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September 2010 Newsletter

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21 Business/Committee
28 Executive Board Meeting

Membership Anniversaries

1960 Norma Bunday
1978 Eleanor Smith
2006 Mary Haskell

October

5 Business/Committee
12 Hats Off to Lucile Event
19 Program - Dr. Tara Harrison, D.V.M.
26 Executive Board Meeting

Member Birthdays

September 7th Eleanor Smith

Have you checked out Zonta International website yet?

If not please do. There is some very valuable information that each and every one of us could use. The website address is as follows:

<http://www.Zonta.org>

New member committee assignments announced:

Carrie Linderoth has been assigned to Membership and Classification and Teresa Szymanski has been assigned to Status of Women Committee. Committees chairs are Elaine West for Membership and Dorothy Mistifer for Status of Women. Both Elaine and Dorothy are excellent leaders and will do all they can to assist you with any questions you may have.

Last month Dorothy Mistifer told us of the new exhibit at the Michigan Women's Hall of Fame. As a reminder, the event date, time and location are shown below.

Subject: Celebrate the Michigan Suffragist Movement!

Dear Friends:

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Fall Conference 15 - 17 October, 2010

Island Resort & Casino

Harris, MI

Hosted by Zonta Club of Iron
Mountain/Kingsford Area

Conference Deadline Dates are as follows: The bus for the Lansing Area departs from the Okemos park-n-go lot. If you are planning to go with the bus, please reserve your seat by September 22, 2010. Once you are there, the fun begins. Friday night is "Camping Night."

Saturday consists of great meetings during the day and Saturday evening is the Formal Banquet with everyone in their finest to witness Board Member Installation. with club presidents and past governors being recognized for their hard work. Sunday will be the Service of Remembrance, honoring Zontians who have passed away within the last year. This will include our own member Lucile Belen.

News From Zonta International:

#1

2 September 2010

Dear Zontians,

We have received numerous inquiries from members as to the situation in Iran, i.e. the stoning of women and violence against women. We want to assure our members that we are addressing this matter through our L.A.A. and UN Committees. We have prepared a statement which will be sent to the Iranian Ambassador to the United Nations in New York. A copy of the statement can be found on our website.

Please note that Districts, Clubs and members should take no action in Zonta's name on this matter due to the adverse effect this will have on those already being persecuted by the Iranian regime. Our Advocacy Policy and Advocacy Protocol is that "members must refer matters of concern in a country other than their own to the International UN Chairman." She will then consult with the International LAA Chairman and International President and a statement, if deemed desirable, will be prepared and signed by the International President. These policies govern all Zonta Districts, Clubs and members. The "Tools" page in the members' resources section of the Zonta website holds the entire text of the Protocol.

It is most troubling that some members/districts have taken action contrary to our policies; therefore I would request that ALL members become familiar with the guidelines before taking action. If in doubt, you can contact the LAA Chairman. That is the best course of action so that the entire Zonta world is in accord.

Also keep in mind that Zontians, whether members, Clubs or Districts, should not sign any petitions put forward by other organizations in Zonta's name. That applies to this matter as well as any other advocacy issue that should arise.

We are well aware of the feelings of Zontians on this matter, but we also realize that "mass mailings" may do more harm than good for the people we are trying to help. We feel the above is the best course of action at this time.

Yours in Zonta,

Dianne K. Curtis
Zonta International President
Zonta International Foundation President

#2

15 September 2010

Dear Zontians,

It gives me great pleasure to share with you the appointment of Michelle Bachelet, former President of Chile, as the new Under-Secretary-General of UN Women. The appointment was announced yesterday by UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon. Read the official announcement [here](#).

Ms. Bachelet has proven herself to be a capable and strong leader and a passionate advocate for the rights of women and girls. Her appointment comes at a critical juncture for UN Women which the UN hopes to have fully operational by 1 January 2011.

I look forward to hearing more about her vision for UN Women and about how she envisions working with NGOs and women's organizations to realize that vision once she is formally appointed this Sunday, 19 September.

I will continue to keep you informed of any news related to UN Women and Under-Secretary-General Michelle Bachelet as it becomes available.

Warm regards,
Dianne K. Curtis
Zonta International President
Zonta International Foundation President



INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE
SEPTEMBER 21, 2010

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In 1981, the UN General Assembly established the International Day of Peace “for commemorating and strengthening the ideals of peace within and among all nations and people.” It is observed every year on September 21st. It is a global call for ceasefire in conflict zones as well as for non-violence. In the 2010 message of Ban-Ki Moon, Secretary General of the United Nations, he called on the world to mark the International Day of Peace, which he called “...a day on which armed conflict is meant to be stilled...a day on which we appeal to combatants to observe a ceasefire...a day on which we reaffirm commitment to non-violence and the peaceful resolution of disputes.” He also noted that during the International Year of Youth (12 August 2010 to 11 August 2011) “Young people already play a crucial role in working for peace. Yet I know they can do even more...the world’s concerns will soon be in your hands.” This year’s observance is focusing on youth and development under the slogan “Peace=Future.”

