

April 2011 Newsletter

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District 15, Area 2
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April 2011

April:

- 5 Business/Committee Meeting
- 19 Foundation Awards Luncheon
- 26 Executive Board Meeting at "Champs"

Membership Birthdays

No Member Birthdays

May:

- 3 Business/Committee
- 17 Installation Dinner (6:00 p.m.)
- 24 Executive Board Meeting at "Champs"
Directors Meet with Incoming Board

Member Anniversary's

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Member News:

A Huge Welcome Back to Norma Bunday. As you all know we have missed seeing her smiling face due to a back issue. We could not have been more pleasantly surprised when she walked in the door last Tuesday. I know she enjoyed receiving your cards, letters and good wishes while she recuperated. Norma we are so glad to see you back again.

Carrie Linderoth hurt her ankle and was in a leg cast for a while. She too needed to be off her feet and we missed her smiling face. To make the best of a bad situation, I hope she sat in front of the fireplace with both feet up, reading a good book while eating bon bon's all day. Isn't that how you are supposed to recover?

It's getting close to the time our snow birds return. Keep an eye out for Mildred Richardson and Elaine West. They should be back soon.

Club News

A big thanks to Pat Curran, Darlene Harris and Gail Shafer-Crane of the 2011 Nominating Committee who submitted the slate for voting by the club membership. The following members were approved unanimously by club vote on April 5th

Club:

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| President: | Nancy Johnson |
| Vice President: | Melody Atwood |
| Correspondence Secretary: | Jane Bitsicas |
| Recording Secretary: | Judy Manson |
| Revenue Treasurer: | Jackie Pulford |
| Expense Treasurer: | Dorothy Mitstifer |
| Director - First of a Two Year Term: | Margaret Groves and Mary Haskell |
| Director - Second of a Two Year Term: | Darlene Harris (replaces Judy Manson) and Elaine West |
| Nominating Committee: | Mary Haskell - Chair, Sue Eareckson and Elaine West |

Foundation Board:

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| First year of Two Year Term: | Teresa Szymanski |
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Have you seen the latest regarding our own Teresa Szymanski? Congratulations Teresa.



Please note that donations to relief efforts must be made as individuals as outlined in Zonta's [Emergency and Disaster Relief Policy](#).

Women's Center of Greater Lansing

Dream, Girl! - Reach for the Stars
Annual Benefit Gala
Thursday, May 12 2011
Spartan Club at MSU Spartan Stadium
6:00 - 8:00 pm
Music will be provided by the MSU Jazz Ensemble
Tribute to Women Award

Award is given to women who have broken barriers to get where they are today

Honorees:

Renee Canady, Ingham County Health Department

Paula Cunningham, Capital National Bank

Tiffany Dowling, Capital Area Women's Lifestyle

Sherill Freeborough, Freeborough Automotive Group

Kathy Harkness, HiBall Crane Company

Amy Krause, Michigan Court of Appeals

Joan Nelson, Allen Neighborhood Center

Teresa Szymanski, Chief of Police, City of Lansing

Carmen Turner, Executive Director Boys & Girls Club

Janet Welch, Executive Director, State Bar of Michigan

Ann Emerich, WLNS daytime news anchor will MC

Wisaal will provide the music

Tickets can be purchased through the website, by mail or phone at 517.372.9163. Tickets are \$175/couple or \$100/person. \$75 of the ticket price is tax deductible. Please reserve your tickets by May 6, 2011.

Wisaal - an Arabic word meaning links, connections or unities reflect our attempts to fuse elements of Arabic music with Klezmer, Indian and American influence. Wisaal is based at the Michigan State University School of Music. CD's will be available for purchase. Check out their website: www.wisaal.bandcamp.com listen to tracks 3 & 5 for a sample of what you'll hear at Dream, Girl!





District 15's Call to Spring Workshop

Your club president previously shared a "Save the Date" announcement with you with key information about the date, club host and cost for the spring workshop for your respective area.

Due to an unexpected delay in postal mail delivery, the agenda, locations of all workshops and registration information is attached for your review.

You should soon receive the "Call to Workshop" via postal mail.

Coming to your mailbox soon!


