

MINUTES
ZONTA INTERNATIONAL
57TH DISTRICT 7 CONFERENCE
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

FIRST BUSINESS MEETING – Friday Evening – October 10, 2003

The 57th Conference of District 7 was called to order by Governor Kerry Dixon-Fox. The posting of the colors was presented by VFW Post 10906 of Gladstone, MO. Governor Kerry led the assembly in saying the pledge of allegiance. Piper Dixon, Kansas City I scholarship recipient, led the assembly in singing the national anthem. In recognition of our International President, Margit Webjorn, Piper sang the national anthem of Sweden.

INVOCATION: Orian Captain, Zonta Club of Council Bluffs

INTRODUCTION OF THE HEAD TABLE:

Patricia Palm – Parliamentarian
Louise Davis – District secretary
International President – Margit Webjorn
Linda Jacobsen – Lt. Governor
Barbara Zapp – District Treasurer
Jane Miller - President Zonta Club of Kansas City I

WELCOME AND RESPONSE:

Governor, Kerry Dixon-Fox extended a warm welcome to conference goers from Kansas City, Missouri Mayor, Kay Barnes.
Jane Miller, President, Zonta Club of Kansas City I, Missouri welcomed conference attendees and ZI President, Margit Webjorn.
District Response from Linda Jacobsen, Lt. Governor

INTRODUCTIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

Harriett Yeckel – Past International President
District Committee Chairpersons –
Organization, Membership & Classification - Lt. Governor Linda Jacobsen,
Status of Women/Service Committee – Kathy Swan
Subcommittee Chairs: YWPA – Sharon Stark, Jane M. Klausmen – Suzanne Bond,
Amelia Earhart – Janelle Weishaar, United Nations – Laurel Haroldsen, Public
Relations/Communications – Nancy Vessel, ZISVAW – Cheryl Wegner

CONFERENCE APPOINTMENTS:

Credentials Committee: Chairman, Past District Governor, Sharon Carmody, Judy Jensen
Escort for International President Webjorn: Joyce Abraham, Kansas City, KS
Protocol Chairman: Suzanne Bond, Kansas City, KS
Tellers Committee: Chairman, Jo Cattryse, Mankato, MN
Timekeeper: Sharon Carmody, St. Louis, MO

ROLL CALL AND CREDENTIALS REPORT:

The District Secretary, Louise Davis, called the roll of the clubs. Not in attendance were representatives from, Aberdeen & Duluth. The report of the credentials committee was given by Sharon Carmody.

District Board –	7
Past International President –	1
Delegates –	23
Registered Proxies –	0
Total	30 present and qualified to vote

Adoption of the credentials report was approved.

PRESENTATION OF THE CONFERENCE RULES: Patty Palm, District Parliamentarian, read the proposed conference rules. Cheryl Disney-Breeden made a **MOTION** to adopt the proposed conference rules as read by the Parliamentarian and the motion was **APPROVED**.

CONFERENCE PROGRAM: Jane Miller, Chair of the Conference, presented the Conference program. Lt. Governor, Linda Jacobsen made a **MOTION** to adopt the proposed conference program as presented by the Conference Chair and was **APPROVED**.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT: Barb Jirges, chairman of the nominating committee reported the following nominations:

- Governor – Linda Jacobsen
- Lt. Governor – Carol Munns & Kathy Swan
- Treasurer – Barbara Zapp
- Area 1 Director – Peggy Irmen
- Area 3 Director – Mary Nimmerfroh
- Area 5 Director – Louise Davis, Ruth Holzschuh & Janet Kannard
- Area 6 Director – Cheryl Mothes
- Nominating Committee – Anne Anderson, Suzanne Bond, Cheryl Disney-Breeden, Amparo Thomas & Romell Vanek Helfmann

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

Each candidate gave a brief response to a question

TELLERS COMMITTEE: Jo Cattryse, chairman, provide the delegates with voting instructions.

Zonta International President, Margit Webjorn, shared her video message.

CLOSE OF FIRST BUSINESS MEETING: There being no further business to discuss, Governor Kerry closed the first business meeting of the 57th Conference of District 7.

SECOND BUSINESS MEETING: Saturday morning, October 11, 2003 at 9:00 am.

CALL TO ORDER: The second business meeting was called to order by Governor Kerry Dixon-Fox.

ROLL CALL AND CREDENTIALS REPORT: The District Secretary, Louise Davis, called the roll of the clubs. Not in attendance were representatives from Aberdeen & Duluth. Sharon Carmody, chairman of the credentials committee gave the following report:

District Board –	7
Past International President –	1
Delegates –	24
Registered Proxies –	1
Total	32 present and qualified to vote

Adoption of the credentials report was approved.

