

MINUTES
ZONTA INTERNATIONAL
58TH DISTRICT 7 CONFERENCE
CAPE GIRARDEAU, MISSOURI

FIRST BUSINESS MEETING – Friday Evening – September 30, 2005

The 58th Conference of District 7 was called to order by Governor Linda Jacobsen. The colors were posted by the Marine Corps League of Cape Girardeau, MO. Honored guest, Mayor Jay Knudtson of Cape Girardeau led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance and Trudy Lee led the assembly in singing the national anthem. Additionally, the national anthem of The Philippines was played in recognition of International Representative President-Elect Olivia Ferry.

INVOCATION: Brenda Fraser, Zonta Club of St. Charles.

INTRODUCTION OF THE HEAD TABLE:

Olivia Ferry -- International Representative President-Elect
Dr. Carol Munns – Lt. Governor
Barbara Zapp – District Treasurer
Suzanne Bond – District secretary
Patricia Palm – Parliamentarian
Cheryl Hill – President Zonta Club of Cape Girardeau
Honorable Jay Knudtson – Mayor of Cape Girardeau

WELCOME AND RESPONSE:

Mayor Jay Knudtson extended a warm welcome to visitors and conference attendees from the City of Cape Girardeau.

Cheryl Hill, President, Zonta Club of Cape Girardeau, Missouri welcomed conference attendees and ZI Representative President-Elect, Olivia Ferry.

District Response given by Dr. Carol Munns, Lt. Governor.

AMELIA EARHART FELLOW AWARD:

Amelia Earhart Chair Kathy Swan of the Zonta Club of Cape Girardeau introduced Lucie Johannes, one of the Zonta International Amelia Earhart Fellowship recipients. Lucie, who is studying for her Ph.D. in Metallurgical Engineering at the University of Missouri, Rolla, shared some thoughts with the attendees including the fact that she is hoping to obtain a position with NASA where she has held intern positions in the past. International Representative President-Elect Olivia Ferry presented the AE Fellow pin to Lucie.

INTRODUCTIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

Area Directors: Peggy Irmen – Area 1, Lila Moen – Area 3, Janet Kannard – Area 5,
Cheryl Mothes – Area 6

District Committee Chairs:

Organization, Membership & Classification - Lt. Governor Carol Munns

United Nations -- Marcia Southard-Ritter

Finance – Barb Zapp

IT/Webmaster – Kerry Dixon-Fox

Status of Women/Service Sub-Committee Chairs:

Z and Golden Z Clubs – Darla Porter

Legislative Awareness & Advocacy – Laura Burton

Jane M. Klausman – Sherrill Mulhern

Amelia Earhart – Kathy Swan

Not in attendance:

Foundation Ambassador – Laurel Haroldson

Nominating – Cheryl Disney Breeden

Status of Women/Service – Joan Wrolstad

PR & Communications – Nancy Vessell

YWPA – Louise Davis

ZISVAW Coordinator – Mary Jacklitch

Women’s Health Initiatives – Dr. Lillian Pardo

Past Governors: Sharon Carmody, Amparo Thomas, Linda Daus, Cathi Christopherson,
Kerry Dixon-Fox

CONFERENCE APPOINTMENTS:

Credentials Committee: Chair, Past District Governor, Sharon Carmody assisted by Linda Daus

Escort for International Representative President-Elect Olivia Ferry: Cheryl Mothes, Zonta Club of Cape Girardeau

Protocol Chairman: Polly Holten, Cape Girardeau

Tellers Committee: Chair, Jo Cattrysse, Mankato, MN

Timekeeper: Cathi Christopherson, Bismarck, ND

Conference Announcer: Mona Copeland , Cape Girardeau

ROLL CALL AND CREDENTIALS REPORT:

The District Secretary, Suzanne Bond, called the roll of the clubs. Not in attendance were members from Aberdeen, Breckenridge-Wahpeton, Fargo-Moorhead, Austin and Kansas City I, MO. Sharon Carmody gave the report of the credentials committee.

