



ZONTA
INTERNATIONAL
DISTRICT 7
EMPOWERING WOMEN
THROUGH SERVICE & ADVOCACY

Fall 2016

Governor's Message



The time since the International Convention in Nice has flown by. We had 14 members of Zonta District 7 who attended the International Convention. Congratulations to Kerry Dixon from USA-1 who was elected to the International Nominating Committee.

At the International Convention, a number of our clubs were recognized for membership achievements. District 7 was also one of the districts that increased their membership during the last biennium. Congratulations to everyone for their hard work.

In September, the St. Louis club along with the Jefferson City and Cape Girardeau clubs did a wonderful job of hosting the 2015 Fall Seminar. The presentations were very interesting and helped us to deepen our understanding of Zonta and our mission. I want to thank everyone who worked so hard to make the seminar a success.

At the Fall Seminar we had a basket auction which raised nearly \$1000 and we had over \$1000 in additional donations from individual Zontians. Well done District 7! As a District, we continue our strong support of the Zonta International Foundation.

We have just ended our 16 Days of Activism from November 25th through December 10th. Several clubs have accessed the template presented at the Fall Seminar for their own 16 Days of Activism program. I would love to share pictures and stories in the next newsletter from club activities.

I enjoy receiving newsletters and seeing posts on Facebook. It is exciting to see all that you are doing to fulfill Zonta's mission to Empower Women Through Service and Advocacy.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to the following District 7 clubs who were awarded membership recognition awards at the Zonta International Convention in Nice:

Club Recognition – Gold—Club Membership Gain of 16 or more members

Cape Girardeau, MO

Club Recognition – Silver—Club Membership Gain of 11-15 members

Jefferson City, MO
Mankato, MN

Club Recognition – Bronze—Club Membership Gain of 5-10 members

e-Club Of USA 1
Jamestown, ND
Johnson County, KS
St Cloud, MN
St Louis, MO

Save the Date:

District 7 Fall Conference

September 15-17, 2017

Embassy Suites Hotel-Minneapolis Airport

7901 34th Avenue South

Bloomington, Minnesota

www.embassysmpairport.com

We look forward to seeing everyone in Minneapolis

Zonta Website Updates



The Zonta International Website has been undergoing many changes over the past year. A lot of information about Zonta is now available without logging into the website.

If you have previously registered on the website you do not need to register again. You may need to contact the webmaster if you have never registered in the past. They are working on a button that will allow members to register without contacting the webmaster.

If you log in and click on the Tools link you will see a Resource Library Link on the right hand side of the screen. This will take you to a resource page with a number of publicity items that can be downloaded and printed locally. These are items that were previously available for purchase through the print portal.

Club presidents received a copy of the new “Welcome to Zonta” booklet that is available for purchase through the Zonta Marketplace. This is a wonderful tool for new members as well as recruiting.



Violence against women is a worldwide pandemic - it crosses every social and economic class, every religion, race and ethnicity. At least one out of every three women worldwide have experienced violence during their lifetime. We in Zonta International cannot accept this – we need to use all our energy to eradicate violence against women locally and internationally through service and advocacy.

Sonja Hönig Schough

Zonta International President

2017 North American Inter-District Meeting

The following comes from the chair of the 2017 North American Inter-District Meeting Committee:

“Now is the time to start thinking about the 2017 North American Inter-District Meeting. It will occur in the Washington, DC area from June 2nd through 4th 2017 at the Hilton McLean Tysons Corner Hotel. The theme of this year’s meeting will be “Be Part of Zonta ACTION”.

On Friday, June 2nd, we plan to go into Washington, DC by subway, and meet with members of the International Advocacy Committee. American Zontians will meet at the U.S. Capitol and Canadian Zontians will meet at the Canadian Embassy. Each American participant will then visit their state’s Senator or Congressman’s office to advocate for Zonta issues, and Canadian Zontians will have the opportunity to advocate with Embassy officials. There will be no cost for the event, but each participant will be responsible for providing their own transportation and lunch. The subway station is about a 15-minute walk from the hotel, and those who choose not to walk can easily get a taxi to the subway station.

As usual, appetizers will be available on Friday evening followed by roundtable discussions. This year the roundtable discussions may include a table of past Amelia Earhart Scholarship winners. Saturday will feature a general session, workshops, and lunch and dinner, both with a speaker. There will be more workshops on Sunday morning followed by brunch and a summing up of all the information presented.

Early registration will begin on January 1st and PayPal will be available to accommodate credit cards. Early registration from January 1st to March 1st will be \$220. Standard registration will be from March 2nd to May 1st and will cost \$235. Late registration begins on May 2nd and will cost \$250. The hotel rooms will be \$109 per night.

We hope to have a number of Zontians from District 7 in attendance. President Sonja Hönig Schough and Vice-President Susanne von Bassewitz along with a number of International officers and directors will be in attendance.”

