 REPORT

Area One has been busy, and is especially happy to have welcomed several new members this year: Estelle Grote, Marlys Keller and Marianne Malsam in Aberdeen; Kim Crandall, Patricia French, Barb Loll, And Sarah Paintner in Breckenridge-Wahpeton; and Danica Chapet, Lindsey Larson, Kimberly Kapp, and Nina Sneider in Jamestown.

Scholarship programs are important. Jamestown gives the Jane Klausman Award; Breckenridge-Wahpeton awards the Young Women in Public Affairs Scholarship and also assists two young women with their GED exam fees; and Aberdeen gives scholarships to two women attending area colleges.

Other programs that target women or girls specifically are: Jamestown's support of EvenStart and their contribution to Safe Shelter, and Breckenridge-Wahpeton's co-sponsorship of "It's a Girl Thing," a purse auction to benefit a local shelter. Area women who have made significant contributions to promoting the status of women are honored with yellow roses by the Fargo and the Breckenridge-Wahpeton clubs.

Our clubs are working toward using the LAA scorecard but are not ready to give up meaningful programs that don't quite fit the criteria, i.e., programs that provide substantial benefits to both males and females. Some of these programs are: Jamestown's distributed voting information during the city's "Block Party;" Breckenridge-Wahpeton gave potato feed proceeds to International and to support the two towns' summer reading programs, the proceeds from the "Kash and Koins" walk they co-sponsor with Southern Valley Health Watch were given to the Salvation Army, members deliver Meals on Wheels one week in December and recruit donors for a Blood Drive once a year.

Aberdeen, Fargo and Jamestown had special programs for Amelia Earhart Day. Jamestown's program was based on the game show "To Tell the Truth." Fargo and Breckenridge-Wahpeton present roses to area women in honor of Yellow Rose Day and Aberdeen has a special program. Jamestown held a fun fundraiser, with members donating quarters for each door in their homes. Fargo, Aberdeen and Jamestown had special programs honoring the International Day of Peace. Jamestown dedicated a Peace Pole for UN Day. Fargo and Wahpeton had special programs. Jamestown and Breckenridge-Wahpeton celebrated Zonta's birthday by holding their membership drives. Zonta International and local programs were explained by both clubs, as well as the Zonta name and symbolism. Aberdeen and Breckenridge-Wahpeton had birthday cake.

Jamestown has had a couple very interesting programs: the director of the area's Safe Shelter spoke in October and in February their 28 year old female mayor spoke. Wahpeton also had a speaker from a women's shelter and a physician who spoke on women's issues. Fargo had a travel agent speak on travel safety. Aberdeen had their scholarship winners speak about their scholarships and their dreams.

Membership is a concern for most of our clubs, especially in light of the rising cost of membership and busy schedules. These problems make it especially hard to attract younger members. There have also been some problems with the web site with regard to accessing, understanding, and editing member information.

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Area 2 Report

Membership

Cape Girardeau – 53

New members: *Casey Brunke, Haley Janes, Jasa Suiter, Becka Hollis, Melissa Miller, Danette Miller*

St Charles -42

New Members: *Nadine Boon, Brenda Lowder, Marie Roark*

St Louis – Did not get their report. The data I am using is from their March Zest

New Members: *Kim Prosser-Noonan, Malaika Horn*

Key Events

Cape Girardeau:

- January 11 Amelia Earhart Day – went to see the movie Amelia together!
- March 8 Rose Day – sent a letter to the editor and corsages to women in media
- Had our annual Flea Market fundraiser
- Zontian authors, Patrice Mullins and Brenda Fraser, from the St. Charles Club that wrote *7 Points of Impact* and discussed their book and their journey as women.

St Charles:

- January 11 Amelia Earhart Day Celebrating Amelia Earhart (Women & Aviation) luncheon co-sponsored by the Zonta Clubs of St. Charles & St. Louis on January 15th .
- March 8 , Rose Day Hand the club delivered 50 yellow roses to women in St. Charles Co. (yearly event) to honor their contributions to the community.

St Louis:

- Hands on Committee provided meals at the Ronald McDonald House
- Recognized Yellow Rose Day by giving roses to friends
- Had a successful Trivia Night

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Area 3 Update

Area 3 is alive and well, with 6 chapters. All have been working on membership and projects which serve their communities as well as the world.

Area membership has increased by 17 since October, with the clear leader being St. Cloud with 10, yes, 10 new members. Congratulations to all, but especially St. Cloud.

Chapter Updates: (since December)

Brainerd meets once a month with girls from the Port Group Home, girls who have been sent to the home with a variety of social problems. They introduce themselves, share history and dialogue with the girls. The counselors and girls seem very appreciative of the visits. A special treat each year has been a Valentine's visit, where they decorate cookies, make cards or jewelry, and enjoy time together.

