

PRESIDENT'S NOTES

~ Sue Frost [243-4509]

"In the struggle for survival between the rock and the stream, the stream survives...not because of strength, but because of perseverance." (Author unknown)

November is a month of transitions in many ways. We transition back to standard time when mornings are a bit lighter and the evening darkness descends faster than we would like. The landscape transitions from the colorful fall leaves to the dull tree branches that will be present for the next several months. Shorts are replaced by snuggies, sandals by boots, and swimsuits by jackets and hats. We go from the relaxing days of summer to hectic Holiday preparations.

And so it is with life as well. Many of our club members are going through times of transition in their personal life right now. For some it is becoming a parent for the first time, while for others it is transitioning to a life without a parent. For some it is going from taking care of others to now having to depend on others for some portion of their own care. And still others have become caretakers of parents who once took care of them.

The result of these challenging times may mean that some members will not be able to give of themselves to Zonta to the degree in which they are accustomed. I have no doubt that this club will band together to support these members and to pick up the slack where necessary. You all are such a great and powerful group of women who have proven you can weather any kind of crisis.

Special thanks to those members who attended the District Conference, participated in the recent fundraisers and service projects, attended the exciting UN African Drumming program together with other events such as the Peace Walk and Meet and Greet. And to the few hardy women who helped with the garden cleanup with just a couple days notice, my special thanks to you. I visualize our club to be like the Zonta Yellow Rose. The blossoming or opening of the rose signifies the many activities we do in Zonta. Each of us is a petal of the rose, with its own scent. When all the petals are put together, we make a beautiful fragrant flower. As we move into the second half of our year may our Zonta Club be a stream that continues to "persevere" in our mission to improve the status of women locally, nationally and globally. May each of you have a peaceful and blessed Thanksgiving.

~ Sue

Z' CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NOVEMBER

- 7 S Meet & Greet 9.00-11.00am
Stay tuned for the location
- 9 M News Due to: liner@outtech.com
- 12 R Business Mtg 6.45am @ Northwoods
Program: Micro Finance – Barb Bergman
- 18 W OMC Mtg 4.00pm @ WOW Zone

DECEMBER

- 1 T World AIDS Day Service
First Congregational UCC
- 10 R Business Mtg 6.45am @ Northwoods
Program: ODHC – Sarah Kruse
- 17 R Holiday Party @ Holiday Inn

JANUARY

- 28 R Evening Mtg with Marilyn Peterson
Amelia Earhart Day

FEBRUARY

- 25 R Finishing Touches

MARCH

- 10 R Business Mtg 6.45am @ Northwoods
Program: Micro Financing
- 22 M Women's Night Out
City Center Hotel
4.30 Exhibits/Networking
6.00 Dinner
7.15 Program

APRIL

- 30 F Area Meeting
Civic Center / Hilton Inn

JUNE (2010)

- 25 S Int'l Convention, San Antonio, TX

MEMBERSHIP

~Angie Schumacher [317-6681]

Fall Meet and Greet took place on Saturday, Nov 7, 9a-11a. Place Eide Bailley – it was very exciting!

Looking at working with PR and Advocacy to celebrate the ZI 90year Birthday. OMC will be doing the Meet and Greet part. And Advocacy will do the history/Birthday part.

PR has gotten a press release ready. Shelley had talked about Membership information from the District meeting.

In January we are going to be working on recruitment information for membership- quick info on Zonta to give to perspective members. More to come on that later.

Next mtg – W Nov 18 - 4.00am @ WOW Zone

November Birthday Celebrations

November 3 - Marilyn Ringheim
November 19 - Caroline McGowan
November 28 – Tricia Stenberg

Z GARDEN

~Loretta Wolthuis [388-9217]

Thanks to all who helped with the garden this year. We will soon be putting it to bed. Stay tuned for further details.

~Loretta and Sue



**Keep an eye out for the next
Zonta Star!**

FASHION SHOW ~ LIVIN' ON ISLAND TIME

~Sara Sletten [779-3018]

Thanks for the successful night! The torch has been passed....look for more details soon!

PUBLIC RELATIONS

~Kate Loging [676-0205]

Thank you to everyone who has submitted responses to our questions for the newsletter. If you have yet to respond, please submit your responses to either Kate or Caroline for inclusion in the newsletter. You only need to answer 3-5 questions.

1. What is your favorite childhood memory?
2. What was your most devious act as a teenager?
3. What is your favorite vacation spot?
4. What character in a movie or book do you most associate yourself with?
5. What is the most rewarding volunteer opportunity you've experienced?
6. If you won the lottery tomorrow what would you do with it?
7. What is your favorite State Fair food?

