



# March 2011 Newsletter

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## March 2011

### March:

- 1 Business/Committee Meeting
- 15 Program Meeting Singer-Barbara Harris
- 22 Executive Board Meeting at "Champs"

### April

- 5 Business/Committee
- 15 Program: Foundation Awards
- 22 Executive Board Meeting at "Champs"

### Membership Birthdays

March 6th Mildred Richardson

### Member Anniversary's

- 1969 Mildred Richardson
- 1975 Pat Curran
- 1986 Bea Jaye Bedell

Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary Ladies!

### Member News:

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A big JOB WELL DONE, to the Service Ways and Means Committee. The play *Hairspray* was another good time while making some money for future community service projects. The goodies served were wonderful. Dorothy's lemon bars went like hot cakes while Mary Zehner was the big winner of the evening with the 50/50 raffle by choosing the 7 of hearts. Hats off to Sue Eareckson, Darlene Harris and Nancy Johnson. Hard work pays off.

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Norma Bunday has missed a few meetings due to a back issue. I am sure that she would love to hear from every one of you in the way of a get well card. A pretty card for a pretty lady.

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On February 24th, Jane Bitsicas, Sally Churchill, Teresa Szymanski and Melody Atwood attended the Investiture of former member, the Honorable Judge Amy Krause at the Lansing Center. What a once in a lifetime event for all of us attending. All of the speakers sang high praises for Amy and told everyone what a great job she will do in her new position. Amy beamed the entire event, nearly coming to tears speaking of her lifetime adventure with the law. We are proud to say another fine Zontian moves up the ladder of life. Congratulations Amy. Once a Zontian, always a Zontian.

### Club News

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Pat Curran, Darlene Harris and Gail Shafer-Crane of the 2011 Nominating Committee submitted their slate for voting by the club membership which is scheduled for April 5th 2011. The slate is as follows:

### Club:

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

### Foundation Board:

- First year of Two Year Term:** Sherrie Graham and Teresa Szymanski



- the oldest non-sectarian women's organization in U.S.
- March 31, 1776 - Abigail Adams writes to her husband John who is helping to frame the Declaration of Independence: "Remember the ladies..."

### March Birthdays

- March 3, 1962 - Jackie Joyner-Kersey, considered the world's greatest female athlete; holds the record in the long jump (1988) and the heptathlon (1986); winner of 3 gold, 1 silver, and 2 bronze medals in 4 Olympic games
- March 5, 1931 - Geraldyn (Jerrie) Cobb, record-setting aviator; first woman to pass qualifying exams for astronaut training, in 1959, but not allowed to train because of her gender
- March 7, 1938 - Janet Guthrie, pioneering woman auto racer; first woman to compete in Indianapolis 500 (1977) and Daytona 500 (1977)
- March 9, 1928 (1987) - Graciela Olivarez, Chicana activist; first woman and Latina law graduate from Notre Dame Law School; one of first two women on the board of Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund (MALDEF)
- March 15, 1933 - Ruth Bader Ginsburg, second female U.S. Supreme Court justice (1993)
- March 18, 1964 - Bonnie Blair, speed skater; one of the most successful Winter Olympian in U.S. history and 5 time gold medalist
- March 23, 1857 (1915) - Fannie Farmer, authored famous cookbook, "The Boston Cooking-School Cookbook", and included specific ingredient measurements for the first time which would become standardized cooking measurements
- March 23, 1924 (1980) - Bette Nesmith Graham, invented Liquid Paper correction fluid which became an office staple; created 2 foundations to support women's business and art
- March 24, 1826 (1898) - Matilda Joselyn Gage, suffragist, women's rights and Native American rights activist, historian, founding member of the National Woman Suffrage Association
- March 24, 1912 (2010) - Dorothy Height, served over 40 years as President of the National Council of Negro Women
- March 25, 1934 - Gloria Steinem, women's rights activist and journalist; founding editor of Ms. Magazine; helped found National Women's Political Caucus, the Women's Action Alliance, and the Coalition of Labor Union Women
- March 26, 1930 - Sandra Day O'Connor, first woman U.S. Supreme Court Justice (1981)
- March 27, 1924 (1990) - Sarah Vaughan, world renown jazz singer and pianist known as the "Divine One"
- March 31, 1889 (1975) - Muriel Wright, Choctaw Indian, teacher, historian, author, and editor

Which Great Woman Was Born On Your Birthday?

