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November 2010 Newsletter

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November 2010

November

- 2 Business/Committee Meeting
- 16 Program - Review of District Conference
- 23 Executive Board Meeting

December

- 7 Business/Committee
- 14 Christmas Dinner Party (evening)
- No Executive Board Meeting

Membership Anniversaries

1989 Gail Shafer-Crane

Member Birthdays

November 29th Melody Atwood



Member of Zonta International

SALUTES

Mary Alkey
Sandy Draggoo
Doreen Marguerite Hurley
Augusta Jane Chapin

Advancing the Status of Women

This is the quarter page ad that Zonta Club of Lansing placed in the Michigan Women's Hall of Fame New Member Induction Ceremony program. The event took place in October 19th, 2010. Here is something to be proud of: Every Zontian who has been inducted into the Michigan Women's Hall of Fame, have been members of Zonta Club of Lansing. Congratulations to the new inductees and Congratulations to Zonta Club of Lansing. All of our ladies are winners!

When is the last time you checked out Zonta International website?

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TO: All Members

29 October 2010

It is my pleasure to announce that in its October meeting the Board has appointed Jason Friske as Executive Director of Zonta International effective immediately.

Jason Friske has served our organization for three and a half years. He started as the Director of Member Services and has, for the past five months, been Acting Executive Director. In this most recent assignment, he has given proof of being an excellent and capable manager. His organizational skills, as well as his knowledge of state of the art office technology, were most valuable when Headquarters was moved from downtown Chicago to the Oak Brook offices. Most of all, thanks to his qualities as a leader, Headquarters can today rightfully claim to have competent and dedicated staff that together with Jason act as a team, eager to meet the needs of our members and keen on promoting the goals of Zonta.

Jason Friske has considerable experience with the management of not-for-profit-organizations, having worked for more than nine years in association management.

The Board trusts that the decision to further build on Jason Friske's qualifications as a successful not-for-profit professional, his drive, creativity and strong commitment to our mission will be most beneficial and help us to lead Zonta into a great future.

Please join me in wishing Jason Friske continuing success. At the same time, on behalf of the entire Board, I'd like to thank him and the Headquarters staff for their great contributions and their ongoing support of our work.

Kind regards,

Dianne Curtis
Zonta International President



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To: All Zontians

2 November 2010

After four months in the new biennium, we would like to update you on the status of our international projects and respond to some inquiries about promotional material.

As you remember at the 2010 ZI convention, we agreed to the proposed International Service and ZISVAW projects for the 2010–2012 Biennium. As a result, Zonta International Foundation (ZIF) entered into negotiations with the UN agencies which will manage the projects.

ZIF has been negotiating with the three UN agencies concerned and has reached agreement with UNICEF for the Prevention of Mother-to-Child Transmission of HIV and Gender-Based Violence in Rwanda project.

The remaining four projects:

- Elimination of Obstetric Fistula and the Reduction of Maternal and Newborn Mortality and Morbidity in Liberia UNFPA
- Safe Cities for Women in Guatemala City, Guatemala and San Salvador, El Salvador UNIFEM part of UN Women
- Comprehensive Strategy to End Burns Violence against Women in Cambodia, Nepal and Uganda UN Trust Fund/UNIFEM part of UN Women
- Security and Empowerment for Women and their Families: Ensuring a Gender-Responsive Humanitarian and Early Recovery Response in Haiti UNIFEM part of UN Women

are to be delivered by UNIFEM part of UN Women and UNFPA. UNIFEM is in the midst of a merger into the new UN Women organization which has delayed negotiations. We are still in negotiations with UNFPA for the obstetric fistula project.

ZIF, exercising its fiduciary responsibility, will not make payments until the contracts have been signed. The ZIF Board recognizes the importance of resolving this issue quickly.

We are committed to keeping you updated on the progress. In the meantime, a PowerPoint presentation on the Rwanda project will be posted on the website by 5 November so you may download these slides and notes and use them for your communications.

