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Zonta Zinger

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,

In the spirit of Thanksgiving, thanks to all of you who have contributed so much to Zonta of Johnson County this year: officers, committee chairs, fundraiser participants, Keeler and fundraiser donors, and meeting attendees. Our club is very blessed to have such dedicated and active members. I am so grateful for all that you do!

Last March, we were extremely lucky to have Agnes Otto conduct a strategic planning meeting. Since then, we have been able to accomplish many of the key actions from our strategic plan.

- New brochures, developed and printed
- Brochures placed in Keeler bags
- Keeler Center, supported through donations of hygiene bags, gloves, gift cards, household items
- Fundraisers conducted: Bunko , O.P. Crafts Festival, Foodie Cards, White Elephant Auction
- Two new members added, name tags distributed
- Scholarship recipients recruited

We still have many goals to complete:

- Creation of a looped PPT
- Development of a Zonta Facebook site
- Expansion of fundraising
- Increasing club visibility by presence at women's expo events
- Addition of 2 to 5 new members each year

We need volunteers to accomplish these goals and to assist with the district history project, which is due in May, 2014. Can we count on you?

Congratulations to long-time member, Joan Korek and her husband, Dick. They recently celebrated their 60th anniversary! They are an exceptional couple who have contributed greatly to their community, their church and our club! We wish them many more happy years of "clowning around" together.

Since we will not be having a business meeting this month, you will receive the November meeting minutes and the January agenda with next month's newsletter. Please note that our January meeting will be held on the 2nd Wednesday (the 8th), since the 1st is New Year's Day. We will meet at Conroy's and members will select a nominating committee of three. As always, please RSVP to Pam Fellingham (paf413@ymail.com) by the day (Tuesday) prior to the meeting.

Save the date of January 18 to attend the Amelia Earhart luncheon at the Homestead Country Club. The committee is waiting for a 100% confirmation from a terrific speaker this week! You will receive formal invitations later this month. Thanks to all of you for brainstorming at our last meeting and to Dolo, Marcia, and Cynthia for following up with some excellent speaker candidates.

Hope to celebrate the holidays with you, your spouses, and guests at the Intercontinental Hotel this Wednesday evening. Cocktails begin at 5:30 with dinner at 6:30. The prix fixe menu includes your choice of chicken, fish, beef, a starter, salad and dessert for \$40. Please bring one or more wrapped gifts for our white elephant auction. Gifts can be new, gently used, or regifts, appropriate for women or men! This year, our club decided on individual (optional) gifts for Keeler. Suggested items include: winter gloves, \$10 gift cards for Walgreen's, CVS, or Quicktrip. They will be collected at the dinner. Thanks to Dorothy for organizing and negotiating, and to Dolo for creating the gorgeous invitation. IMPORTANT: RSVP to Dorothy at 913 -642-3614 or dtomc@kc.rr.com by tomorrow!

Wishing you a safe and very happy Christmas!

Dawna

U.N. News

Hundreds of organizations across the world, including the United Nations, celebrate 16 days of Activism. Each year, the campaign begins on November 25, which is International Day against Violence against Women. This date was selected to honor the death of the three Mirabel sisters, who were detained and beaten to death by supporters of the dictator Rafael Trujillo in the Dominican Republic. The final day of the campaign is December 10, which is the anniversary of the Montreal Massacre. It occurred in 1989 at the Ecole Polytechnique in Montreal Canada. On this date, Marc Lepine entered the school, released all the male students, and began shooting all the female students while protesting feminism. In all, fourteen women were murdered. The overall goal of this campaign is to foster awareness of gender-based violence and to end it.

Something to Watch

PBS is offering some excellent holiday specials: The Texas Tenors at 8:30 p.m. on Monday (the 2nd), Celtic Woman at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday (the 3rd), and Libera : Angels Sing Christmas in Ireland at 4:30 on Saturday (the 7th). Relax and enjoy the entertainment from this wonderful resource.

Words of Wisdom

“Let us be grateful to the people who make us happy; they are the charming gardeners who make our souls blossom”. Marcel Proust

Dates to Remember

12/04/13	Holiday Party	Intercontinental Hotel, Plaza
12/07/13	Keeler Volunteer Event	Donnelly Event Center, KCK
01/08/14	Business Meeting	Conroy’s Public House
01/18/14	Amelia Earhart Luncheon	Homestead Country Club