

PRESIDENT'S NOTES

~ Barb Bergman [382-2876]

Rejuvenate: OMC has been hard at work planning a retreat led by former district governor Carol Pasenen. I hope that many of you are able to attend on February 21. This is our opportunity to talk about club goals and activities, separate from our morning meeting rush.

As we approach International Women's Day / Zonta Rose Day, which is recognized on March 8 each year, I wanted to share these facts from the Zonta International website:

Women's equality is not yet a reality. Women worldwide face systemized discrimination - they lack opportunities to live healthy lives, free from legal, social, economic and political inequality.

Fast Facts

In sub-Saharan Africa, 57% of adults with HIV are women and young women 15 to 24 are more than three times as likely to be infected as young men. Globally, more than 80% of women do not have sufficient knowledge about HIV/AIDS and many women do not have the power to say no to sex with an infected partner. Every year an estimated 4 million women and girls are bought and sold worldwide. More than 59 million school-aged girls are not in school and female illiteracy rates remain higher than men. Approximately 530,000 women die annually in pregnancy or during childbirth, mainly due to lack of access to health care. Zonta International empowers women to overcome barriers to their equal human rights through the International Service Program. History Since 1962, the International Service Program has supported training, education, health, sanitation, agricultural, and micro-credit assistance to women in more than 20 countries, primarily through the agencies of the United Nations.

Since 1923, Zonta has provided more than US\$8 million to projects benefiting millions of women and their families representing 34 countries.

~Barb

Z' CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEBRUARY

- 2 M PR Mtg 7:30am @ Coffee Hag
- 9 M Board Mtg 5.15pm @ Harry Meyering Ctr
- 9 M International Festival of Fashion
Red Sky Lounge 520 S. Front Street
5:00 - 8:30pm
\$25 in advance - \$30 at the door
- 10 T News Due to: liner@outtech.com
- 12 R Business Mtg 6.45am @ Perkins
- 21 S Membership Retreat @ Butler House
Contact Angie S for more details
- 26 R Finishing Touches (European Market)
Mardi Gras dinner & Silent Auction
Police Annex – North Mankato
5.30pm – 7.15pm
Contact Sarah Sletten for more details
- 28 S Crafting for a Cause 9.00am - noon
Loretta's House (123 Long Street)

MARCH

- 2 M Board Mtg 5.15pm @ Harry Meyering Ctr
- 9 M Women's Night Out
Holiday Inn Downtown
- 9 M News Due to: liner@outtech.com
- 12 R Business Mtg 6.45am @ Perkins

APRIL

- 6 M Board Mtg 5.15pm @ Harry Meyering Ctr
- 6 M News Due to: liner@outtech.com
- 9 R Business Mtg 6.45am @ Perkins
- 18 S Area 3 Mtg – Brainerd, MN
- 23 R Program Mtg

MAY

- 11 M Board Mtg 5.15pm @ Harry Meyering Ctr
- 11 M News Due to: liner@outtech.com
- 14 R Business Mtg 6.45am @ Perkins
- 28 R Annual Mtg

MEMBERSHIP

~ Angie Schumacher [317-6681]

Reminder, Perkins will no longer take checks for AM breakfast meeting. Cash is acceptable. OMC will give receipts for members needing them for tax purposes. Recommendation to the board: Lori Turbes is interested in becoming a member. The committee voted to invite her to membership. Orientation will be Feb 11th and will install at Feb AM meeting.

Discussed T-shirts from Printware Graphics. Appx \$10.14 for T-shirts, \$16.87 for sweatshirts. Working on a sample, sign up sheet to come around as well. Sample will be shown at AM meeting- it needs to be tweaked a bit. Business cards—decision made that OMC finish it. Checked prices from Insty-Prints and a lay out. More info will be sent out with a plan B.

Retreat: Plans are starting to be made that there would be three possible dates first choice, March 28; second choice March 21; third choice, February 21. We will ask Carol Pasanen to facilitate. She can only come on the 21st of Feb. Invite/save the date was sent out.

Next mtg – Tue, Feb 11, 2009 @ Loose Moose 4.30pm

FINANCE

~ Sara (Anderson) Sletten [612-501-9138]

Finance met on January 13. We have chosen not to do the Herbergers Coupons because the timing is really quick and we should have been selling them already (which seems like we just finished selling them). And this also falls close to Finishing Touches. We brainstormed some other great fundraising ideas. Next we discussed Finishing Touches and finalized the details with program.

Next meeting – February 2009

~ Reminder ~

Please wear your name tag to all
Zonta functions.