Kind regards,

Zonta International Board



16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM CAMPAIGN 2010

A GLOBAL CALL TO ACTION

To: All Zontians

The 16 Days of Activism against Gender Violence Campaign is an international campaign begun in 1991. It originated from the first Women's Global Leadership Institute sponsored by the Center for Women's Global Leadership at Rutgers University in New Jersey. The dates chosen for the campaign are November 25th, International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, through December 10th, International Human Rights Day. These particular days were chosen to reinforce that violence against women is a human rights issue and that violence against women is a human rights violation.

Each year, since 1991, the Women's Global Leadership Institute chooses a different theme. This year's theme is "Structures of Violence: Defining the Intersections of Militarism and Violence against Women" which will be a multi-year project and will address issues such as "the economic consequences of war on women, women's role in peace building and peace negotiations, violence against women committed by members of the military, sexual violence and sexual slavery in conflict situations, impunity for military personnel in cases of violence against women and women and girls' vulnerability as refugees and internally displaced persons." This theme is especially timely as we have observed, on October 20th, the 10th anniversary of the United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325 which called for parties in conflict to respect women's rights and to support their participation in peace processes.

The issue of violence against women is at the center of Zonta's mission. The 16 Days Campaign is one that has been taken up by women's groups around the world in order to shed light on the problem and to make people aware that "Violence against women is perhaps the most shameful human rights violation" (former UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan).

The question now is what can we as members, clubs and districts of Zonta International do? We can raise awareness, organize an activity, or write a letter to the editor of the newspaper. If you decide on an activity, write a press release about it. Contact local mayors, councils, county officials, etc., and ask them to get on board with the campaign through resolutions to make the campaign official. The 16 Days website has a tool kit that you can use. Go to www.cwgl.rutgers.edu/16days to see what actions can be taken and to see examples of activities from around the world. Most of all we need to assist our local communities to understand that all women are vulnerable to violence no matter their socio-economic status. We need to be a voice for those who cannot be heard.

Yours in Zonta,

Mary Ann Tarantula
Zonta International United Nations Committee Chairman

The following was sent to all District Public Relations Chairs and I wanted to make sure it was passed on to you:



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Zonta International President Receives the Prestigious Minerva Award in Rome

Dianne Curtis, President of Zonta International, was awarded the Minerva Award on November 15, 2010, in the Hall of the Capitol in Rome, Italy. Dianne Curtis, a native of Santa Clarita, California, U.S., and is the first American to receive the prestigious Minerva Award.

Zonta International is a worldwide service organization of 31,000 members in 67 countries dedicated to improving the status of women internationally through service and advocacy. A top level Non Governmental Organization (NGO), Zonta International works with various UN agencies on projects that will stop violence against women and improve the legal, political, professional, economic, health and educational status of women.

Currently Zonta International is in the process of signing Memoranda of Understandings with UNIFEM on Prevention of Mother to Child Transmission of HIV and Gender Based Violence in Rwanda, Safe Cities for Women in Guatemala and El Salvador, and Security and Empowerment for Women and their Families: Ensuring a Gender Responsive Humanitarian and Early Recovery Response in Haiti, A Strategy to Prevent Burns Violence in Cambodia, Nepal and Uganda. Zonta International is also working with UNFPA to Eliminate Obstetric Fistula and a Reduction of Maternal and newborn Mortality and Morbidity in Liberia. aq

Established in 1983 by Anna Maria Mammoliti, President of Il Club delle Donne (Women's Club), the Minerva is awarded annually to remarkable women working in the fields of Entrepreneurship and Management, Scientific Research, Arts, Literary and Social Commitment. The award recognizes women who are continuously fighting against all odds to instill new knowledge, new values, and new passions in their communities. The award has also been awarded to men for their professional and positive contributions to society. Past recipients of the Minerva Award include: Simone Veil, the first female President of the European Parliament; Noeleen Heyzer, former Executive Director of UNIFEM; Sheikha Lubna Al-Qasimi, Minister of Foreign Trade for the United Emirates and the first woman to hold a cabinet position in that country; Mama Koite Dumbia, Chairperson of FEMNET; and Khalida Messaoudi, Algeria's Minister of Culture.

