

“Hats Off to Lucile, Own a Piece of the Legacy”



On October 12th, 2010, Zonta Club of Lansing held “Hats Off to Lucile, Own a Piece of a Piece of the Legacy”. This event was a tribute to Lucile Belen and a fundraiser for some of her favorite charities. According to Lucile’s own wishes, her trademark hats were donated to us to be used to raise money to continue the good work that Zonta Club of Lansing does.

Because of Lucile’s generosity, a live auction was held at the Country Club of Lansing in which nearly 150+ people attended. The evening started out with Club President Mary Haskell welcoming everyone and then reading a letter sent to Zonta Club of Lansing by U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow who sent her apologies for not being able to attend an event that was paying tribute to a woman who was a Lansing Leader for over fifty years but also a mentor to many of the current women leaders of Lansing and surrounding areas.

Next was Fred Belen Jr., Lucile’s nephew who with his wife Gail, drove in from Oak Hill, VA to speak of growing up with a family of leaders with Lucile being no exception. He spoke of spending summers helping out at the flower shop and learning what it meant to be a Belen. You lived by hard work, honesty and respect for others and yourself. You gave back to the community in every way that you could.

After Fred finished his tribute to his exceptional Aunt Lucile, the evening was then turned over to Sherri Jones of WLNS TV6 and Scott Dorer of Securities America for the auction to begin. While the fun was going on with the live auction, in the perimeters of the room a silent auction was taking place on over 40 other hats and items belonging to Lucile.

Scott kept everyone excited to see what the next hat was going to be and how lovely it looked as Sherri modeled it for everyone to see. Sherri even got in on the fun by being the highest bidder herself on two hats, one of which she wore on TV6 News at 11:00 p.m..

We thank Sherri Jones, Scott Dorer, and Fred Belen who so graciously donated their time and talents to help Zonta Club of Lansing make the evening the huge success that it was. Everyone agrees that Lucile was looking down and smiling at what was done in her honor. Thank you Lucile for making it possible.

(Photos of the event to follow)



***Members & Guests of
Zonta Club of Lansing
as they present:
“Hats Off to Lucile,
Own a Piece of the Legacy”***





“Zonta at the Zoo”

Potter Park Zoo in Lansing was the host of Zonta at the Zoo on July 20th, 2010. This was our summer event, open to friends and families of our members. Docents and Zoo Keepers took us behind the scenes to see how some of the animals are housed, fed and cared for.

Dennis Laidler the Education Curator of the Zoo presented an up close and personal presentation of Oslo, the Owl to the crowd of wide eyed visitors. Oslo is one of the largest species of owl in the world and he lives right here in Lansing.

Dr. Tara Harrison, D.V.M. for Potter Park Zoo told of the hopes of everyone for the building of a hospital for Potter Park Zoo. She then gave a behind the scene look at the present clinic and how the animals were cared for not only during their good health but when emergencies come up and dealing with a variety of animals they do.

Zonta Club of Lansing had some outside guests that included Jason Colthorp, news anchor of WILX TV10, along with his family and camera crew. Our event was highlighted on channels 10 and 47 news. Andy Schorr, the Ingham County Commissioner also attended along with many other guests and friends of distinction.

Zonta Club of Lansing through donation raised nearly \$1000 to help build the much needed animal hospital. Our cook out and picnic was held on the exact location that the hospital is hoped to be built.

Zonta at the Zoo was a great success. Everyone that could come, did and had a wonderful time. As Vice President Pat Curran said; “We had more fun than a barrel of monkeys!”

Here are some photo's for you to enjoy: (courtesy of Greater Lansing Woman's Magazine)



