



# July 2010 Newsletter

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Because we have so much information to get out to everyone, this month we will be using a different format than normal to save paper and email pages. Next month we will back to the original format. Thank you.

## July

6 Program  
20 Zonta at the Zoo  
27 Executive Board Meeting

## Member Birthday:

July 8 Margaret Groves  
July 10 Judy Manson  
July 15 Nancy Johnson

## August

3 Business/Committee  
17 Program  
24 Executive Board Meeting

## Membership Anniversaries:

2008 Melody Atwood

## Welcome to New Member:

Teresa Szymanski the Interim Chief of Police for the City of Lansing. We look forward to getting to know you better. Welcome aboard!

## Congratulations to:

**Elaine West** on her retirement on Wednesday, June 30th with a wonderful Retirement Party from her job as Chief Executive Officer Greater Lansing Association of Realtors. Along with her many friends and family including her Zonta Family it was a full house of good wishes and warm memories. A number of Zontians were able to attend the party, spreading our good wishes for a happy, healthy, fun filled retirement.

**Julia Miller** is now a member of District 15's Service Committee coordinating Z and Golden Z initiatives.

Sad News:

**June was a sad month for us Zontians.**

On **June 2nd** our own **Lucile Belen** passed away peacefully at Ingham Regional Assisted Living Center in Lansing. Vistors came from far and wide to pay their respects. You will sorely missed Lucile. Please rest in peace.

Here are a few little stories you might find interesting regarding some of the things that Lucile did while working and living here in Lansing courtesy of Sue Eareckson:

**Jackie Pulford** recalls that when she was preparing for her year as president, she was apprehensive about asking members to serve as committee chairmen. The first one she asked was Lucile, who agreed to chair the fund raising committee. After that, she says, the rest were easy.

**Sister Mary Janice Belen**, Lucile's cousin and a past president of our club, told us this at the funeral. If you did something for Lucile, such as take her out to lunch, she would make a note of the dollar value. At the end of each month, she wrote a check to charity for the total.

Lucile had her own unique physical fitness program back in the early 90's. She spent 20 minutes each morning jumping on a mini trampoline in her apartment.

Here are two stories that Lucile told about herself, approximately 20 years ago.

During the Depression, Lucile was working in an office. One day her boss told her that if she could take shorthand, she might be able to get a promotion that was worth, if I remember correctly, an additional \$5/week. If she was interested, she would have to take minutes at a meeting the very next day. Lucile did not let her lack of shorthand stop her. She went home and invented something like speedwriting that very night. Lucile and another woman, who could take shorthand, were competing for the job. They both had to submit minutes from the same meeting. Lucile got the job. She believed that the real stenographer's minutes were more accurate. But "my minutes," she said, "had everyone speaking in complete sentences."

This one happened more recently, when Lucile was the only woman on City Council. There was a man who wanted support from the city for a major development project downtown. He made several presentations to the Council, and most of the Council members were favorably impressed - but Lucile thought he was trying to take them for a ride. After some time, they learned that he had no access to the amount of money required for such a project. Lucile had known it all along, she said, because someone who had that kind of money would not have worn the same suit every time he appeared before the City Council.

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**June 21** brought the passing of a friend of many of our Zontians. **Louise Anderson Crandall** who was the niece of **Mary Anderson**. Louise frequently was with Mary Anderson on trips and special meetings with Zonta. She was never a member of Zonta but many of our long standing members will fondly remember her.



### Note to Committee Chairs

Revenue Secretary, Jackie Pulford requests all Committee Budget's for 2010 -2011 be submitted in writing no later than Monday, July 19th, 2010. Any questions please contact Jackie Pulford directly at 484-1346 or at [cpajp@aol.com](mailto:cpajp@aol.com)

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**Fall Conference**  
**15 - 17 October, 2010**  
**Island Resort & Casino**  
**Harris, MI**  
**Hosted by Zonta Club of**  
**Iron Mountain/Kingsford Area**

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**Club Board of Directors**  
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or call 881-6737

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## Committee Reports:

### Fellowship, Program, and Special Events Report: **Melody Atwood & BeaJaye Bedell, Co-chairs**

July 6th was another early program meeting for the month but we did not want to miss out on hearing Mandy Bridenstine who previously worked at the Country Club of Lansing often working with Zonta and our meetings there. She spent a month studying in Tanzania working with the local people there, attempting to make it a self sufficient, safe place for both men and women to learn not only to read and write but to have food, safe drinking water, live and treat each other the way we all should live.

Everything is set for our July 20th Zonta at the Zoo event. This should prove to be an exciting fun event for everyone. Scheduled for the evening is of course our pot luck dinner where we all bring a dish to share with everyone, (you might want to bring a few completed recipe cards as we have a number of outstanding cooks out there I hear!). In addition there will be hot dogs and hamburgers there for all to enjoy. Don't forget to bring your own table service (plates & silverware & napkins).

