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*Building Zonta in  
the 21<sup>st</sup> Century –  
Inspired by the  
Challenge of  
Change*



Dear fellow Zontians,

Part of the featured entertainment at the Zonta International Convention in San Antonio two years ago was a Texas longhorn named Oreo. Somewhere in my archives there is a photo of us with the great ragged beast. In actuality, he was a big old sweetie pie. He had to be to let thousands of noisy Zontian women sit on his back and grab him by the horns for countless photos. In reminiscing about my two-year term as your president, I think we have done a respectable job of grabbing the bull by the horns for what has turned out to be quite a ride!

I step down with a great feeling about the future of our Club. We have grown during the past two years. Our most notable accomplishments include:

- The development of an important service relationship with Keeler Women's Center that aligns perfectly with the Zonta mission. The incredible gifts of personal toiletries, household goods, handmade gift bags, ESL tutoring, and the job search/resume writing sessions illustrate the depth of our work.
- Four new members: Pam Fellingham, Kathleen Long, Joyce Abraham, and Sheri Stewart! This is an accomplishment for which each of you deserves a pat on the back.
- We have given two YWPA Scholarships amounting to \$1,000 each and two \$500 non-traditional scholarships to some incredible women. These scholarships are only possible through your generous donation of time and energy. We had 22 applicants for our recent YWPA Scholarship, which tells us that we have credibility and good exposure!
- We are very close to budget targets, and in some cases over target, in a year when one of our clowning events went by the wayside due to budget cuts. The Bunko for Zonta event will hopefully add some "cushion" to our general fund.
- Members are stepping up to take on and manage assignments! Thank you one and all! Please keep your momentum and support our new officers as much as possible.
- And, a contribution for which I am personally thankful – each of you reached into your wallets to make an individual contribution to the Zonta International Foundation (donations amounting to just over \$600) so that our Club could be among those who had 100% individual participation. These contributions are very important to Zonta's work throughout the world.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart for a great couple of years!

Dolo



► Prospective/New Member Spotlight



**Sheri Nowak Stewart, Ed.D.**

Sheri Nowak Stewart has been an educator for over 40 years, primarily in gifted education. Sheri's doctoral work in Educational Leadership and Policy Studies emphasized district level school administration, staff development, and gifted education. Most recently, she was the coordinator of an exemplary gifted program in the Blue Valley School District in Kansas City and consulted with other school districts that were planning programs for their gifted students.

She has served on the board of directors for state gifted associations in Nebraska, Colorado, and Kansas and on the executive committees of two National Association for Gifted Children Divisions. When she was State Director for Gifted Education in Nebraska, she directed the writing of new state regulations for gifted education. She is also a former professor of gifted education where she was graduate advisor to over 200 teachers of the gifted.

Sheri is currently the President-Elect of the Kansas Association for the Gifted, Talented, and Creative and is this year's conference chair.

Sheri has been approved for Club membership, and she will be installed at the May meeting.

**Minutes — April 4, 2012**

The meeting of the Zonta Club of Johnson County, Kansas, was called to order by Dolo Otto at 6:50 p.m. on April 4, 2012. Members in attendance were Ruth Holzschuh, Pam Fellingham, Marie Kolich, Dolo Otto, Barbara Page-Stocks, Joan Korek, Kathleen Long, Dawna Adams-Davis, Cynthia Yin, Marcia Charney, Joyce Dutcher, Dorothy Tomc, Cheryl Disney Breeden, Anne McCleery, and Mary Mondi.

The minutes from the March meeting were moved for approval by Barbara Page-Stocks and seconded by Kathleen Long. The motion carried.

The Service Hours Log was circulated.

Marie Kolich gave the Treasurer's Report, which was filed for audit. Marie reminded everyone that the dues are \$139 and due to her by May 15th. New members are charged a onetime \$15 fee.

The Zonta Quiz was completed.

Our "Bunko for Zonta" fundraiser is scheduled for April 29, from 2-4 p.m., at Tomahawk Ridge Community Center. Members are encouraged to come and bring friends. Three prizes will be awarded including an Intercontinental Hotel overnight stay, a beauty basket, and a beautiful potted plant. Anne McCleery and Mary Mondi circulated a form to sign up to bring cookies, cheese and crackers, and grapes. Dorothy has cups; Cynthia has nametags, sharpies and napkins. Dawna's contact for discount dinner cards was not available but she will continue to pursue more info.

There was no discussion for membership although the Bunko party will be excellent exposure for the club and information will be available for interested persons.

Pam Fellingham reported on advocacy in connection with Zonta. She said that our involvement at the Keeler Women's Center with interviews and resumes qualifies and that sharing information about women in other countries at our meetings would also count. Letters to congress must be done as

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a club and there would be opportunities for this.

Anne McCleery thanked everyone for contributing toiletries for Keeler, and she thinks they may need more candles. April 15-21 is National Volunteer Week, and there will be a reception on April 23rd at Keeler Women's Center for its volunteers. Club members are invited to attend.

Dawna Adams-Davis talked about the U.N., and she noted that Zonta has been closely associated with the U.N. since 1946 and continues to bring women's issues to the U.N. The keynote speaker at the Zonta International Convention in Torino this year is from the U.N.

Marcia Charney announced that this year's YWPA winner (selected from a field of 22 applicants) is Ava Clark from Shawnee Mission West. Ava is going to pursue a career in engineering and is presently active in student council, yearbook, and charitable activities including a food drive, a blood drive, and Relay for Life. She also is a participant in Shawnee Mission West's honor's program. Dolo Otto thanked Joyce Dutcher for her calls to the counselors at the high schools to achieve the high participant number.

