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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,

A special welcome to our newest members, Amy Meunier and Laura Sloan! They are both outstanding, accomplished women. Also, welcome back to our nineteen renewing members! All of you are truly appreciated.

While many Zonta clubs take the summer off (no meetings or newsletters), our club continues a busy schedule. On July 3rd, we will have our monthly meeting at Conroy's Public House at 6:30. Remember to RSVP to Pam (paf413@ymail.com) by Tuesday, July 2nd.

On July 12th, ten of us will be attending the Keeler Center's ten year celebration at the Jack Reardon Center in Kansas City, Kansas. (Please contact Anne or me ASAP, if you committed to attend, but have to cancel.) Carpoolers will meet at Yin Eyecare at 10:30 for the 11:15 luncheon. The guest speaker is Winjira Mathai, daughter of Nobel Peace Prize winner, Wangar Mathai. Winjira is Executive Director of the Green Belt Movement, through which more than 51 million trees have been planted in Kenya.

Our August 7th meeting will be an interclub activity at Pam Fellingham's clubhouse in Gramercy Park, 95th and Switzer. We will plan the details at next week's meeting.

Thanks to all of you who brought hygiene items for Keeler to our June meeting! These personal items, "wrapped" in Joan's beautiful bags bring a bit of pampering into the women's often stressful lives.

Whether you are traveling to exotic places, or staying home, have a joyful and safe Independence Day!

Dawna

Minutes

(To be sent at a later date)

U.N. News (MDG Progress Report)

The first Millennium Developmental Goal has been to eradicate extreme poverty and hunger. Target 1-A was to reduce by half the number of people earning less than 25 cents per day. This goal was met 5 years before the deadline!

Target 1-B was to achieve full and productive employment for everyone, including women and young people. The number of workers living below poverty level has decreased by 294 million, but the gender gap (nearly 25% difference between men and women) has not changed.

Target 1-C was to reduce by 50% the proportion of people suffering from hunger. The U.N. predicts that this goal can be reached by 2015! Unfortunately there are still 870 million undernourished people in the world.

FYI

Another interesting website is humantraffickingawareness.org. This organization stresses that awareness and action are the keys to combating trafficking. They recommend that concerned individuals become educated about this crime by reading some of the following books and then sharing them with others.

- “A Crime so Monstrous” by E. Benjamin Skinner
- “Ending Slavery: How We Free Today’s Slaves” by Kevin Bales
- “Not for Sale” by David Batsone

Words of Wisdom

“The true meaning of life is to plant trees, under whose shade you do not expect to sit.” Nelson Henderson

Dates to Remember

07/03/13	Monthly Meeting	Conroy’s
07/12/13	Keeler Celebration	Jack Reardon Center, KCK
08/07/13	Interclub Activity	Gramercy Park Clubhouse
09/20-22/13	District 7 Conference	St. Louis, Mo.
09/28/13	Fall Festival	Overland Park
Yin Eyecare	7127 W. 95 th St.	Overland Park, Kansas
Jack Reardon Center	500 Minnesota Ave.	Kansas City, Kansas
Gramercy Park	95 th and Switzer	Overland Park, Kansas