We have invited all of the area Zonta Clubs and will have representation from all but the Capital Area Club who has something previously scheduled for that night. Numerous others have been invited. You may see some political faces and maybe some TV news people. Just so we see you is all that counts. If you have not signed up, please come anyway. We would like as close to 100% participation as possible. So much has been planned for us to do and see. Don't miss out and please don't forget your check payable to Potter Park Zoo for a minimum of \$10 to help them build their much needed hospital. They have gone above and beyond for us, doing more for Zonta than they have ever done for any other group visiting Potter Park Zoo and that includes their own people. Again this is a great tax deduction for your 2010 tax return so give generously. We will be provided with docents giving us tours and answering questions regarding the zoo and the animals there. Presentations will be made by their Education Curator Dennis Laidler and their Veterinarian Dr. Tara Harrison. You will witness animal enrichment by the Enrichment team. Camel and pony rides and face painting for the children. Just too much to list in such a small space. It will not be the same without YOU and YOUR FAMILY and FRIENDS. So please come and have a fun time Zonta style. Don't forget, we are having ICE CREAM!

I received notification the Governor is having her schedule checked to see if she is available to attend and we will be apprised of her decision and her time availability. I am still waiting to hear from others. A map to the zoo will be attached on the end of the newsletter for your convenience.

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Membership Committee Report  
Elaine West, Chair

Membership Committee has sent out some recruitment letters and taken attendance to record.

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PR and Communications Committee Report  
Judy Manson, Chair

The PR Committee has been working with the Lansing State Journal regarding weekly postings of Zonta meetings, programs and events. We continue to have our spring fund raiser for Van Atta Green House certificates posted online with Public Drum. This is internet advertising of events happening in the Mid Michigan area. In addition, letters have been mailed to the local media requesting coverage and inviting many to the "Zonta at the Zoo" event on July 20th.

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Status of Women Committee Report:  
Dorothy Mitstifer, Chair

Save this Date - The Women's Equality Day

Celebration will be held in Livonia on August 21, 2010 - For more info, contact MichERAmerica@gmail.com or 734-4253572. This celebration is sponsored by AAUW, Michigan Coalition for Equal Rights Studies, and Michigan ERAmerica. Our advocacy efforts will focus on passage of HR 5137 - Girls Protections Act. Mike Rogers is one of the co-sponsors of this legislation that will prohibit transport for female genital mutilation. Another focus is CEDAW (The Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women). This is a Zonta International initiative and is described as an international bill of rights for women. Passed in 1979 by the UN, CEDAW has **not** been ratified by the United States. Keep tuned for more.

The Status of Women Committee has established its goals for the year and submitted its budget.

If anyone knows of a charity golf tournament that we might support to increase Zonta visibility, let us know.

At printing time, the Committee has agreed upon sponsoring a hole for the "**Big Kids for Little Kids**" golf outing on July 18th. Starting out as a group of "little people" who wanted to help other "little people", these friends started a golf outing which has blossomed into a major charity for the betterment of all children. This group, from their last outing, raised enough money to pay for a new pediatric ER room at Sparrow Hospital. This year they are raising money for the Ronald Mc Donald house here in Lansing. Zonta Club of Lansing is proud to help out such a fine group of people who help other people. Our \$100 donation to sponsor a hole at this years golf outing will do as much for Zonta Club of Lansing and the hearts of our members as it will these fine people.

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**International Relations/UN Committee Report:**  
**Sally Churchill, Chair**

An official report of Zonta International's Service Projects will be presented in the report from the Convention attendees.

I have contacted Gwen Taylor for information on how we can find out how the ZCOL's Ghana Project is doing and the history of what our project has achieved.

I have joined the Greater Lansing United Nations Association-USA and plan to attend events that support ZI's projects/concerns.

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**Service, Ways & Means Committee Report:**  
**Sue Eareckson & Darlene Harris, Co-chairs**

**Sue Eareckson and Darlene Harris** will be meeting with a representative of the Riverwalk Theatre to discuss holding a fund raising event with them.

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**Organization, Z Club & Golden Z Club**  
**Julia Miller, Chair**

No report

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**A few words from our President Mary Haskell regarding her experience at the Zonta International Convention in SanAntonio, TX in June 2010**

Fellow Zontians,

I hope everyone is enjoying the summer season! July promises to be a fun-filled month for the Lansing Zonta Club as we host Picnic at the Zoo on July 20, 2010. Look forward to seeing you all there!

The 2010 Zonta International Convention in San Antonio, Texas is now in the books. As a "first-timer", I enjoyed the color and pageantry of the opening ceremony and parade of flags, the business updates of international finances and the gala closing banquet and installation ceremony. Particularly moving, was the day devoted to the status of the international service projects from the Mother-to-Child Transmission of HIV and Gender-Based Violence in Rwanda, the elimination of Obstetric Fistula in Liberia and the Safe Cities for Women in Guatemala City and San Salvador.

