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Advancing the Status of Women Worldwide

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*Building Zonta in the
21st Century –
Inspired by the
Challenge of Change*



Dear Zonta Friends,

Besides back-to-school sales and heat, August boasts such little-known holidays as Girlfriend’s Day, International Beer Day, National Chocolate Chip Day, Happiness Happens Day, and Kiss and Make up Day! One of the more meaningful holidays is Women’s Equality Day, celebrated on August 26th. It was on this day in 1920, that the 19th amendment was ratified, giving American women full voting privileges.

Eight of our club members were among hundreds of people who celebrated the Keeler Women’s Center’s 10th anniversary on July 12th. The speaker was Wanjira Maathai, daughter of Nobel Prize winner Wangari Maathai, founder of the Green Belt reforestation project in Kenya. We learned that Wangari was an alumna of Mt. Saint Scholastica in Atchison. She had been involved in a special program, initiated by (then Senator) John F. Kennedy, to bring 300 Kenyans to study in the United States.

I hope you have received your Call to Conference e-mail for the District 7 Conference in St. Louis. It will be held at the Hilton St. Louis Frontenac from September 20 -22. Please let me know if you plan to attend.

We will be celebrating “Thank Goodness We’re Zontians” next Wednesday, August 7th at the Gramercy Park Club House. The other Kansas City clubs have been invited to share in a happy hour event from 6:00-7:30. The social will be followed by a brief business meeting for our members. Thank you, Marie, for organizing the list of supplies and refreshments!

Hope to see you there!

Dawna

Minutes (to be sent in a separate e-mail)

U. N. News- Three Notable Women

Malala Yousafzai, the Pakistani girl who was shot by the Taliban for promoting education for females, spoke at the U.N. on her 16th birthday. Her words were profound: “Let us pick up our books and our pens. They are our most powerful weapons. One child, one teacher, one book, and one pen can change the world.”

Besides being the first woman and the first environmentalist to win the Nobel Peace Prize, Wangari Maathai was also honored as a United Nations Messenger of Peace. Throughout her life, she worked tirelessly to promote peace, equality, and environmental protection.

Nicole Kidman, a dual citizen of the U.S. and Australia, is the current Goodwill Ambassador of the U.N. Women, and the spokesperson for the “Say No-UNiTE to End Violence against Women” initiative. On July 13th, Ms Kidman and the U.N. Women received the Cinema for Peace honorary award in Berlin.

FYI

Another informative website is womenandgirlslead.org. It describes a several year public media effort to educate people across the world about the issues facing girls and women.

Words of Wisdom

“Peace is not just a colored ribbon. It’s not just a folksong, or a white dove. Peace is a full-time job. It’s protecting civilians, overseeing elections, and disarming ex-combatants. The U.N. has over 100,000 peacekeepers on the ground, in places others can’t or won’t go, doing things others can’t or won’t do. Peace, like war, must be waged.” George Clooney

Dates to Remember

08/07/13	Interclub Activity	Gramercy Park Clubhouse
09/04/13	Business Meeting	Conroy’s
09/20-22/13	District 7 Conference	St. Louis, Mo.
09/28/13	Fall Festival	Overland Park, Ks.

Gramercy Park Clubhouse 10102 W. 96th Terrace Overland Park, Ks.