



ZONTA
INTERNATIONAL
DISTRICT 7
EMPOWERING WOMEN
THROUGH SERVICE & ADVOCACY

Spring 2017

Governor's Message



We have just wrapped up area meetings. Areas 2 and 4 were hosted by the Zonta club of Kansas City I in Kansas City on April 29th. Areas 1 and 3 were hosted by the Zonta Club of Brainerd in Baxter on May 6th. It was wonderful to meet with other Zontians and hear about all the good work that

is happening around the District. I will have a brief overview of each meeting later in the newsletter.

By now you should have received an e-mail with an updated user name and password for the Zonta International Website. The change will allow members to use the e-mail address they have on file with Zonta International as their user name rather than having to request one from ZI.

If you did not receive this e-mail you may need to check with your club Treasurer to see if your contact information is up to date. There is more about the changes to the website in a separate newsletter article.

You will be receiving registration information for our District 7 Fall Conference by mid-July. Mark your calendars now so you can join us in Minneapolis in September. Conference attendance is very important so every club can have a voice in District business. We will also have a chance to get an update from our Zonta International Liaison, Ursula Werner.

I know some of you are planning on attending the North American Inter District meeting in McLean, VA in early June. I look forward to seeing you there.

Enjoy the spring weather and I will see you in September at the District conference.

Congratulations to the Zonta Club of Kansas City I!

Congratulations to the Zonta Club of Kansas City I, Missouri on their 80th anniversary.

They have received a special letter from Zonta International President Sonja Hönig Schough that included the following statement:

It is my pleasure to congratulate you and the members of the Zonta Club of Kansas City I, MO on your 80th anniversary.

You are now an 80-year-old club with history and traditions. Together, with nearly 1,200 clubs around the world, the Zonta Club of Kansas City I, MO has contributed significantly to improving women's lives and empowering them so they can develop their fullest potential. Thank you for your efforts and support.

Your dedication to Zonta and our mission serves as an inspiration to the clubs who follow you. Thank you for all your hard work and everything you have done to contribute to making our organization great.

We look forward to your continued work to empower women.

Save the Date:

District 7 Fall Conference

September 15-17, 2017

Embassy Suites Hotel-Minneapolis Airport

7901 34th Avenue South

Bloomington, Minnesota

www.embassyspairport.com

We look forward to seeing everyone in Minneapolis

Zonta Website Updates

The Zonta International membership database upgrade and integration with the Zonta International website is scheduled to be completed soon. As part of this upgrade, the website logins for all members have changed. If you did not receive the e-mail with your new login, you can use the e-mail address you have on file with Zonta International, and request a password change. A password change will be sent to the e-mail on file. If you need to update your e-mail address, please see your club treasurer and they should be able to send in the change with the dues renewal.

Once logged in you will be able to access the many tools that are available for members and clubs to spread the news of Zonta's work around the world. All the forms that are needed by clubs and individuals to carry on the work of Zonta are also available.

There are publicity tools available under the membership tools. All are print ready so they can be easily used by clubs.

Amelia Earhart Fellow

The Zonta Club of Minneapolis was honored to present Jinah Jeun with wings and a certificate in recognition of her selection as a 2017 Amelia Earhart Fellow. Jinah is one of 33 recipients of this prestigious international fellowship offered annually by Zonta International.

Amelia Earhart was a Zontian, and the fellowship was established in 1938 in her honor. It is awarded to up to 35 women annually who are pursuing doctoral degrees in aerospace related sciences or engineering.

Congratulations, Jinah!



2017 North American Inter-District Meeting

A number of Zontians from District 7 will be attending the North American Inter-District Meeting in McLean, Virginia June 2-4. You can still register if you are interested in attending. There is more information available on the Zonta International Website.

Golden Z Club by the Zonta Club of Cape Girardeau



The Zonta Club of Cape Girardeau has created a new Golden Z Club at Southeast Missouri State University.

President Casey Crowell was quoted in the Southeast Missourian newspaper:

"We have always talked about the idea of partnering with Southeast Missouri State. It just makes sense -- we are a club with longevity in our community and we are so fortunate to have a university in our backyard. It had to be the right timing with the right members for the right reasons in order to be able to officially charter our Golden Z Club, and we could think of no better way than this year to honor our 40th anniversary as a club."