This should be a wonderful gathering of Zontians from the United States and Canada. I am looking forward to greeting District 7 Zontians at the gathering.

District 7 Giving

District 7 continues to support the Zonta International Foundation with generous gifts both individually and from clubs.

The top 3 Club Givers in District 7

Minneapolis - \$15,521

Cape Girardeau - \$13,438

St. Louis

The top 4 clubs overall both club and individual giving:

St. Louis - \$16,236

Minneapolis - \$16,046

Cape Girardeau - \$15,354

St. Cloud - \$12, 899

District 7 giving was 7th out of 32 Districts. Total District 7 giving was over \$100,000. We are a very generous group of Zontians!

Next biennium we would like to see every club donate to the Zonta International Foundation so we can have 100% participation as a District.



Members of the St. Louis Club in front of the slide displaying District 7 giving at District Seminar.

There is a link to all the new District, Area, and Club logos on the District 7 website. These can be downloaded and used on posters, brochures, and other publicity materials put out by clubs.

Zonta Service Recognition Award

As an organization that seeks to empower women through service and advocacy, Zonta International believes it is important to recognize its clubs and districts for their outstanding service projects that benefit women in their communities. The Zonta Service Recognition Award was established during the 2012-2014 biennium to highlight the incredible service work Zontians perform to improve the lives of women and girls in communities across the globe. The Award is given at the end of each biennium at the International Convention, and recognizes six of the most outstanding service projects sponsored by clubs and up to three sponsored by districts.

The Zonta Club of Jefferson City was a finalist this year for the International Service Award. Pam Fellingham represented her club as a delegate to the International Convention in Nice, France. She was able to share their project in the Marketplace area with the other finalists.



Mary Reed, Polly Holten, and Pam Fellingham at the Johnson County Service Display at the International Convention in Nice.

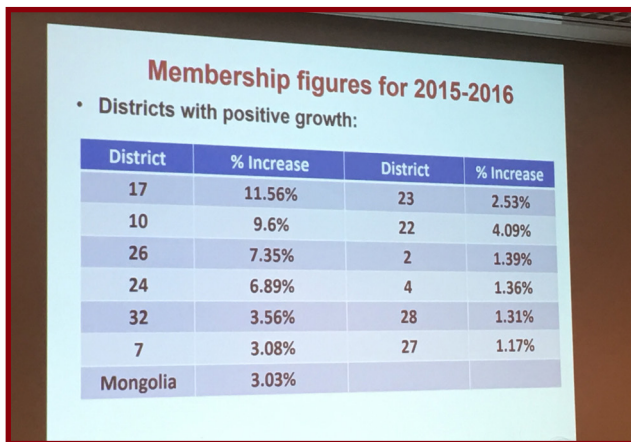
Young Women in Public Affairs

Congratulations to Xiao Liu who was the District 7 YWPA winner. Xiao is from Des Moines, Iowa and was nominated by the E-club of USA-1. She is attending the University of Southern California this academic year.

Besides the scholarship given by the local club, the District winner receives a \$1000 award from Zonta International. The District also gives an award that comes from the Dorothea Radusch fund.

District 7 Membership Growth

At the International Convention, District 7 was recognized for positive membership growth. Let's keep up the good work!



Membership figures for 2015-2016

- Districts with positive growth:

District	% Increase	District	% Increase
17	11.56%	23	2.53%
10	9.6%	22	4.09%
26	7.35%	2	1.39%
24	6.89%	4	1.36%
32	3.56%	28	1.31%
7	3.08%	27	1.17%
Mongolia	3.03%		

District 7 Zontians in Nice



Members of Zonta District 7 at the closing banquet of the Zonta International Convention in Nice.

District 7 Seminar

The District 7 seminar was held in St. Louis September 16-17. We had a great time with our fellow Zontians from around District 7.

Members of the new District Board were installed by past Governor, Janet Kannard. District 7 members were able to get to know each other better and meet new Zonta sisters.

Presentations included a report from the International Convention, Advocacy and Women's Empowerment, the new Voices Against Violence Campaign, Zonta Branding, an update on the Haiti project, a presentation on a 16 Days of Activism template, and the Zonta International Foundation.

The marketplace was popular and the food was delightful. One first time attendee said that she was very impressed with all the wonderful Zontians she met. She

All the presentations can be found on the District 7 website at ZontaDistrict7.org.



Zontians enjoying the Zonta District 7 Seminar: Cheryl (left) from St. Louis Club, Cheryl from Austin Club, Cheryl from Cape Girardeau Club, and Cheryl from Johnson County Club (right).

Jane M Klausman Women in Business

Olivia Robinson, who is attending Mankato State University, in Mankato, Minnesota is the District 7 winner for the Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarship for 2016

Olivia was nominated by the Mankato Club and will also receive a \$1000 award from Zonta International.