56TH DISTRICT CONFERENCE: Minutes of the 56th District 7 Conference in Fargo, ND held on October 9-11, 2001 were reviewed by committee and approved by the District Board. They were distributed to club presidents, the district officers and the area directors. There were no corrections to these minutes and they were approved as printed.

TREASURER’S REPORT:

Barb Zapp, Treasurer presented the proposed budget for the years 2004-2006 to be acted on during the afternoon business session. Barb also presented the financial report for the year ended May 31, 2003. There were no questions regarding this report. Finally Barb gave a report of the auditor for the period June 1, 2002 through May 31, 2003. Barb made **MOTION** to adopt the report of the auditor and the motion was **APPROVED**.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: The following committee reports were given

- Lt. Governor, Linda Jacobsen reported on Organization, Membership & Classification. Power Point presentation available on request.
- Area Director reports (copies available upon request)
 - o Area 1 Director, Mary Jacklitch
 - o Area 3 Director, Carol Munns
 - o Area 5 Director, Cheryl Disney-Breeden
 - o Area 6 Director, Anne Anderson
- Brenda Myers, president of the Zonta Club of Jefferson City, presented the District Foundation report for Amparo Thomas who could not join us this weekend.
- Nancy Vessel, District 7 Public Relations Chairman, was unable to be with us this weekend. Governor Kerry shared her report. She had passed on advice on effective club communications from the International Public Relations Chairman, Bridget Baker to the clubs in District 7. She also edited the Governor’s newsletter.
- Kathy Swan, Chairman of the Status of Women/Service Committee gave a power point presentation from International Chair Kirsten Theisen, on evaluating service projects. (copies of presentation available on request).
- Janelle Weishar, Chairman Amelia Earhart Fellowship Program, reported that we have 2 AE Fellows in our District and their certificates and pins were given to the

clubs to present to them on behalf of the District. The clubs are St. Louis and Minneapolis.

- Sharon Stark, Chairman of the Young Women in Public Affairs subcommittee, reported on the District 7 winner.
- Suzanne Bond. Chairman of the Jane Klausman subcommittee, reported that the District winner, Klarissa Ladie, was from St. Paul, Minnesota. Her scholarship and certificate were passed on to the club to present on behalf of the district. Governor Kerry, received notification prior to the conference that Klarissa was one of the 5 international recipients.
- Laural Haroldson, Chairman of the United Nations Committee was unable to join us. She asked Joan Halvorson, President of the Zonta Club of Jamestown to present her report. (copy of report is available upon request)

CLOSE OF SECOND BUSINESS MEETING:

There being no further business, Governor Kerry Dixon-Fox closed the second business meeting of the 57th Conference of District 7.

THIRD BUSINESS MEETING: Saturday afternoon, October 11, 2003

CALL TO ORDER: The third business meeting was called to order by Governor Kerry Dixon-Fox.

ROLL CALL AND CREDENTIALS REPORT: The District Secretary, Louise Davis, called the roll of the clubs. Not in attendance were representatives from Aberdeen & Duluth. Sharon Carmody, chairman of the credentials committee gave the following report:

District Board –	7
Past International President –	1
Delegates –	24
Registered Proxies –	1
Total	32 present and qualified to vote

Adoption of the credentials report was approved.

TELLER’S REPORT OF ELECTION RESULTS: Jo Cattryse, Chairman gave the following report.

Governor – Linda Jacobsen
Lt. Governor – Carol Munns
Treasurer - Barb Zapp
Area 1 Director – majority vote required
Area 3 Director – Mary Nimmerfroh
Area 5 Director – majority vote required
Area 6 Director – Cheryl Mothes
Nominating Committee - Anne Anderson, Cheryl Disney Breeden (chair), Romell Vanek Helfmann

