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



Dear fellow Zontians,

It is time to elect the Nominating Committee to draft the next slate of leadership candidates for the Zonta Club of Johnson County, Kansas. I ask each of you to seriously consider how you, individually, can carry the Zonta banner into the future. I also encourage you to think about the various projects of our Club. Perhaps you won't have an interest in being the Club president, but you might be willing to be responsible for getting volunteers signed up for the Overland Park Fall Festival. You may not want to be the Club secretary, but perhaps you would like to be responsible for the Club's scholarship programs. You might not have the skills necessary to be the Club's treasurer, but you might enjoy coordinating the quarterly delivery of items to the women in need at Keeler Women's Center. It is imperative that each of you take full responsibility for the management of some small part of what makes our Club work. Through shared effort and support, the prospect of being a Club officer becomes less daunting. That being said, I seriously hope each of you will consider taking on a leadership role as an officer during the Club's next biennium.

I dream of a Zonta Club where members commit to a committee structure so that some of the work of being President can be shared. We have laid great groundwork this year. Our relationship with Keeler Women's Center allows us to make meaningful contributions in alignment with our service mission. Our redesigned Club Web site and Facebook page enhance our presence in the community. We have laid the groundwork for a fundraiser that I hope will become an annual event. Each of you has contributed in so many ways, but it is time to step up to leadership!

Here is the Nominating Process (from our Club Bylaws):

## ARTICLE VI          Nominations and Elections

Section 1.    A. At its business meeting in January, a Nominating Committee of three (3) members shall be elected by the Club

B. The three (3) members receiving the highest number of votes shall constitute the committee. The member receiving the highest number of votes shall be chairperson.

Section 2.    The Nominating Committee shall report at the first meeting in February.

Please, please think about how you can share in the leadership of our Club!

-- Dolo



## ► Prospective Member Spotlight – Your Photo Here



Prospective Zonta International members are individuals who would enjoy:

- Promoting women's human rights and equality
- Supporting both global and local service and advocacy projects
- Developing leadership skills
- Meeting like-minded women and men, both from your community and around the world
- Networking through access to over 32,000 members from around the globe (cultural, linguistic and professional diversity)
- Improving the lives of women worldwide
- Forming international friendships
- Supporting scholarships for women and girls locally, nationally, and globally
- Having a greater voice in your community

Encourage your friends to join us!

## Minutes — November 2, 2011

The Johnson County Zonta Club meeting was called to order by Dolo Otto at 7:30 p.m. on November 2, 2011. Members attending: Dolo Otto, Joan Korek, Dorothy Tomc, Anne McCleery, Suzanne Hoff, Barbara Page-Stocks, Mary Mondi, Marcia Charney, and Dawna Adams-Davis.

Prior to the meeting a salad buffet was enjoyed by members, and a presentation by Larissa Grantham, CFP, Financial Planner with Stepp & Rothwell was very informative. She began as a receptionist and is now a certified financial planner and explained her career and how she tailors her assistance to fit her clients' needs.

Barbara Page-Stocks moved, and Dorothy Tomc seconded, that the minutes from the October meeting be accepted. The motion carried. The list for service hours was circulated. The treasurer's report was filed for audit. We did very well at the Trick or Treat Trail at Matt Ross and noted that the Johnson County Community College concert didn't seem as well attended as in past years.

Anne McCleery won the Zonta Quiz this month – a beautiful scarf made by Dolo Otto. The answers to the quiz were very informative for all.

Suzanne Hoff discussed the future "Bunko for Zonta" project. It would be in the spring on a Sunday afternoon at the Tomahawk Ridge Community Center in Overland Park. Cash prizes are not allowed but three gifts would be awarded to the winners. Zonta info would be available to participants and a short intro to Zonta would be given. The price of the ticket is still being discussed and we may have a silent auction at the same time. Dawna Adams-Davis had news about the discount deck of cards for local restaurants that will be available again in summer 2012. The cost is \$20.00 and the club retains \$10.00.

Membership and advocacy – further discussion of CARE USA was tabled. Anne McCleery will check with the Keeler Women's Center to see if there is a specific Christmas need or to continue with the

## *(Minutes Continued)*

toiletries for December. Joan Korek said she would make some Christmas bags. Dawna Adams-Davis will check with Cheryl Disney Breeden regarding families for Thanksgiving and Christmas gift cards.

Dawna Adams-Davis shared the UN minute with us and the 16 Days of Activism which advocate against violence towards women.

