



**ZONTA**  
CLUB OF  
CAPE GIRARDEAU  
MEMBER OF ZONTA INTERNATIONAL  
EMPOWERING WOMEN  
THROUGH SERVICE & ADVOCACY

## MARCH 2018 NEWSLETTER

### DENTAL-MEDICAL CLINIC

On March 14-18, 2018 the Zonta Club of Cape Girardeau, MO sent its' seventh dental team, the third with a combined medical component, to the Institution Shalom of Freres in Croix des Bouquets, Haiti. Following the 2010 earthquake, the school, started in 2003, has been under the umbrella of the Haitian American Caucus in New York. Team members included Drs. Pat & **Jan Ruopp** (dentists), **Polly Holten** (team leader), **Dr. Heather Cugini** OBGYN, Alyssa Ruopp Baker & Taylor Wood (dental students graduating in May ), **Tracey Cooley** & Amanda Lowry (hygienists), Cory Baker, Steve Woodley, Jacob Palmer, and **Andrea Sachse** (bold face Cape Zonta members). During the three day clinic, 600 patients were seen in the combined clinic. Parasite treatment is ongoing at the school and in the community. The team is seeing healthier repeat patients, as they are coming to each clinic for medications needed for chronic health issues.



### IMPROVEMENTS

Four classrooms are now occupied by the 7th-10th graders in the new secondary building. The older students seemed very proud of their



new space, and it has helped eliminate overcrowding with the student body at 500. Four orphanages now send students to the school. A small sick room is being set up for the 20-30 students

daily having headaches, fever, stomach aches, etc. A group home is under construction near the school. Several older students presently live at the school out of necessity. The supervised, coed home will provide a more normal home situation for a dozen students. The school director said several dozen students at the school would benefit from such a living space. Acquired last March, the development of the five acres behind the school compound is ongoing. A wall to secure the land is the first priority. With students graduating in two years the Vo-Tech Program must be in place for the many students that will need to learn a trade. A "Hope Seed" garden is planned as part of this program and will help feed the students and 78 employees. Presently, "Kids Against Hunger" meals are used to feed the children lunch.

Stay connected to HAC through their website: [WWW.WEAREHAC.ORG](http://WWW.WEAREHAC.ORG) or become a friend on their Facebook page.



## SPONSORSHIP & FUNDING

As you can see the vision for the school continues to grow. Thus financial help is crucial. Samuel Darquin, the director of the school, and the Cape Zonta wish to express their appreciation for those of you supporting the school through your sponsorship. Your sacrifice helps the entire student body. Sponsors have asked about sending gifts to their sponsored child. The problem with this is singling out one, when all are living in extreme poverty. Rather your support of the schools future development will benefit not only your child, but every child at the school. Additional donations should be sent to the Sponsorship Coordinator. Sponsors are always welcome to be a part of a clinic team in March or September, enabling them to meet their sponsored child. The fall trip is scheduled for Sept 12-17, and runs about \$1,400 per team member. During the March Clinic, a student sponsorship team was established to help the Sponsorship Coordinator keep sponsors connected with the school and their child. Most correspondence will be sent by email so please keep your email current with the coordinator. Also if there is a change in a group contact, please make the change. If you know of a group or individual that would like to sponsor a child, refer them to the Cape Zonta Haiti Chair and Sponsorship Coordinator, Andrea Sachse, 373 Oakshire Dr., Cape Girardeau, MO 63701, 573-579-8414 or email [amsachse5@yahoo.com](mailto:amsachse5@yahoo.com).

## YOUNG ZONTIANS



The Golden Z Club of SEMO State University and the Jefferson City high school Zonta packed hygiene bags for the older girls at the school. These were received with great delight. Thanks to these two organizations of young women.

## SUPPLIES

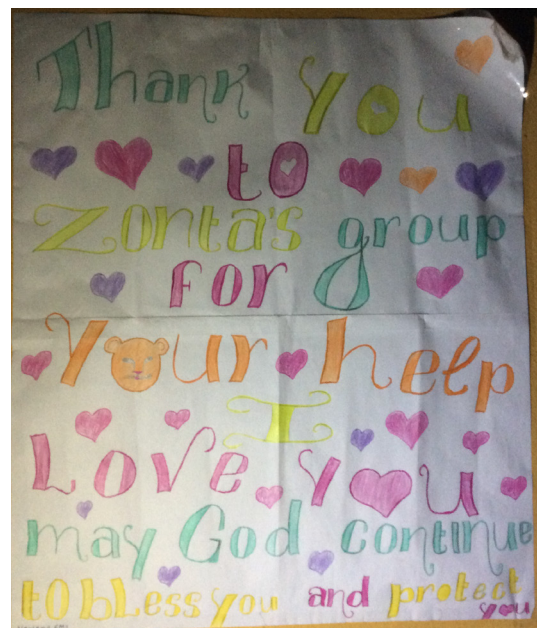
Presently, we are taking backpacks and sturdy black school shoes, not tennis, for the students as part of the 100 lbs. of supplies each team member checks when on a mission trip. These do not have to be new items. These can be given to any Cape Zonta member at area or district meetings.



*Zontian  
Polly Holton  
receiving  
hugs from  
HAC  
students.  
-xoxo*

## APPRECIATION

Each trip the team is surrounded with smiling little ones giving hugs and older students writing the team members thank you notes and verbally expressing their appreciation. This poster designed by one of the students reflects the love and appreciation of all at the school.



*"My faith demands that I do whatever I can, wherever I am, whenever I can, for as long as I can with whatever I have – to try to make a difference."*

*- Jimmy Carter*