Governor Kerry asked that those eligible to vote for Areas 1 & 5 please do so at the conclusion of the session.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE: Cathi Cristopherson chaired an ad hoc committee to look into the Dorthea Radusch Fund held by the District. Cathi gave her report. Dr. Carol Munns made the following **MOTION** on behalf of the District Board; *Continue the Dorthea Radusch Fund as a scholarship fund to provide a District award to the District winner of the Young Woman in Public Affairs scholarship competition with the amount based on the interest earned annually on the account. Clubs will be notified by February 1 of the amount of the award to be given by the district for that year. The preceding language will be added to the District 7 Rules of Procedure.* This motion from the board was made and **FAILED**. The following **MOTION** was made by Dr. Munns on behalf of the board, *District 7 distribute the interest earned on the Dorthea Radusch Fund bi-annually as a first timer scholarship for a district member to attend International Convention; and that a scholarship committee be established to administer the distribution of this scholarship; and that the preceding language be added to the District 7 Rules of Procedure* and **FAILED**. A third **MOTION** was heard from Dr. Munns on behalf of the board; *District 7 contribute the funds in its Dorthea Radusch Scholarship Fund to the Zonta International Amelia Earhart Fund* and **FAILED**. The following **MOTION** was made from the floor by delegates Eldeva Neill and Darlene Lollar, *we dissolve the Dr. Dorthea Radusch Fund by transferring 2/3rd's of loan fund to a District 7 Scholarship Fund of \$500 encouraging recipients to become future Zontians and donating the 1/3rd balance to the International Foundation Funds with no strings attached* and **FAILED**. Dr. Munns made a **MOTION** to reconsider the first motion that was made and **PASSED**. The original motion on this issue was reviewed and after changes made, a **MOTION** from Dr. Carol Munns was heard, *The Dorthea Radusch Fund is a district scholarship that is to the District 7 winner of the Young Women in Public Affairs scholarship competition with the amount based on the interest earned annually on the account. Clubs will be notified by February 1 of the amount of the award to be given by the district for that year. Clubs and individuals are encouraged to contribute annually to the Fund. Any profits made on district conferences and seminars will be added to the Fund until such time as this fund is determined by the District 7 Board to be endowed.* A friendly amendment was made by Ellen Dillon to add “*in addition to the International Young Woman in Public Affairs Scholarship*” to be inserted following “*scholarship that is awarded...*” (Ellen Dillon/Mona Copeland) and was **ACCEPTED**. The revised motion was **PASSED**.

DISTRICT STANDING RULES: Governor Kerry read the suggested set of District 7 Rules of Procedure. These will replace the existing District 7 Standing Rules. The changes made were to clarify District 7 Operations and to bring the Rules of Procedure in line with Zonta International District Manual. Governor Kerry read the proposed Standing Rules. There was a **MOTION** heard from Lt. Governor, Linda Jacobsen to *strike sections 16d and 16e of the Suggested District 7 Rules of Procedure* and **APPROVED**. A **MOTION** was also made by Kay Moss to *add e-mail to section 30* and **APPROVED**. There being no further discussion, a **MOTION** from Anne Anderson on behalf of the District Board was heard and **APPROVED**.

TELLER'S REPORT OF ELECTION RESULTS: Voting for Area 1 & 5 Directors occurred at the break and Jo Cattryse, Chairman gave the following report.

Area 1 Director – Peggy Irmen

Area 5 Director – Janet Kannard

ZONTA INTERNATIONAL BYLAWS PROPOSAL: amendment of Zonta International Bylaw Article XI, Zonta International Nominating Committee, Section 1. How Constituted, IBL. P. 16 and all other Articles and Sections of current interest.

PRESENT WORDING

PROPOSED WORDING

Section 1. How Constituted. A Nominating Committee of The territory of Asia.

Section 1. How Constituted
(Paragraphs 1-4 no change)

The ~~chairman~~ and the vice ~~chairman~~ shall be chosen by majority vote of the members of the Zonta International Nominating Committee.

The chairperson and the vice chairperson of the committee shall be chosen by majority vote of the members of the Zonta International Nominating Committee.

PROPOSED by Zonta Club of Cape Girardeau, District 7. A **MOTION** was made and **APPROVED**.

DISTRICT BUDGET: Barb Zapp, District Treasurer, made a **MOTION** to adopt the proposed budget for the 2004-2006 biennium. There being no discussion the **MOTION** was **APPROVED**.

CLOSE OF THIRD BUSINESS MEETING: There being no further business, Governor Kerry closed the third business meeting of the 57th District 7 Conference.

BANQUET: Zontians gathered for a banquet dinner Saturday night and were treated to a presentation by ZI President, Margit Webjorn. Dorothy Herrin, Zonta Club of Kansas City I, Missouri, was honored for her 53 years of support and service to Zonta. Her certificate was awarded by ZI President, Margit Webjorn. Dorothy and ZI President Webjorn posed for pictures after dinner at a dessert reception.

MEMORIAL SERVICE: Zontians gathered and were led in a moving memorial service by Dorothy Herrin. The following members were remembered; Theresa (Tess) Burmeister, St. Louis, MO, Dr. Anne Carlson, Jamestown, ND, Julia Ann Dory, Johnson County, KS, Clara Figi, St. Louis, MO, June Hanson, Breckenridge-Wahpeton, ND, Dr. Helen Longfellow, Brainerd, MN, Muriel Miller, St. Paul, MN, Winnifred Mote, Central Iowa, Edna Schwartz, St. Paul, MN, Adele Struckoff, St. Louis, MO Charlene Zimmerman, Duluth, MN,

FOURTH BUSINESS MEETING: Sunday morning, October 12, 2003 at 9:00 am.

CALL TO ORDER: The fourth business meeting was called to order by Governor Kerry Dixon-Fox.