Area 2: Sunday, May 1

Registration Deadline:

April 23, 2011

Host Club: Zonta Club of Meridian East

Everyone should have received this registration form in the mail. If you require an additional form, please contact Tracy Wellman of Zonta of Meridian East.

 **Registration Form**

Cost \$30 (U.S.D.) Payable to the host club for each workshop

Indicate which workshop you plan to attend:

Area 1: Saturday, April 30 - Registration Deadline April 23, 2011
(Check Payable to Zonta Club of Gaylord Area)

Area 2: Sunday, May 1 - Registration Deadline April 23, 2011
(Check Payable to Zonta Club of Meridian East)

Area 3: Saturday, May 14 - Registration Deadline May 7, 2011
(Check Payable to Zonta Club of Lenawee)

Area 4: Sunday, May 15 - Registration Deadline May 7, 2011
(Check Payable to Zonta Club of Lapeer)

(CUT HERE AND RETURN)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Province/Zip Code: _____

Zonta Club of: _____

Phone (Residence): _____ Other: _____

Email Address: _____

I have dietary restrictions. Restrictions are: _____

check here if this is your first time attending a Spring Workshop

Send your registration to the registrar listed for the workshop you plan to attend:

Area 1: Trisha Chandler, PO Box 853, Gaylord, MI 49734
Area 2: Tracey Wellman, 3542 Hiawatha Dr, Okemos, MI 48864
Area 3: Bridget Eisenhauer, 1390 W Maumee St., Adrian, MI 49221
Area 4: Phyllis Clark, 2447 Kino Rd., Lapeer, MI 48446



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Dianne K. Curtis
Zonta International President
Zonta International Foundation President



Zonta International e-NEWSLETTER

Dear Zontians,

The tremendous outpouring of concern and support for our fellow Zontians after the series of natural disasters that have hit Japan, Australia and New Zealand over the last three months reminds us all how interconnected we are and demonstrates the incredible generosity and compassion of our members. Thank you to all of you who have inquired as to how you can help. [Updates from each of the districts](#) affected are provided below for those who may wish to contribute or simply learn more.

Dues renewal invoices have been sent to all club presidents and club treasurers. In addition, district treasurers were sent invoices for every club in their districts. To help facilitate the process, [instructional videos](#) for correctly submitting dues have been created in English, French, German, Italian, Japanese and Spanish. Please remember that international dues are due by 1 June. Also, each club needs to submit a Club Officer Contact Information Form to ZI Headquarters by 1 May.

I am also pleased to announce that a new [Club Achievements Checklist](#) has been created to help each club self-evaluate their club's activities to ensure that they are meeting their club goals while remaining true to our mission and contributing to the goals of Zonta International.

Thank you as always for your commitment to Zonta's mission to advance the status of women worldwide and for your generous support of our international service projects and educational programs. Your hard work and dedication is appreciated.

Warm regards,

Dianne K. Curtis
Zonta International President and Zonta International Foundation President





Natural Disasters - How You Can Help

The earthquake and tsunami in Japan last month, earthquake in Christchurch, New Zealand in February, and flooding and cyclone in Australia in January have affected many of our members in the impacted areas. Thankfully, all our members are safe and accounted for; however, they are still experiencing tremendous personal loss and uncertainty in the aftermath of these devastating natural disasters.

Many of you have inquired how you can help during these difficult times. The Governors of Districts 16, 22 and 26 have provided information and links to relief funds and reputable agencies providing assistance to those most in need. Links to that information on the Zonta International website are provided below.

District 16 - [Update from Governor Anne McMurtrie](#)

District 22 - [Update from Governor Trish Collins](#)

District 26 - [Update from Governor Tokue Ueda](#)



News from the Foundation

The numbers have been crunched, and grants have been received. Everything is in place for this year's distribution of grant money. Foundation members were notified at our last meeting of the recommendation and a unanimous vote for acceptance and distribution of funds was made. Of the grants received the following organizations will receive monies from Zonta Club of Lansing Foundation:

LCC's Women's Resource Center The funds will be used for "non-traditional" students returning to school for employment skills and/or degreed profession.

Lansing RIF Grant money will purchase books to distribute to 31 Lansing schools including the Beekman Center.