District Board –	7
Past International President –	0
Delegates –	19
Registered Proxies –	4 *
Total	30 present and qualified to vote

Adoption of the credentials report was approved.

*Note: The proxy for Austin was disqualified as no club can be represented by proxy at more than two consecutive conferences per International Bylaws. The proxy for Breckenridge-Wahpeton was transferred to the Bismarck delegate as the originally designated proxy (Jamestown) exceeded the number allowed per the International By-laws.

Allowed voting proxies were: Jamestown for Aberdeen and Fargo-Moorhead, Bismarck for Breckenridge-Wahpeton, and Kansas City II, MO for Kansas City I, MO.

PRESENTATION OF THE CONFERENCE STANDING RULES: Patricia Palm, District Parliamentarian, read the proposed conference standing rules. Janet Kannard, Area 5 Director, **Moved** to adopt the proposed conference standing rules as read by the Parliamentarian. Motion was **SECONDED** by Cheryl Mothes, Area 6 Director. Motion was **APPROVED**.

CONFERENCE PROGRAM: Mona Copeland, Conference Chair, presented the Conference program. Sherrill Mulhern, Jane Klausman Chair, requested a change in the order of the program as she has to leave early Saturday and would like to give her report immediately following the credentials report on Saturday morning. Lt. Governor, Carol Munns made a **MOTION** to adopt the conference program as presented by the Conference Chair with the change requested by Sherrill Mulhern. **SECOND** was made by Barb Zapp. Motion was **APPROVED**.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT: Romelle Vanek, member of the nominating committee reported, the following nominations in Cheryl Breeden's absence:

Governor – Dr. Carol Munns, Brainerd
Lt. Governor – Barb Jirges, Bismarck & Kathryn Swan, Cape Girardeau
Treasurer – Janet Kannard, Kansas City II, MO & Kay Moss, St. Louis
Area 1 Director – Joan Wrolstad, Fargo-Moorhead
Area 3 Director – Nancy Fischer, St. Cloud & JoAnn Hanson, Minneapolis
Area 5 Director – Louise Davis, Kansas City I, MO & Sharon Stark, Topeka
Area 6 Director – Brenda Myers, Jefferson City
Nominating Committee – Pat Crim, Kansas City, KS; Lila Moen, Brainerd; Darla Porter, Jefferson City; Amparo Thomas, Jefferson City; & Barb Zapp, Fargo-Moorhead

There were no nominations from the floor and nominations were closed as presented by the nominating committee.

The candidates (excluding those running for Nominating Committee) were introduced by Romelle Vanek and each gave a brief response to a question given to them by the Nominating Committee.

TELLERS COMMITTEE: Jo Cattrysse, chair of the Tellers' Committee, instructed the delegates on voting procedures to be followed.

57TH DISTRICT CONFERENCE: Governor Linda reported that minutes of the 57th District 7 Conference in Kansas City, MO. held on October 10-12, 2003 were reviewed and approved by the District Board and distributed to club presidents, district officers and area directors. As a result of changes made at that conference the minutes need not be approved at the subsequent conference. The minutes stand approved as printed and a copy has been included in the packets as a matter of continuity.

TREASURER’S REPORT:

Barb Zapp, Treasurer, presented the proposed budget for the years 2006-2008 to be acted on during the Saturday morning business session. Barb also presented the financial report for the year ended May 31, 2005. Delegates were advised to review the reports and present questions at the Saturday business session.

Treasurer Zapp also presented the report of the auditor for the period June 1, 2004 through May 31, 2005 and **MOVED** for adoption of the report. **SECOND** from Carol Munns. Motion **APPROVED**.

CLOSE OF FIRST BUSINESS MEETING: There being no further business to discuss, Governor Linda recessed the first business meeting of the 58th Conference of District 7 at 9:25 P.M. Delegates were reminded to check in at the credentials table prior to the following session.

