



**ZONTA**  
INTERNATIONAL  
**DISTRICT 7**  
EMPOWERING WOMEN  
THROUGH SERVICE & ADVOCACY

Fall 2017

## Governor's Message



It is hard to believe that I am looking out at snow on the ground here in North Dakota. It seems like only yesterday we were enjoying nice weather at the District 7 Conference in Minneapolis.

We should all be getting for the 16 days of activism against Gender-Based Violence and the Zonta Says No to Violence Against Women campaigns. Make sure you share your stories through the Zonta Says No website.

We have had a lot of exciting things happen in District 7 since last spring. A number of our members attended the North American Inter District meeting in Washington DC in June. Many of us had our first experience with hands on advocacy when we visited our senator's offices to advocate for Senate bills regarding the ERA ratification amendment and the Campus Accountability and Safety Act.

Our District 7 Conference was held in September in the Minneapolis area. It was a great time to meet with fellow Zontians and take care of District 7 business. More information about the Conference is included later in the newsletter.

We received wings for two Amelia Earhart fellows studying at Universities in our District. They will be presented to the recipients at a later date by clubs in Missouri and Kansas.

We have just heard that Chau Nguyen, our District 7 Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarship recipient is also an International Recipient. We are looking forward to presenting her with her certificate and check at a meeting in Minneapolis.

There is a lot more going on in our District. Share your stories so they can be featured in the District Newsletter and on the District Facebook page.

## Congratulations to the Zonta Club of Atchison Area, Kansas!

Congratulations to the Zonta Club of Atchison Area, Kansas on their 60th anniversary.

They have received a special letter from Zonta International President Sonja Hönig Schough.

Atchison is the birthplace of Amelia Earhart and we are fortunate to have a Zonta Club in this historical city. Congratulations to the club for 60 years of service to Zonta and its mission.

## Zonta International Convention

Registration is now open for the Zonta International Convention in Yokohama, Japan.



29 June - 3 July 2018

## Save the Date:

### District 7 Area Meetings

**Area 2 and 4 Meeting**

**April 20-21, 2018**

**Area 1 and 3 Meeting**

**April 27-28, 2018**

**Jamestown, ND**

*We look forward to seeing everyone in Minneapolis*

## 2017 District 7 Conference

The 2017 Zonta District 7 Conference was held in Bloomington, MN in September.

Special guests were Zonta International Director and District 7 Liaison, Ursula Werner from the Zonta Club of Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany, and Jackie Beaudry, Chairman of the Centennial Anniversary Endowment Campaign, from the Zonta Club of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Amelia Earhart Fellow, Jinah Jeun spoke at the banquet about her studies at the University of Minnesota.

Elections were held for service for the 2018-2020 biennium.

Election results were as follows:

<b>Governor:</b>	Shelley Schultz	Mankato
<b>Lt. Governor:</b>	Gayle Borchert	St. Cloud
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Jackie Forck	Jefferson City
<b>Area 1 Director:</b>	Muriel Hedrick	Wahpeton-Breckenridge
<b>Area 2 Director:</b>	Peggy Jensen	Jefferson City
<b>Area 3 Director:</b>	Tania Huges-Kremers	Minneapolis
<b>Area 4 Director:</b>	Pam Fellingham	Johnson County
<b>Nominating Committee:</b>		
Darla Porter	Jefferson City	Chairman
Linda Jacobsen	Kansas City I	
Susan Kadlec	St. Cloud	



International President Sonja Hönig Schough addressed the conference via Skype.

Changes were made to the District 7 Rules of Procedure. The revised rules of Procedure can be found on the District 7 website at [Zontadistrict7.org](http://Zontadistrict7.org).

A number of presentations were given. These presentations are also available on the District 7 website. A total of \$2,985 was raised for the Zonta International Foundation through a basket auction and individual donations.

We always enjoy getting together with our fellow Zontians not only to conduct business but to learn more about Zonta International.