Z GARDEN

~Chair [-]

The Garden is sleeping... resting up for the new year.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

~ Barb Scott [344-0573]

PR met Monday, February 9 at 7:30 am at the Coffee Hag. We discussed International Women's Day coming up on March 8. We will look into doing an activity to inform the public about this celebration. One suggestion was printing out bookmarks with our logo and info on them, and passing them out at the libraries that day. Next meeting Monday, March 9 at 7:30 am at the Coffee Hag. Co-Chairs, Judy Arzdorf - Barb Scott

Next meeting – M – Mar 9, 7.30a @ Coffee Hag

FASHION SHOW –

~ Sara (Anderson) Sletten [612-501-9138]

Stay tuned for more details! Sara Sletten is Fashion Show '09 Chair!

Next meeting –... to be announced

PROGRAM

~ Shelly Schultz [327-8803]

Finishing Touches (Formerly European Market):

The invites will be coming out February 5 (evite). An email invite will also come out on February 5 so members may forward that to their friends. This year is a Mardi Gras theme so decor will be purple, gold, and green. The event is February 26. Social hour at 5:30, dinner at 6:15, and the silent auction ends around 7pm.

Next meeting – February 2009

WOMEN'S NIGHT OUT

Monday - March 9, 2009
Holiday Inn – Downtown

4:30 pm exhibits - 6:00 pm dinner
7:15 Entertainment

(Twin Cities Comedian Bill Arnold
a.k.a Buzz Maxwell from Triple Espresso)
Registration & Exhibitor info available at

www.mankatoywca.org
507-345-4629

SERVICE / STATUS OF WOMEN / Z-EARTH

~ Carol Lee [387-7409]

This month the service committee delivered 19 personal hygiene bags to the Theresa House. Each bag contained an average of 9 items and included the basics plus some make up for women. We also delivered a number of larger items to be used by the group. These included tampons, large lotions and toothpastes, Kleenex. Theresa House has indicated that they need single sheet sets. With Service money, we hit some good priced sales and purchased two sets of sheets and four neutral colored bed skirts for room décor down the road. Carol met with Sue F. and Loretta W. to begin plans for the spring garden. The packets to apply for Young Women in Public Affairs were sent to 11 area high schools with a March 13th deadline. We will choose a candidate and award them \$500.00 at our May brunch. Their application will be forwarded to District where they will compete in a larger pool. Ultimately several winners are chosen at the International level and they win several thousand dollars. The committee is excited about Lori Turbes, who plans to become a new member, joining our committee.

Crafting for a Cause

The inaugural meeting of Crafting for a Cause will be held on Saturday, Feb 28, 9am-noon, Loretta Wolthuis's home, 123 Long Street, Mankato.

Our goal is for this to be an informal group, meeting every 4-6 weeks, with purpose of crafting items to be donated. For example -- knitting sweaters, crocheting washclothes, putting together fleece blankets. Interested in learning knitting or crochet? We have members willing to teach. Just want to enjoy coffee and conversation? That's okay too. Please RSVP to Loretta.

In March, the ECHO food shelf will be able to nearly double a donation made to them. They prefer money for storage reasons. If you would care to donate hygiene items, Kleenex, toilet paper these things are hard to come by. They cannot spend donated money on those supplies unless the giver specifically designates it. They may also be able to use a group of us to help with stocking etc. in March on a Saturday for about three hours. Drop me an email if you are interested. cleeh@harrymeyercenter.org. Thanks!
Next meeting – February 2009

AREA 3 MEETING – SAVE THE DATE

The Zonta Club of Brainerd invites all Zontians to the 2009 Area Meeting hosted by the Zonta Club of Brainerd, Minnesota. The meeting will be held April 17-18 at the beautiful and historic Grand View Lodge on Gull Lake. Visit www.grandviewlodge.com for a virtual tour. Our host club is hard at work on the details and a formal invitation with more information will follow. Please direct any questions or program suggestions to me at fabguy@hickorytech.net. I am looking forward to seeing you all there!

~ Sonja J

4 Things My Husband Wanted You to Know About Me!

- ÿ I have moved eleven (11!) times in 26 years
- ÿ My college car was an Oldsmobile 442
- ÿ I am a talented interior decorator, and would like that to be my job
- ÿ As an eighth grader, I was a county spelling bee champion
- ÿ I have lived in Palm Springs, CA
- ÿ A bat landed on my head while I was in bed
- ÿ My mom was my second grade teacher
- ÿ I have many favorite colors; currently orange
- ÿ While going to college, I built homes for Habitat for Humanity
- ÿ I graduated from college in 7 semesters – without summer school
- ÿ Fearlessly raced a compact car
- ÿ Can't find my way out of a brown paper bag

Guess our identities!

BLOOMING PRETTY

~ Caroline McGowan [317-3711]

Blooming Pretty is coming up – mark your calendars for Sunday, July 12.

Next meeting – TBD