Let's keep this newsletter going – please sign up for your newsletter sponsorship. Submit your \$15 payment to Barb Scott.

The PR committee is brainstorming ideas to promote International Women's Day and Zonta Rose Day in March. If you've got ideas please submit them to Kate by December 1.

Next meeting – TBD @ Coffee Hag

ZONTA AREA MEETING

April 30 – May 1, 2010

~ Tricia Stenberg [304-0660]

~ Kate Loging [676-0205]

Please mark your calendar for the Area Meeting being hosted in Mankato April 30 and May 1 at the Hilton Garden Inn and Verizon Wireless Center. Tricia will be contacting members to see how they would like to help with the meeting. Judy A. is currently collecting items for the goody bags. Please contact Kate or Tricia if you have questions or need additional information.

~ ~ Reach out and touch someone...your mentee!

SERVICE / STATUS OF WOMEN / Z-EARTH

~ Judy Vosbeek [387-7409]

Many thanks to all who attended the packaging event at the Kids Against Hunger headquarters in October. We had a very good turn out of Zontians and a wonderful group of Girl Scouts helping. Tom Stromer, the Director, gave me a couple of minutes to welcome the Scouts and tell them a little about Zonta and why they were invited to join us in this project. It is always good to plug Zonta to young girls -- they are our perspective Zontians! During the 2 hours we were there, we packaged enough to feed 7,560 children - an evening well spent!

The Committee is busy working on a couple of other service projects including Toys for Tots and helping with a fundraising project for CADA - more about that later.

Next meeting – Coming soon!

DID YOU KNOW...

~ Kerry Dixon-Fox [515-290-7694]

November 8th 2009 marks the 90th anniversary of Zonta International. On 8 November 1919, the Zhonta Confederation drafted and adopted Bylaws and a Constitution, and selected the name Zhonta - a word meaning honest and trustworthy, derived from the Lakhota (Teton Dakota) language of the Native-American Sioux peoples. Later changed to Zonta, the word's meaning was incorporated into the Zonta Emblem, which was officially authorized, along with the Zonta colors of mahogany and gold, at the first executive session of the Confederation's officers in 1920.



Hope Peace Walk - 2009

~ Google Group Email Response ~

When you receive an e-mail from the Zonta Google Group address and need to let someone know you will or will not be attending a function, do not hit "Reply All." When you use the "Reply All" function you may think you are sending a message to the person who sent you the notice. But in actuality, your response is going to the entire club. This is neither necessary nor desirable, as it fills people's email box with unnecessary messages.

The correct way to let someone know if you will or will not be present at a function is to either type in that person's email address and your response or just hit the "Reply" button. It takes a little thought but it is the proper way to do it to eliminate others from having unnecessary emails. Most of you are using the correct procedure, and I thank you for that. The rest of us who are not so computer literate have to try a little harder to get it right. Thanks in advance for your understanding and cooperation.



Hope Peace Walk – 2009

ZONTA INTERNATIONAL AND THE UNITED NATIONS

The United Nations was founded October 24, 1945 after the Second World War by 51 countries committed to maintaining international peace and security, developing friendly relations among nations and promoting social progress, better living standards and human rights.

Currently the United Nations is comprised of 192 member states and is supported by approximately 40,000 employees worldwide. The official languages of the United Nations are Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian, and Spanish.

There are four main bodies within the United Nations:

1. The **General Assembly** is the main deliberative organ of the UN and is composed of representatives of all Member States.
2. The **Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC)** is the principal organ to coordinate the economic, social and related work. It is responsible for 2/3 of UN programs, in particular, those concerned with economic issues such as trade, industrialization and development, as well as social issues such as women's rights, children and social welfare. Zonta has had general consultative status with ECOSOC since 1985.
3. The **International Court of Justice**, located at the Hague in the Netherlands, is the principal judicial organ of the United Nations. It settles legal disputes between states and gives advisory opinions to the UN and its specialized agencies.
4. The **Security Council** has primary responsibility for maintenance of international peace and security.

Zonta International has been closely linked with the UN since Zonta expressed support in 1946. As an international non-governmental organization (NGO), Zonta brings women's concerns to the UN, suggests solutions, draws public attention to issues and encourages its members to participate at the local level.

Zonta maintains representatives of its United Nations Committee at UN sites in Geneva, New York, Paris, and Vienna. Committee members attend UN conferences, and UN agency, committee and commission sessions.