Congratulations to Cape Girardeau on your 40th anniversary and this new endeavor with a Golden Z club.

St. Cloud Zonta Club Says No



Congratulations to the Zonta Club of Jefferson City!

In April of 1947, several women worked together to form our Zonta Club. 70 years later, we still carry out the mission of Zonta....to work diligently to enhance the status of women. We still face some of the same issues those women faced. And, we may have some different challenges now. But, 70 years of strong, intelligent, and dedicated women working towards one goal; we had to have made a positive impact on Jefferson City!



March 2016 Haiti Trip

Alice Smith from the Zonta Club of Brainerd joined members of the Zonta Club of Cape Girardeau on the combined dental, medical, and glass clinic in Haiti.



Joint Area 2 and 4 Meeting

The joint Area 2 and 4 meeting was held April 29th in Kansas City with the Kansas City I club hosting the meeting.

Amy Johnson from The Noticed Network, shared about the power of Noticing the good in ourselves and others. Her message was powerful and inspiring.

Best practices in membership were shared by the Zonta Club of Cape Girardeau and the Zonta Club of Johnson County. These presentations will be available soon on the Zonta District 7 website.

The new Global Membership Drive was presented and the tools that are available to clubs were introduced. A packet with information about the membership drive was given to each club in attendance.

A memorial service was held honoring those Zontians who had passed away since the last conference.

Zontians from nearly every club in Areas 2 and 4 were in attendance. It was a fun time to reconnect and share ideas with Zonta members from other clubs.

A big thank you to Area Directors Susan Adolphsen and Darla Porter along with the Zonta Club of Kansas Cit I and and Jane Miller for the great meeting.



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There is a link to share your story about best practices in membership. Click on the Best Practices Logo under the Global Membership Drive Tools page.

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Zonta Club of Jefferson City

This year, Zonta Club of Jefferson City kicked off the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence and “Zonta Says No” with a Proclamation from Jefferson City’s Mayor, Carrie Tergin. November 25th was declared Jefferson City’s Day to Eliminate Violence Against Women.

For 16 days, our Facebook page featured a photo of a community member with our “Zonta Says No” sign. Included in the post was a quote from the member or a statistic about domestic abuse and violence. In just one week, the posts reached over 5,000 people.

Our club also partnered with the Lincoln University Women’s Resource Center. Silhouettes of abused women and their stories were displayed around campus with the “Zonta Says No” emblem and contact information for the local Rape and Abuse Crisis Service. Four sets of silhouettes have moved periodically around the campus will remain on display until December 20th, which is the end of classes before Christmas break.

As a result of these projects, our local television station, KRCG Channel 13 produced a news segment featuring a local survivor of domestic abuse, Megan Sappington. During the segment, Zonta member, Ramona Huckstep was featured along with the displays at Lincoln University.

This was the Club’s first major advocacy project in a few years and we are grateful for the positive response we have received from the community. If we can help just one woman begin the process to change a domestic abuse situation, we have made a great accomplishment.



Joint Area 1 and 3 Meeting

Areas 1 and 3 held their joint area meeting on May 6th. The meeting was hosted by the Zonta club of Brainerd.

A social was held on Friday evening at a local greenhouse for those interested in arriving the night before. Those who attended learned about container gardening. Everyone was able to plant their own herb garden to take home.

A silent auction was held on Saturday with clubs donating baskets for the auction. \$815 was raised for the Zonta International Foundation.

The new Global Membership Drive developed by Zonta International was introduced by Lt. Governor Shelley Schultz.

Best practices in PR, Advocacy, fundraising, and membership were shared by a number of clubs.

Alice Smith and Pat Retterath gave an update on the Haiti project. Both had traveled to Haiti in the past year and shared their experiences.

An interactive program called “In her shoes” was presented by the Women’s Center. This involved member role playing the part of someone who has been involved with abuse and the various paths to choose from.

Thank you to Area Directors Gayle Borchert and Laurel Haroldson along with the Zonta Club of Brainerd and Dana Hegarty for a successful meeting.



Zonta Members had fun at the social Friday night and the marketplace on Saturday.