International President Curtis took over the leadership of Zonta International on June 30, 2010 at the 60th biennial Zonta International Convention in San Antonio, Texas. She has been a member of the Zonta Club of Santa Clarita Valley, California since 1980. President Curtis is the owner and manager of Canyon Bulk, Inc., a trucking company and, as a young woman was a successful Ballerina dancing with the Canadian Ballet. She has two sons, Dale and Jason, and is also a devoted grandmother.

President Curtis expressed her delight upon accepting the Minerva Award, which consists of silver and gold broach, on behalf of Zonta International and promised that Zonta International would continue to do all it could to prevent violence and improve the lives of women in need throughout the world.

Committee Reports:

Fellowship, Program and Special Events

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Melody Atwood, Co-Chair
Jackie Pulford

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Bea Jaye Bedell, Co-Chair
Patricia Curran

BUSINESS/PLANS DISCUSSED:

November Program:

- *Jackie Pulford to report on District Conference held in October, 2010
- *Mary Haskell to make announcement regarding Mildred Richardson's Downtown Coach's Club Award.
- *Announcement of Christmas Party Plans

December Program:

Christmas Party, evening of December 14, 2010

Where: Country Club of Lansing
Time: Cocktails and Social Hour begins 5:45 p.m.
Entertainment Begins: 6:45 p.m.
Dinner Served 7:30 p.m.

Committee Member Assignments:

- *Dinner Menu: Patricia Curran and Bea Jaye Bedell
- *Tableware and Decorations: Jackie Pulford and Melody Atwood
- *Entertainment; Melody Atwood has obtained the Acting Up Theater Company.

Cost: **Per Member:** \$0.00 (included in food budget)
Guest Fee: \$35 (same as last 2 years)

January Program:

Arrangement made by Amelia Earhart Committee:

Location: Capital City Airport.

Committee Member Assignments:

- Confirmation of room reserved: Patricia Curran and Bea Jaye Bedell
- Ordering of Box Lunch: Patricia Curran and Bea Jaye Bedell
- Confirm Speakers: Jackie Pulford

February Program:

Michigan Women's Hall of Fame, New Exhibit

Location Michigan Women's Hall of Fame, 213 W. Main St., Lansing

Committee Member Assignments:

- Confirmation of Locations: Patricia Curran
- Speaker Confirmation: Patricia Curran (speaker)
- Box Lunch Menu & Ordering: Bea Jaye Bedell

Off Site Evening Program: Popcorn and a Movie Night

The Movie: *Iron Jawed Angels - Lead, Follow or Get Out of the Way!*

A HBO movie about the Women's Suffrage Movement. A true story of activists Alice Paul, played by Hilary Swank, and Lucy Burns played by Frances O'Connor, who take on helping American women win the right to vote.

Movie Location:

Melody Atwood's 633 Irvington Ave., Lansing. My home isn't big, but you should be comfortable. The movie will be shown on a `50" High Definition Plasma television, everyone will have a comfy spot to watch. There will be lots of popcorn for you to enjoy.

2 Dates to Vote On: The evening with the largest number of votes will be when we can get together for the movie, some popcorn and maybe some wine and cheese.

****For those that do not like to drive at night one afternoon is available.**

Wednesday, December 1st, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 2nd, 6:30 p.m.

****Tuesday, November 30th, 1:00 p.m.**

Board Action Required: None at this time

Prepared by: Melody Atwood Co-Chair

International Relations/United Nations

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: SALLY CHURCHILL, CHAIR
MILDRED RICHARDSON

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: MARY HASKELL

BUSINESS/PLANS DISCUSSED: The Zonta International Foundation (ZIF) has been in negotiations with the UN agencies that will be managing our Service and ZISVAW Projects. They have reached an agreement with UNICEF for the Prevention of Mother-to-Child Transmission of HIV and Gender-Based Violence in Rwanda Project. The remaining four projects (Obstetric Fistula and the Reduction of Maternal and Newborn Morality and Morbidity in Liberia; Safe Cities for Women in Guatemala City & San Salvador; Comprehensive Strategy to End Burns Violence against Women in Cambodia, Nepal and Uganda; Security and Empowerment for Women and their Families: Ensuring a Gender-Responsive Humanitarian and Early Recovery Response in Haiti) are to be delivered by UNFPA and UNIFEM, part of the newly formed UN WOMEN. Because UNIFEM is in the midst of a merger into UN WOMEN, the negotiations have been delayed. ZI is hopeful their negotiations with UNFPA for the Obstetric Fistula project will be resolved soon. Despite the delay with organizing, ZIF will not make payments until all contracts are in place.