Watch people crowd around to see whose birthday they share - 750 women from U.S. history are named on this oversized poster with day by day listings, and colorfully bordered with images representing their many activities. Alphabetical list included for cross reference. 24" x 37" Celebrate Women! Poster Created and Researched by Margaret Zierdt



## News from Area Zonta Clubs

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Save the date! A detailed flyer will come in the mail and via email to you, soon.

The Zonta Club of Mt. Pleasant invites the LANSING Club to join us the evening of Tuesday, April 12, 2011 for Dinner & Cocktails overlooking the Riverwood Golf Course.

Being served is a: Buffet dinner, with a Cash bar, followed by a Silent auction. Our anticipated dinner cost is just \$20 per person. Please mark your calendar. We would love to have you join us in the fun.

Kindest regards,

Karen Ranzenberger and Monica Fox  
Co-chairs

Intercity Dinner

phone 989 309 0107

email [karenranzenberger@gmail.com](mailto:karenranzenberger@gmail.com) **Invitation received: February 8th**

## News from Zonta International

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Zontians - Help us Spread the Word!!

Zonta International Foundation is pleased to be participating in the 2011 Bank of America Chicago Marathon, one of the premier races in the world, on October 9, 2011.

More than 150 nonprofit organizations raise more than US\$11.5 million for local, national and global causes through the Marathon's charity program. As a contributing charity, the Zonta International Foundation Bank of America Chicago Marathon Team will be running and raising money to support Zonta's international service projects and educational award programs, with a team goal to raise US\$21,000.

The Marathon is also a great opportunity to raise awareness of Zonta International on a large scale. As one of the most prestigious marathons in the world, the Marathon annually attracts 45,000 participants from all 50 states and more than 100 countries, in addition to an estimated 1.7 million spectators, all of whom will have the opportunity to see the Zonta logo prominently displayed on our team t-shirts - valuable advertising that Zonta could otherwise not afford.

You do not need to be a member of Zonta International to join the Zonta International Foundation Team. Please forward this email to your friends, family and colleagues and encourage them to join our team or support our fundraising efforts. Every mile ran and every dollar raised will help us advance the status of women worldwide.

Space fills up quickly so the time to register is now! Register for the 2011 Bank of America Chicago Marathon

Help the Team reach its fundraising goal - donate now!

Questions about the Zonta International Foundation Bank of America Chicago Marathon Team? Visit our [team page](#) or contact the [Team Coordinator](#).

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**[More from Zonta International](#)**

Dear Zontians,

We are pleased to inform you that beginning with the next issue of The Zontian magazine, all members will have the option to choose whether they would like to receive the magazine in its current, printed format or would prefer to read it online in its [new digital format](#). An email will be sent when the latest issue is available online.

Those members wishing to no longer receive a printed copy of The Zontian magazine should notify Zonta International Headquarters at [pr@zonta.org](mailto:pr@zonta.org), and you will be removed from our distribution list. Please include the following information in your email.

- Given Name
- Birth Name
- Club Name

Please note that we will continue printing and mailing The Zontian magazine to those members who wish to continue receive printed copy. You do not need to take any action to remain on the distribution list.

Sincerely,

Zonta International Headquarters



March 2011

Dear Zontians,

Celebrated annually on 8 March, International Women's Day (IWD) was officially established in 1977 by the United Nations as a day for women's rights and international peace; however, the earliest International Women's Day celebration dates back to 1911 when more than one million women and men in Austria, Denmark, Germany and Switzerland attended IWD rallies campaigning for women's rights to work, vote, be trained, hold public office and end discrimination. The 2011 International Women's Day, therefore, marks 100 years of International Women's Day being celebrated around the world. 8 March also marks Zonta Rose Day, an opportunity for Zonta clubs around the world to raise awareness in their local communities of Zonta International's mission to advance the status of women worldwide.