SECOND BUSINESS MEETING: Saturday morning, October 1, 2005 at 9:00 am.

CALL TO ORDER: The second business meeting was called to order by Governor Linda Jacobsen.

ROLL CALL AND CREDENTIALS REPORT:

The District Secretary, Suzanne Bond, called the roll of the clubs. Not in attendance were members from Aberdeen, Breckenridge-Wahpeton, Fargo-Moorhead, Austin and Kansas City I, MO. The report of the credentials committee was given by Sharon Carmody.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Sherrill Mulhern, Jane Klausman Chair, reported nine clubs submitted candidates. The District winner is Nadya Bronstein who was submitted by the St. Louis Club. Reports from the other committee chairs will be made at a later time in the program.

INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

International Representative, President-Elect Olivia Ferry, presented the International President's Message to the attendees. She reported on Zonta's Violence Against Women international projects for the biennium in anti-trafficking, the neo-natal tetanus project and the focus in Niger to target AIDS. She also mentioned a reassociation with UNIFEM and that International President Mary Ellen has appointed Past International President Margit Webjorn to represent Zonta on the UNIFEM Trust Fund Committee that selects the projects that the Trust Fund supports.

AREA DIRECTORS' REPORTS:

Area Director reports (copies available upon request)

- Area 1 Director, Peg Irmen
- Area 3 Director, Lila Moen
- Area 5 Director, Janet Kannard
- Area 6 Director, Cheryl Mothes

15-minute recess called before beginning district committee reports.

DISTRICT COMMITTEE REPORTS: (copies of reports available upon request)

- Eunice Sahr, President of the Jamestown Club, presented the District Foundation report for Laurel Haroldson who could not join us this weekend.
- Carol Munns, Lt. Governor – OMC Report
- Carol Munns presented the Status of Women Service report for Joan Wrolstad who could not join us this weekend.
- Kathy Swan – Amelia Earhart Committee Report.
- Janet Kannard, Area 5 Director, presented the YWPA report for Louise Davis who could not join us this weekend. She announced that the District YWPA winner is Sarah Lyon who was submitted by the Kansas City II, MO club.
- Marcia Southard-Ritter – United Nations Report
- Becky Ambrose, Jefferson City Club, presented the Public Relations and Communications report for Nancy Vessel who could not be with us this weekend.
- Kerry Dixon-Fox, Immediate Past Governor – Webmaster Report
- Dr. Lillian Pardo was unable to attend the meeting but asked that it be reported that she is beginning a series of short articles that will be included in the District Newsletter.
- Laura Burton – Legislative Awareness & Advocacy

TELLER'S REPORT OF ELECTION RESULTS: Jo Cattryse, Chair, reported the following results:

Governor – Dr. Carol Munns
Lt. Governor – Kathryn Swan
Treasurer - Janet Kannard
Area 1 Director – Joan Wrolstad
Area 3 Director – JoAnn Hanson
Area 5 Director – Sharon Stark
Area 6 Director – Brenda Myers
Nominating Committee –Lila Moen, Barb Zapp and Amparo Thomas (Chair).

DISTRICT BUDGET: Barb Zapp, District Treasurer, made a **MOTION** to adopt the proposed budget for the 2006-2008 biennium. **SECOND** Carol Munns. Discussion was called for and several questions regarding clarifications were answered and a walk-through of the budget was done. Anne Anderson inquired if the proposed budget included the proposed dues increase of \$5 for the District – Response: yes. Marsha Ritter of Cape Girardeau suggested that the budget be a part of the power point presentation in the future. There being no further discussion the vote was called for and the **MOTION** was **APPROVED**.

NEW BUSINESS: Cheryl Hill inquired when the dues increase will be effective – Response: 2006-2007.

