



ZONTA ZINGER
ZONTA CLUB OF JOHNSON COUNTY, KANSAS
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Zonta Club of Johnson County, Kansas
District 7 Area 4
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President's Message:

I had the privilege of attending the Zonta International Convention in Yokohama, Japan as the Club's delegate. Although I have been a Club member since 1999 (and an employee of Zonta International many years ago), I never comprehended the depth and breadth of the organization until I experienced the Convention. I met fascinating women from all over the world who are

committed to advancing the status of women worldwide, who are knowledgeable about world affairs and who are not afraid to advocate for justice and empowerment. I listened to impassioned candidates tell the delegates why they deserved to serve as officers and directors of Zonta International, all of whom were duly qualified. I witnessed lively, informed and thought-provoking debate on issues related to the governance of Zonta International and the allocation and use of Zonta's funds. And, most importantly, I experienced a camaraderie between women from the 53 countries represented who, despite cultural and language differences, all came together for a common purpose—to advance the goals and the mission of Zonta International. The 2020 Convention will be in Chicago, and I encourage you to consider attending. We will explore lodging alternatives that may make attendance more affordable and give Club members the opportunity to attend as a group. As you know, Chicago is the headquarters of Zonta International, and the Convention will culminate the celebration of Zonta's centennial anniversary.

I look forward to serving as your President. I believe in collaborative governance, so your feedback and suggestions are always welcome. We want to present programs and activities that are interesting, informative and foster collegiality among our members while promoting lifetime friendships. We also will continue our efforts to increase membership. Zonta International saw very little decline (approximately 2 percent) in overall membership during the past biennium, but any decline is disturbing. Our club also fell short of its goal of reaching 30 members by the end of the last biennium. I am hopeful we can reach this goal by the end of the current biennium. But, your help is needed to recruit potential members. At our August meeting, I will propose an incentive to recruit members for which I will seek your feedback.

As I did at the June meeting, I will give you the opportunity at each meeting to share with the Club personal celebrations and announcements. I believe that we will work better together if we know each other better. Consequently, I am initiating a newsletter feature called "Member Spotlight" which will focus on the personal lives of our members. This month, the Member Spotlight will feature Carie Burris and me. Please be ready to submit a picture and your information when it's your turn.

Marcia Charney

Upcoming Meetings and Events:

August 1, 2018	Meeting at Red Robin
August 12, 2018	Brunch at Hamburger Mary's
September 5, 2018	Meeting at Red Robin
September 29, 2018	OP Fall Festival
October 3, 2018	Meeting at Red Robin

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

MARCIA CHARNEY



I have been a member of Zonta since 1999. I graduated from Northwestern University with a degree in Journalism and landed my first job at Zonta International as an assistant editor. I subsequently graduated from UMKC Law School and have worked in private practice with two of the large law firms headquartered in Kansas City and as the Real Estate Section Chief of the Resolution Trust Corporation. I've also worked in the title insurance industry as a claims counsel and as counsel and underwriter for commercial transactions. I currently am the director of a title insurance agency. My law practice has concentrated on commercial real estate transactions. I have been active in the commercial real estate industry for several years, serving on the Board and as a past president of CREW KC (Commercial Real Estate Women) and KCRAR Commercial. I currently serve as the Managing Editor of the Real Property Books for the American Bar Association. I also have been active in community and charitable organizations, including Spofford and Cornerstones of Care.

I have two grown sons who attended Blue Valley Schools. My oldest son, Matt, is married and lives in Fort Worth, Texas. He is the chief content officer for a global staffing organization and executive editor of an online publication. My other son, Jason, is a composer with a master's in music. He currently lives in Baltimore, Maryland and is pursuing a second master's degree in art. He creates art installations with sound components, in addition to composing music.

I have been married for more than 40 years to Gil Charney, a CPA and director of tax policy at H&R Block. I enjoy traveling, live theater, watching sports (particularly the Royals, Chiefs, KU basketball and USC football), reading, movies and watching TV.

CARIE BURIS



I'm a 39 year old wife (15 years) to Pierre and a mother of three awesome children (Remy, age 14; Jada, age 12; and Emri, age 4). I enjoy spending lots of time with my family and friends, working out, a great glass of wine, and volunteering in my community and at my children's schools. I've been a hairstylist for 20 years. I absolutely love my job, and I have the best clients.

I enjoy vacationing every spring break in Arizona with my family and cherish the adults-only trips I take with Pierre. Something you may not know about me, and I know this is shocking, but I do not like talking to a large group of people. I've thoroughly enjoyed my first few years in Zonta, the new friends I've made and sharing this group with my mom* and close friends. I am looking forward to many, many more years as a Zontian.

**Club member Tobi Starks*