The Zonta Holiday Party is being planned by Dorothy Tomc and will be December 7th at the Intercontinental Hotel – cocktails at 5:30 and dinner at 6:30. All members are asked to bring a wrapped white elephant gift.

Renaming the YWPA scholarship to include Wyandotte County was tabled. Barbara Page-Stocks moved to give the non-traditional scholarship to Lisa Spain. The move was seconded by Mary Mondi. This would be the second scholarship award to Lisa Spain. A committee is going to redefine the requirements for the non-traditional scholarship. The motion passed.

The possibility of a District 7 Seminar in 2012 for the weekend of October 6-8 was discussed. Dorothy Tomc will check with the Intercontinental Hotel for accommodations.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Mondi

# Thank You!

A resounding thank you to Dorothy Tomc for organizing yet another fabulous Zonta Holiday Party! And, thanks to "Honorary Zontian" John Mondi for taking and sharing great photos (see following page!). We appreciate, too, the attendance by KCMo II Zontians Sherrill Mulhern, Marilyn Curtis, and Lillian Pardo.



## *Items of Note!*



### *Zonta Club of Johnson County, Kansas – Holiday Party 2012*

- We will elect the Nominating Committee during the January 4<sup>th</sup> business meeting. Leadership positions for you to consider are:
  - > President
  - > First Vice-President
  - > Second Vice-President
  - > Recording Secretary
  - > Treasurer
  - > Corresponding Secretary
  - > Officers serve on the Board of Directors; there are two additional Directors

**PLEASE NOTE:** All officers and Directors are elected at the annual business meeting in March, take office on June 1<sup>st</sup>, and hold office for two years. Would anyone like to organize the Annual Business meeting and new officer installation ceremony?

- Marcia Charney, Ruth Holzschuh, Pam Fellingham, and I will lead resume-writing and mock-interviewing sessions at Keeler Women’s Center on January 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, and 31<sup>st</sup>, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Others are welcome to participate and contribute! If you have helpful resources to share, please let us know.
- Suzanne Hoff has done an excellent job of researching and laying the groundwork for our “Bunko for Zonta” fundraiser. We will move ahead with finalizing planning.
- Please remember to RSVP for the Amelia Earhart Luncheon to be held January 21<sup>st</sup>, from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., at the Grand Street Café.
- It’s that time of year to reach out to candidates for the YWPA Scholarship. Please spread the word and send potential applicants to [www.gkccf.org](http://www.gkccf.org) to apply. The deadline for application is March 1<sup>st</sup>!
- We delivered 18 toiletry packs to Keeler Women’s Center, along with a gift certificate for a family, before the Holidays. Sister Carol Ann Petersen offered the following information about the family: The mom has been coming to addictions/dv group for some time. Recently she and her husband have started coming for couples counseling as well as individual. She is also attending parenting classes pretty regularly. Her husband lost his job and is doing odd jobs as he is able while he looks. She had a baby girl about six weeks ago. They have an older son (about 8 years old) in school. They have been working really hard to get themselves together and they are not on any other lists for help. We have been assisting her with things for the baby. She will use the gift certificate for Christmas and probably for just some basic needs. I feel confident the money will be spent wisely.
- We also gave Holiday gift certificates to each of our Easy English students! They were very appreciative.



Calendar of Events/Deadlines				
Date	Activity	Time/Location	Agenda/Speaker/Guests	Notes
Wed., 01/04/12	Club Meeting	6:30 p.m. Fortune Star		
01/04/12	Appointment of Nominating Committee			
01/11/12	Amelia Earhart Day			
01/17/12	Resume Writing; Mock Interviewing	KWC – 6 –7:30 p.m.	MC, RH, PF, DO	
01/21/12	Amelia Earhart Luncheon	Grand Street Café 11:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.		
01/12	Jane Klausman Apps available on ZI.com			
01/24/12	Resume Writing; Mock Interviewing	KWC – 6 –7:30 p.m.	MC, RH, PF, DO	
01/31/12	Resume Writing; Mock Interviewing	KWC – 6 –7:30 p.m.	MC, RH, PF, DO	
02/01/12	Report by Nominating Committee			
03/08/12	International Women’s Day/Zonta Rose Day			
March/April 2012	Distribute Club Dues invoices/elections for officers, directors/Fdn contributions to ZI HQ/elect Club Delegates to International Convention			
04/01/12	YWPA apps to District Governor			
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/Joint meeting of old and new boards to pass torch/Jane Klausman to District Governor/committee by May 31.			