Referencing Laura Burton's committee report, Rochelle Reeg, St. Louis Club, suggested as a part of legislative advocacy that we send a letter from our conference requesting legislators from our local jurisdictions to address the issue of "pork barrel" items in government spending. Nancy Gass of the St. Louis Club made the **MOTION** "That this conference send a letter to all Congressmen and Senators from our various states asking them to remove the discretionary spending proposals to recent bills." **SECOND** Linda Hayse – Topeka Club. Call for discussion with comments from several members most speaking against the motion. Motion was **WITHDRAWN** by Nancy Gass.

Eunice Sahr presented a plaque to Governor Linda from the Jamestown Club.

Attendees joined in singing Happy Birthday to Denise Prinz of the Bismarck Club.

CLOSE OF SECOND BUSINESS MEETING:

There being no further business, Governor Linda Jacobsen closed the second business meeting of the 57th Conference of District 7.

THIRD BUSINESS MEETING: Saturday afternoon, October 1, 2005

CALL TO ORDER: The third business meeting was called to order by Governor Linda Jacobsen.

ROLL CALL AND CREDENTIALS REPORT:

The District Secretary, Suzanne Bond, called the roll of the clubs. Not in attendance were members from Aberdeen, Breckenridge-Wahpeton, Fargo-Moorhead, Austin and Kansas City I, MO. The report of the credentials committee was given by Sharon Carmody.

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Past International President –	0
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Registered Proxies –	4 *
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BREAKOUT SESSIONS: Breakout sessions led by Linda Jacobsen and Carol Munns covering the topics of Best Practices for Growth and Retention, and Communication were held.

CLOSE OF THIRD BUSINESS MEETING: There being no further business, Governor Linda closed the third business meeting of the 57th District 7 Conference and gave instructions for gathering for dinner Saturday and the Memorial Service to be held prior to the opening of the final day of business.

BANQUET: Zontians gathered for dinner Saturday night on the Grampa Woo riverboat. They were treated to live jazz music by Saxy Jazz and a buffet dinner while cruising the Mississippi River.

MEMORIAL SERVICE: Zontians gathered on Sunday morning and were led in a moving memorial of Zontians who have passed away during the past two years. The following members were remembered: Joyce Lusk – Jamestown, ND, Myrna Hazel Sager Braun – St. Cloud, MN, Ruth Margaret Thomas – Brainerd, MN, Tess Burmeister – St. Louis, MO, Patricia Christianson – St. Cloud, MN, and Gwen Stephens – Kansas City, KS.

FOURTH BUSINESS MEETING: Sunday morning, October 2, 2005 at 8:15 am.

CALL TO ORDER: The fourth business meeting was called to order by Governor Linda Jacobsen.

ROLL CALL AND CREDENTIALS REPORT:

The District Secretary, Suzanne Bond, called the roll of the clubs. Not in attendance were members from Aberdeen, Breckenridge-Wahpeton, Fargo-Moorhead, Austin and Kansas City I, MO. The report of the credentials committee was given by Sharon Carmody.

District Board –	6
Past International President –	0
Delegates –	18
Registered Proxies –	3 *
Total	27 present and qualified to vote

Adoption of the credentials report was approved.

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REGISTRATION COMMITTEE REPORT: Sharon Carmody gave the final report of the registration committee.

Final Credentials Report

Total Number of Clubs in District 7	21
Clubs Represented by Delegates	16
Clubs Represented by Proxies	4
Clubs Not Represented	1

Registration Report

District Board	9
International Representative	1
Delegates and Alternates	19 Delegates – 9 Alternates
Other Zontians Registered	30
Guests Registered	22
Total Registered	90

Adoption of the registration committee report was approved.

TELLER’S REPORT: Jo Catrysse presented the Teller’s Report.