EVE, Inc. Money will help support expenses for EVE's Dating Violence Prevention Program for youth and young people which helps the development of healthy relations.

MI Women's Foundation The program "Michigan's a Future, Not a Past" (MAFNAP) was one of three states chosen by the Women's Funding Network to pilot a 3-5 year campaign to stop the prostitution of our nation's children, and champion the causes of social injustice to women and girls by assisting any/all agencies or personnel involved with a commitment to ending sex trafficking.

MI Women's Historical Center and Hall of Fame Grant money will provide financial assistance for on-going collection, preservation and longevity of the displays housed in the facility.

Women's Center of Greater Lansing The Foundation's gift will provide funding for the 2011 Girls to Women (G2W) Conference to be held in June at the MSU/Union Building. The Conference offers at-risk girls a chance to see themselves in a higher education setting, while learning about healthy behaviors, non-traditional careers, etiquette, manners etc.

Mason Schools-Young Women's Water Polo Team Unsupported by the school district, grant money will be used to continue to develop the leadership, teamwork skills, sportsmanlike behavior while promoting physical fitness and healthy lifestyles for young women of the Mason area.

Committee Reports:

Fellowship, Program and Special Events

It was previously announced the Fellowship Committee had made arrangements with the writer of the award winning documentary film "The Flowers of Madison", a unique and inspirational film which chronicles life difficulties 3 different women endure and eventually overcome. The writer who is familiar with Zonta is offering only two free screenings worldwide. All other viewings were charged a substantial cost to see. This private screening has been offered to Zonta Club of Lansing and to Zonta Club of Harrisburg/Hershey, Pennsylvania. Author/Filmmaker Ameliah Resnik suggested that ZCOL could use this film as a fundraiser with every penny earned going to ZCOL because she believes in her film and also in the work of Zonta. Ms. Resnik at her own expense would travel to Lansing for the showing and would speak of her quest making this film and then would be available for any questions and answer time. The film which we plan to host, inviting area women's groups will be scheduled for either the second (13th) or third (20th) of September. We must give a firm date to Ms. Resnik by the end of this week (4/22/11).

This presentation will follow in the footsteps of the Belen event by being a joint venture between the Fellowship, Programs and Special Events Committee and the Service Ways and Means Committee to make for another huge success. Please take a moment and give Pat Curran or Melody Atwood your vote for which day you would prefer.

No Board Action Required
Melody Atwood - Chair

Membership Committee

No report received.
Margaret Groves Acting Chair

International Relations/United Nations

No report received
Sally Churchill - Chair

Public Relations and Communication

No report received
Judy Manson -Chair

Service Ways and Means

No report received
Sue Eareckson & Darlene Harris Co-Chairs

Status of Women

No report received
Dorothy Mitstifer - Chair



2020= 2011 Club Board of Directors

Mary Haskell , President
Pat Curran, Vice President
Melody Atwood, Secretary
Jacquelyn Pulford, Expense Treasurer
Dorothy Mitstifer, Revenue Treasurer
Nancy Johnson, Director
Judy Manson, Director
Elaine West, Director
Mary Zehner, Director

2010 - 2011 Foundation Board of Directors

Melody Atwood
Norma Bunday
Sally Churchill
Mary Zehner
Margaret Groves
Pat Curran, ZCOL Vice President, Ex-Officio

For Menu Planning,

Please RSVP by Tuesday the week prior to our meeting if you will or will not be attending the next club meeting.
Contact: Pat Curran at either 517-484-3850 or email her at hildapat@gmail.com

For the Monthly Newsletter,

Final printing is completed by the third Monday of each month. Please submit all information you wish to be included in the current month's Newsletter, which includes all Committee Reports, by the second Thursday of the current month. This gives the Correspondence Secretary less than five (5) days to put together a quality newsletter that can be viewed online or a Hard-Copy to be received by those with no access to a computer. Please send information to: Melody Atwood at atwood.melody8@gmail.com or 633 Irvington Ave.,Lansing, MI 48910 Information received after print date will be held for the following month's newsletter.

TIME IS RUNNING OUT! TO MAKE YOUR RESERVATION THAT IS!

