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Dear Zonta Friends,

Hope your New Year has begun in a happy, healthy and resolute way! According to Time Magazine, the top five New Year's Resolutions are: to lose weight, to become more organized, to spend less/save more money, to improve fitness and health, and to quit smoking. I must admit that 3 out of 5 of these appear on my list year after year!

What resolutions would you make for our club for 2014? Some thoughts are:

- to host a very successful spring fundraiser
- to increase our membership by two or more
- to continue our streak of 100% individual donations to Zonta Int. Foundation
- to complete a club history by May 2014
- to elect dedicated officers for the next biennium

It seems that many of these resolutions also have appeared previously. What would you change or add?

In looking back at 2013, I have truly appreciated your support and participation. Let us look forward to a successful 2014 together!

See you at Conroy's!

Dawna

Items of Note

Kudos to Dorothy Tomc for organizing a beautiful, fun holiday party. A huge thank you to all who attended and so generously supported both our club and the Keeler Women's Center!

Please attend the Amelia Earhart luncheon on January 18th, and bring a friend or two. After struggling for weeks to find a speaker, the committee was able to find a truly outstanding one in Rev. Sandra J. Campbell (thanks to Dolo Otto and Marilyn Curtis)! She has won multiple awards and accolades for her dynamic portrayal of Bessie Coleman, the first known African-American aviatrix. There will be great food, inspiring award winners, and an opportunity to reconnect with Zontians from other area clubs. It is a great way to spend a cold Saturday in January!

Our meeting next Wednesday (the 8th) will be at Conroy's at 6:30. Be prepared to brainstorm ideas for future fundraisers. We are significantly behind budget due to inclement weather for the Overland Park Festival, the cancellation of Matt Ross Trick or Treat Trail, and lower than projected revenues from our other fundraisers. We will also select a nominating committee who will later present a slate of candidates for next biennium's club officers.

U.N. News

In 2013 headlines, the United Nations:

- distributed aid to Syria for the 3rd year of the conflict in which more than 100,000 people were killed and a million more were displaced
- allowed French and African forces to intervene in the chaos in the Central African Republic
- supported peacekeeping missions in the South Sudan, Mali, and the Democratic Republic of Congo
- laid the groundwork for a universal legal agreement to reduce climate change
- dipped into its emergency fund to aid the Philippines after Typhoon Haiyan
- adopted an Arms Trade Treaty which prohibits arms transfers to conflict regions
- held Malala Day, at which the honoree demanded compulsory education for all children

Zonta Fact

Zonta's Amelia Earhart fellowship program was initiated in 1938 to assist gifted women pursue advanced studies in the traditionally male -dominated fields of aerospace-related engineering and science. To date, Zonta has awarded over 1, 403 Amelia Earhart Fellowships to women from 68 countries for a total of \$8.3 million dollars.

Something to Read

Selected as one of Amazon's Best Books of the Month last year, My Beloved World is the life story of Sonia Sotomayor. Overcoming tremendous challenges, she rose from a housing project in the Bronx to being the first Hispanic and the third woman appointed to the Supreme Court. Her story will inspire you!

Words of Wisdom

"We will open the book. Its pages are blank. We are going to put words on them ourselves. The book is called Opportunity and its first chapter is New Year's Day." Edith Lovejoy Pierce

Dates to Remember

1/08/14	Business Meeting	Conroy's
1/18/14	Amelia Earhart Luncheon	Homestead Country Club
2/05/14	Business Meeting	Conroy's
3/05/14	Business Meeting	Conroy's