Candidates	# Votes Received
	(Bold/underscore indicates highest number)
Governor – <u>Dr. Carol Munns</u>	<u>29</u>
Lt. Governor – Barb Jirges	15 13
<u>Kathryn Swan</u>	15 <u>17</u>
Treasurer - <u>Janet Kannard</u>	<u>27</u>
Kay Moss	
Area 1 Director – <u>Joan Wrolstad</u>	<u>5</u>
Area 3 Director – <u>JoAnn Hanson</u>	<u>4</u>
Nancy Fischer	1
Area 5 Director – <u>Sharon Stark</u>	<u>6</u>
Louise Davis	1
Area 6 Director – <u>Brenda Myers</u>	<u>5</u>
Nominating Committee – Darla Porter – 10, Pat Crim – 13, <u>Lila Moen - 17</u> , <u>Barb Zapp –20</u> and <u>Amparo Thomas - 26 (Chair)</u> .	

Adoption of the Teller’s Report was called for and passed. Ballots will be held by the District Secretary for the required amount of time.

2006 FALL SEMINAR & 2007 FALL CONFERENCE: Leslie Buster, President of the Atchison, KS club extended an invitation to host the 2006 Seminar at Atchison, KS on October 6-8, 2006. **MOTION** was made by Carol Munns to accept. **SECOND** from Janet Kannard, Motion **APPROVED**.

The Minneapolis Club extended an invitation to host the 2007 Conference in Minneapolis the first full weekend in October 2007. **MOTION** was made by Carol Munns to accept. **SECOND** from Cheryl Mothes. Motion **APPROVED**.

GOVERNOR’S REPORT – Governor Linda Jacobsen gave her report. (Copy upon request.)

GOVERNOR’S AWARDS –

Status of Women in Service

Gold Cape Girardeau, Fargo-Moorhead, Jamestown, Jefferson City, Johnson County

Silver Brainerd, Breckenridge-Wahpeton, Mankato, St. Cloud, St. Paul

Bronze Aberdeen, Austin, Bismarck, Kansas City II, MO, St. Louis

United Nations

Gold Cape Girardeau

Silver Fargo-Moorhead, Jamestown, St. Paul

Bronze Austin, Bismarck, Brainerd, Breckenridge-Wahpeton, Jefferson City, Johnson County, Kansas City II, MO, St. Cloud, St. Louis

Organization and Membership

Gold Cape Girardeau, Johnson County
Silver Fargo-Moorhead, Mankato
Bronze Jamestown, St. Paul

Public Relations

Gold Cape Girardeau, Fargo-Moorhead, Jamestown, Mankato, St. Paul, Jefferson City
Silver Aberdeen, Austin, Breckenridge-Wahpeton, Johnson County, St. Cloud
Bronze Bismarck, Brainerd, Kansas City II, MO, St. Louis

Governor's Award

Gold Cape Girardeau, Minneapolis

Governor's Special Award to Janet Kannard for service above and beyond!

30+ Year Honorees

The following members were recognized for 30 or more years of service to Zonta:

Sharon Carmody, 30 years, St. Louis
Dr. Uma Eachempati, 30 years, St. Louis
Jan Armstrong-Canterberry, 31 years, Kansas City II, MO
Mary Scott, 31 years, Central Iowa
Hazel Steffen, 33 years, Johnson County
Jean Madsen, 35 years, St. Cloud
Joyce Abraham, 40 years, Kansas City, KS
Leighfern Buckles, 41 years, Kansas City, KS
Rosemary Jira, 43 years, Aberdeen
Mary Knevel, 44 years, St. Cloud
Minnie Hataway, 45 years, Kansas City, KS
Harriette Yeckel, 47 years, Kansas City II, MO
Charlotte Hansen, Charter Member, Jamestown

Traveling Trophy: Mona Copeland presented the traveling trophy to the Zonta Club of Bismarck, ND .

COURTESY RESOLUTION

Opening comment –

A courtesy resolution is not only a “thank you” to our Host Club and the participants in the presentations and discussions, but also a reflection of the things we saw and heard this weekend. With that in mind, let us begin –

Whereas, the District 7 Zontians met in Cape Girardeau with our gracious hosts from the Cape Girardeau, Missouri Club.

Whereas, the Marine Corp was there to “bring the colors” while the music of our national anthem as well as the Philippine anthem struck a note of commonality with us all.