This year, the International Day of Peace occurs during the Summit I which is being convened in order to advance progress toward meeting the objectives of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). According to the Secretary General, “Achieving the goals is essential for ending armed conflict and building sustainable peace.”

Because the International Day of Peace falls in the middle of the Millennium Development Goals Summit, it will be observed on Friday, 17 September, at 8:45 a.m. with the traditional Peace Bell Ceremony by the Secretary General in the Rose Garden at UN headquarters. Watch a promotional video for the International Day of Peace.

Zonta has a long history of involvement with the United Nations dating back to our support for its formation. Zonta gained consultative status at the United Nations in 1969 and has held that status ever since. Back in 1946 a resolution titled “Action for World Peace” was adopted by Zonta International. Having just experienced World War II, the members were obviously eager for the world to understand the devastation that had occurred and to agree to peaceful resolutions to conflicts or disputes.

More information on the International Day of Peace can be found on the Zonta International website under international advocacy as well as at www.un.org/en/events/peaceday/2010/broadcast.shtml.

Mary Ann Tarantula
Chairman, Zonta International UN Committee

[From District 15](#)

District 15 Newsletter - The Bridge

The Bridge is Now Available for Your Reading Pleasure!

Summer 2010 Zonta District 15 edition of The Bridge.

This issue is packed with District 15 news! Become a more informed and enlightened Zontian today.

Here's how:

From September 2, 2010, The Bridge will be available on the District 15 website at:

<http://www.zonta15.org>

Enjoy!

Committee Reports:

Fellowship, Program and Special Events

September started out a little backwards this month with the monthly program on our first meeting of the month. But the change in the schedule was well worth it. Terri Shaver of the "Oldham Project" spoke to us from the heart and showed how even in the face of a devastating illness we are all beautiful. During her program, you could have heard a pin drop. Everyone was holding their breath and holding back the tears for these beautiful women. The October program will have Dr. Tara Harrison of Potter Park Zoo speaking regarding women in Veterinary Medicine.

Jackie Pulford a member of this committee was on the receiving end of the Fellowship from Zonta. Jackie was in the hospital and was operated on at 4:30 a.m. for appendicitis. This time she didn't have to mail out a get well card. She was on the receiving end. Jackie is back on her feet and working hard for Zonta as always. **Special Events** is still working closely with Service Ways and Means on the "Hats Off to Lucile, Own a Piece of the Legacy". The invitation design and printing were completed and a second invitation mailer will be mailed around October 1st. We have mailed out over 250+ invitations to the event. Please sell your tickets and ask for more. We want this to be a huge success. Checks should be made out to Zonta Club of Lansing. After expenses have been paid, the remainder of the money will go to the Zonta Club of Lansing Foundation for disbursement to Lucile's favorite charities.

Melody Atwood and Bea Jaye Bedell Co-Chairs

International Relations/United Nations

No Report

Sally Churchill - Chair

Membership and Classifications

See New Member Assignments page 1

Elaine West - Chair

Public Relations and Communication

No Report

Judy Manson - Chair

Service Ways and Means

No Report

Sue Eareckson and Darlene Harris Co-Chairs

Status of Women

From: Michigan Women [mailto:info@michiganwomen.org]

Sent: Wednesday, July 28, 2010 4:59 PM

To: McLaren Medical

Subject: Celebrate the Michigan Suffragist Movement!

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Did you know that Michigan was the second state to put women's suffrage on the ballot? Or that it took four attempts and over seventy years to get male voters to approve the issue? Although suffragists faced devastating and sometimes dishonest defeats, they learn new strategies. The second generation of Michigan suffragists recognized the importance of working with women's organizations for suffrage. In 1918, when women's suffrage passed in Michigan, it was the work done by clubwomen largely responsible for winning Michigan women the vote two years before the ratification of the 19th amendment. One woman alone can be a formidable force, but women working together are unstoppable.

Michigan Women's Hall of Fame

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Lansing, MI 48933

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Michigan Women's Hall of Fame

In Celebration of Michigan Women

27th Annual Awards Dinner and Induction Ceremony

Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center, East Lansing, MI

Tuesday, October 19, 2010

Make reservations at www.michiganwomenshalloffame.org

Young Women in Public Affairs Award - This award recognizes young women for their demonstrated leadership skills and commitment to leadership in public policy, government, and volunteer organizations. Applicants must be 16-19 years old and living or studying in a Zonta district at the time of application. Applicants must also demonstrate evidence of experience in student government and knowledge of Zonta and its programs, and they must advocate on behalf of Zonta's mission to advance the status of women. Members are asked to nominate young women; the application can be found on the Zonta International website.

Dorothy Mitstifer - Chair

Organization Z Club and Golden Z Club

No Report

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