Austin and **Minneapolis** Clubs both viewed the movie "Amelia" at club gatherings. The Austin club also showed the movie at a local senior center.

Mankato recently had a pajama party breakfast on a Saturday morning, where they enjoyed a great breakfast while assembling 60 birthing kits to be given to a 3rd world country. They also collected 65 pjs and a number of children's books to be given to a local women's shelter.

The **Minneapolis** Club sends yellow roses to prospective members along with information about Zonta International and the local club.

The **St. Cloud** club held a fundraiser in December – the Christmas house – which was a great success. They have done this fundraiser for a number of years. The last one raised over \$10,000. Their prime local funds recipient is Anna Marie's Alliance, a local women's shelter. They recently received the Presidential Volunteer Service Award at a program sponsored by Anna Marie's.

This is just a snapshot of some of the club activities, not an inclusive list of every thing they have done.

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Area 4 Director's Report

Although the winter brought lots of cold and snow to the heartland, it didn't slow down the Zontians in Area 4. Most clubs ended the year with a holiday party. The Johnson County Club used the event to raise money by holding a raffle. Since their club provides "wish list" items for SAFEHOME (domestic violence shelter) on a regular basis, this year they also provided donations to SAFEHOME's Holiday Store and served as volunteer staff at the Store in December. Kansas City II Mo invited all of the Greater Kansas City Area Zontians to an evening of Zontian holiday fellowship complete with a pot-luck dinner and music, supplied by the Sampaguita Chorale Group of the Filipino Association. Attendees were also invited to bring along a package of laundry detergent, a few toiletries, twin bed sheets and/or other practical items which were donated to Sheffield Place domestic violence shelter.



Johnson County Holiday Party



Kansas City II MO Holiday Party

On January 11th, the Greater Kansas City Zonta Clubs joined forces again to host their Annual Amelia Luncheon. This year, Sr. Carol Ann Petersen (Keeler Women's Center) received the Woman of Achievement Award and Zontian Eldeva Neill was recognized posthumously with the Zontian of the Year award. The featured speaker was Dr. Caroline Rickards, a past Amelia Earhart Fellow and speaker at the Zonta International Convention in San Antonio. Luckily Dr. Rickards was able to stay over for a couple of days so Cynthia Yin and other Area Zontians gave her a whirlwind tour of the Midwest which included visits to the World War I Museum in Kansas City and the Amelia Earhart's childhood home - facilitated by the Zonta Club of Atchison, Kansas - as well as a taste of Kansas City Barbeque at Oklahoma Joe's.



Sr. Carol Ann Petersen receives the Woman of Achievement Award



Guest Speaker Dr. Caroline Rickards with Cynthia Yin, Sherrill Mulhern & Janet Kannard

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Zonta Rose Day is often the harbinger of spring and this year was no different. Zontians from Johnson County celebrated the day with a visit to the Keeler Women's Center where they presented the staff with rose bouquets and home-baked cookies as well as "five-packs" of basic personal toiletries (shampoo, soap, toothpaste, etc.) to use for its clients.



Preparing the "five-packs"



Rose Day at the Keeler Women's Center

Kansas City II MO celebrated the day by recognizing and honoring the mission of Planned Parenthood of Kansas and Mid-Missouri for its commitment to ensuring a better future for women and girls. Club members presented the proclamation as well as a bouquet of yellow roses and cookies to the employees of the Patty Brous Health Center, which was the first Planned Parenthood Clinic to open in the Kansas City area. As Rose Day came to a close, the club gathered together and presented yellow roses to their fellow club member, Zonta International Past-President Harriette Yeckel.



Rose Day at the Planned Parenthood
Patty Brous Health Center



Zonta International Past President Harriette Yeckel
celebrates Rose Day with members of Zonta Kansas City II MO

Now that flowers have finally supplanted the snow in the heartland, the Zontians of Area 4 are busy organizing their Area 4 meeting. This year it will feature a presentation by Governor Barb Jirges, a special recognition of the members of the Kansas City, Kansas Zonta Club, a memorial ceremony to honor Area 4 Zontians who have passed away during the past year and an introduction to Veronica's Voice, a local, grassroots organization which works with victims of commercial sexual exploitation (prostitution) of all ages. Although the event is still several weeks away, the response has been very positive.