ROLL CALL AND CREDENTIALS REPORT: The District Secretary, Louise Davis, called the roll of the clubs. Not in attendance were representatives from Aberdeen, & Duluth. Sharon Carmody, chairman of the credentials committee gave the following report:

District Board –	7
Past International President –	1
Delegates –	19
Registered Proxies –	1
Total	27 present and qualified to vote

Adoption of the credentials report was approved.

REGISTRATION COMMITTEE REPORT: Sue Berry gave the final report of the registration committee. Adoption of the registration committee report was approved.

2004 FALL SEMINAR & 2005 FALL CONFERENCE: A **MOTION** from Lt. Governor, Linda Jacobsen was made to move the date of the fall seminar to October 1-3, 2004 and the fall conference to September 30, 2005 – October 2, 2005 and **PASSED**. An invitation from the Zonta Club of Brainerd to host the 2004 fall seminar, and an invitation from the Zonta Club of Cape Girardeau to host the 2005 conference were heard, a **MOTION** was made by Lt. Governor, Linda Jacobsen to accept these invitations and **PASSED**.

GOVERNOR’S REPORT – Governor Kerry Dixon-Fox gave her report. (copy attached)

INVOCATION – Zonta Club of Kansas City I, Missouri member Eldeva Neill delivered the invocation.

GOVERNOR’S AWARDS –

Traveling Trophy – Zonta Club of Mankato – 3,304 miles

Clubs with membership under 25

Status of Women in Service

Gold Johnson County

Silver Austin, Minneapolis

Bronze Kansas City I, Kansas City II, Kansas City, KS, St. Cloud

United Nations

Gold Johnson County

Silver Kansas City, KS

Bronze Kansas City I, Kansas City II, Minneapolis, St. Cloud

Organization and Membership

Gold Johnson County

Silver Austin, Duluth

Bronze Kansas City I, Kansas City II, Kansas City, KS, Minneapolis

Public Relations

Gold Johnson County

Silver Austin

Bronze Kansas City I, Kansas City II, Kansas City, KS, St. Cloud, Minneapolis

Governor's Award

Gold Johnson County

Silver Austin

Bronze Kansas City, KS

Clubs with membership over 25

Status of Women in Service

Gold Cape Girardeau, Jamestown

Silver None

Bronze Brainerd, Fargo-Moorhead, Mankato, St. Louis

United Nations

Gold Cape Girardeau

Silver Fargo-Moorhead, Jamestown, Mankato

Bronze St. Louis

Organization and Membership

Gold Cape Girardeau, Fargo-Moorhead, Jamestown, Mankato, St. Louis

Silver Brainerd

Bronze NONE

Public Relations

Gold Jamestown, Mankato

Silver Cape Girardeau, Fargo-Moorhead

Bronze St. Louis

Governor's Award

Gold Jamestown

Silver Cape Girardeau

Bronze Mankato

COURTESY RESOLUTION

Whereas, the District 7 Zontians met in Kansas City with our gracious hosts from Kansas City I, Missouri Club.

Whereas, we "Set our Course" for the weekend ahead – through barbeque and fall apple dessert and – through heartfelt responses from our District Nominees.

Whereas, we heard how to grow our Zonta garden – how our membership will grow with careful tending and commitment – how our actions and interactions will encourage the

“blossoming” of friendships and “ripening” of the fruit of our joint labors for women worldwide.

Whereas, tilling and working the soil of our Zonta membership will create in “our gardens” each year, our message of Zonta advocacy and service while spreading “seeds of new hope” among women locally and worldwide.

Whereas, international guidance and advice brings to our district garden new furrows and feeding of projects as those outlined in the Rules of Procedure, Budgets and funds.

Therefore, the attendees of the 57th District 7 Conference were encouraged to recognize that some days we are the wiggling worms and caregivers of the garden, and yet some days we sprout our wings and fly.

Whereas, we rejoiced in the cultural opportunities for cross-pollination and support of “new sprouts and tender seedlings” of ideas and projects from one another.

Whereas, our district harvest recognized our support of local and international projects and in turn our international sisters recognized our strong and vibrant Amelia Earhart Fellows and International YWPA winners and our International Jane M. Klausman winner.

Whereas, we sat in the bend of the Missouri River – which connects and gathers sustenance for our daily lives we memorialized our past glorious blooms of Zontians now tending the eternal gardens.

Whereas, to all those who chaired committees, led programs, staffed the booths at the store, who handled registration, who offered the memorial tributes and for the hospitality of the Hilton staff, and to the District Board, Committee Chairs and our revered guest International President Margit Webjorn, let us all say to one another may our future gardening in Zonta be joyous!

Respectfully submitted,
Kay Moss/Judy Jenson

CLOSING OF CONFERENCE: Governor Kerry closed the 57th Conference of District 7 of Zonta International

Respectfully submitted

Louise Davis
District 7 Secretary