OCTOBER: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

MSU Women's Center invited Zontians to attend their "**Speak Out and Vigil**" for Domestic Violence Awareness month on Oct. 14. The "Clothesline Project" was on display at the event. The "Clothesline Project" is designed as a memorial to the victims and survivors of domestic violence. The project involves designing shirts to remember the women and children murdered as a result of domestic violence and child abuse. The shirts then are hung on a clothesline and displayed in a public location. The purpose is to create a visual memorial to the casualties and survivors of the war against women.

Clotheslines from 1992 to the present honoring the women and children in Minnesota murdered as a result of domestic violence are available for exhibit throughout the state to raise public awareness of the prevalence and severity of domestic violence and child abuse. Clotheslines from the different years travel to communities throughout the state of Minnesota. For more information on the MN Clothesline Project contact jowen@mcbw.org.

The shirts on each Clothesline are designed by volunteer artists. Most of the artists did not know the woman or child they honored with a shirt, but had information collected mainly from news accounts. Beginning in 1993, the Clothesline has included shirts designed by family members and friends for their loved ones.

Portions of a proclamation by President Obama read at the "Speak Out and Vigil."

"Domestic violence touches the lives of Americans of all ages, leaving a devastating impact on women, men, and children of every background and circumstance. A family's home becomes a place of fear, hopelessness, and desperation when a woman is battered by her partner, a child witnesses the abuse of a loved one, or a senior is victimized by family members. Since the 1994 passage of the landmark Violence Against Women Act, championed by then Senator Joe Biden, our Nation has strengthened its response to this crime and increased services for victims. Still, far too many women and families in this country and around the world are affected by domestic

violence. During National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, we recommit ourselves to ending violence within our homes, our communities, and our country.”

“Victims of violence often suffer in silence, not knowing where to turn, with little or no guidance and support. Sadly, this tragedy does not just affect adults. Even when children are not directly injured by violence, exposure to violence in the home can contribute to behavioral, social, and emotional problems. High school students who report having experienced physical violence in a dating relationship are more likely to use drugs and alcohol, are at greater risk of suicide, and may carry patterns of abuse into future relationships. Our efforts to address domestic violence must include these young victims.

During this month, we rededicate ourselves to breaking the cycle of violence. By providing”

LEGISLATIVE AWARENESS AND ADVOCACY COMMITTEE

Minutes

October 16, 2009

Present: Sonja Jacobsen, Judy Arzdorf

Next Meeting: to be determined after the business meeting

1. MSU Women’s Center
Membership was invited to the Center’s “Speak Out and Vigil” for Domestic Violence Awareness on Oct. 14. The “Clothesline Project” was on display. Judy will forward information about The Clothesline Project and a portion of President Obama’s Proclamation for National Domestic Violence Awareness month to the newsletter.
Judy forwarded e-mails of members wishing to sign up for the MSU Women’s Center e-newsletter.
2. Reports to Area, District, and International
We received thank yous from District and International for the last LAA update. Judy is preparing another update.
3. United Nations Day, October 24
LAA is working with Program on the Oct. 22 program meeting to recognize the day. The program will focus on African Drumming. Judy will provide a short synopsis of the United Nations and then provide the synopsis to the Wo-Tan-In for the November newsletter. PR will provide a PSA to the media concerning the event.
4. CADA House: Inspire -Hope-Peace Walk
Membership participated in the Walk on October 8.
5. Zonta International’s Birthday, November 8
LAA, Membership, and PR are working on a “Meet and Greet” on November 7 from 9 – 11. An open house brunch will be open to the public and will honor Zonta’s 90th birthday. The brunch will focus on sharing information about Zonta and, hopefully, will include a presentation to Open Door with proceeds from the fashion show. Sonja will work with Angie on a presentation on Zonta’s history.
To internally celebrate the date, Sonja has prepared a newsletter article about Marian deForest, founder of Zonta.
6. World AIDS Day, December 1
LAA will forward information to membership concerning the AIDS Day recognition on December 1 hosted by UCC, First Presbyterian Church, and St. John’s Episcopal.
7. Human Right Day (December 10) and 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence
Several possibilities were discussed. Sonja will be making some calls about speaker(s), topic(s) and co-sponsor(s).
8. State Level Project/Education
To be discussed at the next meeting.

MOTIONS:

1. LAA will forward information to membership concerning the Southwestern Minnesota Policy Luncheon.
2. LAA has permission to work with Michelle Zehnder to develop a program on Gender Equity in the Courts for the 16 Days of Activism.

November Finance Committee Minutes

The finance committee met Thursday, November 5, 2009 7:30 AM at Dunn Brothers Madison East.
Members present: Chairman Patricia Palm, Pat Will, Marilyn Ringheim, Holly Resner, and Judy Ringler Mountain (ex-officio).