Mary Mondi thanked everyone who donated cookies and flowers for the Rose Day celebration at Overland Park Elementary School. Dolo and Dawna helped in the set-up at the school.

Ruth Holzschuh noted that the Amelia Earhart Luncheon will be at the Grand Street Café on January 19, 2013. Tickets will be \$32.00, the social will begin at 12:00 noon, and lunch will be at 12:30 p.m.

We are going to try to sell the Club's two African batiks at the Area 4 meeting for \$75.00 each.

The Jane Klausman Scholarship deadline is July 1, 2012. We will advertise it at the Bunko party.

Dorothy Tomc has set up the installation



*Minutes continued:* dinner for new officers at the WestChase Grille on May 2, 2012, at 6:30 p.m. Please RSVP by April 30, 2012. Dolo Otto will get roses and Anne McCleery will get the candles and set up a special table for the ceremony. Dolo Otto asked for a biographical paragraph for each new officer.

There will be a joint meeting of the outgoing and incoming officers at Fortune Star on Wednesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 p.m.

Marcia thanked everyone for the donations to Spofford Home in lieu of The Stone Soup Supper.

Ruth Holzschuh moved that Anne McCleery be the delegate to the International Convention in Torino, the motion was seconded by Joan Korek, and the motion carried unanimously.

Pam Fellingham presented her friend, Sheri Stewart, and moved that she be accepted for Club membership. The motion was seconded by Barbara Page-Stocks. The motion was approved unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Mondri

### *Items of Note!*

- We sold both African batiks at the **Zonta Area 4 Meeting** for \$75 each. We also sold one handmade scarf for \$5! A nice addition to the Club's general fund.
- **REMINDER: "Bunko for Zonta"** will be held on **Sunday, April 29, 2012, from 2 to 4 p.m. at Tomahawk Ridge Community Center, 11902 Lowell, in Overland Park.** *Each of you is encouraged to recruit at least three people to play BUNKO!* A giant THANK YOU goes to Suzanne Hoff, Cynthia Yin, et al., for organizing!
- Human Rights Conference (CRC/CEDAW): Anne McCleery is "in the know" regarding the upcoming conference, which will be held Thursday evening and all day Friday, October 4 – 5, at the Embassy Suites Plaza Hotel.
- Amelia Earhart Luncheon 2013: Ruth Holzschuh and Dawna Adams-Davis are already busy at work on the next Amelia Earhart Luncheon. **SAVE THE DATE: January 19, 2013 — Grand Street Café!** Social at 12:00 noon with a cash bar for wine, and lunch will begin at 12:30 p.m.
- For those of you who have not heard, our YWPA Scholarship winner is Ava Clark from Shawnee Mission West. We advanced her application to the District level by the April 1<sup>st</sup> deadline.
- Anne McCleery will represent the Zonta Club of Johnson County, Kansas, at the Zonta International Convention in Torino. The 2012 Convention Voting Credentials Registration Form has been filed with, and acknowledged by, Zonta International (naming Anne as the delegate). We will discuss at the May 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting whether the Club can provide buttons for Anne to use at the Convention.
- Just a reminder to the incoming and outgoing officers and directors that we will meet at Fortune Star on May 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. to "pass the torch"!
- Don't forget about "From Russia with Love!" — the spring fund raiser for the Zonta Club KCMO II, Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, from 6 – 10 p.m. at the Filipino Cultural Center.

Installation of Officers and New  
Member Sheri Stewart  
YWPA Award Presentation  
Wednesday, May 2, 2012  
6:30 p.m.  
WestChase Grille  
(Thank you Dorothy Tomc for coordinating)



*More Items of Note!*

- PLEASE NOTE: The June 6th Zonta Club meeting will be at Mary Mondi’s house at 6:30 p.m. Mary lives at 10517 W 102<sup>nd</sup> Terrace, in Overland Park. To get to Mary’s house from the intersection of Hwy 69 and 103<sup>rd</sup> Street, go west on 103<sup>rd</sup> Street. Take the first right-hand turn onto Goddard Street. Go past three houses and right turn onto 102<sup>nd</sup> Terrace. Go past three more houses, and Mary’s house is on the corner of Larson and 102<sup>nd</sup> Terrace. The driveway is on Larson, and Mary asks that you please park on Larson. (Goddard is between Antioch and Quivira.)
- The ZI Area 4 Meeting, organized by the KCI MO club was interesting and informative. A job well done!
- Item of interest: The Zonta Emblem has been approved as a registered trademark!



Calendar of Events/Deadlines				
Date	Activity	Time/Location	Agenda/Speaker/Guests	Notes
04/28/12	From Russia with Love! (KCMO II)	6-10 p.m. Filipino Cultural Center		
04/29/12	BUNKO FOR ZONTA	2-4 p.m. Tomahawk Ridge Community Center		
05/02/12	Annual Meeting/Officer Installation Dinner	6:30 p.m. WestChase Grille		
05/09/12	Joint meeting of outgoing and incoming officers and directors to “pass the torch”	6:30 p.m. Fortune Star		
05/21/12	Delegate/proxy registration deadline	Int’l. Convention/Torino		
May 2012	Officers reports to ZI HQ/Annual Club Report to Area Director by May 1/dues + updated club list to ZI HQ by June 1/ Jane Klausman to District Governor/committee by May 31.			
10/04-05/12	Human Rights Conference (CRC/CEDAW)	Embassy Suites Hotel on the Plaza		
01/19/13	Amelia Earhart Luncheon	12:00 noon social; 12:30 p.m. lunch, Grand Street Café		
06/06/12	Club Meeting	6:30 p.m. Mary Mondi’s house, 10517 W 102 <sup>nd</sup> Terrace, Overland Park, KS		