Let us all take this opportunity to reflect on the achievements of the past and prepare for the challenges that lie ahead as we continue and strengthen our efforts to advance the status of women worldwide. This year, as we observe International Women's Day, we have much to celebrate and be proud of. This biennium, we have pledged more than US\$2 million to international service projects benefiting women around the world, building on the progress made in Rwanda, Liberia, Guatemala and El Salvador over the last two years and expanding our support to victims of violence in Cambodia, Nepal, Uganda and Haiti. The Amelia Earhart Fellowship, Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarship and Young Women in Public Affairs Award programs are opening new doors for more and more women in education and careers traditionally dominated by men. Real progress is being made; however, we must all renew our commitment to ensuring that we continue to build on the success of these projects and programs.

I encourage you as districts, clubs and individual Zontians to celebrate International Women's Day and Zonta Rose Day in a meaningful way. Plan a service project in your local community; invite a friend or colleague to learn more about Zonta membership; make a donation to the Zonta International Rose Fund. Whatever you choose to do, I hope this centenary International Women's Day is an inspiration to us all to strengthen our commitments to our service projects and advocacy efforts that ensure a better future for women and girls worldwide.

Warm regards,

Dianne K. Curtis  
Zonta International President



Garment workers parading in NYC, 1916



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## The National Women's History Museum Celebrates Women's History Month

In honor of this year's National Women's History Month and the 100th anniversary of International Women's Day (IWD) on March 8th, NWHM has released a mini-documentary that traces the origin of the month-long celebration, and its close ties to IWD. The video also explores the roles of both American and international women in bringing about both holidays.

The first International Women's Day in 1911 came during a time of great revolution and solidarity amongst women's groups around the world. The celebration emerged from the activities of the labor and woman suffrage movements of the 20th century in North America and Europe, and the efforts of American women had great influence on the development of the holiday.

In particular, the brave actions of the women who participated in the New York Shirtwaist Strike in 1909 and 1910, in which some 20,000 people protested unfair work conditions, helped catapult IWD into existence.

Decades later, during the 1970s, under growing momentum from the second wave of the women's movement, a National Women's History Week was established in 1978 by the Sonoma County Commission on the Status of Women in California. The week in March was chosen to coincide with International Women's Day, and in 1987, Congress expanded the week to a full month.

This video will inspire the public to actively explore the historical experiences and contributions of women throughout our nation's history.

To view the video go to <http://www.nwhm.org/about-nwhm/press/featured-press/womens-history>.

### **Committee Reports:**

#### **Fellowship, Program and Special Events**

No Committee Report Filed - Bea Jaye Bedell and Melody Atwood Co-Chairs

#### **Membership Committee**

A new portable Zonta membership ID pin box was purchased and proved to be everything we thought it would be. Membership has acquired the Zonta pin, Member Name tag and club roster and will have all on hand for the Sherrie Graham's installation. The Membership Committee is continuing to pursue all leads on potential new members. No Board Action Required - Margaret Groves Acting Chair

#### **International Relations/United Nations**

During the month of March is when we celebrate International Women's Day and Zonta Rose Day. Zonta Club of Lansing because of a number of events happening; *The Riverfront Theatre* play, illnesses, and vacations, getting the committees together to discuss Zonta Rose Day came and went. Sally Churchill found a supply of gorgeous medium size postcards with bouquets of yellow roses printed on the front. With Zonta Rose Day in mind the postcards were donated to the club to send with what ever heart felt comments the sender thought of written on the backside. Recipients could keep the postcard forever, knowing the lovely yellow roses would never wilt. Our thanks to Sally Churchill for her forward thinking and her generous contribution to Zonta and it is my wish that she keeps one for herself from all of her friends in Zonta Club of Lansing. (written by Melody Atwood)

Sally Churchill - Chair

#### **Public Relations and Communication**

Bi Weekly Notifications of Club Meetings and Programs are sent to the Lansing State Journal for printing in their Business Section along with their publication "The Pulse".

No Board Action Needed - Judy Manson - Chair

#### **Service Ways and Means**

Our theater party fund raiser was held at Riverwalk Theatre on Wednesday, February 23. It was a rehearsal of Hairspray. Those who attended were treated to an outstanding, energetic presentation. We felt it was the best performance we have had at any of our theater parties. A number of members contributed goodies for the attendees. Lacking space, we did not offer silent auction items as we did at the Boarshead in the past, but we did hold a 50/50 raffle.