Current and newly elected board members.



International Director Ursula Werner helping board members get ready for the Conference.

## Jane M Klausman

We are excited to announce that the District Jane M Klausman winner, Chau Nguyen, has been selected as an International Recipient. Chau will receive a \$7,000 scholarship as she continues her work as a graduate student in Accountancy at the University of Minnesota.

Chau was the winner from the Zonta Club of Minneapolis.

## Zonta Club of St. Cloud

On October 13th, the Zonta Club of St. Cloud received a community Impact Award from Anna Marie's Alliance for their on-going support both financially and for service.



## Foundation News

Zonta International is encouraging every member to donate to the Zonta International Foundation.

The Zonta International Foundation is happy to work with clubs and districts to accept group gifts. Clubs, areas or districts may collect individual gifts and consolidate into one payment.

Gifts of at least US\$500 may be applied to multiple funds. Gifts may be attributed to multiple donors, with a minimum of US\$25.00 per donor.

There is a template to use when dividing a gift among multiple donors. This can be found on the ZI website under Foundation Tools.



## 2017 North American Inter-District Meeting

A number of Zontians from District 7 attended the North American Inter-District Meeting in McLean, Virginia, June 2-4. Many were able to take the opportunity to go one day early and learn about first hand advocacy by meeting with Senate representatives from our home state. All the meetings were coordinated in advance and were preceded by a brief presentation on how to advocate for the removal of the deadline for ERA ratification and the Campus Accountability and Safety Act which remains stalled in committee.

Presentations were given on Advocacy, Leadership, Membership, and Service. Attendees were able to pick from a number of workshops in each track. The presentations are available to download via the following link: <http://northamericanmeeting2017.com>.

Many of us had an opportunity to meet members of the Zonta International Board as they attended NAID prior to their board meeting.



North American Zontians gather on the steps of the Capital for Advocacy Day.



District 7 Zontians attending the North American Inter District Meeting--with International President Sonja Hönig Schough

## Membership Update

Thank you to all who attended the District 7 Conference in Minneapolis! It was a wonderful weekend reconnecting with so many friends in our District. It was a delightful experience getting to know Ursula Werner, Zonta International Director.

As we enter into the second year of the biennium I would like to share with you a message we received from the Zonta Leadership e-newsletter.... *As a result of your efforts, we have seen a positive impact of the Global Membership Drive campaign. In first year of the biennium, Zonta welcomed 2,532 new members, which included 131 first time Young Professional Members. But our 2016-2018 goals are much more ambitious seeking out a net membership growth of 5% across all districts. If you remain visible and relevant in your communities then we know you will be able to attract and retain committed members. Who have you invited to be a Zontian so far this year?*

It is up to us the members to share the good news about Zonta and welcome new members to each one of our clubs in District 7.

- What do you think could happen if every member in District 7 had logged on to the new website and created a new password by December 1, 2017? ( see related article in this newsletter how to do that! )
- What do you think would happen if every club in our district showed a membership growth with our District showing a membership growth of 5% by May 1, 2018?
- What do you think would happen if you asked a guest to attend a project or meeting with you?
- What do you think would happen if every club in District 7 used the new materials provided under Global Membership Drive?

Well I know what would happen if we all committed to the above questions...we would have a wonderful celebration in District 7 at Area meetings in April 2018! Are you willing to commit to these goals? I am willing to assist you so please let me know what you need!

All of us believe in the mission of Zonta International...empowering women through service and advocacy. Today it is up to us to share the belief with others in our community so we can end discrimination, end violence, and eliminate trafficking. As we continue to work, grow, and empower each other may we always remember that Zonta is "fun with a purpose". May we each "look with fresh eyes" at the possibilities that lie ahead of us in our community and world. And if we truly want to make an impact then we must "take eyes off self".

Wishing every club in District 7 a successful second year of our biennium. Looking forward to connecting with many of you.

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