ITEM 1: REPORT FROM LORETTA WOLTHUIS regarding the Exempt Permit Financial Report to the Minnesota Gambling Control Board [Raffle tickets for Fashion Show].

Gross Receipts	\$2370.00
Expenses	209.53
Net Profit	\$2160.48

In calculating total net profit from the 2009 Fashion Show the net profit amount should be used.

Based on the above monies from the raffle, \$1836.48 is the amount available for donation to Fashion Show beneficiary(ies) and \$324.00 stays with the club.

ITEM 2. REPORT FROM TREASURER JUDY RINGLER MOUNTAIN ON FASHION SHOW.

To date Total income from Fashion Show	\$11,390.00
Expenses	4,684.40
Net Profit	6,705.60

15% of net \$1,005.84

85% of net \$5699.76

Decision made to round up donation amount to \$5700.00.

The above amount includes the Raffle monies of \$2370.00.

ITEM 3 RECOMMENDATION TO CLUB REGARDING PROCEEDS OF FASHION SHOW

The club voted last spring that up to \$5000 be donated to Open Door and the finance committee be charged with the task of recommending a recipient (s) of additional monies.

Finance **recommends the Zonta Club of Mankato donate \$5,000 to Open Door** .Two proposals were considered for additional donations. Judy Vosbeek suggested in Spring of 2009 a donation to YWCA, Kate Loging suggested a donation to Life-Work Planning Center. After considerable discussion, the committee **recommends that \$700 to Life-Work Planning Center be donated from Fashion Show proceeds**. The consensus was that Zonta has supported YWCA through service hours (Girls on the Run), and that the Life-Work Planning Center was more closely associated with Zonta's mission.

ITEM 4 DISCUSSION OF GARDEN BANDITS

To date, we have sold 67 bandits, 26 are "out" (Zontians have them in hand and are ready to sell) and 59 are in stock and available for sale.

ITEM 5 HOLIDAY EXTRAVAGANZA NOVEMBER 21, 2009 AT JACKPOT JUNCTION.

Diane Volden, Loretta Wolthuis and Patty Palm will be selling Bandits, Aihu, and Pins. \$30 to reserve a table has been paid. **Authorization given to purchase 10 Aihu kits at \$15@ from Inside Out [Pat Will]**. Need to set a pick-up date for Aihu if more than 10 kits are sold. Judy Ringler Mountain has branch office and could deliver if necessary.

ITEM 6 HOLIDAY EXPO AT MADISON EAST NOVEMBER 22 2009.

We still need people to sign up for afternoon time slots.
Will try to sell pins discounted to \$5@, Aihu, and Bandits

ITEM 7 PINS AT AM BUSINESS MEETING

Patty is asked to contact Loretta and request she bring pins to AM business meeting on November 12, Pins are unfamiliar to some of our members and discounted price may prompt our club members to make additional purchases.

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 3.

NOVEMBER PROGRAM: MICROFINANCING

What is microfinancing?

Microfinancing is the lending of small amounts of money, at little or no interest, to enable small business ventures. In a developing country, amounts as small as \$100 can enable a woman to establish a business that supports her family. Fair Trade cooperatives are often beneficiaries of microfinancing support. There are several international organizations that manage the lending operations.

Kiva.org is one example.

Why should microfinance programs care about women?

Women make up a disproportionate share of the poor.

Women's access to microfinance not only benefits women but also their families and communities.

Women's multiple roles require gender-sensitivity and innovation.

Sustainability and gender equality are compatible goals.

The Zontian magazine, April 2007

http://www.zonta.org/site/DocServer/TheZontian_April07.pdf?docID=16427

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

~ Tricia Stenberg [304-0660]

What is your favorite childhood memory? Being a daddy's girl! My dad took me everywhere, he was my hero! Our old photo albums are filled with pictures of me and my dad. I am hoping Briley is a little momma's boy :-)

What is your favorite vacation spot? San Diego, California area. Lots of fun memories there from when Travis and I lived in California. We spent our one-year anniversary there and got engaged there (not on the same trip!).

What is the most rewarding volunteer opportunity you've experienced? A summer internship at the Aspen Music Festival and School in Aspen, Colorado – a wonderful experience! Aspen is such an amazing place.

Anything else you're dying to share? I have a new baby! Name: Briley Joseph, born October 15 at 3:09 a.m. 7 lbs, 5 oz. I adore him and I love being a mom! I will be enjoying every minute of my time with him now through the end of the year before I have to go back to work January 4th. His first plane ride will be in December for a week long trip to Arizona.



BRILEY JOSEPH STENBERG

Wednesday
October 15, 2009
3:09 a.m.
7lbs 5oz
20 1/4 inches
Hair: brown
Eyes: blue/brown