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



Dear fellow Zontians,

My sister and I were discussing my procrastination in writing this newsletter this morning. She commented that, “You are only as good as the great work that you will do tomorrow!” To put some perspective on that, I will say that she has been doing a lot of self-evaluating lately because of a situation in her personal life, but I think there is a certain amount of credibility to what she said. Successes should be celebrated, and losses debriefed, learned from, and put to bed, but one must always have an eye on the future. We should always be asking, “What’s next?”

That brings me to our Zonta Club. We are a group of professional women committed to making the world a better place for women and girls. Each of us internalizes the Zonta mantra, and we work individually and collectively to live and breathe the Zonta mission. One of the most important things that we must and can do to ensure the future viability of the club is to bring in new members. Let’s talk about what is next:

1. We have an active membership. Members attend meetings and participate in events. Is it in the interest of longer-term viability to push ourselves beyond the current scope? Are there things that we can do that would attract others to us? Do club members find our activities rewarding? Or not as meaningful as they would like? Are there other things we could be doing? Are you proud of our Club? Can you make a solid case for inviting friends to join? If so, why? If not, why not? And, if not, what can you do, personally, to change that? Where does Zonta rank with your other civic and community activities?
2. Our club is a social club. But we rarely reach out, in a *committed* way, to get our friends, relatives, and colleagues to learn more about us. Why is that? When we set goals we accomplish them. Why can we not make progress in attracting members?
3. Do we have a need to be a small, intimate club? Is it standing in the way of including and reaching out to others? Is each of us just too busy to work on this goal? If so, how can we make recruitment easier? What are the obstacles?
4. I hesitate to ask this question, with membership renewals looming, but why are you a member? Is it fulfilling your personal goals and objectives? What would you like to see on the Club’s agenda for the next biennium? What kind of feedback do you have for the next wave of Club leaders? And what can you do to help move our Club forward?

One thing that I know to be true is that, with more members, our Club could have more impact. We could begin to build a leadership structure, with appointed committees, and to lay the groundwork for “the great work that we will do tomorrow”! I ask each of you to put effort into recruiting at least one new member to the 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 — January 4, 2012

The Johnson County Zonta Club meeting was called to order by Dolo Otto at 7 p.m. on January 4, 2012. Members attending were Anne McCleery, Dawna Adams-Davis, Dorothy Tomc, Cynthia Yin, Ruth Holzschuh, Pam Fellingham, Joan Korek, Marcia Charney, Cheryl Disney Breeden, Marie Kolich, Barbara Page-Stocks, Dolo Otto, and Mary Mondì.

There was a correction to the November 2nd meeting minutes. Marcia Charney was not in attendance. Anne McCleery moved and Dawna Adams-Davis seconded that the minutes be approved as amended. The motion carried.

The service hours record was circulated.

The Treasurer's report was filed for Audit.

Marcia won a beautiful handmade scarf for her completion of the Zonta Quiz.

The committee for the Zonta Bunko fund raiser reported, and there was a discussion and brief explanation of Bunko. Our tentative date is April 29th from 2-4 p.m. at the Tomahawk Ridge Community Center in Overland Park. The cost will be \$20.00 per player, three prizes will be awarded, and simple refreshments will be available. Dorothy will check with the Intercontinental Hotel for a special package, is looking to getting two gift baskets for prizes, and Mary and Anne are going to coordinate refreshments. Paid reservations are due a week before the event. Members are encouraged to bring friends and prospective members.

Dawna is getting more information on the restaurant discount cards for the March meeting, so that the Club can decide if it wants to sell the cards to raise funds.

Membership and advocacy will be discussed at the next meeting.

Dolo Otto, Anne McCleery, Ruth Holzschuh, and Marcia Charney will meet this evening to discuss the mock interview and resume sessions to be presented at the Keeler Women's Center on January 17th, 24th, and 31st.

(Minutes Continued)

Dawna shared information about the United Nations partnering with groups to aid acid burn victims.

We are not going to rename the YWPA Scholarship at this time. Dolo Otto is going to write to Lisa Spain to inform her that she is receiving the non-traditional scholarship a second time and invite her to a meeting.

The Zonta Club of Johnson County, Kansas, Nominating Committee was selected so that it can begin recruiting club leaders for the next biennium. Marie Kolich was appointed chair of the Committee, and she will be assisted by Ruth Holzschuh and Marcia Charney.

The Amelia Earhart Luncheon will be January 21st at the Grand Street Café.

