



ZONTA
INTERNATIONAL
DISTRICT 7
EMPOWERING WOMEN
THROUGH SERVICE & ADVOCACY

Winter 2018

Governor's Message



As winter starts to fade (in spite of the snow most of us have received recently), we look forward to nicer weather and getting outside more.

The Zonta International Convention in Yokohama, Japan is rapidly approaching. I have heard from a number of clubs that their delegates have been chosen and they are looking forward to convention.

Delegate and Proxy registration will begin on April 2nd. It would be wonderful if each club could send a delegate. If you are unable to, please contact your area director and we can help you find a club delegate that can carry your proxy.

Lt. Governor, Shelley Schultz has recently returned from Governor's training in Chicago. She has a lot of new ideas to share with the clubs and some of the material will be presented at our area meetings in April.

Area 2 and 4 will be meeting in Jefferson City on April 21st at the Jefferson City Country Club. There will be an optional reception the night before at the Capital Arts Gallery.

Areas 1 and 3 will be meeting in Jamestown on April 28th at the Quality Inn and Suites. They will also have a reception the night before at the Jamestown Art Center.

Make sure you visit the District 7 website. There are resources from the conference, seminar, and area meetings. We have a lot more room available for local club news. We are looking into providing a page for each club so you can share your stories.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the area meetings.

Zonta International Convention Delegate and Proxy Information

There is still time to register for the Zonta International Convention in Yokohama, Japan.

It looks like District 7 will have good representation at the convention. Information will be sent out next week to club presidents notifying them of their club's number of entitled votes.

The convention delegate and proxy online registration will open the week of April 2nd. ZI will send an email to governors, regional representatives, Lt. governors and club presidents notifying them when the online form is available. The deadline to complete the delegate and proxy online registration is May 1st. It is critical to meet this deadline due to contracts with the voting registration company.



29 June - 3 July 2018

Upcoming Events:

District 7 Area Meetings

Area 2 and 4 Meeting

April 20-21, 2018

Jefferson City, MO

Area 1 and 3 Meeting

April 27-28, 2018

Jamestown, ND

Message from our Lt. Governor

Greetings District 7 Zontians

I hope this newsletter finds all of you enjoying the winter days of sunshine mixed with some snow. While some of our lucky Zisters might be vacationing in the warm states of Arizona or Texas!

We are on the homestretch of this biennium. I hope each club is feeling energized by the projects you are sponsoring to empower women through service and advocacy. We know that the more we do for others, the more we will grow as a club and district.

A couple of thoughts for each club to ponder...

Do the dues for new members get sent to Zonta International and the District 7 treasurer on a timely basis? They should be sent in as soon as you receive them from the new member.

Has your club reached out to each current member with encouraging words to have 100% retention? Members need to know they are appreciated and the club would not be the same without their membership.

Will your club show membership growth this biennium? Remember the Global Membership Drive campaign is for a 5% membership growth across all districts.

Do you encourage new members to join in February and March with ½ International dues? Does your club require ½ local dues during this time frame?

I am looking forward to seeing many of you at the Area meetings. I will have a special “springtime” recognition for all Zonta members who joined in 2017 and are in attendance at these meetings!

Shelley Schultz

District 7 Lt Governor

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Amelia Earhart Luncheon Kansas City

On Saturday, Jan 20th, the 13th annual Amelia Earhart Luncheon was held at the Marriott Plaza.

Zonta members from area clubs attended the luncheon.

After lunch, Karen Seaberg and Jaque Pregont, from the Atchison Amelia Earhart Foundation, give a report on the Amelia Earhart Hanger Museum Foundation in Atchison, KS. The Foundation's purpose is to raise money to construct a building to house “Muriel” the only Lockheed Electra 14 L-10E (like the one Amelia flew on her last flight).

The “Zontian of the Year” award was presented to Janae Schaeffer for her many efforts over the years to advance the status of women. Congratulations Janae!



Janae Schaeffer was awarded Zontian of the Year at the Amelia Earhart luncheon.

Amelia Earhart Fellows

Zonta District 7 has two Amelia Earhart Fellows studying in the District this year.

A Ram Kim is studying at the University of Kansas.

Aslihan Vuruskan is studying at Missouri University of Science and Technology

Both will receive their wings at the joint Area 2 and 4 meeting on April 21st.

Have you registered with the Zonta International website? There are many resources available. Go to Zonta.org today.

Young Women in Public Affairs

The deadline for submitting your club award winners to the District YWPA chair is April 1st.

Please make sure that all signatures and seals are readable on scanned copies. An embossed seal may need to be highlighted using the side of a pencil in order to scan correctly.

Please send completed application forms to Tammy Chute, District YWPA chair as soon as possible.

Jane M Klausman

Chau Nguyen, District 7 International Jane M. Klausman scholarship winner, received her certificate from the Zonta Club of Minneapolis. Her complete biography from the Zonta International Website is attached to the end of this newsletter.

Foundation News

Zonta International Foundation Donor Reception Convention Criteria:

Donations must be received at Headquarters by 30 April 2018 to qualify for recognition at the Zonta International Convention.