We do not yet have financial results but our attendance and advertising revenue were both disappointing.

Recommendation: Before holding another theater party, establish a plan to sell tickets that reaches out to the general public, in addition to asking members to sell to our acquaintances.

Sue Eareckson and Darlene Harris, Co-Chairs

#### **Status of Women**

Just want to summarize the current attacks on women:

1. Effort to redefine rape
2. GA bill to change the legal term for victims of rape, stalking, and domestic violence to "accuser"
3. SD effort to make it legal to murder a doctor who provides abortion care
4. Effort to cut nearly a billion dollars of food and other aid to low-income pregnant women, mothers, babies, and kids
5. Congressional bill that would let hospitals allow a woman to die rather than perform an abortion necessary to save life
6. MD end of money for low-income kids' preschool program (women should really be home with kids, not out working)
7. Federal effort to cut Head Start monies
8. Congressional effort to cut funding for employment services, meals, and housing for senior citizens (many of whom are women)
9. Bill to cut all federal funding for Planned Parenthood health centers--provider of basic health care and family planning
10. Push to eliminate all funds for federal family planning (for humans) - a bill has been proposed to provide contraception for wild horses

No Board Action Required - 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

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**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](mailto:hildapat@gmail.com)

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**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](mailto: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.

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**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](http://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	<u>Fri. June 3</u> 6-8pm Opening Reception
Late Registration (May 1 - May 27)	\$200	<u>Sat. June 4</u> 7:30am-4:45 Workshops 6-10pm Banquet
Hotel Room Rates - single or double occupancy, plus \$10 resort fee	\$109	<u>Sun. June 5</u> 9am-Noon Workshops/ Brunch 12pm Program Concludes
<b>Amenities:</b> 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		

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](mailto:joyorlich@sbcglobal.net)

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## 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**

<i>Workshop Series</i>	<i>Track 1 Advocacy</i>	<i>Track 2 Leadership</i>	<i>Track 3 Membership</i>	<i>Track 4 Public Relations</i>	<i>_1<sup>st</sup> Choice</i> <i>_2<sup>nd</sup> Choice</i>
<b>Saturday</b> <b>10:15-11:45</b>	<b>1A</b> -Creating a N. American strategy on Zonta issues	<b>2A</b> – Addressing Intergenerational Issues-What do women in Zonta want?	<b>3A</b> – Building a cooperative membership strategy for North America- Part 1	<b>4A</b> – Developing a N. American PR Strategy – Part 1	# _____ # _____
<b>Saturday</b> <b>1:45-3:15</b>	<b>1B</b> – Maximizing our Relationship to the United Nations	<b>2B</b> – Beating Negativity and driving positive change	<b>3B</b> – Supporting regional growth plans for Zonta – Part 2	<b>4B</b> – Developing a N. American PR Strategy – Part 2	# _____ # _____
<b>Saturday</b> <b>3:30-4:45</b>	<b>1C</b> – Ratifying CEDAW in the US	<b>2C</b> – Growing Leadership in Zonta – What does the date tell us?	<b>3C</b> – Working for Win-Win in Zonta Conflicts	<b>4C</b> – Maximizing Social Media to Zonta's Advantage	# _____ # _____
<b>Sunday</b> <b>9:00-10:30</b>	<b>1D</b> – Working for Women's Total Health	<b>2D</b> – Mentoring and Coaching Zontians to Excellence	<b>3D</b> – Getting Zonta Business Done Well – Why are our meetings so ___?	<b>4D</b> – Branding, Marketing and Reaching a Multi-Cultural Audience	# _____ # _____



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Zonta Club of: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Please list prior Zonta offices you have held:

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Please indicate if you have any special dietary considerations: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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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](mailto:joyorlich@sbcglobal.net)



**When is the last time that you looked at:**

**Zonta International's Website?**

**Zonta District 15's Website?**

**Zonta Club of Lansing's Website?**

**Did you know we are listed on Facebook? We have made "facebook friends" with many other Zonta Clubs from around the country and the world. Spend a free minute on the computer. You will be amazed at all the Zonta Information there is out there. All of the photos of people you may know or just may have heard of. It is fun to put a face to the name.**



***March is when we celebrate International Women's Day and Zonta Rose Day. Have you sent out your Rose postcard yet?***