Zonta Rose Day is March 8, 2012. Dawna Adams-Davis and Mary Mondì will be working on this.

The Zonta KCMO I Club is hosting the Area 4 Meeting in April.

Joan Korek moved and Anne McCleery seconded to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 8 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Mondì

Have you considered making a tax-deductible donation to the Zonta International Foundation?

- Goal: 100% participation on an individual level (Club already gives)
- Target a Fund:
 - International Service Fund
 - ZISVAW Fund
 - Amelia Earhart Fellowship Fund
 - JMK Women in Business Scholarship Fund
 - YWPA Award Fund
 - Rose Fund
 - Endowment Fund
 - Amelia Earhart Fellowship Endowment Fund
- These funds make all of Zonta International's programs possible!



Items of Note!

- Marie Kolich (chair), Marcia Charney, and Ruth Holzschuh were elected to the Club Nominating Committee at our January meeting. They have met, and they hope to announce the slate of officers at our February meeting. They are wrapping up candidacy for one last position. As a reminder, the leadership positions 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 1st, 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 conclude our resume-writing and mock-interviewing sessions at Keeler Women’s Center on January 31st. While we only had three participants, I believe that they found the sessions to be very valuable. The participants were an apt microcosm of the job searching population, and each of us was challenged to challenge them to take their career searches to the next level. Marcia, Ruth, and Pam put a considerable amount of work into their presentations, and they deserve a giant THANK YOU!
- Thank you to Suzanne Hoff for getting plans for the **“Bunko for Zonta”** fundraiser off the ground. As decided at the last meeting, the Bunko Party will be held on **Sunday, April 29, 2012, from 2 to 4 p.m. at Tomahawk Ridge Community Center, 11902 Lowell, in Overland Park.** Cynthia Yin sent an “Action Plan” following our last meeting, and she has reserved the Summit Room at Tomahawk Recreation Center (\$111 for three hours – 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. to allow for set-up/clean-up). The invitation for the fund raiser is nearing completion, and I will send it to you by e-mail shortly. *Each of you is encouraged to recruit at least three people to play BUNKO!* A giant THANK YOU goes to Suzanne, Cynthia, et al.!
- The Amelia Earhart Luncheon was well-attended. THANK YOU Ruth Holzschuh and Dawna Adams-Davis for your roles in organizing the event! The speakers were very engaging, and, in case you did not see Sherrill Mulhern’s Facebook postings, here are a few pictures:



Guest speaker, Amy Magstadt, describes her work as an air traffic controller.

Women of Achievement 2012 Honoree, Karen T. Haren, President & CEO Harvesters-The Community Food Network, accepts her award from Zontian Jane Miller.



- 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 to apply. **The deadline for application is March 1st!**



More Items of Note!

- Mary Mondi and Dawna Adams-Davis are developing plans for a Rose Day celebration. I will send out the latest Rose Day info sheet from the ZI Web site so that all members understand the initiative.
- The Jane Klausman Scholarship Application for 2012 has been posted to the ZI Web site. Even though the deadline is some way away, I will send it out as well.
- **SAVE THE DATE:** The Zonta Area 4 Meeting will be held May 19th at the Grand Street Café. Please stand by for more details. The Zonta Club of KCMO I is the host.
- A reminder about “From Russia with Love! — the spring fund raiser for the Zonta Club KCMO II ...
- Club presidents are encouraged to report the Club delegate to the Zonta International Convention (and alternate or proxy) via an online form which will be available on the Zonta International website. The deadline for reporting delegates is May 21, 2012.



Calendar of Events/Deadlines				
Date	Activity	Time/Location	Agenda/Speaker/Guests	Notes
Wed., 02/01/12	Club Meeting	6:30 p.m. Fortune Star		
02/01/12	Report by Nominating Committee			
March/April 2012	Distribute Club Dues invoices/elections of officers, directors/Fdn contributions to ZI HQ/elect Club Delegates to Int'l. Convention			
03/01/12	YWPA Scholarship Club Deadline			
03/07/12	Club Meeting	6:30 p.m. Fortune Star?		
03/07/12	Club Officer Election			
03/08/12	International Women's Day/Zonta Rose Day			
04/01/12	YWPA apps to District Governor			
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		
05/19/12	Zonta Area 4 Meeting (Hosted by KCMO I)	TBD Grand Street Café		
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/Joint meeting of old and new boards to pass torch/Jane Klausman to District Governor/committee by May 31.			