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AREA MEETINGS

Area 4—Saturday, April 9, 2011

Hosted by Kansas City II

Mission Hills Country Club

11:00am—3:00pm

Area 1 & 3—Saturday, April 30, 2011

10:00—4:00

“Spring Into Action”

Hosted by the Zonta Club of
Minneapolis at the

DoubleTree Hotel Minneapolis

Area 2—Saturday, June 18, 2011

Hosted by the Zonta Club of St. Charles

Location TBA

Dates to Remember

YWPA application
deadline is April 1st

Jane M. Klausmann
application deadline
is May 31st

**North American
Inter-District Meeting**
in Reno, NV June 3-5
Official information on
pages 9 & 10.

Fall Conference in
St. Cloud, MN
September 16-18



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Building a Better Zonta

At the North American Inter-District Meeting
June 3-5, 2011, Reno, Nevada

REGISTER TODAY!

Why you should attend

Meet Zonta International Leaders and reconnect with Zontians from other Districts.
Select from 16 workshops organized into the 4 Tracks members said they wanted most – “Advocacy”, “Leadership”, “Membership”, and “Public Relations”, plus presentations and informative panel discussions led by distinguished Zontians and guest speakers
Refresh your commitment to improving the lives of women through Zonta

What you'll Do

Engage ideas in workshops tailored to meet your needs; learn about how Zonta really works; take away useful tools to strengthen your club; raise the level of dialogue about how North American Zonta Clubs can successfully collaborate on membership, service and advocacy

Where you'll Stay

Our meetings will be held at the exciting and newly expanded Atlantis Casino Resort Spa,
3800 South Virginia St., Reno, NV 89502 www.atlantiscasino.com.
Once you check out their beautiful Spa facilities,
you'll want to book an extra day just to pamper yourself!

Registration includes meals and workshop materials (All amounts in USD)		Schedule of events
Early Bird Registration (before May 1, 2011)	\$175	<u>Fri. 6/03</u> 6-8pm Opening Reception
Late Registration (May 1 – May 27)	\$200	<u>Sat. 6/04</u> 7:30am - 4:45 pm Workshops 6-10pm Reception/Banquet
Hotel Room Rates – single or double occupancy, plus \$10 resort fee/room/night Amenities: <i>In-room coffee service, High Speed (wireless and wired) Internet Service, Indoor and Outdoor Pools and Outdoor Jacuzzi, Boarding Pass Printing Services, 15% Discount at the Atlantis Spa</i>	\$109	<u>Sun. 6/05</u> 9am Workshops 10:45am Brunch. Noon - Program Concludes

2011 Zonta North American Inter-District Meeting - Registration Form

Please provide workshop selections and payment information below and mail with your payment to:
Joy Orlich, 830 Broadway Blvd. Reno, NV 89502 by May 27, 2011

Workshop Series	Track 1 Advocacy	Track 2 Leadership	Track 3 Membership	Track 4 Public Relations	_1 st Choice _2 nd Choice
Saturday 10:15-11:45	1A -Creating a N. American strategy on Zonta issues	2A – Addressing Intergenerational Issues-What do women in Zonta want?	3A – Building a co-operative membership strategy for North America-Part 1	4A – Developing a N. American PR Strategy – Part 1	# _____ # _____
Saturday 1:45-3:15	1B – Maximizing our Relationship to the United Nations	2B – Beating Negativity and driving positive change	3B – Supporting regional growth plans for Zonta – Part 2	4B – Developing a N. American PR Strategy – Part 2	# _____ # _____
Saturday 3:30-4:45	1C – Ratifying CEDAW in the US	2C – Growing Leadership in Zonta – What does the date tell us?	3C – Working for Win-Win in Zonta Conflicts	4C – Maximizing Social Media to Zonta’s Advantage	# _____ # _____
Sunday 9:00-10:30	1D – Working for Women’s Total Health	2D – Mentoring and Coaching Zontians to Excellence	3D – Getting Zonta Business Done Well – Why are our meetings so ___?	4D – Branding, Marketing and Reaching a Multi-Cultural Audience	# _____ # _____

Name: _____ e-mail: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____ Work Home Cell

City: _____ State/Province _____ Postal Code: _____

Zonta Club of: _____ Title: _____

Please list prior Zonta offices you have held:

Please indicate if you have any special dietary considerations: _____

___ Enclosed is my check for \$ _____ (payable to Zonta Club of Greater Reno or ZCGR)

___ I wish to pay by Credit Card \$ _____ Name on Card: _____

Visa/MC Card # _____ Exp. Date: _____ Sec. # _____

Signature: _____

Cancellation Policy: Cancellations received before May 27, are subject to a \$25 cancellation fee. **No refunds after May 27.**

Hotel Reservations: Please book directly with the Atlantis Casino Resort Spa by calling **800-723-6500** Mention you are with the Zonta Inter-District meeting – **Hotel Reservations must be made by May 4, 2011.**

Attire: Business or Business Casual

Questions? Contact Conference Co-Chair Joy Orlich – **775-544-0686** (cell) or joyorlich@sbcglobal.net