Zonta District 15 News

Save the Date for the
2011 Zonta North American Inter-District Meeting
 June 3-5, 2011, Reno, NV



Why you should attend: Meet Zonta International Leaders; reconnect with Zontians from other Districts; participate in workshops on a variety of timely topics; refresh your spirit of commitment to improving the lives of women

What you'll Do: Learn about how Zonta really works by sitting in on informative panel discussions and selecting from up to 16 different workshops organized into 4 Tracks - "Advocacy", "Leadership", "Membership", and "Public Relations; take away useful tools to strengthen your club; raise the level of dialogue about how North American Zonta Clubs can successfully collaborate on membership, service and advocacy.

Where you'll Stay: Join us at the exciting and newly expanded Atlantis Casino Resort Spa, 3800 South Virginia St., Reno, NV 89502 www.atlantiscasino.com. Once you check out their beautiful facilities, you'll want to book an extra day just to pamper yourself!

All amounts in USD - Registration includes meals and materials		Schedule of events
Early Bird Registration (before May 1, 2011)	\$175	Fri. June 3 6-8pm Opening Reception
Late Registration (May 1 - May 27)	\$200	Sat. June 4 7:30am-4:45 Workshops
Hotel Room Rates - single or double occupancy, plus \$10 resort fee	\$109	6-10pm Banquet
Amenities: In-room coffee service, High Speed (wireless and wired) Internet Service, Indoor and Outdoor Pools and Outdoor Jacuzzi, Boarding Pass Printing Services, 15% Discount at the Atlantis Spa		Sun. June 5 9am-Noon Workshops/ Brunch 12pm Program Concludes

Start making your plans now. Watch for e-mail registration announcements and our fantastic slate of workshops and presenters. For additional information, please contact Committee Co-Chair Joy Orlich at joyorlich@sbcglobal.net

2011 Zonta North American Inter-District Meeting - Registration Form

Please provide workshop selections and payment information below and mail with your payment to:
Joy Orlich, 830 Broadway Blvd. Reno, NV 89502 by May 27, 2011

Workshop Series	Track 1 Advocacy	Track 2 Leadership	Track 3 Membership	Track 4 Public Relations	_1st Choice _2nd Choice
Saturday 10:15-11:45	1A - Creating a N. American strategy on Zonta issues	2A - Addressing Intergenerational Issues-What do women in Zonta want?	3A - Building a cooperative membership strategy for North America- Part 1	4A - Developing a N. American PR Strategy - Part 1	# _____ # _____
Saturday 1:45-3:15	1B - Maximizing our Relationship to the United Nations	2B - Beating Negativity and driving positive change	3B - Supporting regional growth plans for Zonta - Part 2	4B - Developing a N. American PR Strategy - Part 2	# _____ # _____
Saturday 3:30-4:45	1C - Ratifying CEDAW in the US	2C - Growing Leadership in Zonta - What does the date tell us?	3C - Working for Win-Win in Zonta Conflicts	4C - Maximizing Social Media to Zonta's Advantage	# _____ # _____
Sunday 9:00-10:30	1D - Working for Women's Total Health	2D - Mentoring and Coaching Zontians to Excellence	3D - Getting Zonta Business Done Well - Why are our meetings so ___?	4D - Branding, Marketing and Reaching a Multi-Cultural Audience	# _____ # _____

Name: _____ e-mail: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____ Work Home Cell

City: _____ State/Province _____ Postal Code: _____

Zonta Club of: _____ Title: _____

Please list prior Zonta offices you have held:

Please indicate if you have any special dietary considerations: _____

Enclosed is my check for \$ _____ (payable to Zonta Club of Greater Reno or ZCGR)

I wish to pay by Credit Card \$ _____ Name on Card: _____

Visa/MC Card # _____ Exp. Date: _____ Sec. # _____

Signature: _____

Cancellation Policy: Cancellations received before May 27, are subject to a \$25 cancellation fee. **No refunds after May 27.**

Hotel Reservations: Please book directly with the Atlantis Casino Resort Spa by calling 800-723-6500 Mention you are with the Zonta Inter-District meeting - **Hotel Reservations must be made by May 4, 2011.**

Attire: Business or Business Casual

Questions? Contact Conference Co-Chair Joy Orlich - 775-544-0686 (cell) or mail to: joyorlich@sbcglobal.net