I will be preparing a more comprehensive report of the convention but wanted to give a quick over-view of the International Board members, as elected, and major by-laws changes.

Zonta International Board for 2010-2012:

President: Dianne Curtis - USA  
President-elect: Lynn McKenzie New Zealand  
Vice President: Maria Jose Landeira Oestergaard - Denmark  
Treasurer/Sec: Ellen Karo - USA

New International  
Directors: Susanne von Bassewitz-Germany  
Jacqueline Beaudry-USA  
Kathleen Douglass-Canada  
Kikuko Hara-Japan

An **INTERNATIONAL DUES INCREASE** was passed on June 27th by the assembled delegates. Because of continued financial challenges, the board recommended and received a \$15 dues increase which will take effect the second year of the 2010-2012 biennium.

Based on recommendations of International's legal counsel and CPA, the financial statements of Zonta International and the Zonta International Foundation (ZIF) are now consolidated into one statements. This is the outcome of the rationale (as stated by the International Board), "The Zonta International and Zonta International Foundation boards do not serve different functions. The purpose of the ZIF is to carry out part of the purpose of Zonta International'. So, there can be complete overlapping of the Zonta International and ZIF boards.

Additional Note: All members are asked to use the Zonta International Website ([www.zonta.org](http://www.zonta.org).) as much as possible. Since fewer publications of "The Zontian" are being printed, more news is being delivered to members on the web site.

Sally Churchill, Jackie Pulford and I will be passing along more convention news at a future meeting. Stay tuned.....

See you soon,

Mary

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With the newsletter having to be printed early last month, the following information was not received in time to be included. This comes from our now former Zonta International President Beryl Sten:

14 June 2010 From Beryl Sten:

I am pleased to announce the 2010 Amelia Earhart Fellows. Congratulations to this exceptional group of women for their educational and professional achievements. They join a remarkable group of 902 women from 64 countries around the world who are changing the face of aerospace-related sciences and engineering.

#### 2010 Amelia Earhart Fellows

- Emily Julianna Arnold, USA
- Alessandra Babuscia, Italy
- Noël Mojgan Bakhtian, USA
- Lauren Anne Burns, Australia
- Maria Chierichetti, Italy
- Marine Isabelle Claezman, France
- Tahereh Darestani Farahani, Iran
- Diane Elizabeth Craig Davis, USA
- Mahshid Fardadi, Iran
- Catherine Siena Florio, USA
- Benedetta Giulia Franzelli, Italy
- Christine Marilyn Hartzell, USA
- Elsy Kaddoum, Lebanon
- Amanda Janna Knutson, Canada
- Cecilia Carmen Larrosa, USA
- Ria Pavnish Malham, India
- Amira Barhoumi Meddeb, Tunisia
- Jennifer Ann Mindock, USA
- Ashley Moore, USA
- Lana Maria Olague, Canada
- Ann Martha Ollila, USA
- Farhana Pervin, Bangladesh
- Kerri Beth Phillips, USA
- Dasia Ann Reyes, USA
- Swati Saxena, India
- Azadeh Sheidaei, Iran
- Aurore Eglantine Sibois, France
- Iti Srivastava, India
- Laura Ann Stiles, USA
- Monica Syal, India
- Onvaree Techakesari, Thailand
- Jill Maria Tombasco, USA
- Diane Castro Villanueva, USA
- Neeti Sharad Wagle, India
- Afifa Adel Zaki, Egypt

To date, Zonta International has awarded 1,297 Amelia Earhart Fellowships to 902 women from 64 countries.

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6 July 2010

Dear Zontians,

On Friday 2 July, the United Nations General Assembly unanimously decided to establish [UN Women](#), the UN Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women.

For those of you who were able to attend the Zonta International Convention in San Antonio, you heard firsthand from Keynote Speaker Carolyn Hannan, former Director of the Division for the Advancement of Women at the United Nations, how critical it is to combine the efforts of the four UN organizations working on gender issues – United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM), the Division for the Advancement of Women (DAW), the Office of the Special Adviser on Gender Issues and Advancement of Women (OSAGI) and the UN International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (INSTRAW). The creation of a single entity with adequate resources will focus and enhance efforts to promote and advance the rights of women and girls around the world.

This announcement is an historic one, and I wanted to share this news with all of you. Inés Alberdi, Executive Director of UNIFEM, has issued a statement which I encourage you all to read. Read the complete statement in [English](#), [French](#) and [Spanish](#).

Dianne K. Curtis  
Zonta International President

Zonta International Foundation President

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Please submit all information for the newsletter by the **second Tuesday** to Melody Atwood, at [atwood.melody8@gmail.com](mailto:atwood.melody8@gmail.com) or mail to 633 Irvington Avenue, Lansing, MI 48910

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AND JUST FOR THE FUN OF IT...

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