BOARD ACTION NEEDED: None

Prepared by: Sally Churchill

Membership and Classifications:

Committee: Membership/Classification/Attendance

Members Present: Gloria Bouterse Margaret Groves
Gail Shafer-Crane Elaine West, Chair

Member(s) Absent: Carrie Linderoth

Actions: Potential new members will be asked to attend the Amelia Earhart Luncheon as our guest, where personal conversations will take place to encourage membership in our Club. Shirley Hyde (former member) will be invited to a meeting to give us an opportunity to ask her in person to rejoin. Mary Haskell has also submitted another name to whom solicitations will be made for membership. The Committee wishes to thank all Club members for forwarding names to the Committee for follow-up action. Margaret Groves has reorganized all name tags alphabetically to make it more convenient to find the member's tag.

Recommendations: A question for the Board and Jackie Pulford would be: Is it possible to invite our guests to the Christmas Dinner Meeting? The thought behind this surrounds a better atmosphere to create a favorable impression for potential members. This would give members an opportunity to converse with our guests.

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

No Report
Dorothy Mitstifer - Chair

Organization Z Club and Golden Z Club

No report
Mary Zehner - Chair

Club Board of Directors

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

Foundation Board of Directors

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

District 15 Officers

Denise Quarles, Governor
Karen Armaly, Lieutenant Governor-Elect
Cheryl Hall, Area 2 Director
Patty Johnson, Treasurer

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 to Melody Atwood at 881-6737 or email atwood.melody8@gmail.com

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Thanks to a writing in facebook by Jane Bitsicas, I found the following that I thought was just too good not to pass on. Enjoy!

The 25 Rules of Considerate Conduct

1. Pay attention
2. Acknowledge others
3. Think the best
4. Listen
5. Be inclusive
6. Speak kindly
7. Don't speak ill
8. Accept and give praise
9. Respect even a subtle "no"
10. Respect others' opinions
11. Mind your body
12. Be agreeable
13. Keep it down (and rediscover silence)
14. Respect other people's time
15. Respect other people's space
16. Apologize earnestly and thoughtfully
17. Assert yourself
18. Avoid personal questions
19. Care for your guests
20. Be a considerate guest
21. Think twice before asking for favors
22. Refrain from idle complaints
23. Give constructive criticism
24. Respect the environment and be gentle to animals
25. Don't shift responsibility and blame

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As seen in the Greater Lansing Women's Magazine

Eleanor Smith of Lansing, and Clare Mackey of East Lansing at the Todd Martin Development Fund Wimbledon Ball and Auction.



**CONGRATULATIONS TO:
MILDRED RICHARDSON AND HER SISTER ALDA HENDERSON**



Spartan Spirit Award

The **Spartan Spirit Award** has been presented annually since 1992 to a member/ members in good standing of the Downtown Coaches Club who, in the opinion of the Board, has/have best displayed true Spartan spirit through actions and deeds in promoting athletic teams of Michigan State University.

This year's Spartan Spirit Award goes to **Alda Henderson** and **Mildred Richardson**. Known as "the sisters," Henderson (left) and Richardson are long-time supporters of Michigan State football, basketball, hockey and many other sports. They have logged countless miles on bus rides to all Big Ten stadiums and bowl games to support the football teams. They have also served on numerous boards of non-profit organizations in the local Lansing community. Henderson and Richardson earned bachelor and master's degrees in education from Michigan State in the late 1950s and served in the Lansing School District. Henderson retired as director of elementary education, and Richardson retired as an elementary school principal. Congratulations, Alda and Mildred!