Individual Recognition

- Donors who reached US\$1,500 lifetime giving during the biennium
- Donors who gave US\$1,500 or more during the biennium
- Donors who reached lifetime giving of US\$25,000 or more

Club Recognition

- Clubs that gave US\$20,000 or more during the biennium

District Recognition

- The top three districts with the highest total donations during the current biennium
- The district with the highest weighted increase during the current biennium
- Districts with all clubs contributing at least US\$1,000 during the current biennium

Members can request their giving history by emailing zifoundation@zonta.org.

Zonta Club of Brainerd Area

Our 6th annual Christmas House was a big success for us. It was the first time we had ventured out of the Brainerd /Baxter area with a new lodge style home on Gull Lake near Nisswa. We partnered with Sherwood Forest who provided food and drink specials for ticket holders at their restaurant. Many of these new ideas for us were generated by our decorators at a brainstorming session held this summer when previous participants were invited to come to a garden party. This party was both a thank you for their past participation and opportunity to solicit new ideas from them. Their input really helped us grow our event.

Our twenty decorators did a beautiful job with creative ideas throughout the house and grounds. Eight vendors with home based businesses were able to sell their products and wine, cheese, and candy samples were enjoyed by all. We had seventeen community sponsors who generously contributed money to our event. We decided to try a Christmas House when we visited the St. Cloud Christmas House several years ago. Thank you to the St. Cloud club for giving us the idea and sharing how to get started with this holiday event.



Pictures from the Brainerd Area Christmas House Fundraiser

16 Days of Activism Zonta Club of Cape Girardeau

The Zonta Club of Cape Girardeau marked the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence (GBV) campaign beginning November 25, the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, and ending on December 10, Human Rights Day, highlighting the indelible fact that violence against girls and women is a human rights violation.

The Club began with a proclamation from the City of Cape Girardeau during its Nov. 20 City Council meeting to highlight the days and awareness-raising activities.

The Cape Zontians used social media to promote awareness and education about the days of activism with a focus on education. The Club also hosted a Pages of Empowerment Book Club with readings focused on women's issues on Nov. 29 at Catapult Creative House.

In addition, they partnered with their Golden Z Club and the Redhawks Rising student organization at Southeast Missouri State University to observe the 16 Days of Activism and the groups' shared focus of eliminating gender-based violence with a Peace Pole project on Dec. 4.



Cape Girardeau Mayor Harry Rediger presents a proclamation marking the 16 Days of Activism to Zonta Club of Cape Girardeau members.

Zonta Club of Minneapolis

The Zonta Club of Minneapolis assembled welcome kits to help women refugees who come to Minnesota seeking asylum and are receiving legal assistance from The Advocates for Human Rights.

Boxes with essentials such as toiletries, blankets & pillows, notebooks & pens and other items were purchased to be assembled at their February meeting.

Zonta Club of Austin Club Service Project



Members of the Zonta Club of Austin assembling Bolt Bags

The Zonta Club of Austin received a grant from Freeborn-Mower Cooperative in order to provide "Bolt Bags" to Crime Victims Resource Center (CVRC).

The name "Bolt Bag" explains it well; when a victim has to bolt out the door, what would they need to make leaving successful? What would make that process easier for them? Many victims stay in violent situations because it is too difficult to leave or they don't have the items that they need to be on their own.

Three types of bags were created (adult, child, and infant) providing basic necessities to women and children who are victims of domestic violence. Upon intake at CVRC, they assess safety concerns and if their safety plan includes leaving an unsafe home, they are provided with a Bolt Bag.

Having these bags readily available alleviates financial burden to women who have typically been financially oppressed by their abuser. Bolt Bags have also relieved the residual stress that comes along with making life changes.

The project has received astounding visibility for our Zonta Chapter. An article detailing the Bolt Bags was published in the Austin Daily Herald, shared on Facebook, and recognized within our community by both Zonta and CVRC.

Zonta Club of Breckenridge-Wahpeton

The Zonta Club of Breckenridge-Wahpeton sold raffle tickets for a fundraiser. Funds raised stayed local and are used to help support Three Rivers Crisis Center and Someplace Safe. There are cash drawings daily through out the month of March. Winners are posted daily on their Facebook page.

2017 Jane M. Klausman
Women in Business Scholarship

Chau Nguyen

District 7

Citizenship: Vietnam



Pursuing Master of Accountancy,
University of Minnesota, USA

Holds Bachelor's degrees in business and accounting,
Augsburg College, USA

With an interest in business and accounting, Chau Nguyen is pursuing a master's degree in accountancy at Carlson School of Management at the University of Minnesota. Chau is an international student from Hanoi, Vietnam, who has been studying abroad in the United States since 2013. Throughout her academic career, Chau has always been passionate about empowering and encouraging students to explore a career in business. In the last few years, she worked as an accounting intern, a supplemental instructor for introductory accounting classes and an alumni relations assistant. In addition, Chau has served in leadership positions in various student groups, including vice president of the International Student Organization, house president of the Honors Program and an international mentor.

Chau is a big believer in working hard for your dreams and developing resilience in life. Upon graduation, she aspires to become a public accountant and make a difference both in the U.S. and in her home country. Chau is grateful for the JMK Women in Business Scholarship for assisting her not only with obtaining a graduate degree, but also with further sharpening her skills and knowledge to grow personally and professionally. She looks forward to being more involved with the Zonta Club of Minneapolis and hopes to inspire other international students, especially women, to achieve their career goals.