Whereas, in our greeting from the host club, we heard of Zonta’s impact on a Kenyan woman:

She said, “It is the women who care for the children in my country and because they have no rights, the children are left behind to fend for themselves; ... when women are made capable of taking care of their children, then the world will be right.”

Whereas, we missed our Past International President Harriet Yeckel, we were thrilled to have International President-Elect Olivia Ferry to address us. As she reminded us, District Conference is a milestone in the life of the district. We learned of “strengthening the ties that bind us as Zontians”; we must be proud that we are 33,000 strong, in 68 countries with over 1,250 clubs.

Whereas, we heard from International President Mary Ellen Bittner that it has been a busy and fruitful year; we also heard that our International Board is drafting a strategic plan for the International Board and the International Foundation.

Whereas, we heard of the Zonta International work against anti-trafficking; 4 million women and girls being bought and sold, but Zonta is doing something about it!

Whereas, the women of Afghanistan are still suffering from years of exclusion from public life, but Zonta is doing something about it!

Whereas, we heard that AIDS is climbing in numbers to soon reach more people than the bubonic plague. We heard that 40 million people have been affected in sub-Saharan Africa. But Zonta is doing something about it! The women in the “Valley of the Widows” are benefiting from the education and support we will provide.

Whereas, we know that women are still under-represented in math and science but our Amelia Earhart awards are helping to offset this.

Whereas, our support of ZISVAW, our Z and Golden Z Clubs and our work in Advocacy are all being provided and supported by our members. And recruitment and retention is everyone’s responsibility!

Whereas, without all of us bringing in new members, Zonta may not survive and our work for women ~ who struggle with the same issues of home, family and work ~ will be left unfinished.

Whereas, we heard of the accomplishments of our lively Amelia Earhart winner and a presentation of our Jane M. Klausman winner – there was truly an international flavor within all the candidates for all the awards.

Therefore, our speeches from Area Directors and Committee Chairs inspired us and urged us to think opportunistically of the things we have heard and take action in our own clubs.

Whereas, the report from the Foundation again encouraged us to think to the future of our global families, to look at what has been provided by the women who have gone before and to plan for the future of all, by providing ongoing, monetary support through the Foundation.

Whereas, we heard again of our work with the UN, and were reminded that “Women’s Equality Day” is just past and October 24th is United Nations Day! And that Advocacy is something we all must embrace!

Whereas, we learned that there are templates on the District website to help us all with our PR & Communications hurdles.

Whereas, while we were hearing that ZONTA is becoming a more recognizable force in this modern world, we even learned the name and location of a horse called ZONTA!

Whereas, we learned that if we need to track our hosts, to look for them in the HOSPITALITY SUITE.

Whereas, we learned that ‘colors’ ~ blue, green, gold and orange ~ mean more than just ‘Fall in the Midwest’. Those colors reflect innovative leadership that embraces change.

Whereas, we adopted Budgets based on more recognizable goals, we increased our dues for the work of the District ~ in hopes that we would have many more well-planned and successfully administered Seminars and Conferences. And of course, we hope they are well attended and have slightly embarrassing wedding showers and birthday sing-alongs too!

Whereas, we sang, we enjoyed the fellowship of new friends and old, we learned that the Mississippi riverfront was full of the old and the new, and that Saxy Jazz was NOT just a typo!

To all those who led programs, staffed the tables at the store, who handled registration, who offered the memorial tributes, who were rewarded with District Awards, who invited us to Atchison in 2006 and to Minneapolis in 2007 and for the hospitality of the Drury staff and to the District Board, Committee Chairs and our revered International President Elect, Olivia Ferry, let us all say to one another, may our future hold “the magic” that a world full of caring women can provide.

Respectfully submitted, Kay Moss, Zonta Club of St. Louis

Adoption of the resolution was called for and passed unanimously.

CLOSING OF CONFERENCE: Governor Linda closed the 58th Conference of District 7 of Zonta International at 9:55 A.M.

Suzanne Bond
District 7 Secretary